

Volpentest

**HAMMER**  
Federal Training Center

*—Training as Real as it Gets!—*



## The Volpentest HAMMER Federal Training Center is the U.S. Department of Energy's premier hands-on, health, safety, and emergency response training center.

Owned by the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 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 to effectively serve in protecting the workers, public, and environment through the complex, high hazard cleanup at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

HAMMER maintains robust subject matter expertise and has become a critical resource to Hanford, national, and global customers. With this expertise, HAMMER has the ability to provide consultation and mentoring on a wide array of activities from worker safety to national emergency response.

HAMMER manages health and safety training programs, including unique and highly effective Worker Trainer and Construction Worker Safety Training Programs. HAMMER also supports national programs assisting in energy response and national security. HAMMER collaborates with DOE:

- Office of Environmental Management
- Richland Operations Site Office
- Office of River Protection
- Pacific Northwest Site Office

- Office of Enterprise Assessments and its National Training Center
- Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response
- National Nuclear Security Administration
- Other federal agencies

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
- Worksite occupational health and safety scenarios

HAMMER's 88-acre, state-of-the-art 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 rooms
- Safety library



*“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, U.S. Senator WA-D**

*“The world class emergency response capabilities of the Volpentest HAMMER Federal Training Center are critically important to our nation’s response and recovery missions. HAMMER’s outstanding subject matter expert staff and their credibility are the cornerstone for the nation’s ability to prepare for and respond to national disasters.”*

**Maria Cantwell, U.S. Senator, WA-D**

*“The work at Hanford is complex and high-hazard. If we are going to make progress on Hanford cleanup, then it has to be done safely and effectively. HAMMER’s mission of training to save lives and avert disasters is critical to success at Hanford.”*

**Dan Newhouse, U.S. Congressman, WA-R**

*“HAMMER’s partnership is about WORKER SAFETY. It is training that saves lives.”*

**Eric Dean, General President  
Iron Workers International**

*“What HAMMER does day-in and day-out is amazing, what you do for the workers and their families to keep them safe truly makes HAMMER a world-class organization, bar none.”*

**Dan Stepano, General President  
Operative Plasterers’ and Cement Masons’ International**

*“HAMMER is the single most important partnership between Labor and Management in the country.”*

**Richard Trumka, President, AFL-CIO**

*“HAMMER is a world-class training organization.”*

**James Hart, President  
Metal Trades Department, 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**

## 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
- Establishes and fosters diverse partnerships to ensure safety, security, and response readiness
- 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 with a foundation of meaningful worker involvement
- Proudly maintains DOE Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star Status since 2002

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