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DOE to Release New Hanford Documentary
Free Public Screenings Beginning January 11

RICHLAND, Wash. – The Richland Operations Office is proud to present the first public showings of a new Hanford documentary entitled, “The Area: A Journey through the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.” The film will be shown at the following dates, times, and locations:

January 11 & 12, 2011 at 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.

*Richland Federal Building Auditorium
825 Jadwin Ave.
Richland, WA 99352

*Photo identification required to enter

January 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Battelle Auditorium
902 Battelle Blvd.
Richland, WA 99354

The film is produced from the perspective of a new U.S. Department of Energy employee, Cameron Salony, as he explores the history and issues of Hanford through interviewing local tribal members, a representative of the Hanford Advisory Board, former and current workers, Hanford management and regulators. The film includes a tour of the National Historic Landmark B Reactor as well as footage of environmental cleanup activities.

“This is history that took place in our back yard. Workers used cutting-edge technology to build the site in the ‘40s, and now we’re using today’s technology to take it down,” said Cameron Salony, director of the film. “It’s a story that needs to be told, and I’m just happy that I get to be a part of it.”

The 28-minute documentary will serve as a community outreach tool for the Department of Energy to inform the general public about Hanford-related history and issues.

Film Summary

A recent graduate from Utah State University (Cameron Salony) accepts a job with the Department of Energy at Hanford and soon finds that his new workplace is a former site of plutonium production during WWII and the Cold War, but today is part of the world’s largest environmental cleanup. However, he soon realizes that the history runs even deeper at Hanford as he meets with members of local tribes whose ancestors inhabited the region thousands of years before settlers began moving into the area in the 1860s. Eventually the government would take the land from both the Native Americans and the settlers for war purposes in the 1940s. Today some of the best-educated scientists and engineers in the country are working together to clean up what remains after 45 years of plutonium production in an effort to restore the land. Join Cameron as he explores the history and issues of Hanford as he interviews local tribal members, a citizen advisory board member, former and current workers, Hanford management, regulators and more.

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