



MEDIA ADVISORY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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EVENT POSTPONED

DUE TO THE NATURE OF THIS PROJECT WE ARE UNABLE TO PROCEED WITH THE WORK WHEN THE WINDS ARE MORE THAN 12 MILES PER HOUR. WE WILL RESCHEDULE THE PRESS EVENT AT A LATER DATE.

HANFORD TO TEAR DOWN FIRST PLUTONIUM FACILITY

WHO:

Keith Klein, Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office
Michael Lackey, Vice President of Deactivation and Decommissioning, Fluor Hanford, Inc.

WHAT:

For the first time, workers will tear down a plutonium facility at the Hanford Site. Unlike other facilities to be demolished, Hanford's Plutonium Concentration Facility is still contaminated. After applying a special fixative and using a large fogging machine to keep down contaminated dust, workers will use a large wall saw to tear down the facility in big chunks and dispose of it in the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility in the middle of the Site.

WHEN:

Thursday, October 30, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., returning to the Federal Building at 11:30 a.m.

WHERE:

Federal Building, 825 Jadwin Ave., Richland

Note: Please wear close-toed shoes.

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