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Registration Date Set for 2012 Hanford Site Wide Tours

RICHLAND, Wash. – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will open online registration on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, for its popular tours of the Hanford Site.

Online registration opens at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday morning, March 6, 2012. Visit the Public Tour link on www.hanford.gov or <http://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/HanfordSiteTours>.

Rich Buel, DOE tour coordinator said, “We’re excited to offer a tour stop at the Plutonium Finishing Plant this year, and a return visit to the Waste Treatment Plant. When you add those two stops to a schedule that already features tours and briefings at the B Reactor National Historic Landmark, the Cold Test Facility, and the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility, it allows us to capture the unique history of our site and what the future holds for Hanford.”

The 60 public tours being offered this year will be filled on first-come, first-served basis. People may register up to two people at a time. There will be 2,550 total seats available. Guests will be transported around the site via a 43-passenger bus.

Tours will leave from 2000 Logston Blvd., Richland, Wash., at 8 and 10 a.m. on each tour day. The tours will last about 5 ½ hours. The tour dates are as follows:

- April 10, 11, 12, 24, and 25
- May 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, and 24
- June 5, 6, 19, and 20
- July 31
- August 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 28, 29, and 30
- September 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, and 27

Visitors must be at least 18 years old and U.S. Citizens in order to register for a site wide public tour. Tours are led by Hanford Site employees who provide commentary throughout the visit.

DOE also has a second public tour program each year, featuring exclusive access to the B Reactor National Historic Landmark. Details on registration for that program will be released in the coming weeks.

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