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**DOE and Fluor Hanford Contacting Current and Former Workers
Following a Security Breach of Information**

The Department of Energy (DOE) Richland Operations Office and Fluor Hanford notified all Hanford employees yesterday that police found a printed list with employees' personal information dated 10 years ago in a home in Yakima, Wash last week. The paper document contains the names, social security numbers, birthdates, work titles, work telephone numbers and assignments of approximately 4,000 employees limited copies of which were printed during the transition from previous DOE contractor, Westinghouse Hanford, to Fluor Hanford in December 1996.

Police found the list while investigating an unrelated criminal matter. DOE and Fluor Hanford are looking into how the list was obtained and why it was in this residence. DOE and Fluor Hanford worked closely with law-enforcement officials to notify employees yesterday in a manner that did not jeopardize the ongoing investigation. The Office of Inspector General has been notified so that appropriate action can be taken. There is no indication whatsoever to suggest that Hanford's computer network was compromised. DOE and Fluor Hanford continue to work with law-enforcement officials on aspects of the investigation.

In a note sent to employees last night, employees were encouraged to "monitor financial accounts and billing statements for any suspicious activity." The Department and Fluor Hanford have set up an electronic mailbox at PHMClis@rl.gov where current and former contractors and DOE employees can send any additional questions and inquire as to whether or not their information is on the list. Employees have been given information on how to contact credit-reporting agencies and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Justice Department - www.consumer.gov/idtheft/.

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DOE awarded the nuclear waste cleanup contract to Fluor Hanford in December 1996 to take over the work being done by Westinghouse Hanford at the department's Hanford Site in southeast Washington State. The employees listed in the document found by local police worked for a previous DOE contractor, Westinghouse Hanford, and were transferring to Fluor Hanford or companies under contract to Fluor Hanford in 1996. Employees with the following companies are being asked to monitor financial accounts and billing statements for any suspicious activity: Fluor Daniel Hanford, Lockheed Martin Hanford, Rust Federal Services of Hanford, B&W Hanford, Numatec Hanford, DynCorp Tri-Cities Services, and Duke Engineering & Services Hanford.

A prime contractor to the DOE since 1996, Fluor Hanford has approximately 3,500 employees and manages several major activities at the Hanford Site, including dismantling former nuclear processing facilities, cleaning up the site's contaminated groundwater, retrieving and processing transuranic waste for off-site shipment, maintaining the site's infrastructure, and operating the Volpentest HAMMER Training & Education Center.

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