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DOE Names Top Managers at Office of River Protection

The Department of Energy (DOE) today named Ms. Shirley Olinger as the Manager and the pending hiring of Mr. Hugh Taylor as the Deputy Manager the Office of River Protection (ORP) at Hanford. Their responsibilities will include overseeing the nation's biggest and most challenging cleanup project.

"Ms. Olinger and Mr. Taylor will create a strong leadership team based on their commitment to exemplary safety and their construction management expertise," said James Rispoli, DOE's Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management. "Together they will lead ORP's complex construction projects."

Ms. Olinger has over 25 years of Federal service. In 1985, she started her distinguished career at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard where she delivered the design and construction of a $30M Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facility to treat the radioactive liquid discharges from nuclear submarines in overhaul. Ms. Olinger currently serves as the Deputy Manager, ORP and has been serving as the Acting Manager during the past year.

In the 2005 timeframe, Ms. Olinger delivered the half-billion dollar tank farm infrastructure project that entailed constructing (in highly contaminated areas) over 92,000 feet of double encased underground pipelines, upgrades to 38 pumps and valve pits to support tank waste transfers, constructing over 100 new valves and pump pit jumpers, as well as designing and constructing new tank waste ventilation systems.

Mr. Hugh N. Taylor has 35 years of experience in project management, general management, design engineering, construction start-up, plant maintenance shutdowns/outages, turnarounds and four years of field construction/pipe fabrication shop experience. He currently works as a Program Manager with Raytheon, where he is building the Zheleznogorsk Plutonium Production Elimination Project in Russia. His experience includes years at Bechtel as a Special Projects Manager and Project Manager in constructing major facilities while maintaining a perfect safety record. His construction management experience includes building an award-winning mining/chemical processing facility in Canada, a gas refinery in St. Croix, and petrochemical projects throughout the U.S. He holds several patents, is a registered Professional Engineer (PE) and has been awarded recognition from PMI for leading the "Project Team of the Year".

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