

# THE HANFORD SITE

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June 11, 2020

TO: All Hanford Site Employees

SUBJECT: **Hanford Site to Continue Phased Return to Work for Site Operations Next Week**

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During the week of June 15, we will maintain our Phase 1 remobilization approach, with a minor increase in the onsite workforce population. Each week multiple factors are considered, including new case rates within our community, health system capacity and supply chain robustness, as we continue our deliberate, phased approach to remobilization.

Although the majority of our workforce remains teleworking, we have continued the steady workforce increase over the past two weeks since we began remobilization on May 26, with about 25% of the overall workforces currently reporting to offices and site locations. Phase 1 remains focused on construction work that may be progressed with limited need for personal protection equipment to preserve the available stock for essential mission critical work until the supply chain recovers.

We continue protocols and processes to protect our workforce against the spread of COVID-19, including physical distancing, using face coverings, and increased cleaning services. Workers who experience COVID-19 symptoms should not report to the site, and those who experience symptoms while onsite should take appropriate steps to distance themselves and report to their supervisors. The health habits we practice onsite are also beneficial during our off-time and will support our community recovery efforts as well.

The MSA team continues to support training needs at HAMMER with attendees taking core Hazardous Worker, Rad Worker, and Mask Fit classes to ensure they are up to date. MSA has also increased key janitorial capabilities to support the use of more facilities as remobilization continues and workers have been performing walkdowns for planned and corrective maintenance work.

At the WTP site, startup and commissioning work continues as well as grading and paving around the facilities where construction has been completed. Progress is also being made on both the Low-Activity Waste Facility and the Effluent Management Facility to continue progress towards the start of Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste milestones.

CHPRC is completing tumbleweed management activities at PFP, supporting asbestos remediation, and continues waste receipts at the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility. CHPRC workforce remobilization activities include control set briefings, social and physical distancing implementation, training and medical clearances, and the completion of maintenance actions.

In the Tank Farms, WRPS continues to perform mission-critical work to support the direct feed of low-activity waste, including construction on the pad that will house the Tank Side Cesium Removal system, upgrades to the Effluent Treatment Facility, excavation on the TX evapotranspiration basin, and maintenance activities that ensure nuclear and environmental compliance.

WAI at the 222-S Laboratory continues essential lab operations with additional activities to prepare for resuming normal operations.

Our occupational medical services provider, HPMC, continues to increase onsite medical and staff to support the medical surveillance exams to clear workers as they return to their Site workplaces.

Please continue to focus on good health and safety habits and make them part of your everyday routine to help keep yourselves, your families, and our community healthy. Whether supporting the Site mission via teleworking or on the Site, you are an important and valuable member of Team Hanford, and we need each of you to continue to support our important work.

Be well and thank you for your commitment to Hanford.

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