

Regular Features



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.

Recognition due

Debra Wright was not mentioned in the June 30 *Hanford Reach* article "WSCF meets challenges of faster cleanup."

Wright has been putting the packages together for several years, and should be recognized for the work she has done on the project.

Larry Lockard
Fluor Hanford



NEWSBRIEFS

PTB transfer approved for Foreman

Nancy Foreman, a nuclear chemical operator in the Waste Feed Operations organization with CH2M HILL Hanford Group, has been approved to receive personal time bank-transferred hours. Foreman's brother George Dana, a Fluor Federal Services employee, needs her assistance with his rehabilitation and recovery after surgery. CH2M HILL employees who would like to transfer PTB hours to Foreman can do so by completing a PTB/Vacation Transfer Request form (A-6002-807) and sending it to Carolyn Howard in CH2M HILL Labor Relations/Human Resources, R2-57. Time should be transferred in one-hour increments. ♦



CALENDAR

Academy of Hazardous Materials Managers meet

The Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Hazardous Materials Managers' meeting on July 8 in the Gallery Room of the Richland Library will feature a presentation by Dave Bartus, Environmental Protection Agency Region 10, titled "Re-

solving Environmental Issues Using Regulatory Pathways." Networking begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information contact Andrea Prignano at 376-1057.

Library staff offers demonstration on the Internet

The Hanford Technical Library staff will help you search the Internet quickly and efficiently, review the similarities and differences among popular search engines, and learn where to go when the search engines are not providing what you want. This demonstration is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, noon to 1 p.m. in room 101R of the Consolidated Information Center at Washington State University Tri-Cities. For more information, contact Mary Frances Lembo at 372-7441 or at mf.lembo@pnl.gov.

'Evening for the Angels' to benefit Chaplaincy

Tickets are on sale now for an evening of music under the stars July 11 at 8 p.m. in the courtyard of the Richland Red Lion. Proceeds from this eighth annual event, known as "Evening for the Angels," help support the hospice and counseling programs of the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy, a United Way agency. Featured will be Chicago artists, tenor Erich Buchholz and soprano Kathryn Kamp, who will perform a wide selection of Broadway hits, traditional spirituals and opera arias. Chocolates, regional wines, champagne and non-alcoholic beverages will be served throughout the evening. Bechtel and Washington Group are helping to sponsor this event. Tickets are \$40 if purchased in advance, and \$50 if purchased at the door. To make your reservation, call the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy at 783-7416.

Radiochemistry Conference in New Mexico

Two tours of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant will be offered to attendees of the Radiochemistry Conference in Carlsbad, N.M. The conference will be held July 13-16. The conference will include presentations on nuclear repository sciences, the

Calendar continued on next page.



Regular Features

CALENDAR continued

National Border Program, the environment, renewable energy, decommissioning and decontamination, and waste management. Featured speakers will include prominent members of the public and private sectors. The tours of WIPP, our nation's first deep-geologic repository for safe, permanent disposal of radioactive waste in a 225-million-year-old salt formation, will be conducted on July 14 and July 17. Visit http://www.radiochemistry.org/wipp_tour to take an online tour and follow the links to sign up for the actual tour in July or to register for the conference. The tour fee is \$50 and is separate from the conference fees.

Stratos' CEO gives talk on tech business growth

The Three Rivers Venture Group will sponsor the talk, "Commercializing High-Tech Products" by Allan Stephan, president and CEO of Stratos Product Development Group on Tuesday, July 15 at 7:15 a.m., at the Richland Community Center, Activity Room, 500 Amon Park Drive. The presentation is free and open to entrepreneurs and others involved with tech business growth, but pre-registration is requested. Stratos, a Seattle-based technology commercialization firm, brings tech products to market through investments, design, engineering, and business strategy. Stephan has incubated companies in markets including life science, medical devices, health care and computing, and has provided funding, facilities and engineering support and leadership in each venture. Stratos' Web site is located at <http://www.stratos.com>. Register to attend the talk by contacting Gracie Downard at 375-2803 or at gracie.downard@pnl.gov.

CH2M HILL hosts water-safety seminar

Summer is well under way, and many of us love to hit the water to cool off. As part of an ongoing safety awareness campaign, the CH2M HILL South Accident Prevention Council will sponsor a water

safety seminar on July 17 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at 2440 Stevens Center, rooms 1305 A and B. Mark Allen of Columbia Basin Dive and Rescue will give a presentation and show a video. The last half hour will be set aside for viewing equipment set up in the parking lot. All Hanford employees are invited. Remember to wear your security badges; 2440 Stevens Center is a badged facility.

CREHST offers summer camps for 5-8-graders

The Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology will hold summer camps during the week of July 28-Aug. 1 for students entering fifth and sixth grades, and during the week of Aug. 4-8 for students entering seventh and eighth grades. The theme for the summer camps will be the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery and will include scientific activities, creative crafts and artistic projects surrounding the following topics: ancestry of dogs, study of raptors, mapping and exploration skills, the nature of sound and Native American culture. The camp fee is \$40 for CREHST member families and \$55 for non-member families. For more information and to register, call CREHST at 943-9000. Participation is limited to 20 students per session. The camp will be held in Richland's Howard Amon Park near the museum.

Duratek sponsors golf tournament for United Way

The United Way scramble golf tournament sponsored by Duratek is scheduled for Sept. 11 at Canyon Lakes Golf Course in Kennewick. The shotgun start is at 1 p.m. All proceeds go to the United Way. For more information, visit www.duratekinc.com, and click on "Latest News," or contact Angie Gagnon at 376-0804. ♦

Features continued on next page.

Regular Features



Refresher course for the electrical PE exam

A refresher course for the electrical P.E. exam begins July 14 at Washington State University Tri-Cities. The course meets weekly on Mondays from 6 to 9 p.m. through Sept. 29. The refresher course will prepare engineers for the next Washington State Electrical Professional Engineers exam in October. Enrollment is limited. Books for the course will be available at The Bookie on the WSU Tri-Cities campus. For more information, contact Karen Davis at 372-7293 or at kldavis@tricity.wsu.edu.

Skills Lab offers classes in July

The Skills Lab will offer the following half-day sessions from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in room 31 of the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center Administration Building:

- **Painless Punctuation** — Tuesday, July 15.
- **Successful Business and Technical Writing** — Thursday, July 17. Suggested prerequisite: Painless Punctuation.
- **Goof-Proofing Your Grammar** — Tuesday, July 22.
- **Successful Spelling** — Thursday, July 24.

There is no charge for any of these sessions, but seats are filling rapidly, so reserve space now by calling Kathy Dechter at 376-3250.

Personal Protection Safety Measures offered

The Northwest Public Power Association is presenting “Personal Protection Safety Measures,” a two-day class at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center July 29-30. This course will cover the physiology of electrical shock and treatment; the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s mandated electrical requirements; the role and use of NFPA 70E; and over-600-volt applications. The cost is \$1,145. To register, contact Wendy Carlson at (360) 254-0109 or visit www.nwppa.org.

Instruction on revised DOE 435.1 offered

The Resource Training Institute will present “DOE 435.1 Radioactive Waste Management Training,” sponsored by CH2M HILL Hanford Group, on Aug. 11-13 at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. The course provides detailed instruction on the requirements of the revised DOE O 435.1, manual, and implementation guide; outlines key changes; introduces compliance strategies; and provides opportunities for participants to apply the key requirements through student exercises. The course includes a final comprehensive exam. The cost is \$725. Participants will receive 2.4 continuing education units for completion of this course. For more information and to register, visit the Web site at <http://www.rtii.org>. ♦

Regular Features



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.

KENNEWICK

Vanpool No.196 to 200E is looking for a driver/backup driver for an existing route that starts at South Vancouver and 36th and picks up riders along Clearwater, W Hood, Edison and Canal and Highway 240. On most days duties include starting the van and picking up passengers and the primary driver. On some days you will be driving to 200E. Backup drivers are compensated with a reduction in the fare. Ben Franklin Transit driver training and approval is required. Call **John Townley** at 372-0223 or 735-2727. 6/30

RICHLAND

Vanpool, 8x9s, 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. shift, needs riders from Kennewick or Richland to 200E and 200W. Picks up at Richland Wye Park 'n Ride and at the Richland airport. E-mail or call **Don E. Slater** at 373-4663. 7/7

A carpool from the Meadow Springs/Badger Canyon area goes to 200E, 8x9s, shared driving. For details, contact **Vic** at 373-1321. 6/30

Vanpool Express to 2750-E needs several riders, 8x9s. Monthly rate as low as \$35 per month with maximum of 14 in the van. Leaves former Hanford bus lot (across from 2440 Stevens) at 6:25 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E only. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 6/30 ♦