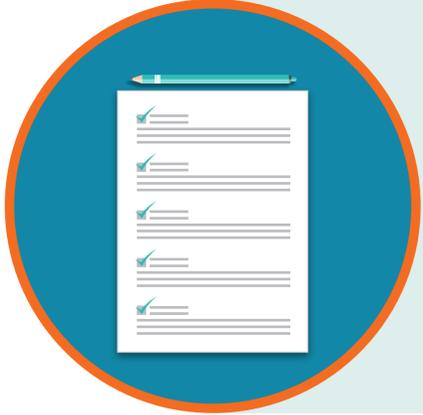


HANFORD WORKER SAFETY

For the first time the Department of Energy has agreed to:



Phased testing of new technology to capture and destroy tank vapors and, if successful, implementation.



Install a vapor monitoring, detection and alarm system in the areas where vapor exposures are most likely to occur.



Keep current safety measures, including supplied air and respirators, in place to keep workers safe during testing.



Improve sharing of information regarding vapor events, worker protections, worker health monitoring and medical surveillance.



Pay Washington state and Hanford Challenge \$925,000 to reimburse for costs and fees.



This case is part of Attorney General Bob Ferguson's larger Worker Protection Initiative to protect workers from unfair or illegal treatment in the workplace.