

The Office of River Protection (ORP) and Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS) are pleased that negotiations with Washington State have resulted in a safe and mutually agreed-upon path forward for the removal of waste from Hanford double-shell tank AY-102. ORP and WRPS are working to complete the planning, design, and installation of the equipment necessary to begin pumping waste from this tank no later than March 4, 2016, and earlier if feasible. WRPS continues to monitor AY-102 and has found no evidence of waste leaking into the environment. ORP and WRPS remain committed to safely managing Hanford's tank farms to protect the workers, public, and the environment.

The settlement agreement can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.hanford.gov/files.cfm/PCHB14-041cFINAL.pdf>