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**DOE FILLS KEY MANAGEMENT POSITION  
AT HANFORD'S RIVER PROTECTION OFFICE**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced the selection of John R. Eschenberg as the Assistant Manager for the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) Project at the DOE's Office of River Protection (ORP). In this role, he is responsible for the design, construction, and operation of the WTP at the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington State. Once operational in 2019, the WTP will be the largest and most capable radiological and chemical waste treatment facility in the world.

"I am extremely pleased that John will continue in a leadership role at ORP and as the manager of the Waste Treatment Plant project," said ORP Manager Shirley J. Olinger. "I am confident that John will continue to move this critical project forward."

Most recently, Eschenberg was the Acting Assistant Manager for the WTP project. Eschenberg has over 15 years of industrial experience in a variety of defense, commercial, and DOE settings. Prior to coming to Hanford in 2003, he was the project field representative for the Pit Dismantlement and Conversion Facility in Los Alamos, New Mexico. Eschenberg was previously responsible for the operations of key nuclear facilities at DOE sites in New Mexico and South Carolina. Prior to that, he worked with the Halliburton-NUS Corporation, Brown and Root Environmental Corporation, and the Department of Navy.

Eschenberg holds a Bachelor of Science degree, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Maryland. He and his wife reside in Kennewick, Washington with their two children.

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