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**HOSTING THE DEPUTY SECRETARY:** On a tour of the Hanford Site last Wednesday, Deputy Secretary of Energy Kyle McSlarrow (center) was photographed visiting the Cold Test Facility and being briefed on a new tank-cleanup technology by Roy Schepens (right), manager of the Office of River Protection, and Ed Aromi, president and general manager of tank-farm contractor CH2M HILL Hanford Group. In the foreground is the tank crawler, a remote-controlled machine for moving thick sludge inside Hanford waste tanks. As deputy secretary, McSlarrow is chief operating officer for the Department of Energy and also serves on the President's Management Council. During his Hanford visit, he presented a check to a local cancer victim who qualified for an award under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act (see page 3).

**COMPENSATION GIVEN:** Deputy Secretary of Energy Kyle McSlarrow, left, and Deputy Secretary of Labor Cam Findlay, right, present one of the first \$150,000 compensation checks for victims of radiation-related cancer to retired nuclear chemical operator Thomas Keefe of Richland on April 23. Keefe worked at the Hanford Site for 35 years. About 2,000 Hanford workers have filed claims for the lump-sum compensation under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program to those whose cancers are likely to have been caused by workplace exposure to radiation. The backlog of cases has resulted from the need to determine radiation doses from decades ago and have medical records reviewed by a panel of doctors with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Federal officials hope to rule on all Hanford cancer-related claims within the next year. Some claims have also been paid to beryllium-affected Hanford workers.



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**CLEANING UP:** Members of the Fluor Hanford Community Involvement Team were kept busy on April 19 during Community Cleanup Day, the Tri-Cities' observance of Earth Day. In a Central Plateau Remediation Project activity, Paul Pimentel of the Project Operations Center hauls bags of yard debris at the home of a senior citizen. Norma Jean LaRock (background) of the CP Project helps with yard cleanup. At right, Jeannette Hyatt picks up litter along Interstate 82 as part of the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup team from the Safety and Health organization.



**PARKING-LOT SNOOZE:** Last Tuesday, Craig Swanson of Fluor Hanford's Central Plateau Remediation Project snapped this photo of a duck and a drake napping in the parking lot of the 1200 Jadwin Building in Richland. The drake, obviously the perfect gentleman, "accorded" the female the warm trunk lid of the Honda Accord. "I guess they felt safe there on Earth Day," Swanson said.