



From the desk of Mark Lindholm, WRPS President:

DST to DST waste transfer occurs this weekend

Preparations are being made to transfer supernatant waste this weekend between two double-shell tanks: AN-101 and AN-106. Another waste-disturbing activity will occur this weekend in AY-102. To prepare for video inspections of the primary tank, one of the extended-reach sluicers used for waste retrieval will be used to spray high-pressure water on the tank floor to clear residual solids away from the area targeted for inspection.

The chemical vapor control strategy for the transfer was reviewed and approved by the Chemical Vapor Solutions Team (CVST) and HAMTC leadership. Controls include back-shift and weekend-only operations; reader boards placed as “information only” communicating that waste-disturbing activities are in progress; supplemental AreaRAES; enhanced industrial hygiene monitoring and sampling, and monitoring by the RJ Lee mobile laboratory.

These efforts demonstrate WRPS’ commitment to protect workers from potential chemical exposure.

News

- WRPS, DOE, Washington State, Hanford Challenge and Local 598 met last week for mediation of a lawsuit filed in September 2015. Another round of mediation is scheduled in May. Should mediation not prove successful, a trial is set for March 2018 in U.S. District Court in Richland.

Opportunities for Employee Engagement

- All-employee celebration luncheons for VPP STAR recertification, retrieval of AY-102, removing 2 million gallons of liquid at LERF, and other accomplishments were held this week.
- The *Hanford Live 2017* video is available online. *Hanford Live 2017*, which took place April 12, was a first-of-a-kind collaborative effort by DOE, EPA and the Washington State Dept. of Ecology to discuss Hanford cleanup progress, challenges and priorities. View the broadcast [here](#).
- The next Chemical Vapors Solutions Team (CVST) meeting is scheduled for May 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. in 2704-HV, Room G-206. Please coordinate attendance with your supervisor.
- The CVST communications subcommittee will meet Monday, May 1, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the 2704-HV building, room B-226. Please join the group as we identify topics to share with workers.

Mark