

**TO:** All WRPS employees  
(Please pass this message on to those who did not receive it.)

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**FROM:** External Affairs

**SUBJECT:** UPDATE: AOP-015 at AX change tent

Six Hanford workers—four expressing symptoms—underwent precautionary medical evaluation and have been released to work after reporting odors this morning outside the AX Tank Farm. Three others also reported odors but declined medical evaluation.

The employees were part of a group of workers suiting up for various work projects at AX Farm. They were suiting up in a dressing facility outside the tank farm that does not require use of a supplied-air respirator. The workers in the dressing facility, as well as those already working inside the tank farm, were instructed to exit the area. No waste-disturbing work activities were being conducted inside the farm at the time of the report.

Samples were taken in the area and results are compliant with safety standards. Access to the area has been restored.

For more information about chemical vapors and the steps Washington River Protection Solutions has taken to protect employees, visit [hanfordvapors.com](http://hanfordvapors.com). An explanation of the steps we follow when an employee reports odors is outlined [here](#).