

Former Hanford engineer dies

Former Hanford employee Michael Gillen of Newark, Del., died May 24 at age 53. Gillen held degrees in theoretical and applied mechanics and civil engineering from the University of Illinois. He came to Hanford in the 1980s to work on the Basalt Waste Isolation Project and became manager of the BWIP Laboratory group responsible for the physical and thermal testing of repository samples.

After Congress ended the BWIP Project, Gillen left Hanford to join Conoco's Production Research and Development department in Ponca City, Okla. Since 1995 he has been a senior consultant to DuPont's Beech Street Engineering Center.

Gillen is survived by his wife of 29 years, Gloria, his son Colin and daughter Margaret. He had dreamed of retiring in Washington state, and his ashes are to be scattered in a favorite part of the state. His family asks that trees be planted in Gillen's memory through donations to the Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410. ♦