

ANNOUNCEMENT

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To: ALL HANFORD SITE EMPLOYEES

Subject: UPDATE ON PLUTONIUM FINISHING PLANT (PFP)

Access to the area around the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) continues to be controlled following a spread of contamination outside the demolition zone. I would like to thank Hanford Site employees for working with CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company (CHPRC) during what has been a very challenging time. I would also ask you to pay special attention to the employee message below that CHPRC has asked us to forward to all Hanford Site employees for attention and possible action.

The Plutonium Reclamation Facility rubble pile has been stabilized and controlled. We appreciate that CHPRC management realizes it is their responsibility to manage this event, and they are engaged and doing that.

We also recognize that the Department of Energy has the responsibility to oversee the work of our contractors to ensure personnel on the site, the public, and the environment are protected from hazardous materials. No spread of contamination onsite—outside of posted radiation areas—or offsite is acceptable. We expect that personnel on the Hanford Site are protected and that the public is not put at risk.

We are not looking at restarting demolition of PFP at this point; the Department will decide when demolition can resume, and only after we have ensured CHPRC is fully prepared for demolition to resume.

A web page on www.hanford.gov has been set up to provide information and updates.

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