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**OFFICE OF RIVER PROTECTION WINS AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Richland, WA - The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of River Protection (ORP) has received a national DOE award for excellence in financial management of the tank waste cleanup project at the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington State. ORP is responsible for the removal, treatment and disposal of 53-million gallons of Cold War era chemical and radioactive waste stored in underground tanks at the Hanford Site.

In receiving the award, ORP was cited for eight consecutive years without a single financial statement audit finding. ORP received the award at the Department's Financial Management Excellence Awards in Denver, Colorado.

"This award is in recognition of the robust financial and project management practices at the Office of River Protection over the past eight years, said DOE's Chief Financial Officer Steve Isakowitz. "Accomplishments like this are instrumental to ensuring the Department's financial credibility with Congress and the taxpayers."

As required by the Government Management Reform Act of 1994, the DOE's Office of Inspector General conducts an annual audit of the Department's consolidated financial statements to determine whether they present, in all material respects, the Department's financial position, net cost, changes in net position, budgetary resources, financing activities, and custodial activities in conformity with Federal accounting standards. This audit includes internal controls, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and selected account balances at Headquarters and at a number of field activities.

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