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## Tank C-111 retrieved, leaving one remaining in C Farm

**Hanford, Washington** – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of River Protection (ORP) and its tank operations contractor, Washington River Protection Solutions, have completed waste retrieval activities in tank C-111, marking the 15<sup>th</sup> of 16 single-shell tanks to be retrieved at C tank farm at the Hanford Site.

Retrieval activities began in September 2010, and operations ended on March 30, 2016. Crews removed nearly 27,460 gallons of liquid and solid waste from the tank.

The waste was transferred to double-shell tank AN-101 for safe storage and eventual treatment at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant, currently under construction.

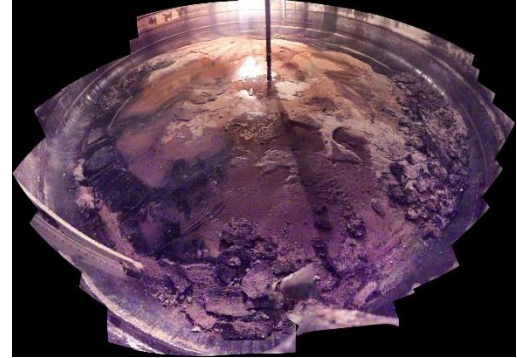
“I am certainly pleased at the progress toward completing C Farm retrievals,” said ORP Manager Kevin Smith. “WRPS is doing this hazardous work safely and that is a tribute to its skilled and professional workforce.”

“We’re glad the efforts continue to retrieve waste from the aging single-shell tanks and moved into more secure storage,” said Cheryl Whalen, Cleanup Section manager for the state Department of Ecology’s Nuclear Waste Program. “We will continue to work with the Department of Energy to stay on a path to closure of the first Hanford tank farm.”



*Workers install a new slurry pump in tank C-111 earlier this year to allow waste retrievals to continue. Retrieval activities were completed at the end of March. C-111 is the 15<sup>th</sup> of 16 tanks in Hanford’s C Farm to complete retrieval activities.*

ORP's mission is to safeguard the nuclear waste stored in Hanford's 177 underground tanks and to manage the waste safely and responsibly until it can be treated in the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant for final disposition.



*An internal camera shows the view of tank C-111 after retrieval activities were completed.*

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