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## **DOE-Richland Operations Office Statement on the Fiscal Year 2003 DOE Budget Request**

"We're going over the details of the 2003 DOE budget request now. Over the next few days, we'll take a hard look at the numbers for our various program areas and the work priorities outlined by the Secretary," said Marla Marvin, Director of the Office of Intergovernmental, Public and Institutional Affairs.

"We're encouraged by the opportunities Secretary Abraham and Assistant Secretary Roberson have offered us. We've all worked very hard these last few years to get cleanup moving at Hanford, to streamline and shorten processes where possible, and to forge collaborative, productive relationships with our regulators and stakeholders. We're in an excellent position to justify a good piece of the Expedited Cleanup Account funding, and we plan to do just that," said Marvin.

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