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WRPS employees make history by working 6 million hours without a day-away-from-work injury

Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS) employees have achieved an unprecedented safety record in performing tank activities, surpassing 6 million hours without a lost-workday injury. The record was achieved on Dec. 25, more than 15 months after the company's last day-away-from-work injury case.

"Our team worked an amazing 637 days without a lost workday injury," says Mike Johnson, WRPS president and project manager. "That is unprecedented in Hanford's tank farm history."

WRPS operates the Hanford tank farms – one of the most challenging radioactive waste projects in the nation.

"Our 1,400-member team, many of whom work outside in the heat of the summer and the cold and snow of the winter, are maintaining a safety record that is the envy of the entire DOE Environmental Management complex," says Johnson.

WRPS, owned by URS Corporation and EnergySolutions, with integrated subcontractor AREVA, is a prime contractor to the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of River Protection and is responsible for managing and reducing the risk posed by the high-level radioactive waste stored in Hanford's aging underground tanks.

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