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*Environmental risks are removed and the River Corridor is restored to enable beneficial use.*

### **River Corridor Closure Project Mission**

*Complete the safe, compliant and efficient cleanup of the River Corridor.*

## RCC Project puts fun spin on safety

The River Corridor Closure (RCC) Project offered fun and informative safety activities at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanford Safety Expo at the TRAC facility in Pasco May 22-23. Over 60,000 people attended the event that showcased Hanford projects and safety awareness for the home, workplace and community. The RCC booth featured a "Test Your Safety Knowledge" spin game and a prize giveaway that included over 60 emergency road safety kits and grand prize of one Nintendo Wii game system.

The event featured over 150 booths that demonstrated safety techniques developed at the Hanford Site and general safety and health information for the work and home environments. The event was supported by Washington Closure Hanford as well as the DOE, Fluor Hanford, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and AdvanceMed Hanford.

Team members that helped with the RCC booth included Jay Wheatley, Mike Turner, Tom Cox, Mary Brown, Nancy Brower, Brad Purvis, Alicia Webb, Nate Taylor, Tom Buchel, Teresa Curry, Don King, Scott Morris, Goldie Malhan, Sharon Black, Lori Davis, Julia Myers, Chris Lamb, Mike Garza, Mark Devoir, John Flores, Derek Rutherford, Steve Davidson, Angela Moor, Doug Dalton, Yvette Johnson and Pam Dykeman.



*Mark Devoir, electrician from the 324 building in the 300 area, talks with young visitors at the RCC Safety booth during the Hanford Safety Expo May 22-23. Children enjoyed the RCC's "Test Your Safety Knowledge" spin game that tested their awareness of basic safety inside and outside of the home.*

## These people have ISMS "in the bag!"

The Integrated Environment, Safety, and Health Management System (ISMS) team recognized 46 team members at an award ceremony May 17 at the Battelle Auditorium for their participation in all of the ISMS PEARLS of Knowledge Campaigns.



*ISMS Project Manager Jess Hinman presents a certificate to Maria Yancy, one of several team members recognized as ISMS ambassadors at an award ceremony May 17.*

Jess Hinman, ISMS project manager, presented deluxe gym bags with the River Corridor Closure (RCC) logo to RCC personnel for their participation in all the ISMS PEARLS of Knowledge campaign activities from May 2006 to May 2007. PEARLS is an acronym for six essential elements of a successful ISMS: People, Environment, Awareness, Responsibility, Leadership, and Safety.

Participants also were awarded certificates identifying them as "ISMS Ambassadors" for their high level of involvement in achieving ISMS Phase 2 Verification and for acting as ambassadors of enthusiasm to the rest of the workforce.

Congratulations and thanks to all of the employees who participated in the 2006-2007 ISMS PEARLS of Knowledge Awareness Campaign you definitely have ISMS "in the bag."

## Event notification tools now available online

To provide timely event notification to Washington Closure Hanford management and to allow supervisors and line managers to deal swiftly with events, Washington Closure has developed a web site that allows employees to send information via email and text message to a pre-determined list of management staff.

When an accident or incident occurs or an abnormal condition is discovered, employees can go to the Safety & Health home page at <http://www.wch-rcc.com/sh>, click on the Event Notification Form (located on the left hand column) and choose "Send Text Message" or "Online Event Notification Form." The tools only provide notification to Washington Closure management. Notifications to DOE Facility Representative must be completed via a phone call.

The tools allow project supervision to make a single phone call to an office-based employee and provide a brief summary of an event. The summary is entered into the text message or email form and submitted to a pre-determined list of personnel. For criteria defining what events should be submitted using the event notification tools, visit the DOE Facility Representative Notification Criteria web site at [http://www.wch-rcc.com/sh/DOE\\_Fac\\_Reps.htm](http://www.wch-rcc.com/sh/DOE_Fac_Reps.htm).

The text message tool was designed for time-sensitive notifications. On the "Send Text Message" page, users enter a brief event message (up to 160 characters). If space allows, users should include a name and number for further contact. Clicking the Submit button sends the message to the cell phones of pre-determined project and functional management staff.

The "Online Event Notification Form" is an email-based notification tool designed for use in non-time sensitive situations to deliver additional information and follow-up to a text message.

For additional information about the event notification tools or the distribution lists, contact Tim Quinn at [tsquinn@wch-rcc.com](mailto:tsquinn@wch-rcc.com) or 372-9439.



*Washington Closure Hanford welcomed a Pasco family to their new home during a house dedication ceremony June 23. The Washington Closure Habitat for Humanity team built the 5-bedroom house over the course of four Saturdays in January and February.*

## Don't pack a lunch - have a picnic!

It's time again for summer fun with the River Corridor Employees' Association (RCEA) at the 2nd Annual RCC Employee Picnic July 14 from 11-3 p.m. at Howard Amon Park by the Fingernail.

All RCC employees and their immediate family are invited to enjoy great food, fun and prizes. Employees at the event will be entered into a drawing for one of several prizes, including gift certificates, iPods, local dinner packages and a vacation package for two. The event will also feature a live performance by the band Mud Shark, as well as games for children.

To purchase tickets, employees should contact one of the following RCEA ticket sellers:

Front Desk 372-9041	Fermi
Lori Huntley 372-9131	Fermi
Heather Murchison 438-7451	100F
Tari Birch 372-9742	100K
Michelle Coy 373-4223	100K
Mary Brown 373-9657	100N
Nancy Brower 373-1447	ERDF
Vickie Page 372-9806	300
Betty Andresen 373-5445	300
Amber Riley 554-2717	100D
Jay Wheatley 521-6633	

Prices for attending are \$1 for Washington Closure Hanford, Eberline and ILSI employees and immediate family members, and \$10 for non-RCC guests. All proceeds will be donated to the local food bank to support families and individuals in need.

The employee picnic isn't the only fun being had this summer – the RCEA has packed this season with

## RCC Project replaces business systems

The River Corridor Closure (RCC) Project is replacing its core business systems in order to upgrade and improve systems supporting payroll, financial reporting, time recording, procurement, accounts payable and human resources.

"The new system is called Costpoint. It is a commercial product built to support a wide range of government agencies and contractors," said Mike Kaplan, project manager. "It will provide a level of support we don't have with our current systems, some of which have been in place since before the RCC Project began."

The program will replace systems that are obsolete, no longer supported by vendors and at increasing risk of failure. It will allow staff to improve existing processes and provide an integrated approach that connects multiple business functions.

The integrated system will limit the time users spend re-entering data or tracking down errors in data across multiple systems. These improvements will be most noticeable to employees in Project Services and people relying on the affected systems to perform their jobs.

Planning for the project began in fall of 2005, under the direction of the Core Business Applications Replacement Project team, which is made up of individuals from Procurement, Human Resources, Project Integration, Information Technology, the Controller's organization and consultants from the application developer, Deltek.

After the program was purchased in January, the team began a complex configuration process to establish program rules unique to RCC business operations. "Implementing this type of software is much more difficult than just installing computer software. Configuration is an intense process requiring significant interaction and communication among the team members as they capture the business rules of the company," Mike said.

Implementation for individual components of the program is scheduled for October and training is scheduled to start in August for Project Services personnel and in September for site employees. According to Mike, once the new system is available for use, general employees will only notice a difference in time recording procedures. The project team is developing training materials to help users learn the new procedures and become familiar with the Costpoint software.

Mike praised the team's ongoing efforts in teamwork during the complicated setup and implementation processes. "The team brings excitement and enthusiasm to the project and a willingness to take on the challenges of implementing change. Being part of such a team has been inspiring," Mike said.



*The Costpoint team convenes at an implementation meeting May 22. Seated left: Sean Reffalt, Connie McCallum, Valerie Larson. Standing left: Michael Kaplan, Kelly O'Brien, Susan Elkins, Tess Klatt, Laurie Cortez, Matthew Spencer, and Mark Counts. Not pictured: Sandy Beck and Gene Stevens.*

family-friendly events for all RCC employees and their families.

The Battelle Staff Association has invited all motorcycle-riding RCEA members to participate in their annual lunchtime activity to commemorate the 16th Annual Ride to Work Day, July 18. RCEA members also celebrated River Corridor Night with a free tailgate party and a night of football June 16 at the Tri-Cities Fever game against last year's number one team, Spokane Shock. RCEA members also raised nearly \$2,400 for charity at the Annual Spring Golf Tournament June 2. About 150 golfers bought mulligans and provided generous tips for food and beverages, all of which went to charity.

Employees can find out about all of the upcoming RCEA events by visiting the RCEA web site at <http://www.wch-rcc.com/empassoc/special.htm>.

### **RCC teams celebrate spring safety goals**

The Fermi Building LSIT celebrated team members' safety success with lunch on May 30 and 31. The team members met their zero accident goal for the Spring Safety Campaign through May 1.

The WCH safety team is now focused on the ISMS Phase II Verification "continuing the journey" campaign and awareness activities, which employees can find out more about at <http://wch.erc.rl.gov/isms/Phase2Prep.htm>.

As of June 23, RCC team members have worked over 800,000 hours without a lost-time injury. The last lost-time injury occurred on Jan. 23.

### **Comments or questions?**

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# **A glimpse at cleanup results**

The River Corridor Closure Project is making a difference at Hanford.

## **Facilities Demolished**



84 facilities demolished  
*(70 actual loadout)*

**43 more than planned**

## **Waste Sites Cleaned Up**



61 waste sites cleaned up

**23 more than planned**

## **Tons of Waste Disposed**



859,000 tons disposed

**151,000 more than planned**

**As of May 2007**