

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

Office of Environmental Management

Presentation to EM Field Offices

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Topics for Discussion

- **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) EM Program**
- **Project Oversight**
- **Transparency and Accountability**
- **Need for EM Success in ARRA Execution**



EM Program Priorities

- Essential activities to maintain a safe and secure posture in the EM complex
- Radioactive tank waste stabilization, treatment, and disposal
- Spent nuclear fuel storage, receipt, and disposition
- Special nuclear material consolidation, processing, and disposition
- High priority groundwater remediation
- Transuranic and mixed/low-level waste disposition
- Soil and groundwater remediation
- Excess facilities deactivation and decommissioning (D&D)



Footprint Reduction

Economic Stimulus



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EM footprint reduction, small site completions, and additional investment opportunities



Jobs created



Lifecycle cost reduced



Environment protected



Footprint reduced

Energy Parks



Large tracts of land and infrastructure available



Clean, Diverse Energy Sources

- Energy security
- Establish long-term site mission
- Sustainable jobs



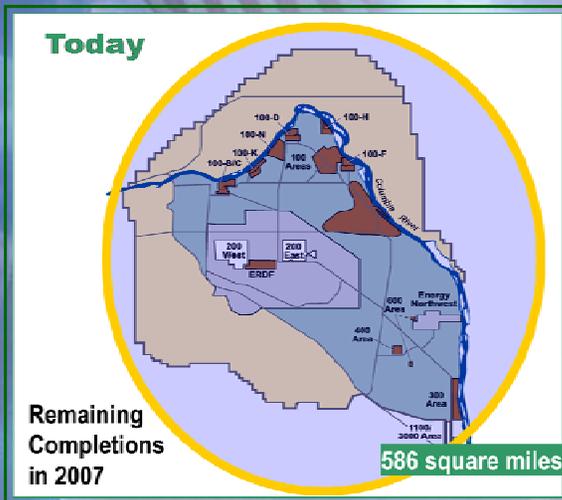
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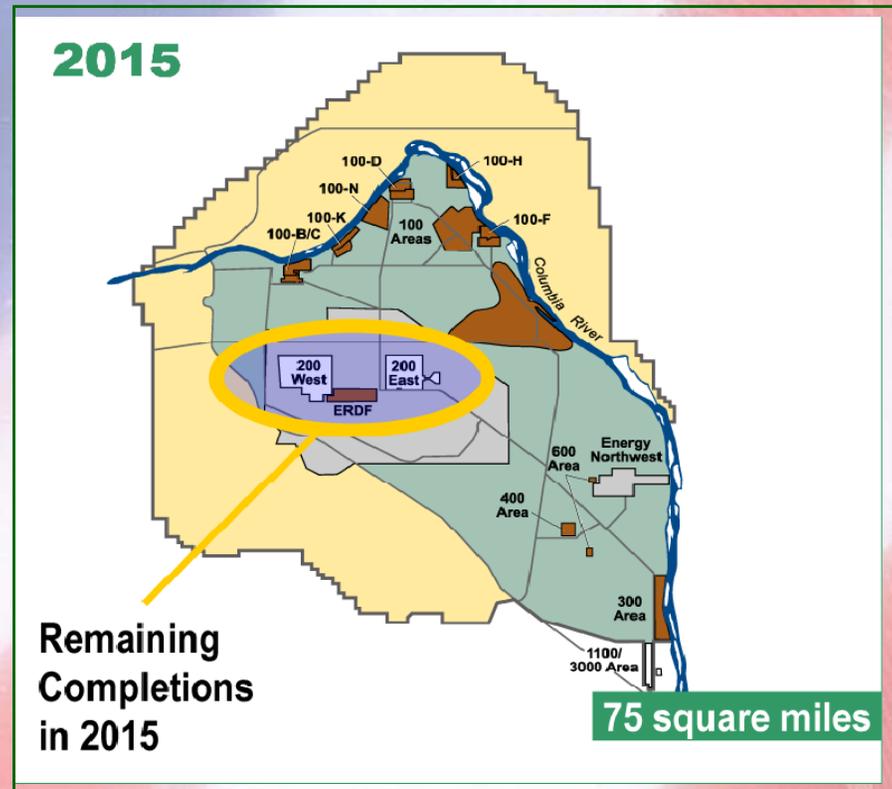
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Footprint Reduction – Hanford Site

- Reduces environmental risk with large return on investment
- Results in roughly 90 percent reduction of the site footprint



- Accelerate river corridor cleanup
- Complete D&D of the plutonium finishing plant



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The ARRA EM Program

- The Office of Environmental Management (EM) has been given an opportunity with the ARRA funds to accelerate and achieve new success in our Program.
- The receipt of these funds was due to EM's ability to demonstrate programmatic results and meeting accountability objectives.



The ARRA EM Program (cont.)

- The purpose of these funds is to create near-term environmental cleanup jobs, with an eye towards lasting economic benefits aligned to Administration Goals.
- EM Organization is being realigned to support ARRA success in implementation.
- Clear work scope, cost estimates, and schedules must be fully defined and supported.



Implementation Goals

- All funding must be obligated by the end of Fiscal Year 2010 (statutory)
 - **EM direction end of Fiscal Year 2009**
- All funding must be costed by the end of Fiscal Year 2015 (statutory)
 - **Five-Year costing period**
 - **EM direction end of Fiscal Year 2011**
- Funds costed
- Jobs created
- Progress made



Project Oversight

- **Good Project oversight by both HQ and the EM Field Offices will be required to ensure funds are spent appropriately and work is accomplished in a timely manner.**
- **Cynthia Anderson will be the EM HQ Program Manager for implementation of the ARRA Program. With this meeting, EM HQ is establishing the need for Site POCs to report to Cynthia.**
- **Cynthia will brief you today on the Organization that we are putting into place to address the Project management aspects of the ARRA.**



Project Oversight (cont.)

- Recovery projects will take steps necessary to avoid delays and cost overruns.
- Every step will be taken to prevent instances of fraud, waste, error and abuse.
- Contractors and Site offices will work with HQ to provide performance metrics that comply with ARRA objectives.
- We have made a commitment of accountability, transparency and openness and we must follow through in good faith on this commitment in achievement of our goals.



Project Oversight (cont.)

- Merle Sykes will be addressing the Budget and Accounting aspects of the ARRA funds and Ralph Holland will be addressing the Contract Management implementation.
- Safety is and will continue to be our priority in the execution of work performed under the ARRA.
- Interaction with our regulators will continue as always to ensure compliance as we proceed.



Transparency and Accountability

- The President has made it clear that every dollar spent under the ARRA must be done with unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability.
- Today's meeting is the first step in demonstrating and executing our approach to meeting this direction.
- We will meet regularly to report on progress and resolve any issues on a real time basis as we proceed.



Need for EM Success in ARRA Execution

- With the funding of these additional dollars (\$6 billion), EM has been given an unprecedented opportunity to achieve progress in cleanup and closure of the Sites from the former nuclear weapons complex.
- We will be expected to achieve those results in a cost effective manner that creates jobs and provides significant environmental benefit to our Nation.



Communications

- **Opportunity for good news**
- **Timing is everything**
 - **Process is being formalized for release of information**
 - **Be vigilant regarding what you share**
- **All media inquiries should be coordinated with HQ Public Affairs staff**

