Hanford tank operations contractor Washington River Protection Solutions, working with EM staff, other site contractors, and regulatory agencies, built and installed the cesium removal system next to large underground storage tanks. Those tanks, called the AP tank farm, are located near the center of the Hanford Site, which is less than a quarter mile from the WTP, also known as the Vit Plant.

The DOE announced late last year that the WTP was moved to the commissioning phase, having completed all startup testing of components and systems. Hanford work crews across the site are preparing for a shift to 24/7 operations when vitrification of tank waste begins in 2023, the DOE said.