

Constructing Quality into the Vit Plant Tucker

Tucker has more than 50 years of experience in the construction industry. He started as an electrician apprentice and progressed into construction management. He has worked in five countries and seven states on a myriad of power industry projects, including nuclear power plant modifications and expansions. He understands the quality required on a nuclear job, and he is applying that knowledge at the Hanford Vit Plant.

“ This isn’t a typical construction job.
**It requires more rigor
and focus on safety and
quality than any other job
I’ve been on.** ”

“It requires everyone to play their part—ask questions, raise issues, watch out for each other. Everyone here has to be A players and bring their A games, and that’s what we have—solid, very skilled craft and professionals who are committed to getting the job done right.”

Tucker has used his construction expertise to help build the Vit Plant for the past 12 years, serving in various construction management roles, including as area and project superintendent and now as superintendent for the plant’s support facilities and the Analytical Laboratory.

When complete, the Vit Plant will be used to stabilize Hanford’s nuclear waste into a solid glass form that is safe for the environment.

“We’re building a plant that will benefit our community, our state, and our nation, and it’s a great feeling to be a part of it.”

NO ONE GETS HURT—NOW OR LATER

“Once the Vit Plant is operational and processing nuclear waste, it’s too late to add in safety and quality. We’re building safety and quality into the Vit Plant now to ensure no one gets hurt later.”

AT A GLANCE

- 50+ years experience in the construction industry
- 25+ years in construction management
- 20+ years on nuclear construction projects
- Worked on construction projects spanning five countries and seven states
- Former member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), licensed electrician

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