



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
Portland District

Wy-Am Board Meeting Celilo Village Redevelopment Questions and Answers

***Question:* Who owns the new houses?**

Answer: The new houses are owned by the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. They are held in trust for the three named tribes and other Columbia River Indians.

***Question:* Why don't the proposed permittees get to own the houses?**

Answer: The original houses (houses 1 through 10) were owned by the federal government and managed under a permit system. Houses A, B, C, and D were privately owned but located on trust land. All private property interests were purchased by the United States before the relocation of residents and construction of the new houses.

***Question:* Can more houses be built, or can the temporary units be left on site at Celilo?**

Answer: No, the project authorization, funding constraints, space, and sewage lagoon capacity limit the number of houses at Celilo and preclude leaving temporary houses on site.

***Question:* What is going to happen to the temporary houses?**

Answer: The Corps will exercise contract options to remove the houses from Celilo Village. The contractor will dispose of the units at their discretion off-site. The Corps will receive credit for the value of the units in the form of construction services. This allows the units to be removed from Celilo and the value of the units to be used for construction at Celilo. It also limits the government's involvement in the administration of their removal.

***Question:* What do I do if I have more personal property than I can store in the house?**

Answer: Permittees can rent commercial storage offsite. It may also be possible to place a storage shed that you purchase on site, subject to restrictions by the BIA and the occupancy permit. It is noted that the Corps purchased storage sheds from individuals before construction began and it may be possible for residents to use that funding to purchase new storage sheds.

***Question:* How is the Corps ensuring proper soil compaction in the wet weather?**

Answer: The contractor uses soil with proper moisture content for backfilling operations.

***Question:* How is the Corps ensuring that water from the wet weather has not damaged wood used in framing?**

Answer: The wood will be checked for the allowable moisture content before covering it up.

***Question:* Will the Corps purchase extended warranties for the houses at Celilo?**

Answer: No. The warranty period will be one year, the standard as stated in the Corps construction contracts.

***Question:* How do I report problems or concerns about my temporary house?**

Answer: Colville Tribal Services Corporation is responsible for operation and maintenance of the temporary houses. You need to report problems with the modular units to CTSC, Mr. Rocky Salyor at 509-631-4775. If you do not get results, you should contact the USACE Construction Office at Celilo, at 541-298-5400.