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- Safely moved another 12 loads of spent fuel, or about 1.8 million curies of radioactivity, away from the Columbia River at the K Basins. The loads were dried and transported to central Hanford and placed in dry, interim storage.
- Improved processing times at the Cold Vacuum Drying Facility and Canister Storage Building to well below the Spent Nuclear Fuel Project's targeted cycle times.
- Started up a second complete stabilizing and packaging system at the Plutonium Finishing Plant, more than doubling the Plant's capability.
- Substantially increased the rate of plutonium solutions stabilization, on schedule for July completion.
- Enhanced 300-Area cleanup by completing pipe-trench cleanout in the 324 Building and removing bulk wastes from a third cell at the 327 Building.
- Completed the first phase of characterization of process cells at the 224-T Building to determine cleanup steps for this 200-Area facility.
- Marked a processing milestone of two billion liters of wastewater treated in the 300 Area since the Treated Effluent Disposal Facility started up in 1994.
- Completed retrieval of uncovered transuranic-waste drums.
- Cleaned out the first of eight cells that will be used to store sludge from the K Basins at T Plant, in central Hanford.

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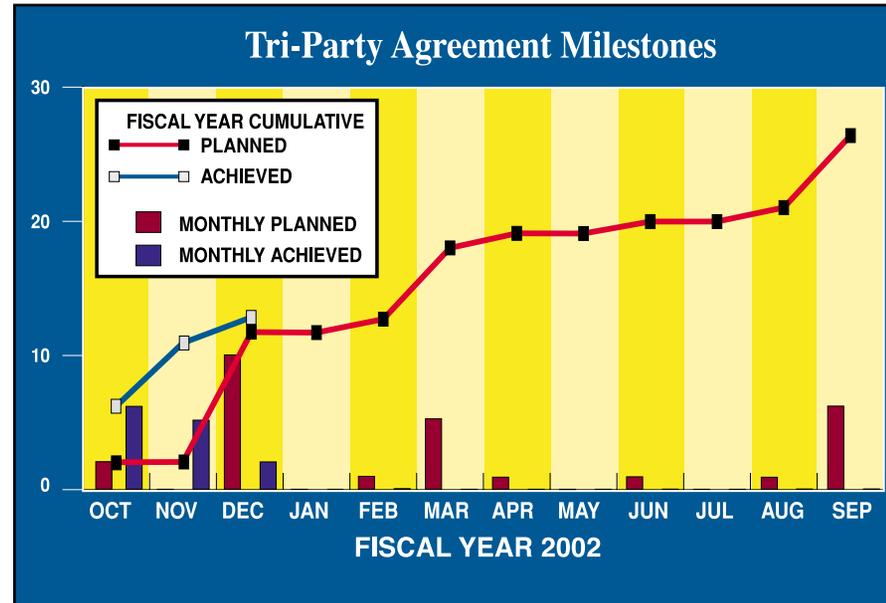
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Two of the milestones “achieved” as of October 2001 were actually scheduled for completion that month, but one was scheduled for a December completion and two were not scheduled for completion until next September. However, the required activities to meet all five of these Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) cleanup commitments

were successfully completed prior to the start of the 2002 fiscal year.

Fluor Hanford’s River Corridor Project met one waste-removal obligation 30 months ahead of its September 2002 commitment. The interim milestone involved removal and shipment of certain “special-case” wastes from the 300 Area to the 200 Area for storage. The Waste Management Project achieved a waste-treatment and disposal target two years early, back in September 2000. That was when the team completed the treatment or direct disposal of more than 1,644 cubic meters of mixed low-level waste.

The three other early cleanup achievements, met during July and September, are credited to the Bechtel Hanford-led Environmental Restoration Contract team. Bechtel Hanford was responsible for the 12 TPA milestones obligated for the quarter – and successfully met 11. The 12th will be deemed complete when a public-comment period on remedial actions in the 100 Area ends in April.