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LETTERS

Employees are invited to write letters of general interest on work-related topics. Anonymous letters will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters or not to accept letters for publication. Send your letters to the *Reach*, B3-30, or to *Hanford Reach on e-mail. Letters are limited to 300 words, and must include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

Still grumbling

Sure, most people know that the State of Washington requires license plates mounted on both front and back of your vehicle (“Display license plates on front and rear of your vehicle,” *Hanford Reach*, March 24). But is it a Department of Energy requirement?

I checked into this a few months back when a Hanford Security barricade guard told me I needed one properly displayed. He was out of his jurisdiction. Other states do not require front-mounted plates. Does DOE still require it in these states?

And do the guards issue “fix-it” tickets for broken turn signals and missing sideview mirrors also? And, how does it “assist site Security personnel in expediting access?”

As with other Washington State laws, such as speeding and reckless driving, the Benton County Sheriff ought to be out there at the barricades issuing tickets more often (not just placing a reader board by the roadside to check my speedometer).

And as for rumble strips, they were designed to reduce accidents on highways and interstates. They are put on the *sides* of the roads and they do work when somebody is nodding off at the wheel. A study was done on I-82 toward Yakima. I just don’t see how they would be effective at a barricade. If you are not aware of a looming government boundary, a couple of ridges wouldn’t do anything.

Steven MacArthur
Fluor Hanford

Enjoyed the look back

I just want to say how much I enjoyed the *Hanford Reach* segment on the 60th anniversary of Hanford (March 24). You did a great job.

Mike Berriochoa
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory



NEWSBRIEFS

Children’s day canceled

Because of the current security conditions at Hanford, the Department of Energy and the Hanford contractors will not host “Take Your Child to Work Day” this year. The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory will hold its “Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work” day on April 24. Points of contact are Donna Pearson at 376-0159 and Lindsay Cook at 375-6780.

Changes in mail services coming

As part of the continuing effort to reduce the costs of providing various services on the Hanford Site, mail delivery will be realigned to become more consistent with standard commercial practices.

The following changes will become effective April 14:

- Mail deliveries will be reduced to one per day and to one delivery location per facility (or one per floor in multi-story buildings). The specific delivery times to each facility are not available at this time.
- Mass mail distribution will be limited to DOE business mail only. No labeling services will be provided. Labeling and mass mailing of other material is available at additional charge — contact the Jantec mail facility for such requests.
- The Central Mail facility operating hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, including “off” Fridays. An eight-hour response time should be allowed for responses to e-mail and phone messages. The facility may not be staffed at all times.

Points of contact

Contract-related questions:

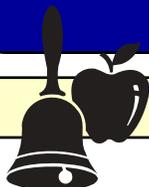
Mail Service Contract
Administrator
Louise Bogart, 376-5191
Louise_M_Bogart@rl.gov

Mail service-related questions:

Mail Service Buyer Technical
Representative
Linda Perkins, 376-2707
Linda_J_Perkins@rl.gov

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CLASSES

PROTRAIN offers the following software classes:

- **Microsoft Access 2000**
 - Level 1 — April 7
 - Level 2 — April 8
 - Level 3 — April 9
- **Microsoft Project 2000**
 - Only \$199 per day
 - Level 1 — April 7
 - Level 2 — April 8
- **Crystal Reports 8**
 - Introduction — April 21
 - Advanced — April 22
- **Primavera Project Planning**
 - P-3 602 — April 21
 - P-3 603 — April 22
 - P-3 604 — April 23

Office XP classes now available.

For more information, contact Sarah at 375-0414 or at sarah@protrainsys.com.

Peak Performance offers courses at HAMMER

Instructors Rick Martinez and Larry Birkhead of Peak Performance Systems, Inc. will offer two training sessions at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. To register for either of these offerings, please contact Rick Martinez, 627-3273, or Libby Sickler via e-mail at Libby_J_Sickler@rl.gov and provide student name and P-Card billing information.

- **Resolving Differences with Others** — April 30, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in classroom 28 of the Administration Building. This one-day class gives you the power and the tools of the professional mediator. The process and techniques you will learn are becoming core competencies for employees in many companies. The instructors have been certified by the Mediation Training Institute International (www.mediationworks.com). The cost is \$245 per person.
- **Cheetah Meetings: Good Meetings Guaranteed!** — May 2, 7:30-11:30 a.m., in classroom 15 of the Administration Building. You will learn proven techniques for holding effective meetings that build teams, and that get the results desired. Included are all the forms, assessments and procedures you and your team will need along with some potent tools that will dramatically improve your meetings. The cost is \$150 per person.

Radiochemistry Society offers course April 28 & 29

The one-day course, Fundamentals of Radiochemistry and Separation Technology for Engineers, Scientists and Managers, will be offered by the Radiochemistry Society on April 28 or 29 at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. The course will provide scientists and engineers with the formal training and tools for nuclear-

related decision-making and the opportunity to network and share experiences and difficult challenges that they may have encountered. The instructors are Larry Burchfield and Michael Fox. Upon completion of the course, participants will be awarded one continuing education unit. The course is limited to 75 students and the cost is \$300. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.nwtechnical.org/courses.html>, or call 528-3048.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration Region 10 classes

In conjunction with the Voluntary Protection Program Association Annual Conference, the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center will offer the following Occupational Safety and Health Administration Region 10 classes on May 6.

- **Permit Entry Confined Spaces** — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This course covers the duties of entrant, attendant, supervisor and rescue team. Case histories are presented along with demonstrations of accidents. Testing and ventilation will be stressed. The cost is \$165. The presenter is Rick Gleason of Prezant Associates.
- **Sampling for Hazardous Materials** — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This awareness-level course will address regulatory issues. Air, soil and water sampling, as well as sampling methodology, are covered. The cost is \$165. The presenter is Maura Doherty of Marine & Environmental Testing.
- **Homeland Defense - Bio-Terrorism** — 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Using a risk-management approach, attendees will learn how to protect their company from a terrorist attack. Students conduct a vulnerability assessment and threat analysis to determine possible dangers in their facility. The cost is \$80. The presenter is Joseph Teeples of We're Into Safety.

To register for any of these sessions, contact Lynda Stoneberg at (360) 902-5554 or at ston235@lni.wa.gov.

MicroShield course offered May 6-8

Project Enhancement Corporation will conduct a MicroShield course, all-inclusive level, at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center May 6-8. MicroShield is used for analysis involving gamma and X-ray radiation. The cost is \$1,050 per participant. The course offers 10 continuing education credits for certified health physicists in the recertification program. To register or for more information, contact Yvonne Miller at (240) 686-3059 or at ymiller@pec1.net. ♦

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Technical Library demonstration scheduled April 9

The Hanford Technical Library staff will present the demonstration "How to Use the Internet More Effectively" on Wednesday, April 9, 12-1 p.m. in room 101R of the Consolidated Information Center on the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus in Richland. The demonstration will show you how to use search engines more effectively and discover Internet sites that are useful for your day-to-day work. For more information, contact Mary Frances Lembo at 372-7441 or at mf.lembo@pnl.gov.

Nine Canyon Wind Project is topic of PMI meeting

Daniel Porter of Energy Northwest will be the featured speaker at the April 8 meeting of the Columbia River Basin Chapter of the Project Management Institute. The topic will be a review of the Nine Canyon Wind Project. The meeting will be held at the Richland Shilo Inn. The social time begins at 5:30 p.m., the dinner buffet is at 6:30, and the presentation is at 7. The cost is \$17 for members and \$20 for guests. Make your reservations by close of business April 7 by contacting Terri Witherspoon at 376-4925 or at Terri_T-Witherspoon@rl.gov.

Federal Building April blood drive canceled

The American Red Cross blood drive scheduled for April 17 at the Federal Building has been canceled. Regular Federal Building blood donors will have an opportunity to donate at the next regularly scheduled drive on June 12.

Donate blood at HAMMER May 7

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, May 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the vehicle bay of the Al Alm Building at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. Call Libby Sickler at 376-7117 to schedule an appointment.

NMA Meeting set for April 9

International leadership consultant Les Woller will speak on the Economic Impact of Effective Leadership Development at the April 9 dinner meeting of the Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. The evening begins at 5 p.m. with a mini-seminar focusing on the basics of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator™. Attendees may also choose to participate in the concurrent social hour. The business meeting starts at 6, and dinner will be at 6:30. There is no charge for chapter members; the cost for guests is \$20. Make a reservation at www.nma1.org/chapters/rsvp_form.htm or by calling Lisa Hart at 376-3484.

IAAP Administrative Conference on April 23.

The International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) Administrative Professional's Event™ will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on April 23 at the Richland Shilo Inn. Joe Estey of Prolepsis Training will present team dynamics and elements for team effectiveness, successful leadership and attitude and motivation for success. Representatives of Avery Dennison will give a presentation on the latest office product solutions. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Entertainment includes music and magic during lunch. To register, contact Robin Kuntz at rlkuntz@bhi-erc.com or at 373-2379, or Brenda Kenton at blkenton@bhi-erc.com or at 373-5909. Registration ends on April 18.

Conference scheduled for April 15-16

Registration is open now through April 8 for the 17th Annual Hanford Office Professionals Training and Development Conference, April 15-16 at the Royal Hotel (formally the Tower Inn) on George Washington Way in Richland. The two-day conference has identical programs each day to allow flexibility in scheduling companies and participants. "Learning Curve for a Lifetime" is the conference theme. JoAnne Nai-che of nai-che & associates, inc., will

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provide the morning motivation; Scott Lerch of Microsoft will discuss smart living in the digital decade; Kathy Dechter will punch up your punctuation; and Barry Weaver of the U.S. Department of Energy will “Lighten up” the afternoon. The conference can accommodate up to 200 participants each day. Limited seating is available for each company, so register early. For more information, visit the Web site at www.hanford.gov/misc_info/professional/index.html. The conference is hosted by Fluor Federal Services and Eberline Services Hanford.

AQP/ASQ scholarship applications available

Applications for the local chapters of the Association for Quality and Participation (AQP) and American Society for Quality (ASQ) \$1,000 scholarship are being accepted now through April 15. The scholarship will be awarded to a college-bound high school senior pursuing a career in a field related to quality and participation. Applicants must be seniors, graduating from high school in Benton or Franklin County, with an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher and a combined SAT score greater than 1,000. The application process includes a written essay as well as submittal of two letters of recommendation. For more information, check the AQP Web site at http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQP_ASQscholarship.html.

May 10 golf tournament to benefit Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts Mid-Columbia Council is holding the Fourth Annual Girl Scout Golf Classic Tournament on May 10 at the Tri-City Country Club in Kennewick. The Girl Scouts Mid-Columbia Council supports programs for girls — camps, sports activities, cultural and science and engineering events — in more than 14 counties in Washington and northern Oregon, including the Tri Cities. The shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Entry fees are \$100 per player, \$400 per foursome. Prizes will be awarded. A silent auction will be held. For more information, call the council office at 783-7721.

‘Healthy Ways to Healthy Days’ seminar offered

The CH2M HILL Hanford Group Administrative Accident Prevention Council and the Hanford Environmental Health Foundation are sponsoring a “Healthy Ways to Healthy Days” information seminar to be held in April. The seminar will cover topics such as improved health, good nutrition, good sleep habits and exercise. Alanna Brandon of HEHF will demonstrate exercises that can be done in the office to relieve stress and to help with ergonomics. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, April 9, in the 200 East Area, 2704-HV, room G-206, 1-2 p.m.

NMA Fashion Show scheduled for April 24

The Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association will hold a fashion show and wine-tasting on April 24 at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland to raise funds to support community youth programs such as the Boys and Girls Club, Mid-Columbia Science Camp, Crystal Apple Awards, Washington Business Week, Partners and Pals, Junior Achievement and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The social begins at 7 p.m. and the fashion show is 7:30-8:30. Wine-tasting will precede and follow the fashion show. Tickets are \$15 for the fashion show only, \$25 for the fashion show and wine-tasting, and \$10 for donation and an opportunity to win door prizes. Contact Brenda Pangborn at 372-3841 or Karen Welsh at 376-2151 to purchase tickets.

Volunteers needed to judge student business projects

Judges are needed to judge Pasco High School students’ business projects during Enterprise 2003, May 1 and 2. Enterprise 2003 is a week-long program in which all Pasco High School juniors form mock companies and learn to make decisions about product development, marketing and finances. Volunteers are needed to judge marketing presentations on May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Trade, Recreation and Agricultural Center in Pasco; stockholder presentations on May 2, 8-10:30 a.m. at Pasco High School; and trade shows May 2, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at TRAC. For more information, contact Kelly Greenhalgh at 547-5581, ext. 4612.

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Northwest Technical Conference April 30-May 1

The Radiochemistry Society will host the Northwest Technical Conference on April 30 and May 1 at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. The conference will include presentations on nuclear medicine, the environment, homeland security, decontamination and decommissioning of nuclear facilities and waste management. Other topics will include the use of radioisotopes for public benefit and the role of the Waste Treatment Plant in the region's economy. Featured speakers will include the senior managers from the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, the Office of River Protection and Hanford contractors. Visit <http://www.nwtechnical.org/> for the conference agenda and registration information.

Volunteers needed for 2003 Health and Safety Expo

Thirty volunteers are needed to act the parts of victims and drunk drivers for the vehicle crash demonstration at the Health and Safety Exposition May 6-8 at the Trade, Recreation and Agricultural Center in Pasco. In addition to the vehicle crash demonstration, 12 volunteers are needed to help with the bicycle rodeo, and smaller-sized volunteers are needed to wear the costumes of the Vince and Larry crash-test dummies. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Janette Pettey at 376-2884 or at janette_k_petty@rl.gov. ♦

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VANPOOLS

Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. The deadline for submission is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Day and Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring their passengers are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her security badge, access is denied at the barricade. The individual is required to go to a badging station for a temporary badge or go home to retrieve the badge. For more information visit the Safeguards and Security Web page at <http://apweb02.rl.gov/phmc/sas>.

BENTON CITY

Rider wanted for 8x9s vanpool to 200W, \$55 per month. Call **Charlotte Burruss** at 373-4046. 4/7

KENNEWICK

Riders wanted for Van No.123 to 200E, 8x9s shift. Safe, dependable and friendly. Current stops are Huntington Transit Station, Federal Building, 2750-E, MO-414 2704-HV, and 2701-HV. Call **Eric** at 373-4497 or at 735-6755 (home). 3/31

RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 195, 8x9, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. from Richland to 200E has an opening. Picks up along George Washington Way, Jadwin Avenue north of Van Giesen Street, 7-Eleven on George Washington Way and 2440 Stevens south parking lot. Stops at 272-AW, 2750-E, CSB and 2704-HV locations. Candidate riders from 2704-HV or CSB must be willing to be an occasional back-up driver from 2750-E. Call **Richard** at 372-0755. 3/31

Vanpool No. 89 has two openings for riders to 200 ETF, 8x9 shift. Leaves the Richland Wye at 6:10 a.m. and stops at the Federal Building parking lot. Drops off at 272-AW and MO-979. Call **Jim** at 376 3188 or **Bill** at 373 4449. 4/7

Vanpool No. 116 has an opening for a rider, 8x9 shift. Leaves Joe's Chevron, at the corner of McMurray and Jadwin, at 6:05 a.m. and travels to 2750-E, 2719-EA, MO-286, 2701-HV and 2704-HV. Returns to the Chevron station about 5:05 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and at 4:04 p.m. on Fridays worked. Contact **Nester Wise** at 373-9599 or **Colleen Federico** at 376-3623. 4/7

Spacious seating available for 8x9 riders to 200W on Van No. 117. Roundtrip from parking lot adjacent to 1019 Wright in Richland. E-mail or call **Gary Bush** at 372-2531. 3/31

Gas prices cutting into your budget? Catch our van and save. We start at Chuck E Cheese, stop by the Federal Building, and drop off at 2753, 2719-EA, WESF, CSB, and 2704-HV. Call **Barb** at 373-2006 or **Beth** at 376-0971. 3/31

WEST RICHLAND

Van No. 120 is looking for two riders, 8x9s, leaving Flat Top Park at 6:10 a.m. for the following destinations: 272-AW, MO-273, 2750, 272-B and 2727-E. Contact **Glenn Garman** at 372-0054 or **Curt Hedger** at 373-7935. Come sit back and enjoy the ride, and keep your gas bill down. 4/7

Save money and help save the environment. Van No. 211 has an immediate opening for a rider from Flat Top Park to 200W. Stops at 222-S, MO-720, 234-5, and WSCF. Contact **John Smith** at 373-5612 for information. 4/7

YAKIMA

Carpoolers wanted between Yakima and on the way to 2750-E. Call **Ray** at 373-9271. 4/7 ♦