

## Steve Wisness Appointed Project Management Director

RICHLAND, Wash., May 26, 1995 -- Steve Wisness has been appointed to head the Project Management Division at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Richland Operations Office. As the Director of the Project Management Division, Wisness is responsible for coordinating policy for management of construction projects at the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington. He also directs design and construction for facilities in support of Hanford programs.

"I am really pleased to have been selected to direct the Project Management Division. In this era of doing more with less, I will strive to reduce the cost of our construction projects while maintaining schedules and high-quality standards," said Wisness.

Wisness, who has 20 years of government service, is a native of Bismarck, North Dakota. He graduated with a B.S. degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University in 1975. Shortly after graduating, he went to work as a project engineer for the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation in Wyoming. Wisness was responsible for surveying, designing, and managing construction projects. He also served as a contract administrator on construction projects.

In 1979, he transferred to DOE's Hanford Site as a project engineer in the Project Management Division. Wisness performed project management duties until he was selected to develop a strategic plan to transition Hanford from defense production to cleanup in 1987. He performed that job until he was named project manager of the Tri-Party Agreement in 1989. He orchestrated negotiations, environmental compliance strategies, dispute resolution, and public involvement. The Tri-Party Agreement is a contract between DOE and state and federal regulatory agencies which establishes schedules for cleanup and seeks to bring Hanford into compliance with today's environmental regulations over the long term.

"Managing Tri-Party Agreement activities has been the most challenging part of my career," said Wisness. He coordinated this program until being named to head his current post.

Lloyd Piper, Assistant Manager for Facility Transition, said, "Steve's extensive background in project management and regulatory compliance has equipped him to tackle new challenges as the Director of the Project Management Division."

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