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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. Craig Cameron, EPA Project Manager
WHAT:	For the first time, workers are tearing down a plutonium facility at the Hanford Site. After applying a special fixative and using a large fogging machine to keep down contaminated dust, workers will use large "shears" to tear it down. The rubble is disposed in the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility in the middle of the Site.
WHEN:	Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at 11:00 a.m., returning to the Federal Building at 1:45 p.m.
WHERE:	Meet at the Federal Building, 825 Jadwin Ave., Richland, for badging.

Note: Please wear close-toed shoes and bring picture identification. Broadcast reporters will be provided with additional video for use in story production.

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