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FLUOR HANFORD K BASINS PROJECT POSTS FOUR-YEAR, 4-MILLION HOUR SAFETY RECORD

RICHLAND, Wash. – Jan. 3, 2008 – Hundreds of Fluor employees on Hanford's K Basins project set an enviable safety record while doing some of the most high-risk work at Hanford over the past four years. They set a record of no days away from work due to a work-related injury since January 2004—more than 4 million staff hours.

During that time, workers finished removing 2,300 tons of corroding spent nuclear fuel from the K Basins—two million-gallon basins located near the Columbia River—into dry storage on Hanford's Central Plateau. They have vacuumed up nearly all of an estimated 47 cubic yards (36 cubic meters) of highly radioactive sludge from the floor of the basins, while removing more than 300 tons of underwater debris. They have transferred the sludge into stainless-steel tanks in the K West basin that provide a secondary barrier to the environment and serve as the feed tanks for a system that is being designed to treat the sludge.

"These basins are 20 feet deep, and workers stood on grating above the water and used long-handled tools to move spent nuclear fuel and vacuum sludge. They used underwater cameras to position the equipment and track their progress because they couldn't see through the murky water," said Mark Peres, K Basins Closure Project vice president, Fluor Hanford. "Those 4 million hours represent a huge amount of high-hazard, difficult, physically demanding work with lots of opportunities for injury. Despite the challenges, Fluor employees have safely

eliminated one of the top three risks at Hanford by getting the spent fuel out of the basins and the sludge off of the floor of the basins."

A prime contractor to the Department of Energy since 1996, Fluor Hanford has approximately 3,600 employees and manages several major activities at the Hanford Site, including dismantling former nuclear processing facilities, cleaning up the site's contaminated groundwater, retrieving and processing transuranic waste for off-site shipment, maintaining the site's infrastructure, and operating the Volpentest HAMMER Training & Education Center.

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