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Revised Consent Order

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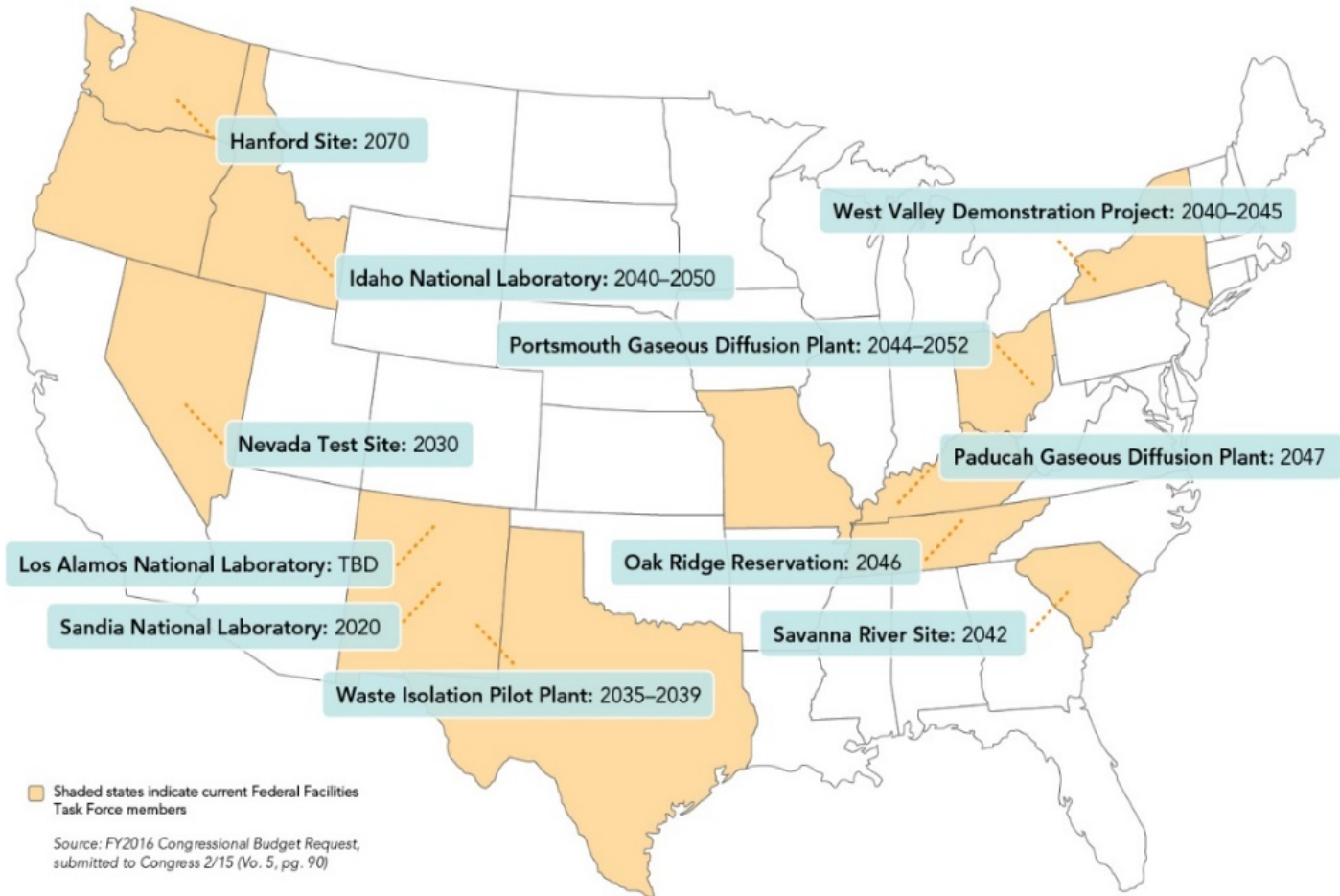
Overview

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- 2005 Consent Order (CO) governs the investigation and remediation of contamination from legacy waste management activities at LANL
- DOE recently estimated the cost of remaining CO work to be \$1.2 Billion
 - NMED believes this cost estimate is too low
- NMED and DOE need to develop a new schedule to secure the increased funding necessary for remediation



Major DOE Sites and Estimated Closure Dates



March 1, 2005 Consent Order

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- ▣ March 1, 2005 Consent Order (CO):
 1. Milestone/deliverable driven
 - Due dates for document submittals drove scope
 - e.g., due date for MDA B I/R Report
 2. Investigation/characterization focused
 3. Detailed deadlines
 - No flexibility to adjust priorities
 - e.g., identification of chromium plume
 4. Prescriptive sampling/analytical methods



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□ NMED Intent - Revised CO:

1. Campaign Approach vs. Milestones/Deliverables

- Approach would group work by priorities (e.g., groundwater)
- Campaign is from project start to finish
 - Milestones w/i campaigns can be activities or deliverables
 - Campaigns can span multiple years

2. Focus on cleanup vs. investigation



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3. Annual Work Planning Process vs. Unrealistic Milestones
 - Allows reevaluation of priorities & consideration of funding realities
4. Focus on Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) vs. Prescriptive Sampling/Analytical Methods
 - Describe the objective of the work and then execute
 - Methodologies described in Reports



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▣ What will not change:

- All work covered under March 1, 2005 CO will also be covered under Revised CO
 - Includes work identified in the future
- Public participation for remedy selections
- Stipulated penalties
- Cleanup levels



Next Steps

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- NMED to continue meeting w/ stakeholders to solicit input
- Hold additional meetings w/ NNM CAB
- What information can NMED provide to help the NNM CAB actively participate in this process?



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Reminder:

The March 1, 2005 CO is still in effect until it is replaced by a revised version.



Questions?

