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Subject: CONTAMINATION SPREAD AT PFP

Radiological surveys at PFP this afternoon found small areas of contamination in the project's administrative office area. To ensure employee safety, PFP employees were asked to remain in their offices so they would not inadvertently transfer contamination. Employees are in the process of being safely released. Site employees near PFP should be aware that Hanford Patrol is controlling access around the area at this time.

The contamination found this afternoon is part of follow-up surveys conducted after a spread of low-level contamination on Friday outside the expanded control zones. Although there isn't a singular event that obviously caused Friday's contamination spread, the spread is believed to be related to the PRF final demolition.

Friday's contamination spread was smaller and at lower levels than the contamination spread in June. Surveys detected some areas of contamination outside administrative trailers closest to the expanded demolition and radiological zones, which were then immediately controlled. Low levels of contamination near the trailers were detected on a jersey barrier, a vehicle hood, the ground and a trash can near administrative trailers at PFP. Surveys today (Monday) found contamination on two personal vehicles that had been parked at PFP, driven off the Hanford Site, and returned to the site. The vehicles are being decontaminated. The interior of both vehicles were surveyed, and no contamination was detected inside either vehicle. Additional surveying is being considered.

After the discovery and evaluation, the PFP management team declared a stop work on demolition activities. The only currently authorized activities are PRF debris stabilization to assure safety of the rubble piles, and extent of condition surveys associated with the contamination spread. A critique was held this morning to discuss the contamination spread, possible causes, and path forward.

As I said last week, PFP has and will continue to challenge us. We will work through this and learn from it. I appreciate the PFP team's effort as they work through this. A major risk was removed this last Friday, and I am extremely grateful to the team for their efforts in that regard. Thank you.

