

WTP Connections: Hanford Site to Continue Phased Return to Work for Site Operations Next Week



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Staying the Course for the Week of June 22

As Hanford Site Manager Brian Vance describes in his message below, we will remain in Phase 1 next week. The Vit Plant will maintain the current staffing numbers at the jobsite while making some adjustments to the mix of craft and non-manuals in support of work activities.

Although the timeline to complete remobilization is longer than we were originally planning, a measured pace is necessary to ensure the safety and health in our workforce and community. The Department of Energy considers a variety of criteria – including our community's situation – before moving to the next phase of remobilization. While the situation is dynamic, we have a solid plan and can adjust when necessary.

Those who have returned to the jobsite have done a stellar job adopting the new safety controls. Several of you have even made suggestions that improved the protocols – we are listening and adjusting and appreciate your input. It makes a difference. This same commitment to safety and health away from work will assist our community as it pursues a safe reopening. As Brian Vance indicates, we can support the broader community with our diligence at work and at home.

Over the past week our subcontractor, Inland Paving, paved side ramps into utility buildings and on the road south of the boiler and chiller compressor buildings. The Island Completion Team moved more than 1,000 utilities needed to finish grading in preparation for paving. It's exciting to see the physical progress and continued drive to completion.

I really appreciate your steadfast commitment to safety, quality, and ethics during these challenging times (as well your remaining patient and flexible!). I am also proud of how well you have stayed focused on advancing our mission whether at the jobsite, teleworking, or staying ready to serve. We truly have a great team.

Please continue to take special care of yourself and your loved ones.

One Team,

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THE HANFORD SITE

This message sent on behalf of Hanford Site Manager Brian Vance

During the week of June 22, the Hanford Site posture will remain in Phase 1 with the onsite workforce population remaining at approximately current levels. We will continue to monitor local conditions and the many factors that inform site operations planning.

As has been the case since the beginning of our Phase 1 remobilization, the majority of our Hanford workforce continues to telework while site work activities methodically continue under the established health and safety protocols, which include physical distancing, use of face coverings, and increased cleaning services. Adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols, both in the workplace and beyond, remains critical to the health and safety of each member of the Hanford team, our families and our community at large.

Please remember to carefully monitor your own health and stay home and seek medical attention if you are not feeling well. Self-monitoring is a key element of everyday team behavior that will significantly contribute to our collective obligation to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and ensure that our community health care system is available for those in need.

The work you are doing in support of the Hanford site cleanup, whether at home or on site, is important to our community, the region, and the nation.

Thanks and stay healthy.

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