

American Nuclear Society Honors Westinghouse Hanford Company

RICHLAND, Wash., October 30, 1995 -- A division of Westinghouse Hanford Company has received the prestigious Excellence in Nuclear Operations award from the American Nuclear Society.

The award was presented to Westinghouse Hanford Company's Tank Farm Transition Projects at the Society's Winter Annual Meeting in San Francisco October 29. Tank Farm Transition Projects is the Westinghouse division responsible for the day-to-day management of Hanford's high-level waste tanks and related equipment. Its people have the daily, hands-on responsibility for keeping the waste safe until it can be prepared for disposal.

The award was instituted by ANS in 1994 to recognize outstanding achievements and/or improvements in performance. This is the first time the award has been given to a government contractor.

"This recognition by ANS is evidence that Hanford's new business approach is working," said Roger Bacon, vice-president and manager of Westinghouse Tank Waste Remediation Systems.

The award recognizes Westinghouse for excellence in its stewardship of Hanford's 55,000,000 gallons of high level radioactive waste and associated facilities. This includes an aggressive effort to remove liquids from Hanford's older single-shell storage tanks to reduce the potential for leakage into the surrounding soil; improving overall worker safety; and the reduction in surface contamination areas which reduces worker exposure to contaminants, speeds work and reduces cost.

"We have divided our work into well-defined projects and have become much more outcome-oriented. This has enabled us to focus our resources and get on with our work more rapidly than ever before," said Bacon.

Past recipients of the annual award have included Florida Power and Light which operates the Turkey Point power station and Virginia Power which operates both the North Anna and Surry power stations.

The American Nuclear Society is devoted to the dissemination of knowledge pertinent to the safe and efficient operation of nuclear facilities through professional staff development, information exchange and the generation of viable solutions to current issues.

In San Francisco to receive the award were Westinghouse Hanford Company executive vice-president Bill Moffitt and Transition Projects director Jim Wicks.

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