

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

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Topics for Discussion

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
- EM ARRA Program
- Implementation Principles and Priorities
- Status

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

- Signed into law on Feb 17, 2009
- Unprecedented Congressional action
- Priority at highest Federal levels
 - President
 - Congress
 - Secretary of Energy
 - Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
- Unprecedented transparency and accountability
- **\$6 billion in *additional* funding for EM**



The ARRA EM Program

- Extraordinary opportunity for EM to achieve new success—*ARRA funding entrusted to EM because of demonstrated results*
- Funds intended to create near-term environmental cleanup jobs, with lasting economic benefits
- Project office has been established in EM to support ARRA success

ARRA Implementation Principles

To achieve our job creation and footprint reduction goals as quickly as possible, we are evaluating site cleanup plans using five guiding principles:

1. Validated cost and schedule baselines are in place
2. Contracts are in place
3. Regulatory requirements are agreed to and achievable
4. Technologies are proven and readily available
5. Significant accomplishments can be achieved by FY 2011



ARRA Project Priorities

- Scope that can most readily be accelerated to take advantage of ARRA funds
 - Soil and water remediation
 - Radioactive waste disposition
 - Facility decommissioning
- Site closure and EM completion
- Reduce the EM footprint
 - Across the country
 - Within a site



Status

- Aggressive implementation—ARRA funding within two weeks
- Opportunities identified at 17 sites meeting ARRA principles (totaling \$6B through FY 2011)
 - ARRA proposals developed by sites with site priorities in mind
 - Flexibility in work scope, but first and foremost, ARRA funds are about job creation
- ARRA proposals accelerate work activities that have compliance milestones associated with them



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