



Dear Donor,

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You have had an incredible year keeping our communities safe from Hanford's radioactive legacy. Thank you.

As you know, Hanford has been in the news a lot lately. In January, there was a contamination incident at the Plutonium Finishing Plant, and another incident in June, where dozens of workers suffered plutonium inhalations. In May, part of a radioactive waste tunnel collapsed unexpectedly, risking the release of high levels of radioactivity into the environment. Experts warn that over one thousand feet of those tunnels could collapse at any moment.

Take a look at all of the incredible work you have accomplished over the past year!

- **Nuclear catastrophe was prevented** by having a direct line of communication with an amazing network of workers, unions and advocates who are the early warning system to prevent accidents, explosions, and leaks.
- **Radioactive pollution was stopped** by monitoring, disclosing and acting on new and unreported leaks of radioactive waste.
- **Cleanup funding and timelines were protected** by closely tracking and influencing cleanup funding and putting the pressure on agency officials to keep cleanup projects on schedule.
- **Human health was protected** by making sure workers had the respiratory protections to keep their lungs safe from highly toxic chemical vapors so they can be there for their families.
- **Insiders who exposed wrongdoing were helped** by providing free legal representation and advocacy for Hanford workers who reported on serious safety, health and environment concerns and violations. And you scored some major legal victories for these brave employees!
- **Congressional testimony was provided**, resulting in the passage of legislation that protects workers at Hanford and other government agencies.
- **Fraud was fought** by helping workers expose fraud and waste of taxpayer money at Hanford.
- **Information about Hanford was shared throughout the Pacific Northwest** through dozens of presentations at colleges and universities and community groups.
- **Strong alliances were built** with the State of Washington, Hanford unions, Native American tribes, community groups, and academia.
- **Problems were solved** through an independent mediation council, successfully helping over 120 workers by hearing and resolving their concerns.
- **Real-time information was shared** by closely monitoring the radioactive tunnel collapse and giving the public and media up to date information about public and worker safety and risk.

Thanks so much for protecting the future with cleanup and accountability that works.

Warmly,

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