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# EPA LT2, Bull Run Water Treatment Plants, and Costly, Unnecessary, Buried Storage Tanks

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The result is corporate benefit over Portland's community interest, and it's no accident.

Many corporations were involved, but here's the outline of Portland's role:

Ex Portland Water Bureau executive Joe Glicker seems to be the chief architect of the corporate vision for Portland's Bull Run system.

He has been influencing Portland Water Bureau policy, and been on corporate retainer, almost constantly for 30 years.

His employment history:

Portland Water Bureau (PWB)	1980-1994	(Engineer, manager, whose job title changed over the years.)
Montgomery Watson Harza Global (MWH)	1995-2006	regional vice president
CH2M Hill	2006-present	regional vice president

Upon leaving the Portland Water Bureau, aided by a Portland Water Bureau-dominated selection committee, Joe Glicker immediately secured lucrative Portland Water Bureau consultant contracts for his new employer the global corporation, MWH. Through this string of overlapping and interrelated consultant contracts, Glicker, who was influential in negotiating the EPA LT2, has been able to set the corporate-benefiting course for the future of our Bull Run open reservoir system. Unnecessary additional Bull Run treatment plants and buried tanks are projects that will degrade our system, create new and unique public health risks, create massive debt, and more than double our water bills, all while providing no measurable public health benefit. None of this has been possible without the support of City Council. It's highly possible that, as a result of these unnecessary projects the system will become more unaffordable, and with the budget overloaded with debt, the persistent corporate dream of partial, or full privatization beginning with an "Intergovernmental Agency" will become a reality, ending Portland's sole public ownership of our water supply.

Bull Run treatment plant and buried tank CONSULTANT CONTRACT history: Source: Oregon Public Record requests 2002- present. Study contracts 1995 to 2005 were awarded without transparency or any public process 1989--1993 Montgomery, Watson Bull Run Water Treatment Study (Joe Glicker was not yet employed by MWH)

1995 [REDACTED] 2004 (9-year contract) Joe Glicker, MWH Powell Butte Master Plan contract outlines plans for multiple buried tanks, treatment plant. *contract 29487*

1995 [REDACTED] 2003 (8-year contract) Joe Glicker, MWH Open Reservoir Study contract (Amended and extended 8 times) *contract 30491*

1997 [REDACTED] 2000 (end date unknown) J. Glicker, MWH/ CH2M Hill Infrastructure Master plan contract - Build UV Radiation plant first, then Membrane Filtration plant, plus bury multiple tanks. *contract 31559*

1997 [REDACTED] 2003 (5-year contract) Joe Glicker, MWH (secret) Federal Regulation contract (LT2) - negotiate EPA "public health" regulations. *contracts 31056*  
(Rhodes Trussell, a 32-year MWH CEO served on EPA's Science Advisory. Many now think LT2 based on flawed science.)

1999 [REDACTED] (end date unknown) J. Glicker, MWH Regional Transmission and Storage Strategy - (Corporate vision for Portland water to create an "Intergovernmental agency" change Bull Run ownership, add treatment plants, bury multiple tanks, and build a regional "blendcenter" to mix Columbia River, and Willamette River water with Bull Run water).

2001 [REDACTED] 2005 (4-year contract) J. Glicker, MWH Bull Run Treatment Panel - 18-month 2001 panel, controlled process; produced report. *33513*  
Panel ran for 18 months, contract four years. Panel concluded treatment not likely to add measurable public health benefit. *33538*

2003 [REDACTED] 2004 J. Glicker, MWH Tabor Reservoir Burial contract- Terminated in 2004. After Reservoir Panel (Independent Review Panel) did not support reservoir burial. Supported enhanced open reservoir security, and reservoir maintenance. Since then, \$45 million spent for reservoir upgrades.

2004-----? CH2M Hill Professional Services- Flexible Contract- Water Treatment- Provide summaries of potential health effects for various treatment options, assist in collecting and organizing tech information to be made available to the public on website, design web pages, specialized inspection services related to water treatment, such as inspection of chemical tank interiors and hazardous-area ventilation systems.

Contract 37433  
Consultant Joe Glicker moved from Montgomery, Watson, Harza Global (MWH) to CH2M Hill in 2006; consultant contracts followed him to CH2M Hill.

2007 [REDACTED] 2010 CH2M Hill LT2 related UV Radiation Plant pre-design work *ordinance 181022, contract 37433* *\$750,000* *hidden* under "Water Main" Flexible Service contract. Providing unfair insider advantage for larger UV design contract.

Contract 30000828  
2009 [REDACTED] 2012 CH2M Hill LT2 Powell Butte II Buried Tank Design (J. Glicker handled Powell Butte 2003 land use with requirement that any tank built must be started by 2013.) *\$8,455,246*

2009 [REDACTED] (end date unknown) CH2M Hill LT2 Bull Run source water "Variance Track" contract (Conflict of interest - CH2M Hill working on both "build" track and alternative "variance" track.)

March 2010 [REDACTED] Oct., 2013 (3.5 year contract) MWH LT2 Kelly Butte buried storage tank --as Mt Tabor reservoir replacement. *3,300,000*

Contract 3000291  
May 2010 [REDACTED] Dec. 31, 2014 (4.5 year contract) CH2M Hill LT2 Bull Run Watershed UV Radiation Treatment Plant Design

2010 [REDACTED] 2013 CH2M Hill Flexible Service contract project list undisclosed; includes \$\$ for public relations

For background details on cozy consultant contract history see: <http://www.friendsofreservoirs.org/background.html>

Other major capital projects not noted here have flowed to the same consultant/corporation. The community has not been allowed to determine what goes into the PWB's Capital Program;

In almost every case above, Public Involvement, if any at all, took place only *after* corporate contracts were awarded.

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