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River Corridor team reaches 4 million hours without a lost work day

RICHLAND, Wash.—The employees and subcontractors of Washington Closure Hanford have worked over 4 million hours without a lost work day accident for the first time since work began on the River Corridor Closure Project in 2005.

“The River Corridor Closure team has worked since July 2009 without a lost work day accident,” said Washington Closure President Neil Brosee. “The team’s commitment to safety is why the project is more than 75 percent complete after less than 6 years into a 10-year project. A safe team and a successful project go hand-in-hand.”

Washington Closure manages Hanford’s River Corridor Closure Project, the nation’s largest environmental cleanup closure project, for the U.S. Department of Energy. The River Corridor Closure Project team includes 900 Washington Closure Hanford and Eberline Services Hanford employees, as well as about 400 subcontractor employees.

“We’re at the peak of the work on the project – working in more areas of the Hanford Site than ever before,” said Brosee. “The team’s safety record gives me confidence we can perform the balance of our work safely, which will include some of the most challenging work yet.”

Washington Closure is a limited liability company owned by URS, Bechtel National and CH2M Hill. The company is responsible for protecting the Columbia River by cleaning up an estimated 550 waste sites, demolishing 312 contaminated buildings, placing two reactors and one nuclear facility in interim safe storage, and managing the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility. The project is on track for completion in 2015.

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