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TO: The Hanford Team

SUBJECT: Thank You

On March 23, the site was placed into a significantly reduced operational posture in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as a measure to protect the health of the Hanford workforce and support our community during these unprecedented times. The majority of our workforce has continued to progress our important mission through telework from their homes. Others, whose work is not portable, are also contributing to our mission by remaining at home and supporting our community effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Throughout this crisis, a group of dedicated men and women has continued to report to their site work locations to stand watch, ensuring the site remains safe and secure. The mission essential members of our Hanford team have continued to provide the fire and emergency services, security, information technology support, radiological and chemical safety, utilities, and other services that have ensured the continued protection of the workforce, the community, and our environment.

To our mission essential teammates, thank you for your commitment to ensure the safe stewardship of the Hanford site. Thank you also for your commitment to each other. By effectively implementing the COVID-19 protocols, you have kept each other safe and healthy throughout these challenging times. Your work truly matters, you have delivered for the Hanford team and our community, and I appreciate each of you.

Best,

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