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Worker Dies Following Apparent Fall at Hanford Man Involved in Routine Office Trailer Pickup

An employee of a local private company died this afternoon following an apparent outdoor fall in a small office-complex area of Hanford's 200 East Area.

The 47-year-old man was an employee of All Mobile Transporting and Repairs, which had been hired to move an office trailer that was no longer needed and had been deemed "excess." The trailer had been purchased by Two Rivers Terminal, another local company, through a community economic assistance program known as "TARC" – the Tri-City Asset Reinvestment Company.

The Department of Energy immediately launched a "Type A" Investigation – the highest level safety inquiry available to DOE. The investigation will determine the circumstances that led to the incident and what exactly took place.

"The Department offers its sincere condolences to the family and all those in the community impacted by this tragedy," said Michael Weis, Deputy Manager of the DOE Richland Operations Office.

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