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Expectation:

Optimize the Hanford Site infrastructure, reduce Site inventories and be more cost effective.

Spent Fuel Basket Fabrication Update:

- The Spent Nuclear Fuel Project basket team began fabricating 2,170 steel and copper baskets to hold the 2,100 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel from the K Basins during the fuel-drying process and interim dry storage at Hanford.
- Nine companies are represented on the dedicated team of craft workers, engineers, quality specialists and managers for this precise, intricate fabrication effort.
- The team implemented lessons learned from a 1998 trial fabrication run of 30 baskets. As a result, the hours needed to produce each basket declined from 172 to 60. This will help the Spent Nuclear Fuel Project meet an aggressive schedule to start removing fuel from the K-West Basin in November.
- Four basket configurations will be built, weighing from 230 to 625 pounds each and about two feet tall and 22 inches in diameter.



Consolidating all production and support functions at the 328 Building resulted in a \$2 million cost avoidance in the fabrication of 2,170 baskets for the Spent Nuclear Fuel Project. Fabrication began in November.

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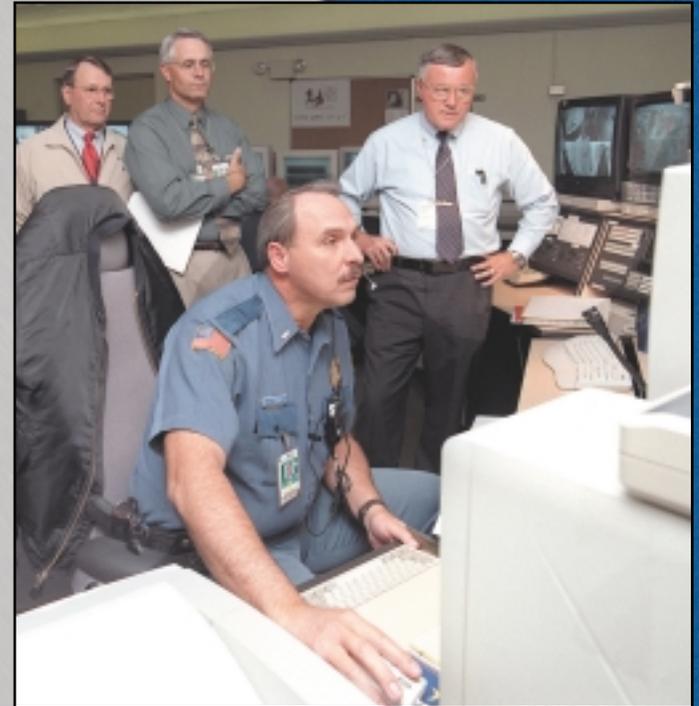
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Reducing the Site Footprint Update:

- We transferred three excess mobile offices to a local school district through a Washington State commodity redistribution program. They'll be used for an alternative high school.

Safety Update:

- Subcontractor DynCorp's Site Services team attained full validation of its Integrated Environment, Safety and Health Management System (ISMS). Reviewers said labor and management demonstrated strong ownership of ISMS, contributing to a strong safety culture throughout the organization.



Hanford Patrol Lieutenant Terry Eberts briefed General Eugene Habiger (right) on emergency communications during a Site tour. The General heads DOE's new Office of Security and Emergency Operations, and called his visit "validation" that Hanford's safeguards and security program is the best in the agency.

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