

## Hanford Makes Cuts in Transportation and Support Services

RICHLAND, Wash., February 14, 1996 -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office (RL), and its Hanford contractors are making real and substantial cuts in the indirect budget account this fiscal year by terminating transportation services and reducing direct support. "Although these cuts are difficult, we must move forward towards our target of reducing overhead costs by a total of \$200 million as mandated by the Tri-Party Agreement Cost Reduction Initiative of 1994," said a resolute John Wagoner, Manager of the RL.

"We are making tough, yet prudent decisions in terms of where these spending cuts will be made. We will continue to use that approach as we aggressively seek ways to reduce the cost of business at Hanford," said Wagoner. These cost cuts will not increase the job reductions previously announced last month by Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC) and DOE. Therefore, they are part of the 4,800 job reductions originally estimated in early 1995.

The following activities are being impacted as a result of the recently announced direction by RL to WHC to slice \$18 million from this fiscal year's indirect budget:

- The downtown taxi service will no longer be provided. There will be no government transportation services provided within the 300, 700, 1100, and 3000 Areas other than employee usage of government or private vehicles. Employees who drive their personal vehicles for official business purposes will be reimbursed at a rate of 30 cents a mile.
- The shuttle service will no longer be provided. No transportation from the 200 Areas to the 300 Area will be available other than government or private cars.
- The Hanford Fire Department station in the 100 Area will be reduced from three shifts of 24 hours of service to a one day shift of eight hours of service. Safety is not expected to be degraded because the majority of activities and responses served by this station normally occur during the day shift. Hanford Fire Department stations in the 200, 300, and 400 Areas will continue to be staffed 24 hours a day. Therefore, any fire and ambulance response needs will be available to the 100 Area on non-day shift periods from the 200 Area fire station.
- The Hanford Fire Department preventive maintenance activities on fire protection systems will be reduced consistent with fire protection systems that are taken out of service resulting from facility decontamination and decommissioning activities.
- Spending will be minimized on maintenance of buildings scheduled for decontamination and decommissioning.
- The following courier services will be eliminated: onsite mailing of some items such as pickup and delivery of graphics products, photos, accounting data, delivery services to Kennewick offices, transport of documents to and from the DOE Public Reading Room, and half-day turnaround on all packages.
- Graphics and duplicating shops in the Federal Building will be closed and those services will be consolidated at the office buildings at 2420 and 2440 Stevens and the Research Operations Building at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL).
- Tour bus services will be reduced from three buses to one.

DOE continues to work with all of its Hanford contractors to "reinvent government" and save taxpayer dollars. These latest WHC and subcontractor overhead cuts mean Hanford has achieved an estimated \$173 million savings toward the \$200 million goal by the end of fiscal year 1996.

"We will ensure that our employees and stakeholders are notified as soon as possible when final decisions are made on budget reductions. By increasing the flow of accurate and timely information, we

are working to maintain positive relationships with our partners during these austere times," said Wagoner.

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