

Heightened security awareness requires our cooperation

The Hanford Patrol has provided the following information along with reminders to improve employee awareness and understanding as we complete our missions during the current upgraded security posture. Every site employee has an important role to play in meeting security needs.

Employees can expedite traffic through the site barricades by taking the following actions:

- Before your arrival at the barricade, ensure that your badge is removed from any holder or protective cover. Patrol personnel are required to touch the badge to positively verify its validity. Your cooperation will minimize the delay for those behind you.
- At the Wye and Rattlesnake (Beloit Ave.) Barricades, vanpool drivers must enter through the outside (east) lane of travel. This allows safe and quick movement to the vanpool pullout area that is just north of the Wye Barricade on the east side of the roadway, and safer inspection by the security police officer at the Rattlesnake Barricade. (**Note:** *The Rattlesnake Barricade may be closed when the site is under Security Condition 2, called SECON 2, or a higher level of alert. Check the status if you're not sure*). At the Wye Barricade, once in the pullout area, Hanford Patrol will inspect vanpool occupants' badges. Upon completion of the inspections, Patrol will direct the vanpool driver back into traffic.

What is a 'prohibited article'?

The following items are prohibited articles at Hanford, whether they're government-owned or privately owned, *anywhere* on site or DOE or contractor-leased facilities:

- Dangerous weapons, ammunition, explosives, incendiary devices or similar devices which could cause property damage or personal injury. (*Small pocket knives, kitchen knives and knives used for work — an electrician's knife, for example — are generally not considered prohibited.*)
- Controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, alcoholic beverages (including "near" and "non-alcoholic" beer and/or wine).

In addition to the above, the following controlled articles are prohibited within Exclusion, Limited, Material Access and Protected Areas if they are privately owned. (If the item does not have a government property tag, the Hanford Patrol will assume the item is privately owned.):

- Radio transmitters and cellular telephones
- Computers and associated media (including hand-held computing devices such as "Palm Pilots")
- Recording equipment (audio, video and data)
- Cameras (still, motion-picture, video).

In addition to the items above, personal protective sprays such as mace and pepper spray are prohibited within Protected Areas. ♦

- Personnel driving multi-passenger vehicles with tinted windows, pickups with canopies or tarp covers, sport utility vehicles or any vehicle in which the cargo area is not readily visible, are subject to search. They may also be directed to the van inspection area. If you drive such a vehicle, stay to the outside (far right) lane if possible to minimize delays.
- If you enter the site during the morning rush, 5:30-7:30 a.m., via Route 4 South and the site is at Security Condition 2 or higher, you may be directed to the old Wye Barricade (Gate 4), and you will not be able to re-enter Route 4 South because of traffic safety. Vehicles entering Gate 4 will need to proceed north on Route 2 and then west on Route 11A.
- Vehicles should be clear of clutter to expedite visual searches for prohibited articles. At night, a dome light turned on or tinted windows rolled down would help speed up searches.

For questions regarding the enhanced security posture, employees are encouraged to contact their security representatives. If you see any suspicious activities, report them immediately to the Patrol Operations Center at 373-3800, or 911 if an emergency.

Insist on full compliance with all security procedures. Protect your badge, proximity cards and keys, and immediately challenge anyone not properly badged. Your continued support and vigilance are critical to successfully meeting the security challenges presented to all of us by recent national events. ♦