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HANFORD TECHNOLOGY DEPLOYMENT CENTER BEGINS OPERATION

The Hanford Technology Deployment Center officially began operation today with a joint announcement by the Department of Energy's Under Secretary Thomas P. Grumbly and John Wagoner, Manager, Richland Operations Office.

Born from a Hanford Summit II commitment, the Deployment Center is a virtual organization designed to eliminate barriers to demonstration, deployment and commercialization of cleanup technologies at Hanford. The Deployment Center process will expedite licensing, procurement, and regulatory requirements for candidate cleanup technologies, thereby minimizing delays in technology deployment.

"This new approach to technology application at Hanford will greatly enhance DOE's ability to accomplish the new Hanford 10-Year Plan," said Theresa Aldridge, Acting DOE Project Manager. Commenting on its future, Tom Anderson, Flour Daniels Director of Technology Management said, "The Deployment Center is the kind of new approach to technology deployment that we envision as part of our goal. If it didn't exist we would have had to invent it." Flour Daniel Hanford, Inc. will take over the Hanford site cleanup on October 1, 1996 as prime contractor.

One or more pilot technologies will be used initially to test the Deployment Center protocols and overall process. Innovative procurement methods will then be applied to solicit new technologies for demonstration and deployment. Further information may be obtained by calling Ms. Aldridge at (509) 372-4508.

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