

CH2M HILL to cut 140 Hanford positions

The Department of Energy has authorized CH2M HILL Hanford Group to continue the Involuntary Reduction of Force that began in June with a self-select process. In the self-select IROF, 48 CH2M HILL employees volunteered to be terminated.

The nature of the tank-farm contractor's mission continues to change as work is completed, and the company announced that it expects to reduce its workforce by another 140 positions. The IROF notices will be issued in mid-September, according to an all-employee message from company President and General Manager Ed Aromi.

"Each organization within CH2M HILL will determine its impacted positions based on the continuing need to align the organization and its resources with our contractual scope of work," Aromi wrote in an e-mail message to employees on Aug. 8. "The President's Office will review and approve each organization's recommendations with an eye toward consistency and fairness."

Aromi said the workforce reduction mirrors the changing employment climate at Hanford and other DOE sites across the nation. "While workforce reductions have come to Hanford before," he said, "I am very mindful of the tremendous emotional toll this takes on those who go and those who stay."

Departing employees will be eligible for outplacement services through the company's own Transition Center and its association with WorkSource Columbia Basin.

Information on IROF benefits is available through Human Resources representatives and on the Hanford Intranet at <http://apweb200.rl.gov/rapidweb/chg/rpp/>.

"During this time of change, it is essential that together we stay focused on safe, quality performance," Aromi said, "and that living the values we share will guarantee that all of our co-workers are treated with the respect and dignity that is their right." ■