

Safety culture at work and home recognized

During the last year, “Doing Work Safely” continued to be the focus of Fluor Hanford as evidenced by the addition of resources to provide employees with safer working conditions; the achievement of VPP status at three more Fluor Hanford projects; the continuity of millions of safe hours worked; and state recognition for safety excellence.

Automated external defibrillators, which can be used when responding to victims of sudden cardiac arrest, were installed in several Fluor Hanford facilities. AEDs are now present at the Plutonium Finishing Plant, the Fast Flux Test Facility, the Spent Nuclear Fuel Project and the 222-S Laboratory. AEDs will be placed in the Stevens Center Complex buildings soon. The AEDs are easy to use and are placed in easily accessible areas. The Hanford Fire Department provides initial and refresher training on the AEDs to designated volunteers or responders.

“Flash suits” were made available to provide protection to electricians while performing electrical maintenance work on energized equipment. Electricians can use these arc suits and switching hoods while taking electrical current readings on exhaust-fan circuits. The flash suits have been used at the 222-S Laboratory.

Three Fluor Hanford projects received recognition under the Department of Energy’s prestigious Voluntary Protection Program for 2002. “Star status” was awarded to Fluor’s Central Plateau Remediation Project in April and to the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center and the Hanford Training Center in September. The Nuclear Material Stabilization Project earned “merit status” in December. All three projects proudly fly the VPP flag at their facilities.

The VPP program, which honors organizations that demonstrate excellence in worker safety across the DOE complex, is a true example of teamwork and a commitment to safety by employees and regulators. In all, seven VPP flags have been awarded to the Fluor Hanford team. At the 2002 Hanford Health and Safety Exposition in May, Assistant Secretary Beverly Cook of the Department of Energy Headquarters honored the Hanford Site with special recognition for its commitment to safety and pursuit of excellence in the DOE VPP Star Program.

Fluor Hanford’s safety statistics are also impressive. The company completed more than eight months without a “day-away-from-work” injury, and achieved 7.5 million safe work hours in fiscal year 2002. This record earned recognition from Washington State Governor Gary Locke, Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen and the Washington State Department of Ecology.



Representatives of DOE Headquarters, the DOE Richland Operations Office and Hanford contractors celebrate Hanford’s Voluntary Protection Program successes at the 2002 Hanford Health and Safety Expo.

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Fluor Hanford also achieved an Occupational Safety and Health Administration recordable case rate of 1.45 — in other words, there were 1.45 injuries per 200,000 hours worked — significantly below the average of 2.3 for the DOE complex.

Fluor Hanford's noteworthy achievements reducing injuries and promoting the 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week safety culture at work and at home earned the company the Certificate of Continuous Excellence, in the category of workplace safety, from the Association of Washington Business. This is the second time Fluor Hanford has been honored with this award as one of the safest workplaces in the state of Washington. ■