

PNNL celebrates 'triple crown' of operations

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory has been recognized for its commitment to safe and effective operations with ISO 14001 certification. ISO is a standard developed by the International Standards Organization for the standardization of environmental management systems.

The Laboratory adds this honor to two additional environment, safety and health achievements — implementation of Integrated Safety Management in 1998 and the Voluntary Protection Program “gold star” status in 2001. PNNL is the first Department of Energy Office of Science laboratory to attain these “triple crown” accomplishments in ES&H.

In recognition of the accomplishments, a celebration was held in the Battelle Auditorium on Dec. 9. Roby Enge, director of PNNL's Environment, Safety, Health and Quality Directorate, said that safe, effective operations not only protect staff members and the public, but also are key in supporting the delivery of breakthrough science and technology. Enge attributed the triple-crown success to a great partnership between PNNL and the local DOE Office of the Associate Manager for Science and Technology (AMT), excellent leadership by laboratory director Lura Powell (see story, page 1) and the associate lab directors, and outstanding support from management and staff.

“I would like to challenge the lab once again,” he emphasized. “The triple crown is not an end, but a beginning. We have the opportunity to make similar strides in quality, and to not just maintain but improve on our safety and environmental record.” ■