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TO: All Hanford Site Employees

SUBJECT: Hanford Site Posture of Essential Mission-Critical Operations Continues Next Week

For the week of May 11, the Hanford Site operations posture will continue as essential mission-critical operations and continuing planning activities.

I want to assure each of you that the Department and our contractors will use a deliberate, data-driven process for a phased return to the physical work locations in the right way at the right time. Planning for an eventual return of more than 11,000 workers to the site is a complex undertaking. DOE and contractor leadership have worked closely to develop a phased return to office and onsite locations plan that is aligned with local, state, and national COVID-19 guidance. Further, the timing and pace of each phase of the remobilization will consider the capability and capacity of the local healthcare system and the robustness of the supply chain for personal protection equipment (PPE) and consumables like cleaning supplies.

DOE and its contractors are continuing to implement measures and mitigations to protect the workforce and prevent further spread of the COVID-19 virus. These measures include adding hand washing stations, reconfiguring office and work areas for social distancing, increased cleaning services including regular and recurrent disinfection of high touch areas throughout the day, to name a few.

The health and safety of the Hanford workforce has always been—and will remain—our number one priority. Please continue to take care of yourselves, your families and support our community as we prepare for a structured and methodical phased remobilization to continue our important cleanup mission at the Hanford site.

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