

Tank-farm technology contract extended

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CH2M HILL Hanford Group has formalized a five-year contract extension with Numatec Hanford Corporation, which provides expertise in engineering, technology, project management and operations support at Hanford's tank farms.

"This contract extension agreement enables a very productive relationship to continue," said Dale Allen, senior vice president of Operations for CH2M HILL Hanford Group. "They exceeded our expectations and made major contributions to reducing project costs and developing technology."

The contract extension is valued at approximately \$50 million and runs through the end of September 2006. Numatec has teamed with CH2M HILL on the project since the fall of 1999.

CH2M HILL gave Numatec Hanford its highest possible rating during the last fiscal year, noting that Numatec Hanford exceeded expectations in the five areas of safety, quality, innovation, schedule adherence and cost-effectiveness.

"Numatec's staff and management have worked hard to make this happen," said Xavier Hubert, president of Numatec Hanford. "We are proud to be a partner to CHG, and are proud of the job our people have done. This rating also shows the excellent relationship that our two corporations have developed over the last two years. We will continue to do our best to be a proactive member of the River Protection Project team in the future."

CH2M HILL Hanford Group is the prime contractor to the Department of Energy Office of River Protection, with responsibility for storing, characterizing and retrieving for treatment approximately 53 million gallons of highly radioactive and hazardous waste stored in 177 underground tanks.

Numatec Hanford is a subsidiary of COGEMA, an international corporation based in France. Numatec was created as part of the contractor team that won the Hanford Site management contract in 1996, before ORP was created by the Congress to oversee Hanford's tank-waste projects. NHC supports both Fluor Hanford and CHG. ♦



Numatec Hanford President Xavier Hubert (left) and CH2M HILL Hanford Group Senior Vice President of Operations Dale Allen review documents that form the basis for extending their partnership agreement.