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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.

Lights on!

Please turn your lights on when- ever you are on a two-lane road. I know, you can see; but can others see you? That is the last question that will be asked before they start to pass.

Earleen Eskildsen
Fluor Hanford

Rest easy

If one were to follow Mike Wingfield's admonition to Ms. Campos ("Richland street smarts," Letters, May 29) concerning out-of-towners using the city of Richland thoroughfares to and from work, a chain reaction of inter-city rivalry over roadway rights would occur.

We Kennewick residents would have to protest his use of our city roads to go to and from such frequently visited places as the Carmike and Regal theaters, Costco, Walmart, Home Depot, Columbia Center, the Coliseum and most of Columbia Park. (Not to mention the newly opened Olive Garden!).

Pasco residents would need to protest the use of Lewis or 4th Streets to get to the Farmers Market, and 20th avenue to get to CBC or the airport; and there's TRAC and the baseball stadium, if he enjoys craft fairs, RV shows or local softball and baseball games.

In order for Ms. Campos, and many of us non-Richlanders, to reach our office buildings actually located on George Washington Way, we would eventually have to traverse a Richland road even if we used the Bypass Highway as he suggests.

Mr. Wingfield is being unreasonable in his estimation of the situation concerning the public use of city streets. Since we are sister cities (the Tri-Cities), can't we just get along?

I consulted with the city of Richland today (June 11). The funds for street repair come out of city improvement funding. City road improvements do not affect school funding. So, Mr. Wingfield (and the rest of us innocent Hanford and Richland road travelers) can rest easy!

LeeAnn Kasparek
Bechtel Hanford, Inc.

Energy suggestion

The article "Hanford Site prepares for high energy costs" (*Hanford Reach*, June 11) states that a 3.13-megawatt load reduction is the fiscal year 2002 goal for the Hanford Site. It would seem appropriate to reduce energy use a whopping 6 megawatts simply by eliminating the Fast Flux Test Facility drain for heating the sodium instead of looking to reducing use of coffee pots, electric staplers and pencil sharpeners. I wonder if the FFTF closure option was included in the roundtable discussions among the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, the Bonneville Power Administration and the Hanford contractors that were mentioned in the article.

Don't forget that this new Washington "energy crisis" is artificial and was created by BPA (an agency of the Department of Energy) mismanagement. Whether it was done accidentally is anyone's guess. But to sell more electrical power than you have available should be cause for action by the Department of Justice, not increased rates.

It will be interesting to read what the proponents of FFTF will come up with to sell the idea of using the reactor to generate electricity. Words such as cost-effective, proven history, reliable, and safe are sure to be included in the rhetoric used to try and save one our biggest money pits and energy drains.

David Nichols
Fluor Hanford

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20 minutes of your day.**



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CALENDAR



CHG employees to attend day-long safety awareness gathering

CH2M HILL Hanford Group is dedicating an entire day to its “Communicate the Commitment 2001” program to promote safety awareness and convey the priority the company places on safe work practices. From 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 29, CHG and subcontractor employees will take a day away from their normal work schedules to gather at Richland High School to participate in sessions on defensive driving, DuPont’s “Safety Training Observation Program (STOP),” a VPP Hanford Squares game and a discussion led by senior staff members on the CHG mission and new contract. A catered barbecue lunch will be provided. Visit the Communicate the Commitment 2001 Web site at <http://aptfpg03.rl.gov/cthec/index.htm> for more detailed information.

Public meeting for comment on B Reactor’s future scheduled

A public meeting on Hanford’s B Reactor will be held 7-9 p.m., June 26, at the Richland Public Library to allow the public to discuss the possible long-term use of Hanford’s B Reactor.

The Department of Energy Richland Operations Office has prepared and made available for public review and comment *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the 105-B Reactor Facility*, an assessment that covers a period of 10 years and evaluates three options for B Reactor: 1) no action, 2) surveillance and maintenance and 3) hazard mitigation for public access. The document identifies all appropriate hazard mitigation requirements and costs to make the facility available for public access and preserve the facility for public interpretation. The document may be downloaded from www.bhi-erc.com/Projects/s_m/b_reactor.htm. It is also available to the public at the DOE Public Reading Room, room 101L of the Consolidated Information Center at Washington State University, 2770 University Drive, Richland. The public comment period for the document lasts from June 18 through July 17. For more information contact Chris Smith at 372-1544.

HAMMER’s Learning Resource Center closed for holiday

The Learning Resource Center at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center will be closed for the Independence Day holiday on July 4 and 5. If you need safety material for the following week, please make your requests no later than Monday, July 2. For information, call Janette Pettey at 376-2884 or the Learning Resource Center at 373-3443.

Evening for the Angels celebration July 13

The fifth Evening for the Angels, a musical tribute for the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy and Hospice House, will be held at 8 p.m., July 13, in the courtyard of the Richland Red Lion Hotel.

The elegant evening under the stars will feature Broadway hits and classic opera performed by tenor Erich Buchholz of Chicago and soprano Jennifer Jacobson of Dallas. Fine chocolates, champagne, wine and sparkling cider will be served. Tickets cost \$35. For information, contact the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy at 783-7416.

Tuition assistance available for child care center

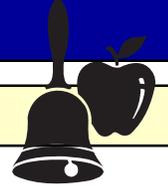
Applications for the 2001 tuition assistance program for the non-profit Learning Landscape Child Care Center are now available. The Learning Landscape Child Care Center was established to serve the needs of the Department of Energy and other federal agencies, DOE contractors and the general public in the Tri-Cities area.

To be eligible for tuition assistance, you must have a child enrolled in the Learning Landscape Center or be on the waiting list for enrollment. Tuition assistance is applicable only to tuition at the Learning Landscape Center, and is allocated for the 12-month period beginning Sept. 1.

Contact Arlene Tortoso, the Tuition Assistance Committee chair, at 373-9631 for more information or to obtain an application. Applications are also available at the Learning Landscape Center, at 1167 Jadwin Ave., Richland. July 16 is the deadline to submit your completed application to the following address: Learning Landscape Tuition Assistance Program, P. O. Box 1618, Richland, WA 99352. ♦

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CLASSES



Root cause analysis courses offered at HAMMER

Decision Systems, Inc. will offer its REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis basic, advanced and executive briefing classes the week of July 9 at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. You may register for any of these classes online at www.rootcause.com/open_training.htm or by contacting Jason at (903) 236-9973 or jjones@rootcause.com.

The REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis basic class will be offered Monday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the HAMMER Administration Building, room 28. Students will learn about root cause methodology and software applications for applying and managing elements of the data-gathering process. The cost is \$650 per person. This basic course is a prerequisite for the three-day REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis advanced class.

The REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis advanced class will be offered Wednesday, July 11, through Friday, July 13, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the HAMMER Administration Building, room 16. This class offers in-depth practical study and application of the REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis method. The cost for this course is \$975 per person.

The cost for the combined two-day basic class and the three-day advanced class is \$1,475 per person; this figure represents a savings of \$150 per person over registering for the classes separately.

Decision Systems, Inc. will offer a four-hour executive briefing class Monday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at the HAMMER Administration Building in Conference Room 31. Instruction will focus on discussing and demonstrating, from an executive manager's perspective, the key elements, concepts and applications of the REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis System for operations improvement. The cost for the executive briefing class is \$75 per person.

Earn your doctoral degree in the Tri-Cities

Walden University recently signed an articulation agreement with City University to allow City University students to apply their master's degree credits toward doctorate degrees in human services, health services, psychology, education and applied management and decision sciences. Through the agreement with Walden, a master of science in public health will also be offered.

Walden will be offering programs in the Pacific Northwest beginning this summer. As part of the agreement, Walden students will be able to complete part of their residency requirements in Washington, and when possible, at City University locations in the Puget Sound region. To learn more about the programs, visit City University at <http://www.cityu.edu> and Walden University at <http://www.waldenu.edu>, or call 1-888-4WALDEN.

Training for RCT candidates to begin July 10

Beginning July 10, EXITECH Columbia Corporation will offer a Radiological Controls Technician Fundamentals Academics training program on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., and on Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The training will last until Sept. 29. RCT Fundamentals Academics training consists of 13 subjects beginning with mathematics and algebra and ending with radiation detection theory. Training will be conducted in the classroom, and through practical and hands-on exercises.

RCT Fundamentals Academics training is the first phase of a generic, two-phased Department of Energy RCT Initial training program that is designed to prepare RCT candidates for work at DOE facilities.

The cost of this course is \$3,876. Payment terms are available. Enrollment in this training is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about this training program or about pursuing a career in the radiological controls field, contact ECC at 946-2573 or send an e-mail message to kadamson@excol.com.

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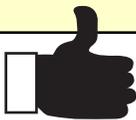
ECC expects to offer the second phase of training, RCT Site Academics, from October to December.

D2000 offers trenching and excavation classes

D2000 Safety Solutions will offer Trenching and Excavation for Competent Persons courses at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center three times this year. Classes begin at 7:30 a.m. and will be held Tuesday, June 26, through Thursday, June 28, TSB Annex Room 2; 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 and uses field exercises, group discussions and problem-solving to build related skills. Students successfully completing the program receive a certificate of completion. The class has been reviewed and approved for 2.4 CEUs 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. ♦

B R A V O



Pagliari wins in 'Security Pays' drawing

Jim Paglieri, Fast Flux Test Facility safety principal engineer for Fluor Hanford, is the latest grand prize winner of the "Security Pays in Many Ways" campaign. Fluor Hanford's Larry Eyre nominated Paglieri for his security awareness and administrative challenge of contract personnel. For his extra effort, Paglieri received a thank-you award and was entered in the random drawing for a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond. Paglieri won the Savings Bond.

If you know someone on the Fluor Hanford team or the River Protection Project who is providing "extra" support to site security, nominate him or her for an award. Just send e-mail to ^Security Education PHMC or mail your nomination to Security Education at mail stop L4-09. Include your name and a brief description of the extra support given. All accepted nominees receive a special award from Safeguards and Security and are then eligible for the grand prize, a \$200 Savings Bond. For more information on the Security Pays program, call Security Education on 376-1820 or visit the Web site at <http://www.rl.gov/sas/pg1v3.htm>. ♦

N E W S B R I E F S



Local NMA Chapter installs new officers

The new officers of the National Management Association, Hanford Chapter 395, were installed during the chapter's June 13 meeting in Richland. The following newly elected officers will serve from July 2001 to June 2002: Terry Winward, president; Ed Schwier, executive vice president; Theresa Quezada, VP-Community Service; Cynthia Williams, VP-Member Relations; Jim Gamin, VP-Professional Development; Jim Carey, VP-Programs and Operations; Jeanette Hyatt, VP-Communications; Sean Eiholzer, secretary; Norma Jean LaRock, treasurer; and Dewey Robbins, chairman of the board of directors. Newly elected board members Don Layfield, Deanna Oowski, John Umbarger and Tim Veneziano will join incumbent board members Pat Jenkins, Carrie Locke, Bob Parazin and Robbins for the coming year. The current slate of executive advisors includes Gordon Beecher, Jodie Butcher, Bill Dalton, Larry Olguin and Danny Rehm. The Hanford Chapter is represented in the NMA at the national level; chapter member Kelly Layfield is a national director and Don Hart is the NMA vice-chairman. ♦

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

KENNEWICK

Vanpool to 200E has opening, 8x9s. Picks up at the church on 19th, Garfield and Albertson's on Clearwater. Drops off at 274-AW, 2750-E and 2704-HV. Call **Sue Hulsey** at 372-3752. 6/11

Vanpool No. 97, 8x9s, has an opening. Picks up at ShopKo (6:08 a.m.) and the Federal Building. Drops off at 2750-E and 2704-HV. For information contact **Emilia Salinas** at 373-4228 or 373-1889. 6/11

Tired of driving the same route every day? In need of sleep? Tired of putting more than 70 miles on your car every day? Why not give yourself a gift of riding in a vanpool? Low rates. Good company. Relax. Enjoy. We have room for you. 8x9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Richland Wye to 200W. Discount for drivers. Call **Fred Sargent** at 373-2106. 6/11

PASCO

Vanpool No. 81 needs riders. 8x9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Starts at Road 68 at the old Arco station. Goes to 2750-E and WESF. Will consider alternate pick-up locations at Federal Building or along George Washington Way. Will also consider alternate drop-off spots in 200E. Contact **Doug Bailey** at 373-2392 or **Dale Hicks** at 376-0196. 6/11

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 a stop at the Federal Building in Richland. Contact **Robert Spears** at 372-0984 or **Sarah Larrinaga** at 372-2826. 6/11

RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 117 to 200W needs rider. Picks up along Wright Ave. starting at Duportail. Last pick-up is at Bethel Church. Contact **Jim Maasen** at 373-9958. 6/11

Vanpool No. 116 to 200E has an opening. 8x9s, 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. 6/18

Vanpool No. 91 needs riders and back-up driver(s). 8x9s, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is a door-to-door vanpool. That's right, we pick you up at home! Starts on the 500 block of Douglass Ave., to the 100 Block of Goethals, travels to Duportail, along Cottonwood Drive, over to Wright, Thayer, Van Geisen and North George Washington Way. Drops off at MO-286, 274-E, 2750-E, and maybe 2704-HV. Contact **Rich Bowen** at 373-5359. 6/18

WEST RICHLAND

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 or 372-0323. 6/18 ♦