

Russia Watches U.S. Cleanup

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RICHLAND, Washington — Representatives of the Russian nuclear regulatory body are getting a firsthand look at U.S. efforts to clean up nuclear waste at the highly contaminated Hanford nuclear reservation in eastern Washington state.

Russia faces similar challenges cleaning up nuclear and chemical waste. This is the second time in four years that a group of regulators from Russia has visited Hanford.

The U.S. Department of Energy says the visitors toured several areas Thursday, including a mock waste tank. Some 200 million liters of highly radioactive waste are stored in 177 aging, underground tanks at Hanford, and emptying the tanks and disposing of the waste are top priorities at the site.

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