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Update on Hiring and Recovery Act Funding at the Hanford Site, Richland Operations Office Projects

Total Number of Jobs Saved/Created

The total number of jobs saved to date with Recovery Act funding for DOE Richland Operations Office projects is approximately 300. The total number of jobs created to date is approximately 900.

New Hires in June

Approximately 200 employees hired in June 2009 using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding are reporting to work at the Hanford Site for their new jobs in environmental cleanup. They join hundreds of other employees who have begun work for contractors for the U.S. Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office since ARRA funding was received in April.

CH2M HILL/Subcontractor Jobs

In June, contractor CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation and its subcontractors hired 178 additional employees. Many are in training and will be joining the 654 CH2M HILL and subcontractor employees already hired in April and May. Those employees are working on several major cleanup projects, including removing contaminated equipment from buildings at the Plutonium Finishing plant, demolishing old waste storage tanks near the U Plant Processing Canyon, sampling waste sites to prepare for cleaning up large areas of the Central Plateau of the Hanford Site, and retrieving radioactive waste that was stored underground so it can be characterized, treated, and permanently disposed.

Washington Closure Hanford/Subcontractor Jobs

In June, contractor Washington Closure Hanford and its subcontractors hired 32 employees. They are joining 43 Washington Closure Hanford and subcontractor employees already hired in April and May. Those employees are working on two major projects, including removing stockpiled soil at the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility in preparation for expanding the disposal facility to receive additional cleanup waste.

Money Spent

According to the Department of Energy's Recovery Act website (www.energy.gov/recovery), approximately \$1.3 billion has been awarded to DOE Richland Operations Office projects at the Hanford Site as of July 8, with nearly \$30 million spent.

More Information

For more information on Recovery Act projects at the Hanford Site, visit our web page at www.hanford.gov/recovery. The site includes information on current projects, a photo gallery, recent briefings, and frequently asked questions. To receive regular updates, check out the Hanford Blog at www.hanford.gov and subscribe to our RSS feed.