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**From:** Smith, Kevin W (ORP)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 29, 2013 3:46 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Michael D  
**Subject:** FW: Message from Mike - my retirement

Nicely done Mike.

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Mike Johnson  
President and Project Manager



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WRPS-1302209

Ms. S. E. Bechtol, Contracting Officer  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Office of River Protection  
Post Office Box 450  
Richland, Washington 99352-0450

Dear Ms. Bechtol:

**CONTRACT NUMBER DE-AC27-08RV14800 - WASHINGTON RIVER PROTECTION SOLUTIONS LLC REQUESTS APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN KEY PERSONNEL**

The purpose of this letter is to comply with the requirements of Section H.15 Special Contract Requirements, clause H.15 Key Personnel, (1) *The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer and request approval in writing at least 60 days in advance of any changes to Key Personnel.* Specifically, Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS) has selected Mr. Lyden David Olson as President and Project Manager, and requests your written approval as the Contracting Officer, effective the date of your written approval. Mr. Olson will replace Mr. Michael D. Johnson who is retiring from WRPS/URS.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 372-0274.

Sincerely,

C. A. Simpson  
Contracts Manager

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**Kent, Sandra H**

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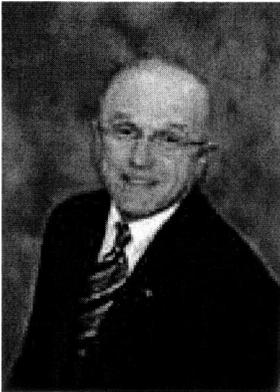
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# SOLUTIONS

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## Mike Johnson announces his retirement

WRPS President and Project Manager **Mike Johnson** announced last week his retirement, effective June 30.



Mike Johnson, WRPS president and project manager

"It is with mixed emotions that I inform you that I will retire from my position as president of WRPS," Johnson said in an all-employee message. "It has been my privilege to lead a talented team of individuals who have accomplished a great deal of challenging work."

Johnson applauded WRPS employees for setting new safety records for the tank farms; accelerating retrieval work; deploying the MARS technology; improving conduct of operations and radiological protection; dramatically reducing maintenance backlogs and much more during his tenure.

"My successor will now have the honor of working with all of you as you continue to make great strides in operational performance and efficiency improvements," Johnson said.

Lyden (Dave) Olson has been selected as the new president of WRPS (see story next page). Olson is currently president of Savannah River Remediation at the Savannah River Site. Olson will take over leadership of WRPS on July 1.

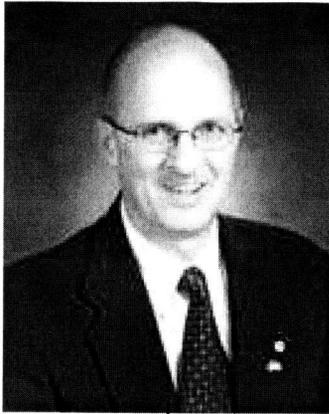
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"My wife, Carol, and I plan to stay in the Tri-Cities and I will remain active in the community. I will be watching from the sidelines as you continue your efforts to close C Farm, improve conduct of operations and prepare to feed the Waste Treatment Plant," Johnson said. "In closing, I am very proud to be a part of the WRPS team. Thank you for all the support you have given me; I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with during my time here with WRPS."

More than 50 Washington River Protection Solutions employees attended new-hire training at the 2440 Stevens Center building Monday. As part of a major reprogramming effort, the Department of Energy asked Congress to budget additional funds for Hanford's tank farms. In all, about 100 workers will be hired, including health physics technicians and nuclear chemical operators needed to complete important projects at the site.



# Savannah River exec to replace Mike Johnson as CEO



Dave Olson, incoming WRPS president and project manager.

President and Project Manager of Savannah River Remediation (SRR) Dave Olson will join Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS) in July as president and project manager, the position vacated June 30 by the retiring Mike Johnson.

At the Savannah River Site (SRS), Olson oversees a complex, integrated set of radioactive liquid waste facilities. These facilities remove high-level waste from the site's large waste tanks, turning the waste into

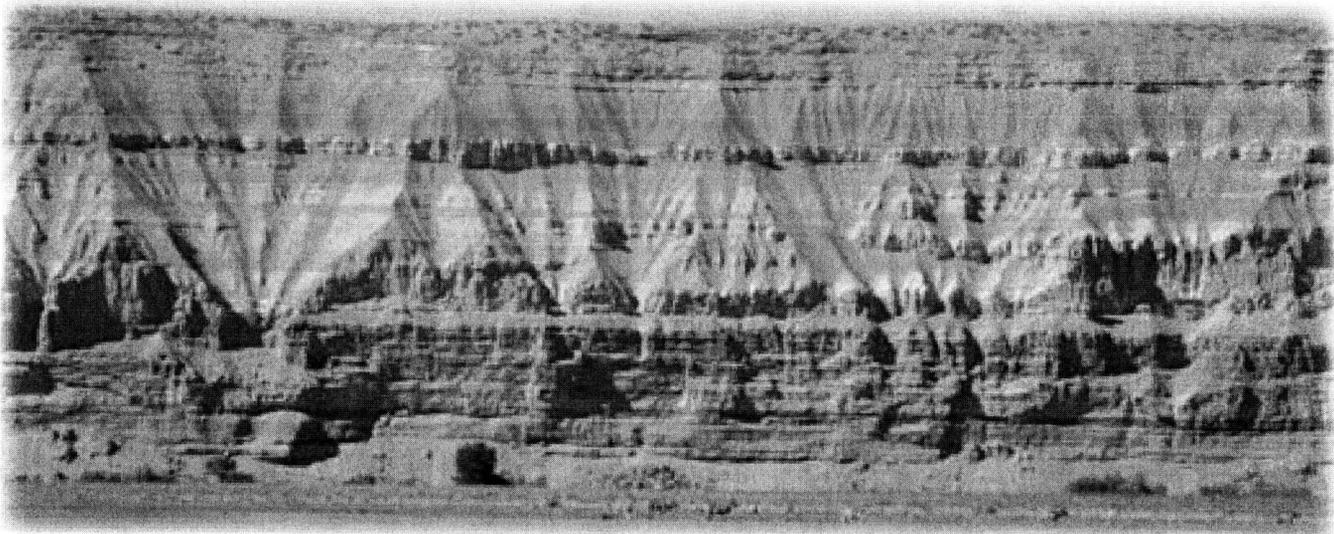
a safe, immobile glass form. In addition, he oversees other areas including the salt waste processing, removing low-level radioactive materials from the tanks, and safely demonstrating and proving new technology. Olson's job also involves operationally closing waste tanks once they have been cleaned and certified for closure. He also maintains the site's tank farms to ensure site missions can be executed.

Olson has held management positions at the Savannah River Site since 1981. Prior to his present position, he was deputy project manager and Operations manager at SRR. In that position, Olson provided operational leadership for the Liquid Waste contract at SRS.

He also held the position of executive vice president of Washington Savannah River Company. Before that, he served as Liquid Waste Operations manager, where he was responsible for successfully executing and managing operational, project, construction and other business functions as required to deliver the SRS strategic mission objectives in liquid waste and associated areas.

Olson has more than 30 years of experience in government nuclear facilities. During that time, his teams have been recognized for high-performing project management while focusing on safety, quality, teamwork and schedule adherence.

Olson serves on the board of directors for the United Way of Aiken County, S.C. He is also on the board of the Governor's School for Science and Math, as well as the Clemson University College of Engineering and Science Advisory Board.



## PTB TRANSFER

The following employees have been approved for PTB transfers: **Kathi Laframboise, Tracey Rittenbach, Ron G. Johnson** and **Heather Johnson**. If you would like to contribute PTB time to them, complete site form number A-6002-807, "PTB Transfer Request" and forward it to Human Resources, Tracie Lorenzen (MSIN H6-17). All time must be transferred in one-hour increments.

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