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Hanford's Required Reading Program Saves Time and Money

Richland, Wash - The Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office at Hanford is implementing a new system which will save both time and money. DOE site services contractor Mission Support Alliance (MSA) has consolidated and revamped the site's required reading program which will result in a cost avoidance at Hanford of an estimated \$100,000 annually.

The required reading program is a vital tool used to ensure employees are aware of safety updates, procedure changes, company policies and other important information that guide safe work practices. With various reading requirements for the more than 9,000 employees on site, the need for a simple way to create, maintain and store completed assignments was essential.

"By standardizing the program across the site, the maintenance of multiple required reading programs was eliminated," said Scott Boynton, projector director for MSA's Training and Conduct of Operations organization. "The functionality of the new automated application saves money by reducing the workload of required reading coordinators and the need for re-training as companies and employees change over time."

Required reading coordinators and program managers from all Hanford contractors played an integral part in finalizing the enhanced, site-wide program through both feedback and system testing. Following recent demonstrations with the Department of Energy, additional functionality is being implemented to support use of the system by federal employees as well.

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About MSA

Mission Support Alliance, a team of [Leidos](#), [Jacobs Engineering](#) and [Centerra Group](#), has responsibility for the Mission Support Contract at the Hanford Site. MSA provides a number of cross-cutting services to the DOE and other contractors at the Hanford Site to facilitate cleanup activities. MSA is responsible for areas such as site infrastructure, utilities, transportation, environmental integration, safety, emergency services and training, external affairs, information management and portfolio management. MSA: Partnering to move the mission forward. <http://msa.hanford.gov/msa>

About DOE-RL

The Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) manages the Hanford Site near Richland, Washington. Along with the DOE Office of River Protection (ORP), DOE-RL is responsible for the federal government's cleanup of the legacy of more than 40 years of plutonium production at Hanford for the nation's defense. Except for the tank waste mission managed by ORP, DOE-RL is responsible for cleanup of all remaining Hanford waste streams and is currently focused on cleaning out and demolishing the high-hazard Plutonium Finishing Plant, excavating and disposing of contaminated soil and solid waste, treating contaminated groundwater, moving radioactive sludge out of the K West Basin and away from the Columbia River, and configuring Hanford Site infrastructure for the future. The office oversees Hanford Site work that is conducted by a federal and contractor workforce of approximately 4,200 personnel. Visit www.hanford.gov.

