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OFFICE OF RIVER PROTECTION FILLS KEY MANAGEMENT POSITION *Assistant Manager for Waste Treatment Plant Named*

Richland - - The Department of Energy Office of River Protection today announced that William (Bill) Hamel has been selected as the Assistant Manager for the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) Project. As the Assistant Manager, he is responsible for the design, construction and commissioning of the world's largest and most complex radioactive waste treatment facility.

"Bill's extensive experience in nuclear facility design, construction and operations will be valuable as we continue to prepare for WTP operations," said Scott Samuelson, Manager for the Office of River Protection.

Most recently, Mr. Hamel was the Assistant Manager for Infrastructure Support at DOE's Idaho Operations Office where he oversaw all nuclear operations and capital projects in support of the Idaho National Laboratory, including the Advanced Test Reactor Complex, Materials and Fuel Fabrication Complex, and laboratory facilities.

Prior to that role, Mr. Hamel served as the federal Engineering Division Director for WTP. In this capacity, he was responsible for all aspects of the engineering design and process flow sheets for the WTP facilities. In addition, he was DOE's HLW Projects Team Lead for the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) and was integral to the design, construction, operational readiness and start-up, and successful operations of the WVDP Vitrification Facility.

Mr. Hamel has 26 years of experience in nuclear facility operations, engineering, and project management for the Department of Energy and private sector engineering firms. He is a qualified Senior Technical Safety Manager and has been certified as a Team Lead for verifying implementation of the Integrated Safety Management System (ISMS). Mr. Hamel holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Hamel will begin transitioning to this position at the end of January 2013.

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