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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FILLS KEY MANAGEMENT POSITION AT HANFORD'S OFFICE OF RIVER PROTECTION

Richland, WA - - The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today named Scott L. Samuelson Manager of the Office of River Protection (ORP) at the Hanford Site in southeast Washington State. In this role he is responsible for safely retrieving and treating 53-million gallons of chemical and radioactive waste stored in underground tanks at Hanford, and closing the tank farms to protect the Columbia River.

"Tank waste remains one of the Department's highest priorities for Hanford and the Environmental Management program. Scott's extensive experience in project, financial and contract management will be vital to continuing our momentum at Hanford and preparing for the next phase of tank waste cleanup," said Dr. Inés Triay, DOE's Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management. "Scott's leadership and demonstrated ability to deliver large projects such as the National Ignition Facility (NIF) and his breadth of experience in numerous DOE programs make him uniquely suited to lead our tank waste cleanup mission at Hanford."

Samuelson has over 26 years of Federal service in the Department of Energy's Nuclear Energy, Science, and Defense Programs. Most recently he was the Acting Director of the Office of the NIF Project. As the NIF Federal Project Director, he had overall responsibility for all aspects of the project, as well as for implementation of the associated program activities integral to the ultimate use of the facility. Samuelson, who led the successful completion of the NIF Project, received recognition as the DOE Federal Project Director of the year for 2009 for his work on the NIF. The NIF Project was also recognized by the Project Management Institute as the 2010 Project of the Year.

Samuelson also served as site manager for the Energy Technology Engineering Center, and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He has substantial experience in both commercial and Federal contracting, having served as Source Evaluation Board Chairman for major procurements and as a contracting officer's representative. Prior to joining the Department, Samuelson worked in the nuclear power industry, developing and implementing in-service inspection and testing programs for commercial light-water reactors.

Samuelson's Bachelor of Science degree is in electrical engineering, computer science and nuclear engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. He holds a Master of Science degree in nuclear engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Oregon. He is certified as a Project

Management Professional by the Project Management Institute and as a Level 4 Federal Project Director by DOE.

ORP manages the safe cleanup of 53 million gallons of chemical and radioactive waste in Hanford's 177 underground tanks, and closure of the tank farms. ORP operates the tank waste cleanup project as a single system that will remove the waste from the tanks, transfer the waste efficiently and consistently to the Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) where it will be immobilized in glass. The office has about 150 federal employees and receives approximately $1.1 billion in funding annually. ORP also received and is managing $326 million in funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for upgrading aging infrastructure in Hanford's Tank Farms in preparation for the treatment of tank waste.

In the first decade of its congressionally mandated mission, ORP closed a Congressional watch list of tank safety issues, broke ground and completed the WTP to over the halfway mark, removed all of the pumpable liquids from the single-shell tanks, resolved technical issues with the planned operations of the WTP, and started retrieving solid waste from the C and S Tank Farms at Hanford.

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