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## Network Tri-Cities Luncheon Hosts “Recovery Act Progress at Hanford”

**Tri-Cities, WA** – The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the July Network Tri-Cities Luncheon “Recovery Act Progress at Hanford”. The Luncheon will feature Dave Brockman, Manager – DOE Richland Operations, Shirley Olinger, Manager – Office of River Protections, Dennis Faulk, Manager – EPA Hanford Project Office, and Jane Hedges, Manager – Department of Ecology Nuclear Waste Program. The Luncheon sponsored by GESA Credit Union will take place on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. and will be held at the Three Rivers Convention Center.

The guest representatives will report on five components of the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA). One of the components will focus on how the stimulus funding immediately saved 285 jobs beginning in 2009 and how many jobs have been created to date. Another point of discussion will be the report on current funding and will identify how nearly \$600 million of the \$1.961 billion that has been obligated to three existing prime contractors is being spent. Additionally, a progress to date will be reported for the cleanup process and a highlight of the overall amount of work that is planned through 2011. Finally, a background on the Hanford area will summarize the overall objective of the Recovery Act funding and the impact that the clean up will have on our local environment.

"Ecology is grateful to the Department of Energy for dedicating so much of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to Hanford cleanup. With these additional funds, significant progress has been made over the past two years, especially in projects aimed at protecting the health of the Columbia River, our community's greatest asset. We will continue to work with our federal partners to ensure this momentum is maintained after the stimulus funds run out," stated Jane Hedges, Nuclear Waste Program Manager – State Department of Ecology.

Tickets are \$18 for pre-registered chamber members and \$22 per non-chamber members or after RSVP deadline. Reservation deadline is Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are available through the Chamber at 509.736.0510, for further details go to [www.tricityregionalchamber.com](http://www.tricityregionalchamber.com).

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