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## **WTP receives positive marks for 2019 performance**

Today, the Office of River Protection released our annual performance scorecard for calendar year 2019, and the ratings are a positive reflection of the incredible teamwork displayed this past year in driving toward completion while ensuring quality and efficiencies. The scorecard is DOE's annual subjective evaluation of our performance outside of contractual progress milestones. ORP rated us as Very Good or Good in five of the six areas evaluated for an overall score of 63.6 percent, or Good.

We received marks of Very Good in the areas of Environment, Safety, Health, and Quality Assurance; One System for Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste Integration; and High-Level Waste and Pretreatment. We rated Good for Startup and Commissioning, as well as Engineering, Procurement, and Construction. We made significant progress in Project Performance last year, which was reflected in a higher percent rating.

ORP noted the Vit Plant team's achievements in improving the project schedule; enhancing quality through the Excellence in Quality Initiative; and reducing barriers to benefit multiple aspects of the project, including chemical safety, that achieved cost savings and improved efficiencies. These were possible because of the collaborative approach by so many of you across the project and our mutual commitment to our mission.

As I've said many times, 2019 was a transformative year. We completed design engineering activities; delivered all major equipment and bulk materials; and made significant progress on both the Effluent Management Facility and Island Completion effort. We adopted a 24/7 shift schedule, brought on a commissioning technician workforce, and occupied the Low-Activity Waste Facility Annex. Beyond that, the team completed turnovers for the Analytical Lab and Balance of Facilities and made significant progress on handovers.

I'm proud of all the accomplishments you made in 2019, and recognize your efforts to build on those as we move closer to Melter #1 heat-up.

ORP identified specific areas of improvement, three of which focus on actions intended to ensure we adequately support commissioning activities for melter heat up in 2021. As a learning organization, we listen and respond to our customer's improvement feedback.

I extend a huge THANK YOU for all of your efforts and contributions – you are an amazing team. Together, we will continue building on our success as we move closer toward completing our mission.

You can view the entire [Award Fee Scorecard](#) on the [DOE-ORP Prime Contracts](#) webpage.

One Team,

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