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**AMWTP Employees Safely Work One Million Hours
Without a Recordable Injury**

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO (July 14, 2009)--Employees at the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Facility have reached a significant safety milestone when yesterday, they marched past the one millionth hour of working without a Occupational Safety and Health Administration recordable injury.

"Reaching the one million hour mark without a recordable injury is a very significant milestone. It represents our employees' commitment to integrated safety management; that is thinking about their job, the hazards and necessary controls, and then performing work within the controls and learning lessons that can be applied next time for even better performance" said Jeff Mousseau, president and general manager of Bechtel BWXT Idaho, which managed and operated AMWTP for the U.S. Department of Energy.

To put one million hours into perspective, it is one employee's 25,000 40-hour work weeks. For the AMWTP workforce, it meant all workers worked the last 230 days injury free. This milestone represents the AMWTP's commitment to making safety a value that carries through every aspect of the job.

Some examples of what OSHA defines as a recordable injury include one that requires medical treatment beyond first aid, where diagnostic tests with positive findings (x-rays, CT scan etc.) are given, includes admission to hospital, an injury where sutures are given and occupational-caused illnesses. The injury can also not restrict the employee from doing their normal job. There are very few companies who can claim a milestone such as this.

"The kind of commitment to excellence and attention to detail that enabled us to reach a million hours of safe operation is also the kind of approach that our employees bring to everything else we do on this project", said Mousseau. AMWTP employees achieved this safety milestone while maintaining their high rate of production. Since May 1, 2005, BBWI has processed and shipped more than 29,000 cubic meters of radioactive waste out of the state of Idaho to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), located in New Mexico, and other permitted disposal facilities. Employees also recently completed characterization of transuranic waste received from the Nevada Test Site and began shipment of the waste to WIPP. This is the first such shipment of offsite waste to be received, characterized and sent on to WIPP for permanent disposal.

AMWTP is managed and operated for the U.S. Department of Energy by Bechtel BWXT Idaho.