



**HA**zardous **MA**terials **M**anagement and **E**mergency **R**esponse (HAMMER) is the Department of Energy's premier, hands-on, health and safety training center.

Owned by the Department of Energy (DOE) Richland Operations Office (RL), under the Office of Environmental Management (EM), and managed by Mission Support Alliance, LLC, the Volpentest HAMMER Federal Training Center was dedicated in 1997. HAMMER represents a partnership of Federal, Tribal and State governments, Labor, the Tri-City Development Council, academia, and industry. These partnerships are maintained through the HAMMER Steering Committee.

HAMMER maintains a collection of robust subject matter expertise and has become a critical resource to national and global customers. With this knowledge-based pool of expertise, HAMMER has the ability to provide complex-wide consultation and mentoring on a wide array of activities from worker safety to non-proliferation issues.

HAMMER manages nationally recognized health and safety training programs, including a unique and highly effective worker-trainer program, construction worker safety training program, and DOE complex-wide occupational health training programs. HAMMER collaborates with:

- Office of Environmental Management (EM)
- Richland Operations Site Office (RL)
- Office of River Protection (ORP)
- Pacific Northwest Site Office (PNSO)
- Office of Enterprise Assessments (EA) and its National Training Center (NTC)
- Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE)
- National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

The Secretary of Energy is institutionalizing the HAMMER/NTC model across the DOE complex. This partnership is known as Department of Energy Training Institute (DTI). DTI provides complex-wide support for:

- reciprocity
- common core training
- instructor certification program
- training tools and techniques.

HAMMER's 88-acre, state-of-the-art, unbadged campus is located on the edge of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in southeastern Washington state. HAMMER has:

- specialty training areas
- numerous life-sized training props
- modern classrooms
- computer-based training room
- safety library.

HAMMER successfully utilizes hands-on, performance-based training techniques with proven results. HAMMER's props allow students to train in a realistic but controlled and safe environment. HAMMER's training props are configured to create a variety of scenarios:

- radiological safety
- industrial hazards
- emergency response
- hazardous materials
- other worksite occupational health scenarios.

## HAMMER

- Trains to save lives and avert disasters.
- Is more than a training center; it's a knowledge bank for networking, process building, and pioneering Hanford's sitewide standards.
- Is an internationally recognized learning institution with a wealth of subject matter experts, worker-trainers, and realistic training environment.
- Provides comprehensive support to customers and promotes an environment of collaboration and cooperation.
- Actively supports the safety performance of its partners, customers, and community with a dynamic integration of training and safety culture.
- Is a model formula for successful training based on a collaboration between management and organized labor.
- Is an efficient, innovative learning organization where the management and staff are doers – problem solvers.
- Gained DOE Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star Status in 2002 and proudly maintains Superior Star.

*"HAMMER is helping to make sure workers have the safety training, and the capability of knowing what they are doing on the job, so that their lives are protected every day."*

**Patty Murray, US Senator WA-D**

*"We can learn from HAMMER."*

**Dr. Ernest J. Moniz, Secretary of Energy**

*"We greatly value the service of the men and women working to achieve EM's cleanup mission. We can only advance this important mission together if we provide employees with the right tools and training. Bringing the unique tenets of EM's HAMMER facility at Hanford to the entire cleanup complex represents an exciting opportunity to establish a renewed national vision for safety training that will enable EM to safely achieve its mission across the nation."*

**Dr. Monica C. Regalbuto, Assistant Secretary  
Office of Environmental Management (EM)**

*"Together, NTC and HAMMER will enhance the DOE like never before. Together, we will do for all of DOE what HAMMER has done for Hanford."*

**Glenn S. Podonsky, Director  
Office of Enterprise Assessments (EA)**

*"HAMMER has the best in class worker-trainer model providing knowledge and preparedness as one of our core commitments to our workers."*

**Stacy Charboneau, Manager  
Richland Operations Office (RL)**

*"HAMMER's worker-trainer program is a very effective way to train our workers. The best training often comes from those who have hands on experience and there is no better boost to one's personal work skills than to teach others how to do the work."*

**Kevin Smith, Manager  
Office of River Protection (ORP)**

*"I see HAMMER as a beacon showing the way for collaboration among diverse groups that come together for worker health and safety."*

**Pat Finley, General President  
Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International**

*"HAMMER's partnership is about WORKER SAFETY. It is training that saves lives."*

**Eric Dean, General President  
International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental  
and Reinforcing Iron Workers**

*"President John Sweeney designated 'HAMMER as one of the most important Partnerships of Labor and Management in this country' (at HAMMER's dedication in 1997). Today, I reaffirm that designation."*

**Richard Trumka, President  
AFL-CIO**

*"The partnership that has made this HAMMER facility a dream come true; that the Tribes can have a part of it, be a part of it; the local communities, the states, the universities, the unions, and the government agencies ... an unimaginable alliance."*

**Bill Burke, Chief, Walla Walla Tribe  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation**

*"I think it is important that DOE and contractors remain vigilant in making sure that HAMMER is available and capable of supporting the Site. The most high-risk, challenging work is still ahead."*

**Michael C. Hughes, Manager  
Bechtel National Inc.**

HAMMER partners include:

- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Health
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Labor
- Northwest Tribal Governments
- Washington and Oregon
- AFL-CIO and Affiliates
- Hanford Site Contractors
- Tri-City Development Council
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- Regional Academia



Dedicated as the **Volpentest** HAMMER Federal Training Center in 1997 by Al Alm, Former Assistant Secretary, Office of Environmental Management, HAMMER continues to honor Sam Volpentest for his lifetime commitment to the community and his tireless efforts to make HAMMER a reality.

In 1963, Sam co-founded the Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC), recognized as one of the leading economic development groups in the Pacific Northwest, and served as its executive vice president until his passing in 2005 at the age of 101. Sam was a founding member of the HAMMER Steering Committee, and was an active leader in community affairs and in efforts to diversify the Hanford Site and surrounding communities.

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