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## **GEORGE SANDERS NAMED HANFORD'S TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT PROGRAM MANAGER**

*The U.S. Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) is announcing today the appointment of George Sanders as the new Tri-Party Agreement Program Manager at the Hanford Site near Richland, Washington. The Tri-Party Agreement is a legal document signed by DOE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Washington Department of Ecology that outlines how the Hanford Site is to be cleaned up and brought into environmental compliance over the long term.*

*"I am delighted that George has accepted his new position. He brings to the job a solid record of accomplishments directing major engineering and construction management projects across the nation," said Jim Rasmussen, DOE's Director of Environmental Assurance, Permits, and Policy Division.*

*Sanders is responsible for integrating and coordinating cleanup projects with the Hanford contractors to ensure the terms of the agreement are met. He also has the lead responsibility for negotiating with the regulators regarding amendments to the agreement. "I look forward to working with the regulators to ensure Hanford stays on course with its environmental cleanup program issues," said Sanders.*

*Sanders received a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Florida in 1971 and in 1972 respectively.*

*He also serves as a captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve and Commanding Officer of the Naval Aviation Depot Reserve Unit in San Diego, where he is responsible for Naval fighter aircraft maintenance and logistical support.*

*Sanders began his career when he accepted an engineering post with Duke Power in 1972. There he participated in the design and construction of the McGuire Nuclear Plant. Sanders then worked for Control Data Corporation as an engineer from 1975 to 1977, where he was responsible for marketing and new product development.*

*Sanders then held various engineering and project management positions as a civilian in the U.S. Navy and as a consultant from 1980 to 1991. Sanders came to Hanford in 1991, assigned to the Waste Management program as the Grout Program Manager. He transferred to the newly-formed Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) upon its formation in 1992 where he served until accepting his current position. Responsibilities there included project and program management of TWRS low-level and high-level tank waste projects.*

*Sanders said, "We face a significant challenge at Hanford in meeting our commitments to the Tri-Party Agreement with reduced funding in the foreseeable future. But I am confident that our project management and integration focus will help us work more effectively to stretch our limited dollars*

*further."*

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