

Hanford Tank Vapors

Vapors Weekly Update

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A weekly recap of events regarding Hanford's tank vapors

From the desk of Mark Lindholm, WRPS President:

This week Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council (HAMTC) President Dave Molnaa sent a [letter](#) to ORP Manager Kevin Smith and me regarding recent improvements in worker safety at the tank farms.

In his letter, Dave cited “collaboration and good faith interactions between WRPS and HAMTC,” as evidenced by the testing and deployment of new vapor monitoring and detection equipment, new reader boards that restrict road access during certain tank farm activities, fence lines that are being reevaluated, increased exhaust stack heights and new exhausters being installed. Mr. Molnaa also said:

The Council is encouraged that this last year has been one of the most impactful and productive for improvements in worker safety at Hanford. Our concerns associated with tank farm vapors and worker safety have helped to serve as a catalyst for increased site monitoring, improvements in tank farm infrastructure, increased labor-management dialogue, transparent workforce communication, enhanced medical programs and, most critical... improved worker safety.

Finally, the Council is confident that, with this new level of collaboration and commitment to worker safety, the parties will continue to make every effort to address the safety and health concerns of HAMTC and its represented workforce.

I appreciate Dave's leadership and commitment to safety; a priority we share. And I am committed to continuing our work with the HAMTC leadership to address safety and health improvements.

I wish Dave every success in his future endeavors following his retirement this month as HAMTC's president after 12 years.

News & Notes

- [A Tri-City Herald article](#) discusses Dave Molnaa's retirement as the president of HAMTC and his thoughts on WRPS's efforts to protect tank farm workers from chemical vapors.

Opportunities for Employee Engagement

- The next Chemical Vapors Solutions Team (CVST) meetings are April 12 and 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the 2704 building, room G206. Meetings are open to all employees. Please coordinate attendance with your supervisor.
- There will be a Hanford State of the Site virtual meeting on April 12. Employees will be informed on how to access the meeting via the Internet.

Mark

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