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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.

Thank you!

On behalf of the Nez Perce Tribal Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Program, and the Preparing for Academic Excellence students and staff, we would like to thank the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office personnel and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory staff for allowing us to schedule this year's PACE camp trip to their facilities.

In the past, PNNL scientists and staff traveled to Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, to share their information with our students, and we appreciate the commitment they have made to us. This year, it was nice for us to make the trip to Richland, to visit the Federal Building, the Hanford Site (PNNL) and Gable Mountain. The students really enjoyed the presentations and the time they spent in Richland.

We want to thank all presenters and speakers (Mike Talbot, Ernest Antonio, Dan Tano, Scott Abernethy, Corey Duberstein, Kevin Simmons and Nat Saenz) for the time and information they shared with us.

We would like to send a special thank-you to Andrea Powell for the time, energy and effort she dedicated to make this trip possible.

Patrick Sobotta

ERWM Director, Nez Perce Tribe

Remember sacrifice

I agree with Ms. Donahoe ("Different memorial," *Hanford Reach*, Aug. 20) that monuments to peace and not disrespectful warheads should be lining the roads to Hanford. Instead, we should be using images such as "Fat Man" or "Little Boy" that brought peace to the world and saved millions of lives by ending World War II.

We could have them guarded by Kamiakin Braves bearing peaceful tomahawks or ranks of Eisenhower Cadets with rifles in hand. I'm sure you wouldn't be offended by their gaudy school colors.

However, if these conjure up fearful images for you perhaps you should return to your Happy Valley where you can enjoy the freedoms paid for with our forefathers' blood without being disrespectful to the victims of war. Unfortunately history isn't always viewed through rose-colored glasses. When it is, the facts have been rewritten.

I applaud the local schools for keeping mascots linked to Hanford's historical significance and hope we always remember how our freedom was earned.

Fen Simmons

Fluor Hanford

Not disrespectful

I do not feel that the bomb is disrespectful.

My grandfathers and parents all worked at Hanford in the 1940s. They were very proud of the fact that the "bomb" is part of Hanford's history. They were very honored to be part of this history. The bomb was the cessation of World War II.

I am very proud of Richland's history, and I am not ashamed of the "bomb" as a symbol of peace.

Jeanette Yarger

Fluor Hanford

Proud of bomb

I, for one, am very proud of Hanford's role in the production of the atomic bomb.

I see the atomic bomb as a weapon of peace because it stopped the slaughter of people throughout the world, not just Americans.

I know that some people see the bomb as an object of destruction but others see it as a symbol of peace.

I was happy to see the bomb on Stevens Drive in Richland. It is a beautiful object and not at all gaudy to me. I guess that beauty really is in the eye of the beholder.

Steve Browning

Fluor Hanford

Seeking witnesses

I am looking for witnesses and information relating to a road rage incident involving a car and a motorcycle. The event occurred at approximately 6:30 a.m. on Friday, June 22, at the intersection near Talgo LRC (the lo-

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comotive and rail car repair facility) and Western Sintering on Stevens Drive.

I am especially interested in getting in touch with the driver of the vehicle following the blue Geo Metro.

Please call me as soon as possible at 786-1272.

Miguel Pineda

Pacific Northwest

National Laboratory

Safety attire?

Why are the three electricians in the front-page photo of the Aug. 20 *Hanford Reach* ("Tug O' Wire") without hard hats and hard-toed footgear?

Why is one of the three electricians not wearing safety glasses? Isn't the Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility an industrial site?

I don't understand. Even the local contractor's employees who did similar work at my home last year appeared to be more aware of the importance of proper safety attire.

Steve Clark

CH2M HILL Hanford, Inc

📌 **Editors' note:** According to Ron Wight, WESF safety professional, the job being performed in the front-page photograph of the Aug. 20 *Hanford Reach* was a job that falls under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration construction standards (29 CFR 1926), not the industrial regulations.

The construction standards that require "Protective equipment shall be provided wherever it is necessary by reason of hazards of processes or environment, chemical hazards, radiological hazards or mechanical irritants encountered in a manner capable of causing injury or impairment in the function of any part of the body through absorption, inhalation or physical contact." (29 CFR 1926.95).

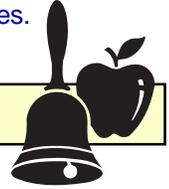
OSHA requires appropriate foot protection to be worn when there are foot hazards present. Since there were no risks of heavy items being dropped or any other foot hazard such as nails in boards or chemical hazards present, and the footing was level and dry, the footwear being worn was adequate. As there was no possibility of objects falling from overhead, hard hats were not required.

The two individuals with glasses are wearing their own personal corrective lens glasses. As there was no potential hazard from flying objects or debris during the job,

safety glasses were not required.

Each aspect of the job was reviewed during the automated job hazard analysis process, with workers, supervisors and safety professionals, and appropriate controls were specified. Personnel followed the AJHA (2C-591) controls and the job was completed safely with no injuries.

CLASSES



Hazards analysis to be taught Sept.17-21

The Process Safety Institute, sponsored by the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, will be teaching the course Hazard Analysis: Consequence Analysis Methods on Sept.17-21. Several spots are available for contractor employees. The cost for this course is \$1,198.

This course will teach the methods used throughout the industry for quantitatively assessing the consequences of hazardous material releases (toxic and flammable). In addition, students will study practical consequence models and the assumptions behind the models (as well as their limitations). The role of the consequence assessment in performing quantitative risk assessments and in estimating risk will be discussed. The course provides the theory and practical applications of consequence assessment methods. Students will participate in several workshops to gain experience in practical hands-on application of consequence analysis methods.

For more information, visit PSI's Web page located at <http://www.abs-jbfa.com/psi.html>. Visit the Parallax Web page at <http://www.parallax-engr.com> and then visit the DOE-RL Office of Training Services where you will find instructions for registration for this course. For additional information, call Marcy George at 376-8284.

Study CAD at CBC

Columbia Basin College will offer Computer Aided Drafting courses at this fall. Courses begin September 17 and end December 5.

- **AutoCAD I**, Tuesdays, 6-10 p.m.
- **AutoCAD I**, Fridays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

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- **AutoCAD II**, Thursdays, 6-10 p.m.
- **3-D**, Mondays, 6-10 p.m.
- **Drawing Production**, Wednesdays, 6-10 p.m.

Tuition is approximately \$200 per 3-credit course. AutoCAD I and AutoCAD II are prerequisites for the other courses. It is possible to test out of AutoCAD I. CAD certificate is available for students who fulfill all course requirements. For more information or assistance in enrolling, contact Steve Jette at sjette@cbc2.org or at 547-0511, ext. 2274.

Continuing Training Offered at HAMMER

The Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center offers Continuing Training Offering Plan sessions regularly. There is no charge for participation in the sessions, but students must register in advance. Register online at <http://www.rl.gov/trs/ctop/ctop.htm>. Click on the selected session and complete the registration form, or send an e-mail message to Vikki Ballew with student name, Hanford identification number, organization name (not code), company name, session date and session title. Upcoming sessions include:

- **Integrated Training Electronic Matrix (ITEM)** – Aug. 21 and Dec. 5, 7:30 a.m. in room 16. ITEM is the site-wide program for tracking training requirements. This session includes a general overview of ITEM, discusses how to access various reports and provides an explanation of the role instructional staff members may play in providing input that feeds into the system.
- **Dealing with Training Disrupters** – Sept. 5, 7:30 a.m. in room 12. This session covers types of classroom distractions, student motives, what actions are allowed, prevention methods and class-solicited recommendations.
- **S/RIDs: What They Are and How They Apply to Training Activities** – Sept. 12, 7:30 a.m. in rooms 18 and 19. This session will provide a history and overview of standards/requirements identification documents as they apply to the Project Hanford Management Contract.

- **A Hands-on Approach to Procedure Process Training** – Oct. 17, 7:30 a.m. in room 11. This interactive session provides an example of how one organization used a novel approach to provide procedure compliance expectations training.

Safety classes offered at HAMMER

D2000 Safety Solutions will offer the classes listed below at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. All classes qualify for Continuing Education Units.

- **Trench Rescue** – Sept. 5-7. Cost is \$695. The course is designed for individuals or organizations that provide trench rescue services. Subjects include scene assessment and safety; team organization; emergency shoring using speed shores, screw jacks and lumber; patient packaging, ropes and related equipment; and mechanical advantage systems. Scenario-based exercises will measure student competency.
- **Confined Space Train the Trainer** – Oct. 2-5. Cost is \$695. The course covers the OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910.146. The course focuses on tunnels, sewers, boilers and other spaces adequate in size and configuration for employee entry, with limited means of egress and not designed for continuous employee occupancy. Hands-on scenarios are also included. Students will conduct actual confined-space entries.

To register for any of these courses, contact D2000 Safety Solutions at (800) 551-8763 or visit the Web site, www.d2000ss.com. ♦

Get timecards ready early

Employees of Fluor Hanford, Duratek, Numatec, Day & Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford, DynCorp Tri-Cities Services and CH2M HILL Hanford Group are requested to have all timecards for the week ending Sept. 2 submitted and approved no later than 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30. The upcoming Labor Day holiday on Sept. 3 necessitates the early processing of payroll. Please estimate your time for the remainder of the work-week including anticipated overtime Aug. 31 through Sept. 2. Your cooperation with this schedule will enable Payroll to process and distribute paychecks as scheduled. For more information, contact Todd Beyers at 376-2815.



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CALENDAR

Hanford bowling league meeting set for tonight

Join the Hanford employees and friends bowling league in its sixth year. The league will meet tonight at 6:30 at Celebrity Bowl in Kennewick to adopt league rules and set up a prize fund.

Last year the league had 10 teams, and would like to expand to 12 teams of four members each this year. The league is open to non-Hanford employees. This mixed league bowls on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 10 for 33 weeks at the Celebrity Bowl.

Potential new members should contact Alan Hill via e-mail or at 586-9271 after 6 p.m. for more information or to reserve a spot. Captains of returning teams should also call Hill to confirm their team spot in the league.

NAPM holds meeting on Sept. 6

The Sept. 6 meeting of the National Association of Purchasing Management will feature Bill Craven, the Northwest regional manager for Audit, Compliance and Business Ethics for Bechtel National, Inc. The meeting will be held at the WestCoast Hotel in Kennewick. The educational workshop begins at 5 p.m., the social at 6, and the dinner and program at 6:30. The cost is \$14.50. Call 372-7201 for reservations.

AQP meets Sept. 11

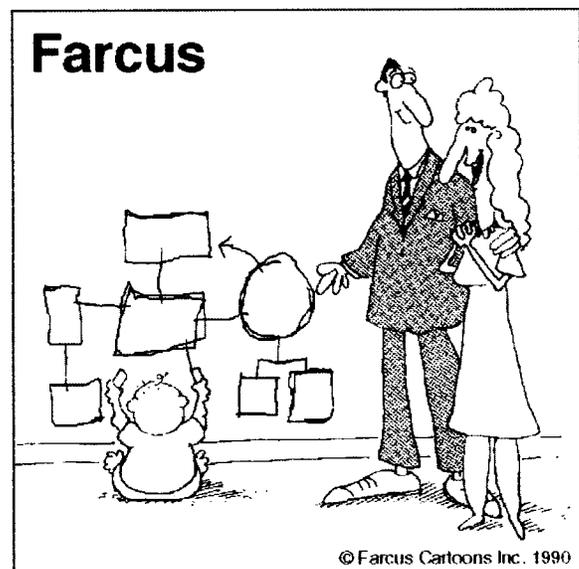
Jamie Cox, director of The Empowerment Group, will share strategies for coaching team members and creating "can do" attitudes at the Sept. 11 meeting of the local chapter of the Association for Quality and Participation at the Richland Shilo Inn. The networking and social hour begins at 5 p.m., the buffet dinner is at 6 and the presentation starts at 7. The cost is \$16 for AQP and the American Society for Quality members, \$19 for non-members, or \$5 for the presentation only. Call 547-6548 to make reservations or register through the chapter's Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>.

NMA Golf Tournament set for Sept. 15

Get your four-person team ready and join the Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association at Horn Rapids Golf Course on Sept. 15 for a day of fun, food and prizes. This event is open to all Hanford employees and family members. All levels of ability are welcome. The method of play will be an 18-hole scrambler, with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The cost is \$45 per person, which includes greens fees; cart; a coffee-and-donut breakfast; burgers, salad, chips and a beverage for lunch; and lots of prizes. Register by Sept. 11. Forms are available on the NMA Web page at www.nma1.org/chapters/395/. For more information, contact Don Layfield at 376-5584 or at donald_r_layfield@rl.gov.

Learning Landscape Child Care Center openings

The Department of Energy-sponsored Learning Landscape Child Care Center has openings for infants and pre-school children 3-5 years old. Contact Sharon or Suzanne at 946-4609 to enroll or obtain more information about the center. The center offers an educational curriculum for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. ♦



Oh look, Honey! She drew an org chart!

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SHOEMOBILE

300 Area

along fence east of Wisconsin Street

Sept. 4 1 to 4 p.m. Sound Safety

100 K Area

parking lot south of MO-401

Aug. 28 7 to 10 a.m. BC Sales

200 East Area

northeast gravel parking lot of 2101-M

Aug. 28 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. BC Sales

Sept. 5 7 a.m. to noon Sound Safety

200 West Area

parking lot east of MO-281

Aug. 28 2 to 5 p.m. BC Sales

Sept. 5 1 to 4 p.m. Sound Safety



VAN POOLS

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.rl.gov:1050/sas/pg1v3htm>.

BENTON CITY

Rider looking for a carpool or vanpool to 100K, 8x9 schedule. Call **LuElla Morrison** at 373-9769.

KENNEWICK

Opening in vanpool from Richland Wye to 200W. 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. shift. Park your car at the Park 'n Ride and ride with us. Discount for drivers. Call **Fred Sargent** at 373-2106. 8/27

Looking for riders on a vanpool to PFP and West Tank Farms. 8x9 vanpool leaves Kennewick Albertson's on Edison and Clearwater and picks up at Columbia Basin Racquet Club. Contact **Abe Garza** at 373-2898. 8/27

RICHLAND

8x9 vanpool to 200E needs a rider. Leaves Hanford bus lot at 6:30 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E and MO-277 (behind 2750-E). Arrives back at bus lot at 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 4 p.m. Fridays worked. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 8/27

Two riders to 200E needed for Vanpool No. 182, 8x9 schedule. Leaves 2440 Stevens Center at 6:20 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E and 2704-HV. Call **Rick Janecke** at 376-3677 or **Peggy Duvall** at 376-2622. 8/27

WEST RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 120 to 200E needs one 8x9 rider. Leaves Flat Top Park at 6:10 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E, WESF, 2727 and 2025-EA. Contact **Marion** at 372-0383. 8/20♦