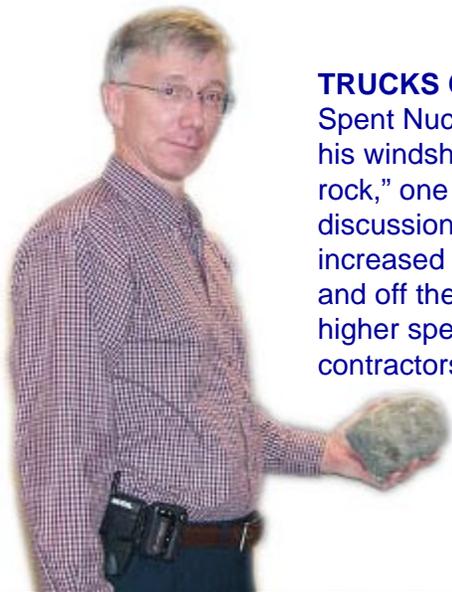


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TRUCKS CAN ROCK YOUR WORLD: Rick Zimmerman, safety team lead for the Spent Nuclear Fuel Project, holds a rock the size of one that nearly came through his windshield one morning. Even if you drive one of those pickups that's "like a rock," one of these on a Hanford roadway can be dangerous. That was a topic of discussion at a recent meeting of the Presidents's Zero Accident Council. With increased construction in the 200 Area, many dual-wheeled trucks travel both on and off the roads, and rocks lodged between the tires are often thrown off at higher speeds. Although truck drivers are responsible for inspecting their rigs and contractors sweep the roadways, Hanford commuters need to be especially cautious when traveling behind trucks. Any unsafe road conditions should be reported to Rusty Knight at 376-6654.

NEW PNNL EQUIPMENT: Greg Speer of Pacific Northwest National Laboratory demonstrates the capabilities of a new PNNL laboratory to interested visitors at an open-house event Dec. 6. The new lab houses equipment purchased with revenue generated from the commercialization of technologies developed at PNNL. It increases PNNL's ability to build circuit boards that are used in sensors, instruments and measurement systems. In the past, this process was either done manually, making one board at a time, or by an outside vendor. Now, PNNL staff members can make a circuit board in minutes rather than days, and the computerized equipment can save patterns so duplicate boards can be built quickly and easily. This new capability will help PNNL quickly move from the "science" stage of research to production of prototypes.



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UNDER WRAPS: Dena Bultena, Zero Accident Council chair and health physics technician for the Plutonium Finishing Plant, unwraps the Voluntary Protection Program “merit status” flag presented to the Fluor Hanford Nuclear Material Stabilization Project team by Shirley Olinger (right) of the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office at the Dec. 19 Presidents’ Zero Accident Council meeting. George Jackson, vice president for NMSP, holds the plaque. Looking on are (from left)



Lenny Perkins, technical support manager; Scott Sax, NMSP Plant Operations director; and Rich Layman, Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council safety rep.

Representatives of Fluor Hanford and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory VPP star-status sites, as well as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Administration, the state of Oregon, DOE and HAMTC developed a course to introduce participants to VPP. “VPP 101” was offered last fall at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center.