

Plutonium Finishing Plant Recovery Update

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Subject: PFP UPDATE: OFFICE MOVES, ADDITIONAL WASTE SHIPMENTS AND OTHER STABILIZATION ACTIVITIES

In the coming days, the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) team will start additional activities, including moving PFP employees to newly established mobile offices in closer proximity to each other and to the entrance of the work control zone. PFP employees will move in phases; PFP management will notify affected employees in advance of their move date.

Shipments of previously packaged waste from the PFP to the Central Waste Complex (CWC) continue, and additional work will begin the week of April 2 to manage the inventory of previously loaded waste containers.

During this time, Hanford workers in and around the PFP can expect to see crews using forklifts, a crane, and other equipment to move previously loaded waste sacks and measure the radioactivity of the contents inside. This is required to ensure compliance and to support the eventual repackaging of those soft-sided waste sacks (Super Sacks) into large waste boxes for transport to the CWC.

To make room for this work, crews must relocate roll-on/roll-off containers that are either empty or already loaded with low-activity waste. Crews will move those containers to the PFP container transfer area, where they will be surveyed and inspected, before eventually being shipped to the Environmental Restoration and Disposal Facility (ERDF). The ERDF and PFP teams have been working closely together to coordinate these shipments, tentatively scheduled to begin in early April.

Additionally, in the coming days, workers in and around the PFP will see a team of PFP workers installing metal posts throughout the area around the PFP. This is in advance of setting up new stabilization boundaries. The new boundaries will not be in force immediately; employees will be notified before any radiological posting changes.

The Department of Energy and the Hanford regulators have approved these activities as part of stabilization efforts.

Please remember to visit Hanford.gov for frequent public updates on PFP activities and visit this internal [PFP Recovery intranet site](#) to ask questions and read responses to already-asked questions.