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EMERGENCY DECLARED AT HANFORD SITE

An Alert Emergency was declared at the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford Site in southeast Washington State when a brush fire jumped across State highway 240, moving closer to facilities on the Hanford Reservation.

Hanford Fire personnel are on the scene fighting the fire along side members of local, state, regional and federal fire fighting units.

Non-essential personnel had been released earlier in the day due to the heavy smoke in the area. The fire is in the area along Route 240, west and north of the 200 West Area of the reservation. Additional resources are being surveyed for use should the Incident Command Post call for them.

More information will be made available as it becomes known. Media inquiries should be directed to the Hanford Joint Information Center at (509) 376-3322; the phone number for Public inquiries is (509) 376-8116. Also, Emergency broadcast information can be heard on KONA Radio on 610 AM and 105.3 FM.

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