

## RIVER COMMUNITIES UPDATE May 2013

### Victory Over Coal Terminal!

Citizens across the Northwest can breathe easier! Under the pressure of overwhelming public opposition, Kinder Morgan announced its decision to walk away from plans for a massive coal export terminal on the Columbia River near Clatskanie, Oregon.

[Learn More About This VICTORY Over Dirty Coal](#)



### LNG Public Events

This summer Riverkeeper expects Oregon LNG and the Williams Pipeline Company to file their applications with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to site and construct a large LNG export terminal and over 200 miles of new pipelines in Oregon and Washington. We will be holding LNG Update Events to educate the public about FERC's review process and how you can help stop these LNG export proposals.



[Get Involved & Join Us at a LNG Event](#)

## Don't Shortchange Groundwater Cleanup

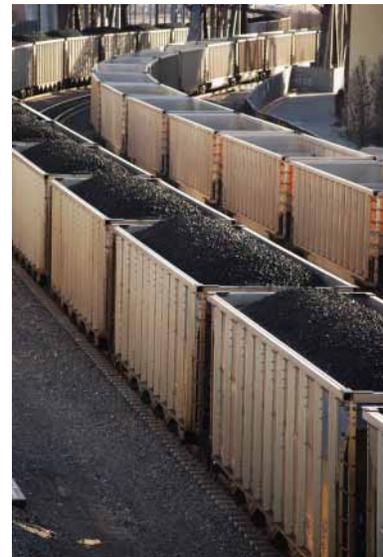
Radioactive and chemical waste in the groundwater at Hanford is already reaching the Columbia River. And computer models predict the pollution plumes will grow larger and more serious in the decades to come. So, why is the U.S. Department of Energy shortchanging groundwater cleanup? Riverkeeper is alarmed by their decision to gut funding for groundwater cleanup.



[Learn More & Help Send Energy a Clear Message](#)

## One River. Two Dirty Coal Export Projects. One Coal Company.

While we at Riverkeeper are still jumping for joy that Kinder Morgan gave up on their coal export proposal in Oregon. Two dirty coal export proposals remain, proposals that threaten the Columbia River as well as Northwest communities and families. Australian-owned Ambre Energy is behind the remaining two Columbia River coal export projects: the Millennium Coal Export Terminal and the Morrow-Pacific Project. So, we're still fighting because partial victories do not count. And it feels good to see Big Coal back away!



[Ambre's Threat to the Columbia River](#)

## Hanford to the Highest Bidder?

Tri-Cities, Washington-area business interests are continuing to push the U.S. Department of Energy to sell 1000+ acres of Hanford to private corporations. Given the monumental clean-up task ahead, and the impending budget shortfall, Riverkeeper believes they should focus their attention and resources on cleaning up the toxic and nuclear contamination threatening the Columbia River.



[Learn More About What Might Happen If Energy Caves to Business Interests](#)

## Spring Chinook Salmon Run

We are amidst the 2013 Spring Chinook Run on the Columbia, the peak being May. Click [here](#) to see fish passing through Bonneville Lock & Dam on their fish cams. The run this year was originally projected to be about 141,000, but was recently downgraded by the Columbia River Technical Advisory Committee to 107,500. [Continue Reading](#)



Photo courtesy of US Geological Survey

**2013 HANFORD PADDLE TRIPS**  
**July 13-14 & July 27-28**

- ❖ TOUR HANFORD'S B-REACTOR
- ❖ SPEND A FULL DAY ON THE RIVER
- ❖ MEET OTHER HANFORD ACTIVISTS

JOIN US ON THE HANFORD REACH OF THE  
COLUMBIA RIVER THIS SUMMER!

SIGN-UP AT [WWW.COLUMBIARIVERKEEPER.ORG](http://WWW.COLUMBIARIVERKEEPER.ORG)

2013 Hanford Paddle Trips are organized by the Columbia Riverkeeper in partnership with the Hanford Reach National Monument. For more information, visit [www.columbiariverkeeper.org](http://www.columbiariverkeeper.org).

The poster features a scenic view of the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River. Several people are seen paddling in colorful kayaks on the water. The background shows a clear blue sky and distant mountains. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow.

## Call on EarthShare for Help with Your Office's Green Team

Do you work for an employer that has a Green Team or Sustainability Committee? Many Pacific Northwest workplaces have these groups of employees who are committed to improving their

office's environmental performance, and to making the lives of all employees greener. But once the recycling center is set up, and the copier paper has been switched to a recycled content, what can these groups do to keep sustainability in the forefront?

[EarthShare Oregon](#) can help employers with this common problem. Its dozens of local member charities (including Riverkeeper) work on everything from bicycle commuting to renewable power generation. Through EarthShare, these nonprofits can help your company's green team explore new sustainability avenues.

Contact Meghan Humphreys at EarthShare Oregon (503-223-9015 or [meghan@earthshare-oregon.org](mailto:meghan@earthshare-oregon.org)) to discuss potential topics for your office's upcoming Green Team meetings.

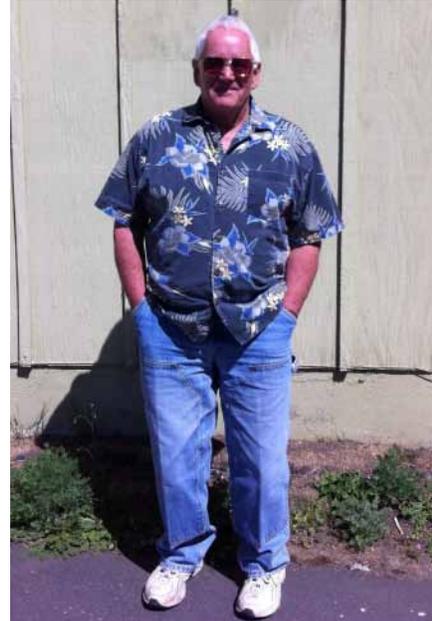
## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

STEVE WHITE

White Salmon, Washington

The mighty Columbia is very lucky to have the hard work and dedication of long-time Hanford activist, Steve White. Steve has been an instrumental leader and supporter of our organization since its inception, and before. He was actively involved with Columbia River United for many years before its merge with Clean Water Columbia in 2000. The merged organization became Columbia Riverkeeper. Dedicated to a thorough, effective, and timely cleanup at Hanford, Steve continues to be an active member of the Hanford Advisory Board.

[Read More About Steve](#)



## EVENT CALENDAR

MAY 20

[Continuation of Columbia County Land Use Hearing](#)

6:30PM. Columbia County Courthouse. St. Helens, OR. Due to overwhelming opposition to the proposed expansion of Port Westward at the Columbia County Planning Commission's May 6 meeting, the public hearing will continue. Join Riverkeeper as we oppose the rezoning of nearly 1,000 acres of farmland to make way for industrial development.

MAY 21

[Hanford Hazards: Cleaning Up Nuclear Waste](#)

7:00PM. Mission Theater & Pub. Portland, OR. Join OMSI's Science Pub Portland to learn about the extent of contamination at Hanford, how the cleanup is progressing, and what challenges remain.

MAY 22

[American Whistleblower Tour: Essential Voices for Accountability](#)

11:30AM. Portland State University. Portland, OR. Join the Government Accountability Project's American Whistleblower Tour as it comes to Portland. This tour stop will focus on

historical dangers posed by Hanford, focusing on what the repeatedly botched cleanup process means for Northwest communities.

MAY 29

[Tell EPA: Please Stop the Pebble Mine](#)

6:30PM. EcoTrust. Portland, OR. Help preserve the world's largest wild salmon fishery! We can help stop Alaska's proposed Pebble Mine and protect Bristol Bay. But this May, decision makers must hear from us. The EPA has a 30-day comment window open on its Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. At this event, hosted by Trout Unlimited and Wild Salmon Center, get an update from the field, hear from experts, and contribute to a robust public record.

JUNE 3

[Cowlitz County LNG Update Event](#)

6:00PM. Cowlitz PUD. Longview, WA. Join us to learn more about FERC's review process of the Oregon LNG and the Williams Pipeline Company applications, to site and construct a massive LNG export terminal and over 200 miles of new pipelines & how you can help stop these LNG export proposals.

JUNE 6-7

[Hanford Advisory Board Meeting](#)

8:30AM. Red Lion Hanford House. Richland, WA. Join the next Hanford Advisory Board meeting open to the public. Learn about the most current issues affecting Hanford and make your voice heard, demanding a dedicated, efficient, timely cleanup.

JUNE 24-25

[Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board Meeting](#)

Hood River, OR. Join the next Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board meeting in the Columbia River Gorge.

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