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a message from John Eschenberg
President and Chief Executive Officer



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We are living in challenging times, facing a global health crisis never before experienced in our generation. While we continue to take measures to protect ourselves against exposure to the coronavirus, we remain very concerned for the health and safety of all our workers.

When WRPS leadership saw the challenges associated with this virus, we began daily monitoring of the situation and have since taken a number of steps to ensure operational continuity. We have been working daily – even through the weekend – with the Department of Energy (DOE), other Hanford contractors and the Benton-Franklin Health District to determine appropriate protective actions.

Starting tomorrow, consistent with social distancing guidelines, HAMMER and WRPS training classes will be suspended for two weeks.

In addition, WRPS continues to increase the cadence and depth of cleaning at our managed facilities. We are working with the janitorial contractors for the buildings south of the Wye barricade and MSA for areas north of the Wye barricade to increase the frequency of disinfecting and wiping down high-use and high-touch areas, including bathrooms, conference rooms, handrails and doorknobs.

We are following the Centers for Disease Control guidelines and are strongly encouraging individuals who are not feeling well to not come to work and to contact their personal physician. We are allowing a much more liberal use of PTB – especially for those affected by illness, school closures or the need to care for at-risk family members.

WRPS is aggressively pursuing a management-directed telework policy to address the social distancing and density concerns, especially for our at-risk population.

Again, I encourage us to continue doing the things on a personal level that reduce transmission risk: wash hands, stay home if sick and limit group gatherings and in-person meetings. I expect us to use technology to facilitate business remotely, when possible.

As reflected in Sunday evening's headlines, the nation and state are continuing to take more aggressive actions, and we will follow suit as needed. While many have inquired of a site shutdown, let me make it clear that pay status has not yet been determined for that type of a scenario. In this fluid situation, WRPS will be ready to take additional actions consistent with DOE direction.

Finally, in these uncertain times when we are all concerned about our families, loved ones and ourselves, let us continue to be good citizens. Watch out for one another, remain hopeful and know that we are continuing to do what we can to stay in front of this national emergency, protect our workforce and ensure the safety of the Hanford Site.

We will continue to communicate with you as the situation evolves. Be well.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.