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Energy Secretary pumps sludge and sees PFP

Dignitaries from Washington D.C. touring the K Basins and the Plutonium Finishing Plant June 2 as part of a visit to the Hanford Site were U.S. Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman, Chief Operating Officer of DOE's Office of Environmental Management Charlie Anderson, Congressman Richard "Doc" Hastings (R., Wash. Fourth District), and staff members.

According to Pete Knollmeyer, Fluor Hanford's vice president of the K Basins Closure Project, Bodman and Anderson actually got to pump sludge under the supervision of K E Basin nuclear chemical

operators. The visitors also got to see construction workers in action installing sludge collection tank 103 in the Weasel Pit.

"Thanks to all of you who helped prepare for and execute this visit," Knollmeyer told his staff. "I received nothing but good feedback."

At the Plutonium Finishing Plant, Bodman observed cleanout work in tanks under the 241-Z Waste Treatment Facility, as well as other activities related to decontaminating and decommissioning PFP, and storing plutonium. *See page 4 for more photos.*

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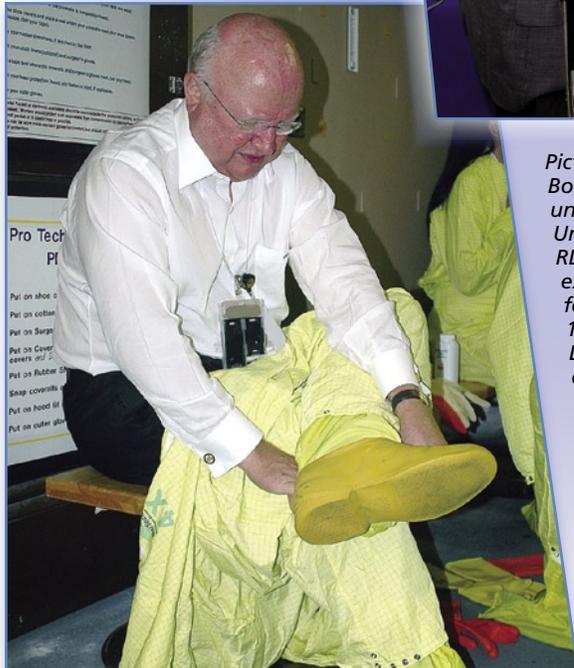


Under the supervision of First Line Supervisor Mike Precechtel (foreground, left), Deputy Assistant Secretary Charlie Anderson (foreground, center) handles sludge equipment. Visitors to the K East Basin included Congressman Hastings (background, far left), Fluor Hanford President Ron Gallagher (background, second from left), Secretary Bodman (foreground, second from left), and Keith Klein, RL manager.



Bob Heineman, director PFP Closure Project Office (left foreground), provides orientation for Secretary Bodman (second from right) and entourage.

Bodman visits



Pictured clockwise from top left: DOE Secretary Bodman (center) and entourage check out underground tanks at PFP's 241 Z facility; Tony Umek, director 100 K D&D (left), Keith Klein RL manager (center), and Bodman (right) examine the model used for planning D&D for the ultimate removal of the basins in the 100 Area; Brian Skeels, ancillary facilities D&D manager, PFP D&D Project, discusses cleanup details at PFP with Bodman; under supervision by operators (not shown) Bodman (right foreground) views screen to see remote manipulation of equipment in opaque sludge; Bodman and other tour members "suited up" for their visit to the K East Basin.