

HPTs, NCOs transferring to Fluor Hanford

CH2M HILL Hanford Group transferred 23 health physics technicians and seven nuclear chemical operators to Fluor Hanford on June 9.

In discussions among Fluor Hanford, the Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council and CH2M HILL, several resource issues were identified. It was determined that Fluor needed to increase its number of HPTs and NCOs to support current fieldwork, especially on the Spent Nuclear Fuel Project. CH2M HILL anticipated a reduction on tank-farms projects, primarily because of completed work and improved coordination.

Four more nuclear chemical operators will transferred in the future, and the status of two others will be determined later.

CH2M HILL's Environment, Safety, Health and Quality organization will continue to provide appropriate levels of HPT support to the other tank-farm projects to ensure the safety of the workforce.

A CH2M HILL spokesman called the move "a positive example of the two contractors and the union working together to lessen the impact of potential reductions in force." ■