



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.

Front-end work for Tank C-106

Regarding the front-page articles, "Fieldwork under way on first waste tank to be closed" (March 24) and "Pumping begins on Tank C-106" (April 7), I compliment you on excellent reporting. My hat is off to the folks in the "whites" out in the field getting the work done as they perform a tough, nasty job under any circumstances.

I'd also like to offer thanks to the folks on the front end of the process that enabled the hands-on work to commence. Congratulations to the folks at CH2M HILL Hanford Group who initiated communications with the Fluor Hanford Site Fabrication Services organization starting in October 2002. These conversations led to fabricating most of the items needed to support pumping. Enhanced Work Planning was indeed a key. Weekly progress meetings ensured that the fabrications were successfully completed.

Many, many folks created drawings, estimated, scheduled and planned packages. Team members procured, then received all the thousands of items that were used to create the fabricated items needed for pumping. Among the shop-fabricated items used for pumping Tank C-106 were a supernate pump (that replaced the stubborn heel-jet pump), a flammable gas exhauster (modified by the shops), work platforms, spray ring washers, connector (jumper) assemblies, cover plates, shielding plates, over-ground transfer hose supports, shims, and several versions of "heel jacking tools" fabricated to persuade the heel-jet pump to head over to the burial ground.

The folks ahead of the actual tank-farm work in the shops, at purchasing, at central stores, in receiving and in transportation worked overtime to maintain the schedule and all did a great job for the site. The folks at Site Fabrication Services received support from practically every organization on site to maintain schedule.

Kirk Higginson
Fluor Hanford

On-site help with EEOICP claims

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center for being so helpful as we prepared for, and began staffing, an on-site office to help workers who want assistance with filing claims under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, or EEOICP.

I also want to clarify that the EEOICP is for those workers or survivors of workers who have, or had, cancer or chronic beryllium disease and worked at Hanford or one of the other Department of Energy facilities. The headline of an earlier article in the *Hanford Reach* indicated that our office was there to provide assistance to the beryllium group. While that is true, we are also available to assist those workers who wish to file cancer claims.

We are in Room 4 of the Resource Training Center at the HAMMER Facility each Wednesday. Workers can call our main office at 783-1500 to obtain more information about the EEOICP or to schedule an appointment with our on-site caseworker. There are also brochures available near the HAMMER cafeteria.

Eunice Godfrey, Manager
Energy Employees Compensation Resource Center



NEWS BRIEFS

Congressional Art Show on display

Artwork by high-school students in the region will be on display in the lobby of 2440 Stevens Center from Monday, April 14, through Friday, April 18. The Congressional Art Show, sponsored by Congressman Doc Hastings, is co-hosted by the Department of Energy Office of River Protection and CH2M HILL Hanford Group. The artwork showcases the creative talents of students throughout the 8th Congressional District and will be judged by a local panel of experts. The winning piece of artwork, which will be announced Friday, then will hang in the halls of Congress for the coming year. Employees are encouraged to stop by 2440 Stevens Center and view the show.

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WSU Tri-Cities MBA program explained

Washington State University Tri-Cities will host an information night on its master of business administration and master of technology management degrees at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at the Red Lion Hotel (formerly the WestCoast Hotel and Cavanaugh's) on Columbia Drive in Kennewick.

Business-program coordinator David Lemak will join other WSU Tri-Cities faculty in explaining the MBA program and all requirements for admission. The WSU MBA program has been offered for more than 13 years in the Tri-Cities area and is accredited by International Association of Management Education. ♦



C L A S S E S

PROTRAIN offers the following software classes:

- **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@pro trainsys.com.

Peak Performance offers courses at HAMMER

Instructors Rick Martinez and Larry Birckhead of Peak Performance Systems, Inc. will offer two training sessions at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. To register for either of the offerings below, 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 courses April 28 and 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. Larry Burchfield and Michael Fox are the instructors. On completing the course, participants will be awarded one continuing-education unit. The course, limited to 75 students, costs \$300. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.nwtechnical.org/courses.html>, or call 528-3048.

Presentations course April 30 and May 14

The eight-hour course, Effective Presentations, will be presented by Joe Estey at the Hanford Training Center on April 30 and May 14. This course

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provides participants with the insights, skills and knowledge to speak inspirationally and confidently on any topic. The course, costing \$180 per person, is ideal for those wanting to improve their communication skills. To register, contact Joan Howard at 946-2102 or at jhoward@energxfanford.com or Lynn Collins at 946-9654 or at lcollins@energxfanford.com.

OSHA Region 10 classes

In conjunction with the annual conference of 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, supervisory personnel 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 analyses 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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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.

USCG Boating Safely class to be held April 19

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will teach its eight-hour Boating Safely class on Saturday, April 19, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Richland Police station on George Washington Way. The cost is \$20 per person and \$10 for each additional family member using the same text. For registration and early text pickup, call 948-3162.

IAAP Administrative Conference 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.

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.

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

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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.

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. Smaller-sized volunteers are needed to wear the costumes of the Vince and Larry crash-test dummies. Coordinators of the 2003 Expo also need 15 easels to display signs. If you are interested in volunteering, or can lend easels, contact Janette Pettey at 376-2884 or at janette_k_pettey@rl.gov.

Adopt a fish to support children's fishing derby

Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery is seeking donations to stock the Columbia Park Fishing Pond in time for a fishing derby on Saturday, June 14, for children up to 16 years of age. Derby registration is free. Help the Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery host this fishing derby by adopting fish for \$1 apiece. All donations may be sent to SHCN, 1111 N. Grant Place, Kennewick, WA 99336. All contributions are tax-deductible and proceeds in excess of costs will be used to support SHCN. ♦

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GENERAL INFO & ACTIVITIES

MAIL YOUR TICKET REQUESTS TO THE APPROPRIATE LISTED TICKET SELLER

— It saves the ticket sellers' time and your tickets will be sent to you the same day. Do not combine the charge for tickets to two different events on the same check. If you do, it will be returned.

HRA DISCOUNTS — Log on to <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hrd/> to see the discounts list.

HERO POLICY FOR NSF CHECKS — Associated non-sufficient fund bank fees will be passed on to check issuers. HERO will not absorb the cost.

POSITION ON THE HERO BOARD — The position of treasurer on the HERO Board is vacant. Applicants must have accounting experience. If you would like to apply and have your manager's consent, send an e-mail message to Phyllis Roha.

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS — Limit now 10 per purchase. Carmike tickets are \$5 each with restrictions applying only to Sony DDS movies. Regal tickets are \$5.50 each and applicable restrictions are identified in the *Tri-City Herald* with a star. Yakima Mercy tickets are \$5 each with no restrictions. Regal and Carmike tickets are valid in Seattle and Spokane as well as the Tri-Cities. For Regal or Carmike tickets, send checks (no cash) made payable to HERO to Linda Meigs (H3-12), Linda Sheehan (T4-40), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Michelle Brown-Palmore (A7-51), Ginny Wallace (S7-03), Marta Caballero (S5-14) or Patti Boothe (T6-04). Sunnyside Movie Theater is now offering tickets for two admissions for one show, for \$9.50 with no show restrictions. These tickets are also good for Ellensburg and Walla Walla. For Yakima Mercy or Sunnyside tickets, send checks (no cash) to Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Jim Hopfinger (S7-39) or Tricia Poland (T5-04).

YAKIMA CHRISTMAS PARTY, LAST CHANCE — You have shown some interest and shared some ideas but our Yakima HERO representative is still looking for input to re-establish the Yakima Christmas Party for 2003. Contact Jim Hopfinger by e-mail or at 376-1499 with any sug-

UPCOMING TRIPS

• **Canadian Rockies Train Tour** — May 9-17. The price is \$2,199 pp including round-trip airfare from Pasco. Price includes 14 meals, tours, transfers and taxes. Payment is due as soon as possible. Fly to Vancouver, British Columbia, and explore the beautiful Canadian Rockies by train. Visit Kamloops, Jasper, Ice Fields Parkway, Lake Louise, Banff and Calgary. Visit <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hero/activities.cfm> for more information or contact Phyllis Roha at 376-6413 or by e-mail.

• **New Orleans Getaway** — May 19-23. \$1,099 ppdo includes airfare, lodging and six meals during this five-day getaway to the "Jazz Capital of the World." A deposit of \$160 per person will reserve your spot. Contact Linda Meigs for details.

• **Hood River Murder Mystery Dinner Train** — August 16. Reserve your table for a sumptuous dinner and a murderously funny evening filled with entertainers. Dinner includes appetizer, salad, main course and dessert. The price of \$135 per person includes round-trip bus from Tri-Cities plus the dinner train. A \$25 per person deposit will secure your space. Final payment is due July 1. For more information, send an e-mail message to Linda Meigs or call Marla of Carlson Wagonlit Travel at 783-4645.

• **French Riviera** — Oct. 6-15. The price is \$2,284 pp for twin, \$2,254 pp for triple and \$2,584 for single. A deposit of \$430 is due to hold your space, and the balance is due July 23. Credit cards are accepted. Tour the French Riviera, Italian Riviera, Monaco, St. Tropez, Cannes, Grasse and Nice. We will fly round-trip from Pasco. We only have to unpack once as we will be staying in Nice and taking day trips to all the other exciting places. There will be free time also to do your own exploring. Included are seven breakfasts and five dinners. Start saving now for an exciting adventure. E-mail Nancie Simon or call 373-2587 for more information.

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- **Disney World/Disney Cruise** — Oct. 19-26. The price ranges from \$1,302 to \$1,852 ppdo, depending on the type of room you want. The price includes round-trip airfare from Pasco, four days in Walt Disney World with entrance into all the parks, a three-day cruise to the Bahamas and Castaway Cay (Disney's private island), taxes and transfers. Don't wait to send in a \$250 per person deposit to hold your spot. Contact Jim Hopfinger for more information.

- **Reflections of Italy** — Departure date is Nov. 3. \$2,782 ppdo includes airfare, lodging and 13 meals during this 10-day journey to Italy, beginning in Rome, "the Eternal City." A deposit of \$430 per person will reserve your spot, with final payment due Sept. 4. Contact Linda Meigs for details.

- **Switzerland** — Nov. 3-11. The price is \$1,879 pp including round-trip airfare from Pasco. Price includes 11 meals, tours, transfers and taxes. A \$250 deposit is due May 3 and the balance is due Sept. 4. The medieval city

of Bern is our host city. Highlights of the tour include the Swiss Parliament, the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens, Lake Geneva and the medieval Castle of Chillon. Enjoy breathtaking Alpine views with a ride on the Panoramic Express Train to Gstaad. Then on to Interlaken, Grindewald, Zurich, Burgdorf Castle, Lucerne and an optional tour to Germany and the mystical Black Forest. Visit <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hero/activities.cfm> or contact Phyllis Roha at 376-6413 or by e-mail for more information.

- **San Antonio Christmas** — Dec. 8-12. The price is \$1,229 pp for twin, \$1,209 pp for triple and \$1,599 for singles. Includes round-trip airfare from Seattle, transfers, three breakfasts, and three dinners. A cancellation waiver and travel insurance are available for an additional \$60. Highlights of the trip will be Paseo Del Rio, the Alamo, a Mexican marketplace, the LBJ Ranch, Cavern Carolers and Fiesta De Las Luminarias. A deposit of \$100 is due by July 31. Contact Cheri McGee for details. ♦

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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). 4/14

Riders are needed for Van No. 196. Picks up along a route from South Kennewick in the vicinity of Vancouver and 36th to 200E. Current route is Vancouver, Olympia, Kennewick Ave., Clearwater, West Hood, Canal and Edison and Highway 240. Current drops are 2750, teamster area/carpenter shop, 225-B, 2704-HV. Current rate is \$58 to \$64. Contact **R. John Townley** at 372-0223 or by e-mail. 4/14.

RICHLAND

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

Vanpool to 200E needs a rider, 8x9. Rate as low as \$33.50 per month. Leaves former Hanford bus lot (across from 2440 Stevens) at 6:25 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E and MO-276 (behind 2750-E). Arrives at bus lot at 5 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and at 4 p.m. on Fridays worked. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 4/14

Vanpool No. 216 to 200E needs a rider, 8x9, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Picks up door-to-door in Richland. Van starts on the south end of Jadwin, winds its way up Thayer and Williams, over to George Washington Way and out to 2750-E and 2704-HV (if rider is a backup driver). If you want door-to-door pickup and are in those areas, call **Michelle Calvert** at 376-5400. 4/14

Spacious seating for 200W Area 8x9 riders available on Van No. 117. Vanpool departs from and returns to the parking lot adjacent to 1019 Wright in Richland. E-mail or call **Gary Bush** at 372-2531. 4/14

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 ♦