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PTB transfer approved for Howell

Diane Howell, a secretary in the Project Maintenance Center, was approved to receive personal time bank transferred hours. Howell's mother was recently hospitalized and will require assistance during her recovery. Fluor Project Hanford employees who would like to transfer PTB hours to Howell should complete a PTB/Vacation Transfer Request form (Site Form A-6002-807) and send it to Cherie H. Smith, Fluor Hanford Workforce Services, H8-69. Time must be transferred in one-hour increments.

Recycle your athletic shoes and help WSU qualify for a new sports court

Got a worn-out pair of athletic shoes that you haven't been able to part with yet? Recycle those shoes before Aug. 27 and help Washington State University at Pullman qualify for a grant for a new sports court made of recycled athletic shoes. Recycle any brand of athletic shoes by dropping them off at any of the collection centers listed below.

- Washington State University Tri-Cities, 2710 University Drive in Richland, near the bookstore in the east wing and in the student lounge
- Columbia Center Mall, near the information desk
- Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 640 N. Columbia Center Blvd., Kennewick
- St. Vincent DePauls Store, 1401 W. Kennewick Avenue, Kennewick
- The drop box placed at the recycling location behind the fire station in South Richland, corner of Keene Road and Gage Boulevard.

Collection drives are also occurring at Energy Northwest, whose point-of-contact is Sharon Bond, 377-4339, and at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, whose point-of-contact is Judith Johannesen at 375-4489.

Your recycled shoes will help WSU reach the goal of 5,500 pairs needed to qualify for the grant. WSU Re-use-a-Shoe Program has collected 4,200 pairs so far. ♦



Kudos, cont.

Four ERC teams receive pollution prevention honors

Representatives of the U.S. Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology were on hand recently to recognize four teams for winning DOE National Pollution Prevention Awards.

More than 80 Environmental Restoration Contractor employees made up the four teams that won three awards for work at Hanford and one award for work with the DOE Oak Ridge Office of Assets Utilization.

"It is obvious by the wide variety of groups represented here today that the outstanding success earned through the ERC Pollution Prevention Program is indeed a team effort," said Beth Bilson at the recognition event. Bilson is the DOE assistant manager for River Corridor. "The success you've demonstrated at Hanford is recognized and serves to raise the bar for the rest of the DOE complex."

The ERC teams received Pollution Prevention Awards for the ERC Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Program; for new software to procure goods with recycled and recovered materials; for the Advanced Characterization System; and for efforts to support DOE's Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse Program.

DOE and Hanford contractors submitted 10 entries for the 2003 Pollution Prevention Awards, including the four winning entries from Bechtel Hanford and four from Fluor Hanford, one from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and one from the Hanford Site Pollution Prevention Team. ♦

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Certified Hazardous Materials Managers meet at winery Aug. 14

The Eastern Washington Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Manager will meet 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 14 at the Terra Blanca Winery. Keith Pilgrim, winemaker and geologist, is the host. Pilgrim will lead a tour of the winery's caves, which are used for energy-efficient wine storage. Wine tasting will follow the tour. For more information, contact Andrea Prignano by e-mail, or visit the Terra Blanca Web site at <http://www.terrablanca.com/> or the chapter's Web site at <http://users.owt.com/ewcachmm/>.

Learn to search the Internet

Hanford Technical Library staff will teach you how to search the Internet on Thursday, Aug. 14, from noon to 1 p.m. in room 101R of the Consolidated Information Center on the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus. Attendees will learn how to 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. For more information, contact Mary Frances Lembo at 372-7441 or mf.lembo@pnl.gov.

The Tri-City Young Marines seeks recruits

The Tri-City Young Marines is looking for a few good young men and women, ages 8 to 18, to join their ranks. The group will hold a parent information night at 7 p.m. on Aug. 21 at the Wagenaar U.S. Army Reserve Center, 1011 E. Ainsworth in Pasco. Parents, relatives and guardians are invited to come along with potential recruits to learn more about the Tri-City Young Marines program. The Young Marines is a national, not-for-profit, youth-education organization that focuses on character building through a combination of self-discipline, teamwork and leadership, and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Although the Young Marines is the U.S. Marine Corps' official youth program for the Department of Defense Drug Demand Reduction effort, the Young Marines is not a recruiting force for the U.S. Marine Corps. The program strives to instill the core values of honor,

courage and commitment adopted by the Marine Corps in each of its members. For more information, call 735-7437 in the evenings.

Donate blood at HAMMER on Sept. 9

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Al Alm Building, Vehicle Bay at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. To schedule an appointment, contact Libby Sickler at 376-7117.

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 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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Northwest Purchasing Conference

The National Association of Purchasing Management-Columbia Basin will host the Pacific Northwest Purchasing Conference Oct. 10-11 at the Kennewick Red Lion Hotel. The conference will feature speakers, workshops, programs and a trade show related to purchasing, materials management and supply-chain management. For more information, consult the conference program Web page at <http://www.mltweb.com/orgs/conf/schedule.htm>. ♦



Classes

PROTRAIN offers software training

Primavera Enterprise version 3.5 – Aug. 5-7

Primavera Project Planning

- P-3 601, Aug. 18-20
- P-3 602, Aug. 21
- P-3 603, Aug. 22

Crystal Reports 8

- Introduction, Aug. 18
- Advanced, Aug. 19

Word 2002 XP — Starts the week of Aug. 20

Access 2002 XP — Starts the week of Aug. 25

MS Project 2000

- Beginning Aug. 11
- Intermediate Aug. 12

For more information, contact Sarah at 375-0414 or at sarah@protrainsys.com. Group discounts are available.

D2000 Safety Systems training offered at HAMMER

D2000 Safety Systems will be offering two sessions of OSHA-approved training for fall protection and scaffolding at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. The cost for each class is \$595. Register by calling D2000 Safety Systems at (800) 551-87630.

- **Fall Arrest Systems** – Aug. 19-21. This course is designed to train the student to perform the obligations and responsibilities of an OSHA competent

person and qualified person for fall arrest systems. Students successfully completing the program receive a certificate of completion and are qualified for continuing education units.

- **Scaffolds - Competent Person** – Sept. 9-11. This class trains the employee to identify the proper ways to erect scaffolding, explains the hazards associated with scaffolding, and trains employees to recognize the responsibilities of a competent person. This training meets the OSHA criteria required for the classification of a competent person.

Organization Development seminar offered at WSU

The Washington State University Tri-Cities Business Department will offer a special seminar on “Organization Development,” Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:45-7 p.m. beginning Aug. 25. The seminar will cover the essentials of organization development, a process that applies behavioral science knowledge and practices to help organizations achieve greater effectiveness. Examples of organizational development activities include team building with top corporate management, structural change in a municipality and job enrichment in a manufacturing firm. A major element in the study is the topic of change — the nature of planned change, as well as leading and managing change. The instructor is Chris Wiprud. To register, contact the Registrar’s office at 372-7250 for more information.

Project management seminar offered at WSU

The WSU Tri-Cities Business Department will offer “Management 496,” a special seminar in project management, on Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning Aug. 25, 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.

Groundwater and 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

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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; transuranic 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.

Professional development classes offered

The Tri-Cities Technical Council, an organization that

represents local professional societies, will sponsor continuing education and professional development courses to be held 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Royal Hotel and Conference Center in Richland. The following courses are scheduled for September:

- **Pumping Systems** – Sept. 12-13. The cost is \$895 for American Society of Civil Engineers members and \$1,095 for non-members.
- **Cross-Functional Management** – Sept. 12-13. The cost is \$795 for American Institute of Chemical Engineers members and \$955 for non-members.
- **Preventing Human Error** – Sept. 12-13. The cost is \$795 for AIChE members and \$955 for non-members.
- **Biosafety** – Sept. 26. The cost is \$295 for American Industrial Hygiene Association members and \$375 for non-members.
- **Unsteady Flow in Pipeline Systems** – Sept. 26-27. The cost is \$895 for ASCE members and \$1,095 for non-members.

Registration is due four weeks ahead of the course date. Students will earn Continuing Education Units or Certification Maintenance points. To register for the AIChE courses, send checks to the Columbia Valley Section of AIChE, P.O. Box 305, Richland, WA 99352. To register for the ASCE courses, send checks to Tri-Cities Technical Council, P.O. Box 1483, Richland, WA 99352. For more information or to register for the AIHA course, contact Marve Hyman at 375-0222.

Resource Training Institute, LLC, offers courses

The Resource Training Institute, LLC, will offer the following classes in Richland:

- **DOE O 435.1 Radioactive Waste Management Training** – Sept. 16-18, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Cleanup Site Closure: Integrating Regulatory and Administrative Activities** — Oct. 14-15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

To register, contact the RTI registrar at (803) 652-8830 or at registrar@rtii.org. For the full course schedule visit <http://www.rtii.org>. ♦

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