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Hanford Natural Resource Damage Assessment

November 9, 2012

RICHLAND, WA -- The Hanford Natural Resource Trustees announce the release of the Draft Injury Assessment Plan for public comment on **Thursday, November 15, 2012**. The Draft Injury Assessment Plan is a guiding document for the Hanford Natural Resource Damage Assessment. It describes the types of assessment activities needed to quantify the extent of injury to natural resources from releases of hazardous contaminants. Public review and feedback on the Draft Injury Assessment Plan is an important component of determining the adequacy of the natural resource damage assessment. Public comments will be accepted from **November 15 to December 31, 2012**. Written comments can be submitted to Larry.Goldstein@ecy.wa.gov or to:

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In addition, a public meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 12 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm** in the Richland Public Library's Gallery Room, 955 Northgate Drive. This meeting will provide the public an opportunity to offer written comments on the Draft Injury Assessment Plan, ask questions of Trustee representatives, and to learn more about the Hanford Natural Resource Trustees and the natural resource damage assessment process.

For more information, to access key documents, to identify contacts, or to sign up for updates and alerts on important events and dates, see www.hanfordnrda.org or contact Larry Goldstein at 360-407-6573 or Larry.Goldstein@ecy.wa.gov.

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