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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. Include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

Sincere thanks

We would like to send a huge, sincere thank-you to everyone for their support, donated hours, prayers and warm wishes with the passing of our father, Jon Yerxa. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten.

The family of Jon Yerxa

Now, that's dedication!

I am tired of hearing about the non-dedicated workforce at Hanford. If you want to experience total dedication, all you have to do is just pay attention in the mornings on the way to work.

While driving to the 200 West Area on Highway 240 this morning I was traveling behind a semi-truck going between 60 and 65 mph (posted speed 65 mph). I relaxed, left about eight car lengths between the semi and me, cranked up the radio, enjoyed the nice weather and arrived at work about 15 minutes before starting time.

What I experienced was a real eye-opener. Fellow employees were passing me and then passing the semi. Others were passing both of us at the same time. Some were passing on hills and curves, and all were exceeding the speed limit. That's right, Hanford employees were literally putting their lives on the line just to get to work a few minutes early. Now if that is not dedication to the job and to Hanford I have never seen it.

I was humbled and awed.

Steve Hathaway
Fluor Hanford



Calendar

Library tour scheduled for Aug. 7

Take a tour of the Hanford Technical Library from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, beginning at the library lobby in the

Consolidated Information Center, Washington State University Tri-Cities in Richland. Library staff members will help you find out what services, materials and specialized library collections are available to you in the library and on your desktop. For more information, contact Patti Cleavenger at 372-7435 or at patricia.cleavenger@pnl.gov.

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, under "Client News," or contact Angie Gagnon at 376-0804.

Safety and Health Conference takes place Oct. 3

"Emerging Issues in Safety and Health" is the title of the third Safety and Health Conference to be held Oct. 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. The topics will emphasize the safety challenges presented by emerging issues such as an aging workforce, regulatory shifts, funding restrictions and emergency planning in today's troubled world. The Lower Columbia Basin Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Tri-City Education Committee of the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, and the Northwest Chapter of the System Safety Society are sponsoring the conference. If paid before Sept. 1, the conference fee is \$100 (\$85 for speakers, \$35 for students). After Sept. 1, the fee is \$125 (\$100 for speakers, \$45 for students). The fee includes lunch and refreshments. Attendees will receive 0.7 continuing education credits or 1 CIH Certification Maintenance Point. Eight speakers, a nationally known keynote speaker and a HAMMER tour are planned. For more information, contact John Cavanaugh at 373-9625 or at john_e_jr_cavanaugh@rl.gov, or John Hinckley at 371-4408 or at jhinckle@bechtel.com. ♦

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Training sessions for P-Card holders

The Fluor Hanford Supply Chain Management organization is sponsoring hands-on training for P-Card holders who need to learn how to use the eStore Marketplace Web ordering method for materials. The training sessions will be held twice daily on Aug. 5, 6 and 7, 7-8:30 a.m. and 3-4:30 p.m., in room 121 at 2430 Stevens Center. Send an e-mail message to eStore Support to reserve a spot in one of the training sessions, or for more information. All P-Card holders are welcome to attend.

Instruction on revised DOE O 435.1 offered

The Resource Training Institute will present “DOE O 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, the 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>.

Project management seminar this fall at WSU

The WSU Tri-Cities Business Department will offer “Management 496,” a special seminar in project management, on Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:15-5:30 p.m. The course will use case studies to examine the principles and practices of project management and will be linked to the Project Management Institute’s Book of Knowledge. The instructor is Andy Hesser. Contact the Registrar’s office, 372-7250, for more information.

WSU offers groundwater, soil remediation course

The course, “Groundwater and Soil Remediation ES/RP 592,” will be offered at Washington State University Tri-Cities on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45-7 p.m., beginning Aug. 26. The instructors are Marve Hyman and Ed Thornton. The course includes field trips to

operating remediation sites and covers the following topics: groundwater treating, soil treating, feasibility studies and remedy selection, project design, safety and health plans and cost estimating. For more information, contact Marve Hyman at 375-0222.

Environmental regulation, waste management

Environmental Training Management Division Training, a division of Technical and Field Engineering, Inc., is offering the courses listed below in Richland. To register, or for more information, visit www.etmdtraining.com.

- **Waste Characterization** – Aug. 26-27. Cost is \$795. Topics covered include: materials characteristics, identifying hazardous waste, identifying polychlorinated biphenyls, identifying radioactive and mixed waste, meeting waste-acceptance criteria and waste packaging.
- **Environmental Laws and Regulations Course** – Sept. 9-11. Cost is \$595. Topics covered include: Atomic Energy Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.
- **DOE O 435.1 Radioactive Waste Management Training** – Sept. 15-17. Cost is \$800. The course consist of five modules: introduction, overview, and goals; low-level waste; low-level waste disposal; trans-uranic waste; and high-level waste.
- **Management of Polychlorinated Biphenyls** – Sept. 23-25. Cost is \$780. Learning modules include background of PCB information (physical, chemical, and toxicological properties) and discussion of 40 CFR 761.
- **Cleanup Site Closure: Integrating Regulatory and Administrative Activities** – Oct. 6-7. Cost is \$490. Topics covered planning, activities and documentation related to CERCLA and RCRA.

Continuing education classes for professionals

The Tri-Cities Technical Council, representing local professional societies, is sponsoring continuing education and professional development courses beginning Sept. 12 at the Royal Hotel in Richland. On Sept. 12 and 13, the American Society of Civil

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Engineers will present "Pumping Systems," and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers will present "Cross-Functional Management" and "Preventing Human Error." On Sept. 26, the American Industrial Hygiene Association will offer "Biosafety." Registration is due four weeks in advance. For more information, contact Marve Hyman at 375-0222. A complete list of courses through this year will appear in a future issue of the *Reach*. ♦



Newsbriefs

PTB transfer approved for Hutchens

James Hutchens, a Central Plateau nuclear chemical operator who works in the 300 Area Surveillance and Maintenance organization, has been approved for the transfer of personal time bank hours. Hutchens' wife is undergoing cancer surgery and he needs to care for her during her recovery and treatment phase. Fluor Project Hanford employees who would like to transfer PTB hours to Hutchens should complete the PTB/Vacation Transfer Request form (A-6002-807) and send it to Elaine Collins-Meenan, Fluor Hanford Workforce Services, L5-66. Time must be donated in one-hour increments.

PNNL offers online listing for service providers

Businesses that offer professional services to Mid-Columbia technology firms can now publicize themselves through an online listing, the Tech Job Connection. The Tech Job Connection is a free, Web-based service with three sections: résumés, job postings and service-provider listings. The new section lists firms offering services to non-Hanford, tech-based businesses in the Mid-Columbia area of Washington and Oregon. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory started Tech Job Connection last year to support economic diversification. The new service was added after service providers requested more ways to make local high-tech companies aware of their services. Businesses interested in being listed as service providers should go to www.pnl.gov/edo/jobs.stm, or contact Gracie Downard at 375-2803 or at gracie.downard@pnl.gov. ♦

Oops

Correct number for Beryllium Awareness Group

The phone number for the Beryllium Awareness Group chairman was incorrect in the article, "Beryllium-affected Hanford nurse shares her story" (*Hanford Reach*, July 21). The correct number is 376-6005.



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 while on site and be prepared to show them when passing through a barricade. Vehicle drivers are responsible for ensuring their passengers are badged prior to leaving their point of embarkation. A vehicle driver who transports an unbadged person through a barricade and the unbadged person will be issued Security Incident Notices and the unbadged person will be escorted off site. Re-entry is not allowed until a proper badge is obtained.

KENNEWICK

Vanpool express to 200E needs riders. Departs from Albertson's on Edison and Clearwater at 6 a.m. Drops off in the vicinity of 2750, MO-384, WESF and LEF. Contact **Scott** at 372-0473 or **Max** at 373-9161. 8/4

New vanpool to 200E starting in September. Looking for riders who live in or near the east Kennewick area who commute to 2704-HV or locations in that vicinity. We are considering picking up riders at their homes. Contact **Debbie** at 372-2698. 8/4

Pasco

Van 213 from Pasco needs riders. Leaves Desert Ice across from the Broadmoor Mall off Rd. 100 at 6:05 a.m. Drop-off points are 2750-E and 2704-HV (or any place along the way). Arrives back at Desert Ice about 5:15 p.m. Backup drivers appreciated. Call or e-mail **Doug Bailey** at 373-2392 or e-mail douglas_m_bailey@rl.gov, or **Steve Boothe** at 376-6812 or Stephen_G_Boothe@rl.gov. 8/4

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RICHLAND

Van starts at Chuck E. Cheese, picks up at Federal Building and drops off at 2750-E, 2719-EA, WESF, 270-4HV and CSB. Call **Beth** at 376-0971 or **Barb** at 373-2006. 8/4

Low-cost route, Vanpool No. 195, 8x9s, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. schedule, from Richland to 200E has one opening. Starting point is Mowry Square Condominiums (close to 7-Eleven at Jadwin Ave.). Picks up along Jadwin north of Van Giesen St, along George Washington Way between McMurray and Spengler, at 7-Eleven by George Washington Way and at 2420 Stevens Center (Fluor Hanford Building north parking lot). Stops at 274A-W, 2750-E, CSB, 2704-HV, and Wet Grout Facility. For more information call **Jon Renholds** at 373-4248, **Betty Zscheile** at 373-7282 or **Leona Aamot** at 372-3769. 8/4

Vanpool Express (with a new van) to 2750-E local area needs several riders, 8x9s. Monthly rate as low as \$35. Leaves former Hanford bus lot (across from 2440 Stevens) at 6:25 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E local area. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 7/28

Vanpool from Richland bus lot to 100K needs riders, 8x9s, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. shift. Call **Dan** at 373-1525 or **Nancy** at 373-4081. 7/28 ♦