

Hanford Site employees must challenge unbadged individuals

There is no question that everyone is taking security more seriously than we used to, but it's been 17 months since the attack on Sept. 11, 2001, and we all need to be reminded that security needs continuous employee commitment.

The first line of defense at Hanford is also the most common — our security badges. Although few people think of it this way, the security badge plays an important role in safety by not allowing unauthorized personnel on site.

Security and safety rely on employees recognizing authorized and unauthorized access, and that means looking for a valid security badge. It is vitally important that employees remain aware of their surroundings, take an active role in controlling facility access, and ensure that everyone is displaying a valid badge.

Al Bowser, president of Day and Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford, recently called on all members of the Presidents' Zero Accident Council to communicate the expectation that all personnel must become more proactive in the enforcement of administrative challenge procedures. "Employees must immediately challenge any unbadged personnel encountered within Project Hanford facilities," said Bowser.

Are you up to the challenge if you see a person without a displayed badge? Are you looking for security badges on personnel? Remember that the "administrative challenge" is an important part of your daily security responsibilities. Like safeguarding your badge and locking doors, the administrative challenge must become part of what we do every day. Only by working together can we have a safe and secure workplace. For additional information on security and points of contact, go to the Intranet Web site <http://apweb02.rl.gov/phmc/sas>.

Area security representatives and Security Education personnel are available to discuss security badge and access requirements at staff meetings. ■