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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media Invited to Visit Groundwater Monitoring Array

- What:** The Department of Energy (DOE) and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) are conducting one of the most challenging and comprehensive evaluations of Hanford's subsurface and groundwater in 40 years using a newly installed array of monitoring wells.
- Who:** Representatives from DOE and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- When:** **Wednesday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.**
- Where:** Richland Federal Building, Lobby
- Why:** To learn more about a new well-monitoring array that will provide detailed information on how groundwater contamination moves through the subsurface in a key area of Hanford near the Columbia River.
- More:** The Department of Energy wants answers on why this contamination lingers in the groundwater. With this new and innovative system in place, PNNL may now begin to perform tests which will help support decisions on how to address the contamination. Participants will visit the monitoring array and DOE and PNNL personnel will be available for interviews. Results from the monitoring could have applications at other Hanford locations and at other cleanup sites across the country.
- Best Visuals:** Monitoring array (numerous wells); demonstration of testing techniques
- RSVP:** Badges are required for this visit. For security purposes, attendees must register in advance, providing the following information no later than

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noon, Tuesday, Sept. 16, to Geoff Tyree, DOE, by e-mail
(geoff_tyree@rl.gov):

- Full name exactly as it appears on photo ID (driver's license)
- Social Security Number, date of birth, place of birth (city, state)
- Confirm U.S. Citizenship
- Name, address, and phone number of media organization.

Attendees must wear sturdy shoes, long pants, and shirts with at least short sleeves (no tank tops). The event is scheduled to conclude by noon, with participants returned to the Federal Building no later than 12:30 p.m.

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