

Keeping an eye on outcomes guides Hanford's cleanup mission

"We will restore the river corridor. We will transition the central plateau. And we will put Hanford assets to work on future problems of national and global significance." — Keith Klein, Manager, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office.

"Although we are two separate entities, we work closely together, sharing information, resources and common goals — cleaning up Hanford and protecting the Columbia River." — Harry Boston, Manager, Department of Energy Office of River Protection.

Hanford's vision statement with its three "outcomes" — the river...the plateau...the future — have put the efforts of DOE's Richland Operations Office, the Office of River Protection and the Hanford contractors into sharp focus.

More than just a rallying cry, the three outcomes have given us a measuring stick for gauging our progress. How are we doing at protecting the Columbia River? Did our work today put us a step closer to transitioning the central plateau toward its long-term waste management role? And did we do something of significance to prepare Hanford or the nation for the future?

Since our last progress issue of the *Reach*, Hanford workers can honestly say they've brought us much closer to those outcomes. In the past six to eight months we have moved spent fuel away from the river, stabilized plutonium, remediated old waste sites, prepared the tank farms for the transfer of waste to the future Waste Treatment Plant, completed the infrastructure for the treatment plant itself, and so much more. Inside is the report of our progress through fiscal year 2001. ♦

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