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Hanford Tank Contractor Receives Community Safety Award

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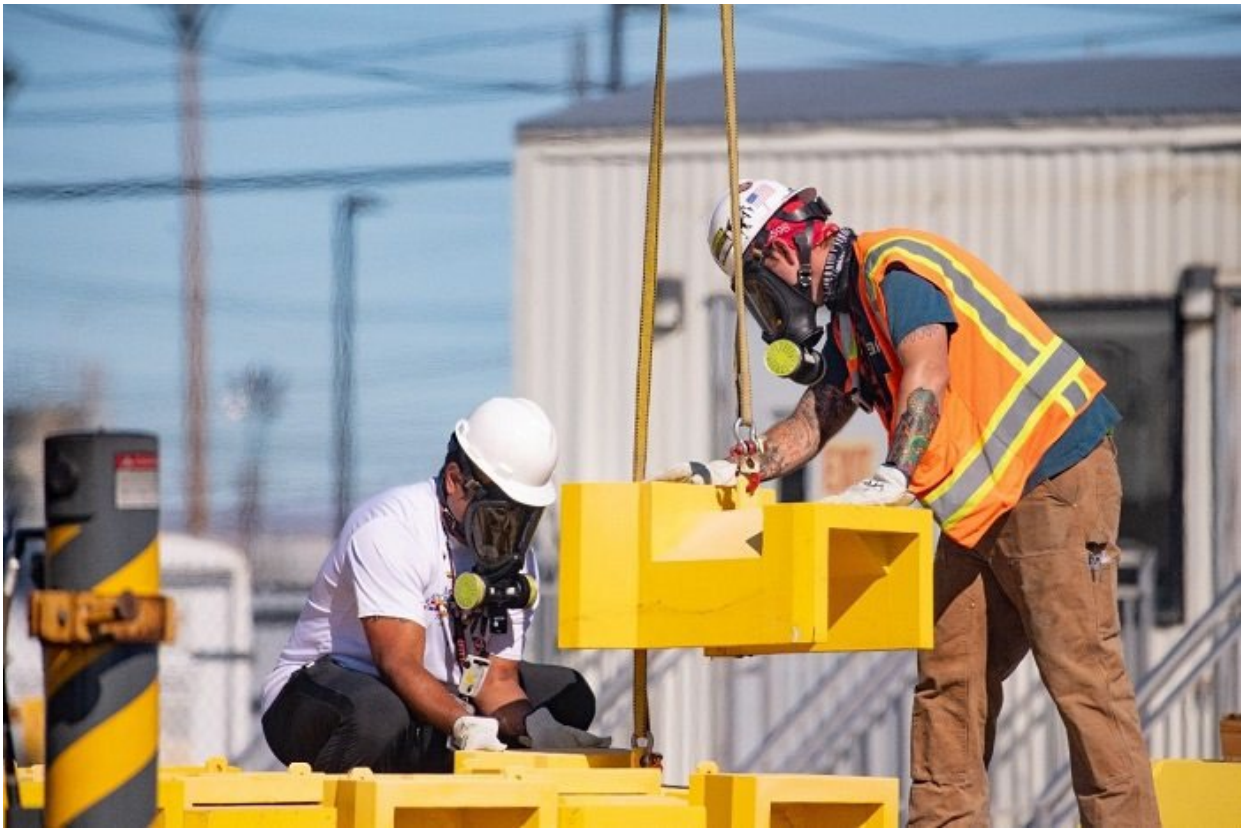

Hanford tank operations contractor Washington River Protection Solutions recently received an award from the National Safety Council.

RICHLAND, Wash. – **EM Hanford** tank operations contractor Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS) recently received the National Safety Council's Community Advancement Award, an honor that recognizes companies for a commitment to safety performance in two distinct areas: employee-led safety programs, and safety outreach and engagement in the community.

WRPS has been involved in the DOE **Voluntary Protection Program**, accident prevention councils, and creation of employee-generated safety videos.

“This award is well earned,” said Bradley Eccleston, safety and health manager for EM’s **Office of River Protection**. “WRPS has a critical role in the Hanford cleanup mission and has consistently provided safety innovation and leadership amongst the workforce and within the community.”

WRPS employees also support the community after work hours through conducting safety briefings for local Habitat for Humanity projects; sharing use of robotics and engineering innovations with local schools, colleges, and universities; and volunteering with food drives and fundraising initiatives to aid programs focused on families.

“Our team continues to safely complete mission-critical work, increase safety performance, and collaborate with our community partners to promote the safety and well-being of others,” said John Eschenberg, WRPS president and CEO. “I am proud to be part of this team and see our workers’ dedication recognized by a distinguished national organization.”

WRPS has been safely completing significant projects at the tank farms for the past 12 years, with a focus on the EM **2020 priority** of completing **Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste** construction and turnover to commissioning. Recently, WRPS completed successful testing of the **Tank-Side Cesium Removal system**, which will pretreat low-activity waste.