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Hanford Cleanup & Community Updates

You Can't Clean a House Without a Trash Can: *Why ERDF is Essential to Hanford Cleanup*

By Hanford Communities Staff | August 22, 2025

Where Does Hanford's Waste Go? When you clean your house, the trash goes in bags, out to the curb, and eventually to a landfill. But what if you had nowhere to put it? Cleanup would come to a halt.

That's exactly why the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility (ERDF) is critical at Hanford. Since 1996, ERDF has safely managed nearly 19 million tons of contaminated material, making it one of the largest engineered landfills in the nation.

More than just a dump, ERDF is a sophisticated, carefully monitored facility that makes Hanford cleanup possible, ensuring waste is contained, the environment is protected, and progress continues.

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Cleanup News

Modern Technology Offers New Look Inside Hanford's Sealed Nuclear Reactors

By DOE EM Staff | August 19, 2025

Modern imaging tools are giving the public a first-ever look inside Hanford's sealed nuclear reactors. Using lidar technology, engineers created 3D models of the cocooned structures, revealing details that help ensure long-term safety, reduce costs, and guide future cleanup efforts.

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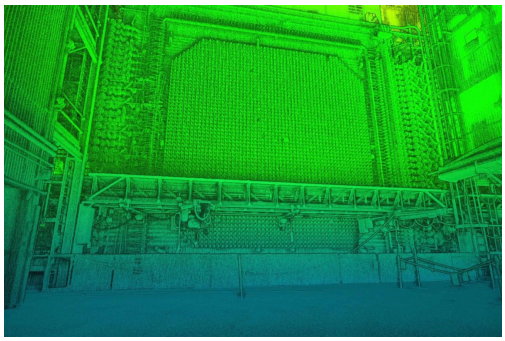
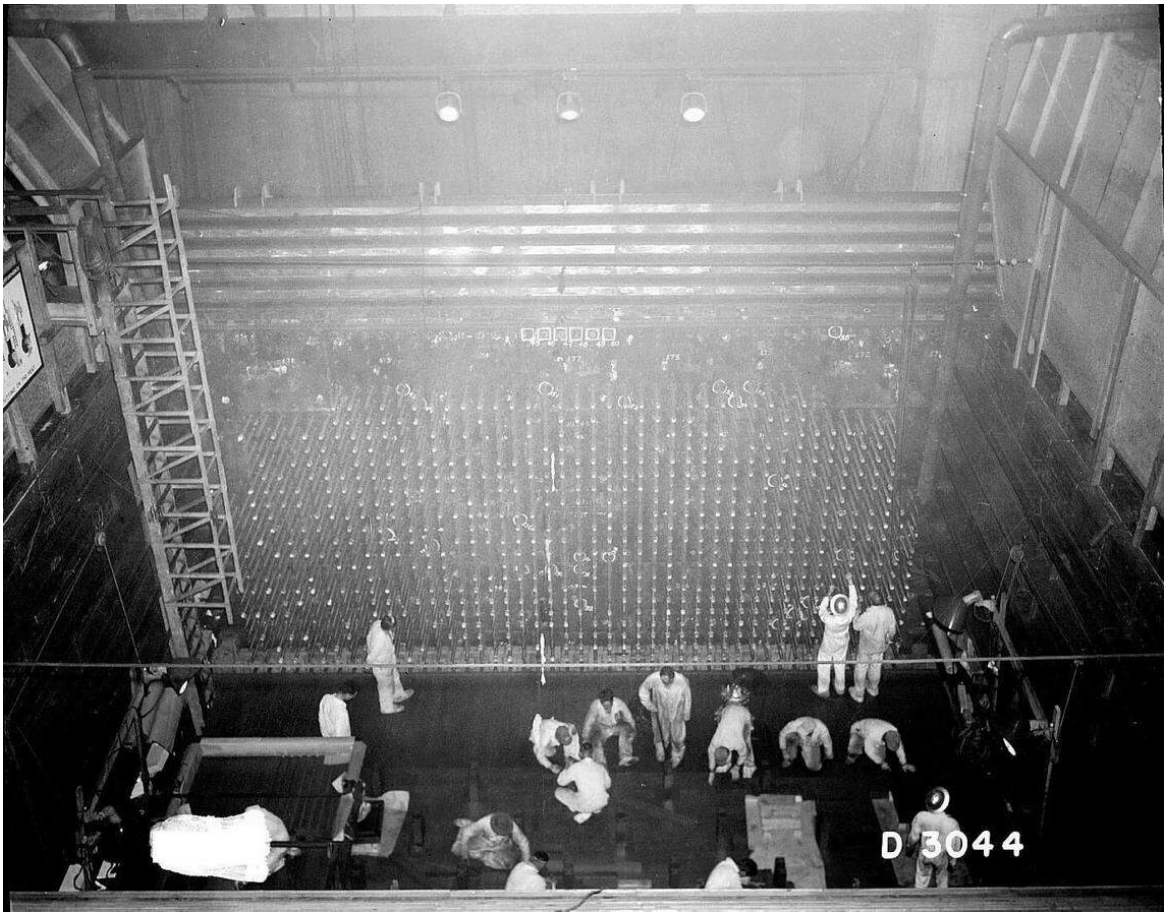


80th Anniversary of Atomic Bombings



80 Years After Atomic Bombing. Nagasaki and Tri-Cities Forever Linked

By Annette Cary | August 16, 2025

Eighty years after plutonium from Hanford fueled the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, the Tri-Cities and Japan remain forever connected. Survivors' haunting memories, local pride in ending the war, and today's calls for peace highlight the complicated legacy of the Atomic Age.

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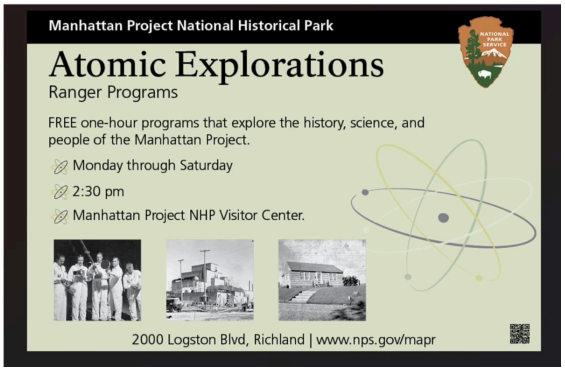
Events from our Partners



Explore the Manhattan Project This Summer!

Free Programs
No Registration Required

Join National Park Service volunteers for Atomic Explorations, a series of engaging talks at the Manhattan Project National Historical Park Visitor Center in Richland, WA.

When: Monday – Thursday & Saturdays at 2:30 PM
Where: 2000 Logston Blvd, Richland, WA
Admission: Free & open to all!

Come once or come often! Whether you're a local or a visitor, there's something new to discover each week.

See the Events Calendar

Let's Talk about Hanford

Migration to Community: Latinos/as in Hanford

Let's Talk About Hanford: Latinos/as at Hanford
Wednesday, Sept. 18
5:30 p.m. PT
Live on Zoom and Facebook

Join the Washington State Department of Ecology for a special conversation exploring the history of Latinos/as at the Hanford Site.

Guest speaker, Drew Gamboa (WSU History PhD student), has worked on heritage and public history projects highlighting Mexican American and rural communities of the Pacific Northwest. He also helped curate an exhibit for the Manhattan Project National Historical Park sharing the under-told story of Latinos/as who worked at Hanford and on the Manhattan Project.

The evening begins with a presentation, followed by a live Q&A.

Join on Facebook Live: https://www.facebook.com/EcologyWAHanford

Join on Zoom: Click to Join

- Meeting ID: 895 4971 3984
- Passcode: 891264
- Join up to 15 minutes before the start time

Can’t attend live? The recording will be available afterward on their Facebook page and the Ecology YouTube channel.

See Event Info

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