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DOE NAMES NEW TOP MANAGER AT HANFORD

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today named David A. Brockman as the new manager of the Richland Operations Office (RL) at Hanford. In his new role, Mr. Brockman will lead RL through the establishment of new contracts to clean up the central portion of the Hanford Site and provide cross-cutting mission support to continue cleanup momentum along the Columbia River Corridor. Mr. Brockman will manage over 250 federal employees and their oversight of contractor operations at the site and build on Hanford's strong worker safety record. Previously Mr. Brockman served as the RL Federal Project Director for the K-Basins Closure Project since January 2006.

"We are extremely pleased that a man of Mr. Brockman's experience and capabilities will lead the Richland Operations Office," James Rispoli, DOE's Assistant Secretary Of Energy for Environmental Management said. "Dave has my full support as he steps into this new and critical role."

Mr. Brockman has over 36 years of experience as a nuclear project executive in the public and private sectors. He managed and oversaw reactor operations; nuclear propulsion plant overhauls; and operations, upgrades, demolition, and cleanup of plutonium and uranium production facilities. In 2006, Mr. Brockman returned to the Federal government after spending more than nine years as a senior manager for private sector companies performing nuclear projects for DOE and other federal agencies. Previously, he was a career member of the Senior Executive Service at the Rocky Flats Field Office with more than eighteen years of federal civilian service and another eight years of active military service. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in General Science from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon.

His unique accomplishments and experiences include:

- Serving as project manager and lead negotiator for the Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement, which resulted in a clear path to completion of the cleanup
- Spending five years as president of E2 Consulting Engineers Inc., an engineering firm that performed the majority of its business for DOE and DOE prime contractors. Mr. Brockman was involved in bids, contract negotiations, and resolution of project performance issues, and will bring a unique and needed perspective as RL transitions to the new contracts.
- Successfully turning around significant cost overruns and schedule slippages that were occurring when he was assigned to direct DOE's project to remove spent nuclear fuel and sludge from the K Basins. Additionally, as the Federal Project Manager for resumption of plutonium operations at Rocky Flats, he directed all work activities and obtained critical decisions that led to successful execution of the work.

DOE's Richland Operations Office is responsible for the cleanup of the 586-square-mile Hanford Site (excluding the underground tank waste and construction of the Waste Treatment Plant, managed by the DOE Office of River Protection). Cleanup challenges include nuclear facility cleanout and demolition; safe storage of weapons grade plutonium; retrieval and shipment of transuranic waste; treatment and/or disposal of low level and mixed low-level waste; cleanup and protection of groundwater; removal and disposal of contaminated soil; cocooning of plutonium production reactors; safeguards, security, and infrastructure maintenance for the Hanford Site; and characterization and fieldwork to enable future cleanup decisions.

Mr. Brockman replaces Keith Klein, who retired from federal service at the end of May.

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