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HANFORD EARLY RETIREMENT CLARIFICATION

The Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office wishes to clarify an article which appeared in today's Tri-City Herald (5/15/96, Richland, WA) under the headline, "Hanford Offers Early Out."

Secretary of Energy Hazel R. O'Leary announced on April 18, 1996 during her visit to the Hanford Site, that the department intends to offer eligible employees at Hanford the opportunity to participate in an early retirement program this year. Companies affected include Westinghouse Hanford; Boeing Computer Services, Richland; ICF Kaiser; and certain employees of Bechtel Hanford, Inc. and its selected subcontractors. The timing of any announcement will depend on resolution of issues under review, but is not expected to occur this week.

The Richland DOE Office is working with the Office of Worker and Community Transition and other affected offices at headquarters to develop specific details to implement the Secretary's commitment. Any comment on these details is premature until this process is completed.

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