



***From the desk of Mark Lindholm, WRPS President and Project Manager:***

## **242-A Evaporator ventilation stack extension testing underway**

The [242-A Evaporator](#) is located in a congested area of the 200-East Area. To help control chemical vapors, the ventilation stack was extended from a height of 63 feet to 111 feet above the ground. This process improvement is being implemented to better protect Hanford workers.

Installation was completed on June 15 and air-flow testing is now underway.

The 242-A Evaporator is critical to Hanford's cleanup mission. The evaporator takes liquid waste from AW Farm and distills it to boil off excess water and concentrate the waste, creating additional storage space in our double-shell tanks. Since it began operating in 1977, the evaporator has removed 84 million gallons of water from Hanford's tanks.

The evaporated water is captured, condensed, filtered and sent to the Effluent Treatment Facility for further processing prior to disposal in a state-permitted landfill.

Two evaporator campaigns are scheduled in July.



## **Opportunities for Employee Engagement**

- The next Chemical Vapors Solutions Team (CVST) Communication Sub-Team meeting is Monday, June 26, from 3 to 4 p.m. at 2704-HV, Room B-226.
- The next full CVST meeting is Wednesday, June 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. at 2704-HV, Room G-206.
- An all-employee survey will be conducted in July by the Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU). Employees will receive a link to the survey directly from ORAU and representatives will be on site to administer hard-copy surveys. Several focus groups will also be convened to provide input on WRPS' safety culture, with the results used in the wording of the survey and in interpreting the results.

***Mark***