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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of River Protection and Richland Operations Office have granted a 120-day extension for locally mandated training for Hanford personnel (i.e. refresher, retraining, requalification).

This extension includes some applicable training provided at the HAMMER training center. Requalification extensions must follow the DOE O 426.2 (Section 8.c) protocol. The current extension does not include federally mandated training. The only federally mandated training that currently has been extended is Radiological Worker retraining, which has been extended 30 days at the local level for all Hanford Site workers. Consistent with the Hanford RadCon Manual, WRPS does not have the authority to extend any other federally mandated training. WRPS is awaiting an extension from DOE for federally mandated training. In the interim, managers must ensure training is current, if facility access is needed for their employees.

The Hanford Site continues to work with DOE Headquarters and state agencies regarding approval for extensions of state and federally mandated training. During this time, the contractors are encouraged to continue the use of Computer-Based Training wherever possible, while maximizing the use of telework.

WRPS Training has extended applicable WRPS training course due dates per the 120-day extension for locally mandated training. The extensions have been implemented in the Enterprise Learning Management System (LMS), which will update training plans and reports, providing up-to-date training and qualification status for work assignments.

The list of WRPS courses that have been extended will be updated regularly and posted on the Training webpage. In addition, a listing of HAMMER courses that have been extended will also be posted on the WRPS Training webpage.

Questions or concerns should be directed to WRPS training coordinator at ^TOC Training Coordinator, and/or Training manager Carol Mowery, Jeff Warga or Randy Maddox.