

# Regular Features



## 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. Letters are limited to 300 words, and must include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

### Fix the sign

I have been here at Hanford for 17 years, and during that time I have taken pride in my work and in the Hanford Site, but it is getting more and more difficult to arrive at work with my good attitude intact. I drive to work on Highway 240 and enter the site on Route 10. Every morning I am greeted by the sorriest excuse for a sign that I have ever seen.

You can't read half of the lettering on it and the Department of Energy seal in the corner has rusted away with stains running down the face. It looks like I have taken a wrong turn onto some abandoned 1950s missile test range. I am guessing that DOE does not bring any dignitaries in by way of this route or they would have put up a new sign years ago.

This should not be anyone's first impression of the Hanford Site. Let's take some pride in our site and get a new sign put up.

*David Bullock*  
*Fluor Hanford*



*Hanford Reach* reader David Bullock photographed this sign that he thinks is in deplorable condition.

### Good samaritans

Thank you to Van No. 104 for stopping on Friday morning, June 29, at the Rattlesnake Gate and giving us a ride to our workplace when our fanbelt went out. Your helpfulness and courtesy are much appreciated.

**Orval Bradt**  
*and the other riders of Van No. 118*

### B realistic

The inflammatory remarks made in the "Not to B" letter (*Hanford Reach*, July 9) upset me greatly. Remember, "Those who ignore the past are doomed to repeat it."

Apparently the ending of World War II is not a significant historical event. Martial history and social scientists indicate that the Japanese may never have surrendered had it not been for the Fat Man bomb. Hundreds of thousands of American soldiers would have died for no reason.

Has society forgotten the repeated political failures that resulted in needless deaths in Korea and Vietnam?

I recently visited the EBR-1 reactor in Idaho. The self-guided tour was very informative.

But, what really interested me was the two nuclear jet engine prototypes that sat out adjacent to the parking lot. Two decades ago these were classified experiments. No one knew how far these programs had gone. This display restored my hope that space travel is a real possibility for future generations. Hope and exploration are important for human survival.

Hanford workers have had great success with other community projects. I wouldn't mind giving my time to such a worthy cause [as a B Reactor museum]. Old black-and-white pictures just don't do this engineering marvel justice. In the long run, restoration may even cost less than cocooning.

Taking the shroud of secrecy off nuclear energy and providing positive nuclear success stories is paramount to keeping America from turning into an economically disadvantaged third world nation. Nuclear history has everything to do with the future of mankind.

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Do you realize that nuclear medicine provides some of the only viable alternatives to the addictive painkillers, chemotherapy and radical surgeries that cause pain, suffering and disfigurement for cancer victims today?

But then again, who cares? Eat, drink and be merry....

*Derek Jones  
Fluor Hanford*



## History, opportunities for learning to be discussed

The Computational Science & Engineering Technical Network will present a general seminar, "Hanford Site, our neighbors are within Reach," on Tuesday, July 17, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory auditorium on the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory campus. Speakers Roy Gephart and Tom Page, both of PNNL, will touch on the history of the Hanford Site and opportunities to learn about science, mathematics, engineering and technology at the site.

## NMA kicks off 25th anniversary year with potluck

The Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association will begin the observation of its 25th anniversary with a potluck Thursday, July 19, at Leslie Groves Park at 5 p.m. A short business meeting will begin at 6:30 with Curt Colvin sharing some highlights of NMA history. Anyone who has been a member of the Hanford chapters of the NMA is invited to attend and bring a guest. Bring a dish to share. The cost is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. NMA will provide utensils, soft drinks, ice and a meat dish. There is a liquor license for the event, so guests may bring their own beer or wine. Note that this is an adults-only party. Call Terry Winward at 373-4002 or 735-6773 to make your reservation by July 13.

## SARC volunteer advocate training begins July 31

The Sexual Assault Response Center will hold its summer volunteer advocate training beginning on

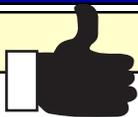
July 31. The training consists of 35 hours of instruction divided into six sessions (four evenings and one full weekend). If you have been looking for the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life or give something back to the community, here is your chance. This 35-hour training course is designed to give volunteers the tools they need to work with sexual assault victims and their families. You can volunteer from home if you have access to a phone in the evening for two 12-hour shifts a month. For more information, send an e-mail message to Michele Hiner at [crispro@cbvcp.com](mailto:crispro@cbvcp.com) or Lisa Moore at [educ@cbvcp.com](mailto:educ@cbvcp.com), or call the Sexual Assault Response Center at 374-5391

## Safety and health conference scheduled for Nov. 2

The "Initiatives in Safety and Health for the 21st Century" conference will be held Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center in Richland. This second annual regional safety and health conference is sponsored by 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 Northwest Chapter of the System Safety Society. Attendees will receive 0.7 continuing education credits. Eight speakers from this region plus a nationally known keynote speaker and a HAMMER tour are scheduled.

The fee for the conference is \$75 (\$35 for students) before Oct. 1, and \$85 (\$45 for students) thereafter. The fee includes lunch and mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments. For more information on attending the conference, contact: John Hinckley at 371-3078 or [jhinckley@bechtel.com](mailto:jhinckley@bechtel.com); Chad Ungerecht at 373-3042 or [chad\\_r\\_ungerecht@rl.gov](mailto:chad_r_ungerecht@rl.gov); or James Morse at 371-4886 or [morse.james@worldnet.att.net](mailto:morse.james@worldnet.att.net). For exhibitor information, contact Joseph Samuels at 373-3144 or [Joseph\\_K\\_PhD\\_Samuels@rl.gov](mailto:Joseph_K_PhD_Samuels@rl.gov). ♦

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**B R A V O**

## ERC awards employees' performance

The Environmental Restoration Contractor team recognizes employee contributions and successes that are linked to job performance excellence and the continuous improvement objectives of the ERC. Awards associated with the various recognition levels include certificates, cash or cash-value awards, and mementos.

The levels of awards are:

- **The Gold Award**, presented to individuals or teams whose accomplishments have an impact on ERC, or are applicable to other Department of Energy sites
- **The Silver Award**, presented to individuals or teams whose efforts have an impact at the project or function level
- **The Bronze Award**, presented to individuals or teams whose efforts improve work group activities or processes
- **The On The Spot Award**, recognizing performance within the immediate workscope.

*Winners listed are for April and May.*

### Gold Individual Award

- Mike Yencopal

### Silver Individual Awards

- Dorman Blankenship
- David Brehm
- Randy Heller
- Donald Slate

### Bronze Individual Awards

*No bronze individual awards were presented in this period.*

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### Gold Team Awards

*Awards were presented to three teams.  
The following employees were on one of those teams.*

- Janet Badden
- Leslie Brown
- Grant Carrick
- Kathy Carter
- Lorene Chappell
- Steven Clark
- Ella Coenenberg
- Douglas Duvon
- James Dyck
- Donald Eckert
- Todd Grabner
- Michael Hame

- Ronald Hanson
- Larry Hulstrom
- Patricia Krueger
- Sharon Lee
- Jeffrey Lerch
- Robert Lewis
- Michael Miller
- Scott Parnell
- Jennifer Rangitsch
- Teresa Reseck
- Kenny Robinson

- Steven Ruisi
- Bradley Schilperoort
- Dona Shiflet
- Ronald Shuck
- Robert Sitsler
- Paul Tunnell
- Barry Vedder
- Raymond Wilson
- Jerry Wolski
- Rick Woods
- Robert Zimmerman

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### Silver Team Awards

*These employees were members of the winning team.*

- Judith Aman
- Shannon McPeek

- Matthew Sakach
- Jennifer Schilling

- Laurence Sheron

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### Bronze Team Awards

*These employees were members of the winning team.*

- Jerry Duffey
- Claude Landes

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### On-the-Spot Awards

Seventy-one employees were recognized. ♦

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## PNNL employees recognized for service

Battelle awarded three of its Pacific Northwest National Laboratory employees with the 2001 Community Spirit Award for volunteerism. Nancy Foster-Mills, Kristi Branch and Larry Runyon received the award for their community service to education and law enforcement.

Foster-Mills, a scientist, has served in a leadership role for the regional Destination Imagination student competition. She also is an active member of the Tri-City Rose Society, serving as the organization's treasurer and webmaster.

Branch works in environmental policy at the Battelle Seattle office. She is president of "Friends of Science Education," a group that promotes excellence in science education for the Shoreline School District in Seattle. Branch also tutors students for whom English is a second language.

A counterintelligence officer, Runyon played a key role in making Richland's new police station a reality. He devoted nearly four years to the project, forming a grassroots citizens group to study the issues. Runyon participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new station last March.



Foster-Mills, Branch, Runyon

## Getting Older? Getting Better!

Are you making the most of getting older? Well, you should be! You cannot run away from the aging process, so why not take advantage of the numerous opportunities for getting "better" as you get older?

Discover how you can improve with age by requesting Working Solutions' free packet of articles including these topics:

- **Slowing the Effects of Aging**
- **The Second Coming of Age: Being a Healthy Mid-Lifer**
- **Ageing Ain't What it Used to Be**
- **In the Middle Years: Facing Adulthood.**

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**YES!**

Please send me the FREE "Getting Older? Getting Better!" packet.

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Take the online Web quiz, Are You Growing Better with Age? on the Working Solutions Web site at [www.todayslife.com](http://www.todayslife.com), and discover how well you are dealing with aging issues. Your PIN is 5161.

To access the packet of articles, click on "Check out our Monthly Theme" or click on the Newsletter button in the menu bar at the top of the page.

**You can also get your free "Getting Older? Getting Better!" articles by:**

- Calling the automated Materials Request Line at (877) 318-9400
- E-mailing the form at right to [articles@wsi-or.com](mailto:articles@wsi-or.com)
- Faxing the form to (206) 362-8081.

Working Solutions provides free and confidential counseling, resources, referrals and educational materials through Hanford Family Care Services to help employees and family members meet the demands of life and work.

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## **D2000 offers trenching and excavation classes**

D2000 Safety Solutions offers Trenching and Excavation for Competent Persons courses at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center two times this year. Classes begin at 7:30 a.m. and will be held Monday, July 23, through Wednesday, July 25, TSB Annex Room 1; or Monday, Oct. 22, through Wednesday, Oct. 24, TSB Annex Room 1.

The hands-on course is designed to meet the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.650. Students successfully completing the program receive a certificate of completion. The class has been reviewed and approved for 2.4 Continuing Education Units by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training. The course cost is \$595 per person. Class size is limited to 25. Students may register by phoning Vicky DeMoss at (800) 551-8763.

## **USQ class offered in July**

The Department of Energy Richland Operations Office will sponsor the Epsilon Solutions Systems' Unreviewed Safety Questions class to be held July 17 to 19 at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center in room 15. The price is \$813 per person.

The class is intended for DOE and DOE contractor personnel who are involved with the preparation, review and approval processes for Unreviewed Safety Questions. This course is endorsed by the DOE Office of Nuclear Safety Policy and Standards. Students will be taught the requirements and intent of 10 CFR Part 830, "Nuclear Safety Management," Regulation subpart B 830.203, DOE G 424.X-X, "Implementation Guide for Use in Addressing Unreviewed Safety Question Requirements," DOE Order 5480.21, "Unreviewed Safety Questions," and the December 1992 DOE "Interpretation of DOE 5480.21."

Visit the Parallax Web site at <http://www.parallax-engr.com> for a detailed course description and to obtain the registration form. To register, submit the completed form and payment to Parallax, A2-32, FED/239. For more information, call the DOE Training Administration Office at 376-8284.

## **CERCLA workshops offered**

The Department of Energy will sponsor the National Environmental Training Office "CERCLA Orientation and Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study" workshop on July 24-25. The class will be held at the Consolidated Information Center at the Washington State University Tri-Cities Campus. The cost is \$590 per person.

This class is intended for DOE and contractor personnel who have little or no familiarity with or experience in the background and implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. Participants are provided with a basic understanding of CERCLA, and an in-depth review of the remedial investigation/feasibility study process as it applies to DOE's environmental restoration program. The course includes a final comprehensive exam.

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## VANPOOLS

Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Day & Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring riders are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her badge, Patrol must be informed at the barricades. For more information, look on the Hanford Web in the Projects and Activities section, Safeguards and Security at <http://www.ri.gov:1050/sas/pg1v3htm>.

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### KENNEWICK

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Excellent opportunity to ride in comfort and peace. Opening in vanpool from Richland Wye Park 'n Ride to 200W. Call **Fred Sargent** at 373-2106. Discount for drivers. 7/9

We have an opening for one rider. Leaves from Kennewick Park, with a stop at the Federal Building. Delivers to 222-S, MO-278, MO-279 and MO-280. If you are interested, call **Barb Robinson** at 373-7434. We keep ridership low to ensure a comfortable ride. 7/16

Riders needed in 8x9 vanpool. Leaves Albertson's at Edison and Clearwater with a stop at Columbia Basin Racquet Club. Stops at PFP and West Tank Farms. Contact **Abe Garza** at 373-2898. 7/16

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### PASCO

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Vanpool No. 139 to 200E and 200W needs riders, 8x9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Picks up at Road 100 Sleep Inn with stop at Federal Building. Contact **Robert Spears** at 372-0984 or **Sarah Larinaga** at 372-2826. 7/9

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### RICHLAND

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Vanpool No. 116, 8x9, to 200E has an opening. Picks up at Joe's Chevron at Jadwin and McMurray. Drops off at 2750, MO-286, 2701-HV and 2704-HV. Call **Nester Wise** at 376-6373 or 376-7266. 7/16

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### WEST RICHLAND

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Vanpool No. 120 to 200E needs two 8x9 riders. Leaves Flat Top Park at 6:10 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E, WESF and 2727. Contact **Marion** at 372-0383. 7/9

Vanpool to 200E and 2704-HV, 8x9s, has an opening. Contact **Duane Shults** at 373-4244 or **John Wells** at 373-3733 for more information. 7/16 ♦