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Hanford Tour Registration Begins March 9

Visitors Can Register for Choice of Tours Focused on Cleanup or History

RICHLAND, Wash. – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will open online registration for both of its 2015 public tour programs on March 9 at 9 a.m. through the Hanford Site's webpage at www.hanford.gov.

The Hanford Site public tours focus on environmental cleanup, while the B Reactor tours focus on Hanford's role in the top-secret Manhattan Project during World War II.

All tours begin and end at the B Reactor Tour Headquarters at 2000 Logston Blvd. in Richland off Hwy. 240. Tours last approximately 4.5 hours. There is no cost to participate.

Hanford Site Cleanup Tours

This driving tour of the site includes stops at the Cold Test Facility, Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility, 200-West Area Groundwater Pump and Treat facility, and the Waste Treatment Plant. Tours also include a stop at the historic B Reactor. Throughout the drive across the site, guests will learn about the site – from inception, through its plutonium production era during World War II and the Cold War, and the progress of today's cleanup mission. For these tours, participants must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. All tour slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis through the online registration system at www.hanford.gov.

Hanford Site Cleanup Tour Dates and Times:

April 21 and 22; May 5, 6, 19, and 21; June 2, 3, 4, 16, and 17; July 28, 29, and 30; August 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, and 27

Tours depart at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on all tour days.

B Reactor/Hanford History Tours

The tours provide visitors with both guided tour and exploration time at the B Reactor National Historic Landmark, and immerse visitors in the history of the Hanford Site prior to and during World War II. Visitors will see the front face of the reactor, fan ventilation rooms, water valve pit, water process laboratories, accumulator room, the reactor's control room and the base of the front face stairway which gives a better view of the reactor's cooling water risers and cross-

header valves. B Reactor is set to become part of the new Manhattan Project National Historical Park designated by Congress in 2014.

Visitors return to Richland via the Hanford Site river road. The bus will pass the old town sites of White Bluffs and Hanford, where most of the original residents of this area lived prior to World War II. Historic facilities including the old Hanford High School and White Bluffs Bank may also become part of the new National Park site at Hanford.

Tour slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis through an online registration system at <http://manhattanprojectbreactor.hanford.gov/>, or by calling 509-376-1647 or stopping by the B Reactor Tour Headquarters.

Families with children above the age of 12 are invited to sign up for the tour slots. Middle school and high school class tours can be arranged by calling the B Reactor Tour Headquarters at 509-376-1647. A limited number of group tours are also available this year.

Visitors are encouraged to bring cameras to the B Reactor. Citizens from all countries are welcome on the Manhattan Project B Reactor tours.

B Reactor Tour Dates and Times:

April 7, 8, 11, 18, 28, and 29; May 2, 12, 13, 16, 27, 28, and 30; June 9, 10, 11, 13, 23, 24, 25, 27, and 30; July 1, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, and 25; August 3, 4, 5, 8, 17, 18, 19, 22, and 31; September 1, 2, 5, 15, 16, 19, 29, and 30.

B Reactor tours depart each tour day at 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Since DOE began its B Reactor public access program in 2009, about 50,000 visitors from all 50 states and more than 70 countries have visited the B Reactor National Historic Landmark at Hanford.

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