

60 Hanford
1943-2003
Years

The Hanford Site
celebrates 60 years
of protecting America



Productivity improvement is nothing new

As the Hanford Site marks its 60th anniversary, we marvel at the productivity of Hanford workers during the World War II era. Constructing the first facilities of their kind in the world, they managed to complete three defense production reactors, three major processing canyons, 64 underground waste tanks and many other facilities in the 30 months before the war ended in August 1945.

The workers themselves contributed to this amazing productivity by constantly finding better ways of doing their jobs. Job-improvement suggestion boxes like the one pictured were everywhere on site. In February 1945, this unidentified transportation mechanic was photographed as he submitted his 16th improvement suggestion

Photo from the Sage Sentinel, Feb. 9, 1945, provided by the East Benton County Historical Museum, 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick.