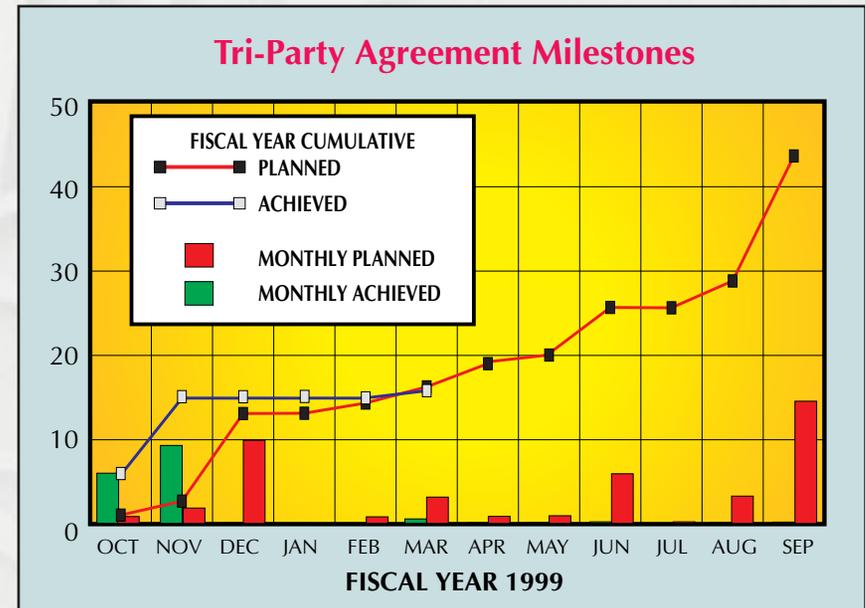


2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 1999 Highlights

We're focused like never before on making continuous quality improvement our top priority. As a result, our people continue to build records for safe hours worked. And by building safety and quality into every task, our team achieved significant cleanup progress during this period:

- Resumed safe plutonium stabilization at Plutonium Finishing Plant.
- Pumped liquids from five single-shell tanks, and pumping will soon start on two more.
- Removed about 20 inches of waste sludges from high-heat Tank C-106.
- Moved 145,000 gallons of liquid wastes through a new cross-site transfer line.
- Began installing hardware for start of spent-fuel removal from K Basins next year.
- Readied another 149 drums of transuranic waste, pending certification, to ship to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.



Hanford cleanup is guided by the Tri-Party Agreement between DOE, Washington State and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. At the end of March, we were slightly behind our year-to-date target, awaiting the Energy Department's decision on the future of the Fast Flux Test Facility.

