

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BENTON COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,
AND KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

This Agreement is entered into by and between

**Benton County Emergency Management, a local organization formed pursuant to [RCW 38.52.070](#) (herein "BCEM")
651 Truman Avenue
Richland, WA 99352**

and

**Franklin County Emergency Management, a local organization formed pursuant to [RCW 38.52.070](#) (herein "FCEM")
1011 E. Ainsworth
Pasco, WA 99301**

and

**Kennewick School District #17, a Washington school district pursuant to [RCW 28A.315.035](#): (herein "KSD")
1000 W 4th Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99336**

WITNESS THAT:

WHEREAS, BCEM and FCEM conduct a radiological emergency preparedness program for the purpose of assuring an appropriate response in the event of a radiological emergency involving the Columbia Generating Station commercial nuclear power plant operated by Energy Northwest; or from the Department of Energy's Hanford Site or a community-based radiological event; and,

WHEREAS, BCEM and FCEM wish to assure the availability of an Emergency Worker/Assistance Center (EWAC) for radiological monitoring and decontamination services for the public and emergency workers in the event of an emergency involving the release or potential release of radiation; and,

WHEREAS, KSD operates a public facility, Southridge High School, located at 3520 Southridge Boulevard, Kennewick, Washington and,

WHEREAS, RCW [38.52](#) authorizes BCEM and FCEM to enter into mutual aid and interlocal agreements for the provision of emergency aid with other political subdivisions and public entities such as KSD.

NOW, THEREFORE, in conclusion of covenants, conditions, performances and promises hereinafter contained the parties hereto agree as follows:

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a framework for assuring the availability of building space and facilities to include shower and lavatory facilities and access to vehicle parking areas near the Southridge gymnasium for purposes of operating an Emergency Worker/Assistance Center (EWAC) in the event of a radiological emergency involving the Columbia Generating Station commercial nuclear power plant operated by Energy Northwest or the Department of Energy's Hanford Site.

This agreement also will provide for the use of building space and facilities as referenced above for training drills and exercises to test the EWAC plans.

B. AUTHORIZATION

This Agreement is entered pursuant to [RCW 38.52.091](#), which authorizes each local organization for emergency management may, in collaboration with other public and private agencies within the state, develop or cause to be developed mutual aid arrangements for reciprocal emergency management aid and assistance in case of disaster too great to be dealt with unassisted.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

1. Responsibilities of Benton and Franklin County Emergency Management

- a. BCEM or FCEM are responsible for notifying KSD of any declared emergency at the Columbia Generating Station commercial nuclear power plant, operated by Energy Northwest or at the Department of Energy's Hanford Site at or more severe than the ALERT EMERGENCY classification.
- b. BCEM or FCEM shall be responsible for coordinating with KSD at least thirty (30) days in advance for use facilities for training drills or exercises.
- c. BCEM and FCEM shall assist KSD in preparing and filing claims against the responsible party if Southridge High School experiences

property damage to their building(s), fixtures or equipment as a result of providing building space pursuant to this Agreement.

- d. BCEM and FCEM shall ensure that appropriate liability insurance is maintained for the errors and omissions of employees assigned to BCEM and FCEM.
- e. BCEM and FCEM shall have no additional responsibilities under this Agreement.

2. Responsibilities of Kennewick School District

- a. KSD is responsible for providing building space and facilities to include shower and lavatory facilities and access to vehicle parking areas near the gymnasium at Southridge High School to serve as an Emergency Worker/Assistance Center to receive and provide a space for members of the public or emergency workers who are evacuated and potentially contaminated in the event of a radiological emergency involving the Columbia Generating Station commercial nuclear power plant operated by Energy Northwest or the Department of Energy's Hanford Site.
- b. KSD is responsible for coordinating with BCEM or FCEM for use of facility for training drills and exercises.
- c. KSD shall maintain appropriate liability insurance for the errors and omissions of KSD employees.

D. ADMINISTRATION

Franklin County Emergency Management designates the Director to serve as the representative to administer this Agreement. Benton County Emergency Services designates the Benton County Emergency Manager as its representative to administer this Agreement. KSD designates the Superintendent or a designee, as its representative to administer this Agreement.

E. EFFECTIVE DATE

- 1. This Agreement shall be effect upon execution by the last party.
- 2. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated as provided herein.