

Farewell words to the *Reach*

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For many of us, the *Hanford Reach* has been a part of our working lives for the past 13 years. It has reported on our successes and failures in cleanup and safety, highlighted the human aspects of our mission, and provided important information about recreational activities, vanpools, meetings, classes and shoemobile visits. We have come to depend on this friendly, useful communications vehicle to help us work efficiently and safely.

The first Monday without the *Reach* will be a disappointment. I know that I will miss it. Along with you, I have looked forward over the years to the pictures and stories that detailed the operations of the entire site, not just of one Department of Energy office or a single contractor. Without the *Reach*, it will be more challenging to keep up with what our fellow Hanford workers are accomplishing on other projects.

I would like to give everyone an opportunity to say farewell to the *Reach* in print, so I have asked the editors to devote an entire page (or whatever it takes) in next week's final edition to farewell messages from employees. You may share your thoughts, your thanks or your memories of the *Reach* by sending them by e-mail to *Hanford Reach (on site) or hanford_reach@rl.gov (from off site) by noon Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Your comments will become a part of the *Reach* archives and of Hanford's history. ■