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WRPS receives national VPPPA award

RICHLAND, Wash. – Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS) President and Project Manager Dave Olson, Safety and Health Manager Clint Wolfley and Industrial Hygiene Manager Ashley Kunz were awarded the 2014 Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association (VPPPA) 2014 Safety and Health Outreach Award by the VPPPA National Board of Directors. The award was presented Aug. 24 at the 30th Annual National VPPPA Conference in National Harbor, Maryland.

The purpose of the Safety and Health Outreach Award is to provide recognition for "VPP models" who reach out to share the safety, health, technical and management expertise developed at their worksites.

Among WRPS' outreach activities was conducting SafetyFest Tri-Cities, consisting of free safety training for local small businesses, agriculture groups and other organizations. WRPS also initiated a health and safety mentoring program that supplied course information to universities than included Central Washington University and Boise State University. And WRPS donated \$1,000 to the American Red Cross to improve safety and health outreach efforts in the Tri-Cities.

"This award recognizes an impressive and commendable accomplishment," said Tom Webb, VPPPA Strategic Development & Member Services manager. "WRPS deserves credit for placing such a high priority on the safety of its employees at the Hanford site."

About WRPS

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 waste stored in Hanford's aging underground tanks.

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