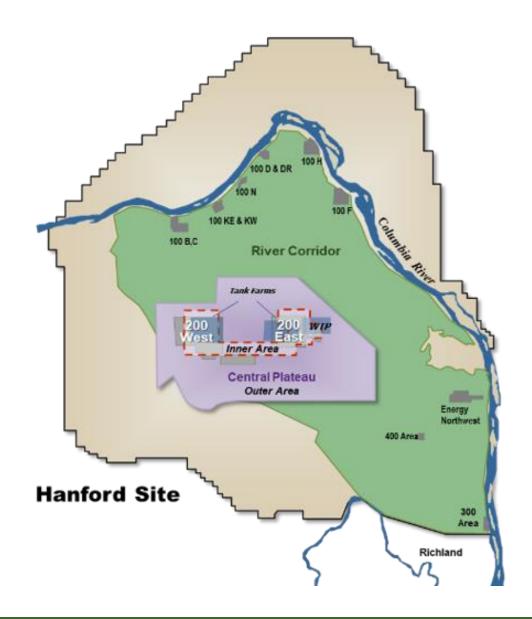
### **Hanford Site Welcome**

Brian Stickney, Hanford Site Deputy Manager







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# Hanford Site Potential Leasing Area

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Assistant Manager for Mission Support

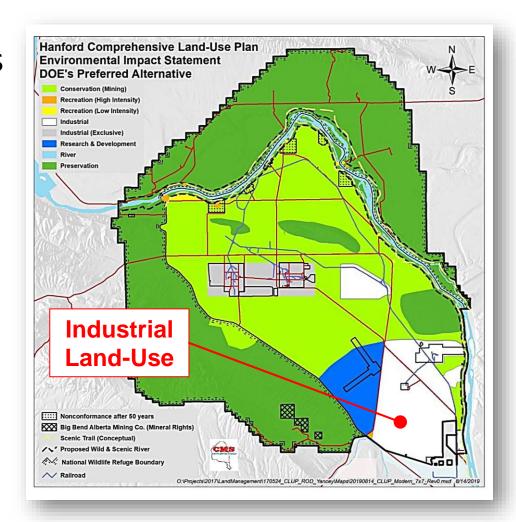


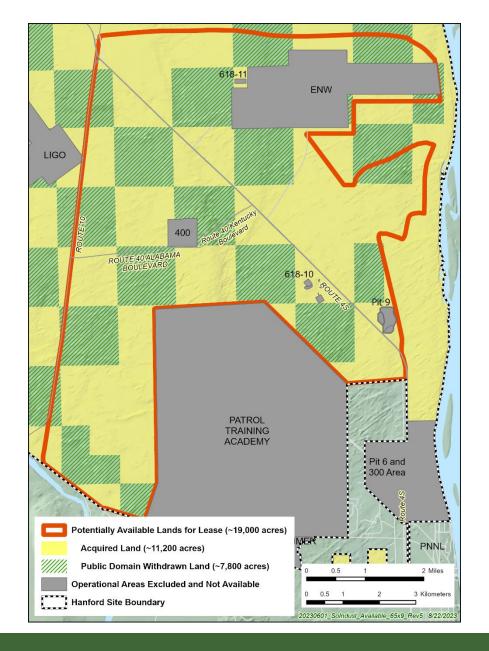
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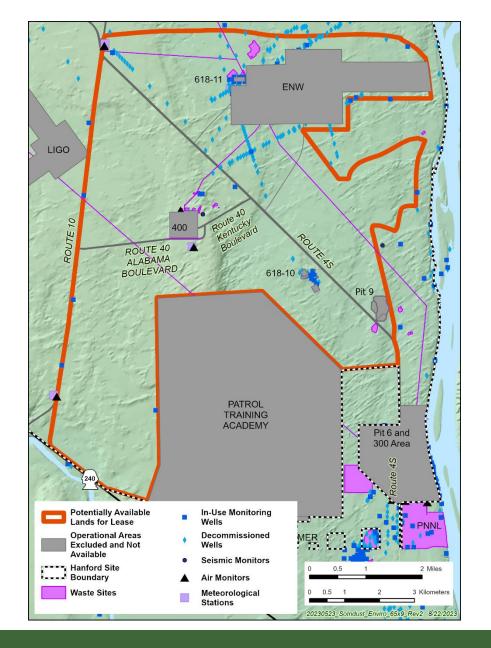
#### Comprehensive Land-Use Plan Designations

- Most of Hanford Site is designated for conservation and preservation
- Potential leases only available in southern CLUP- designated industrial use area

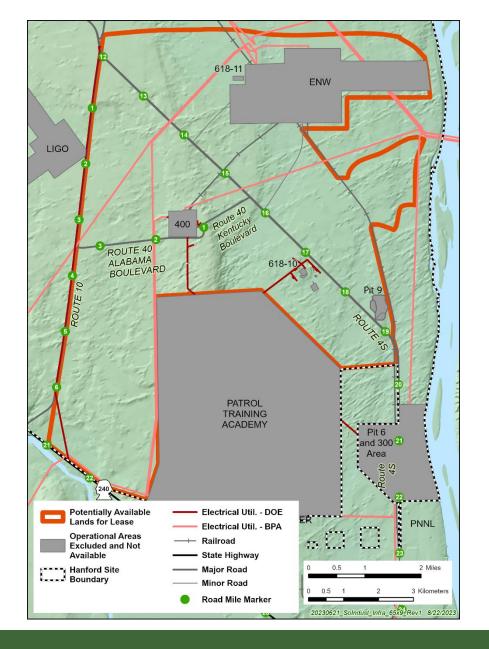




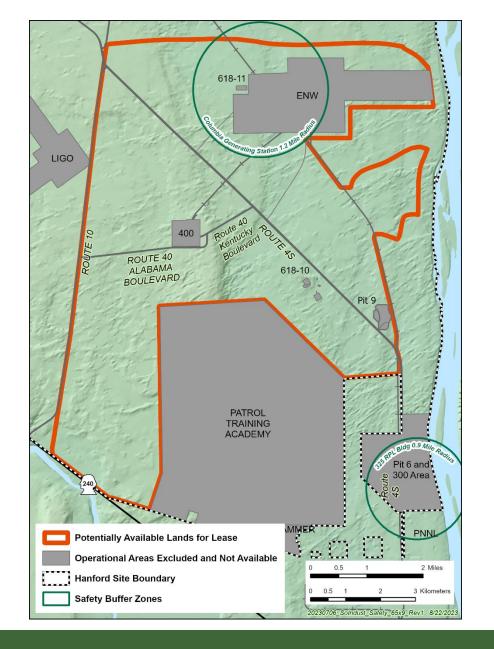
Overall Map of Potential Leasing Area



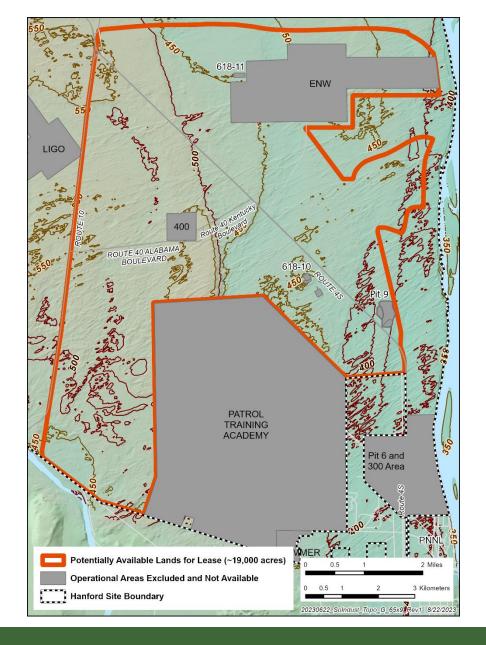
Waste Sites and Environmental Monitoring Map



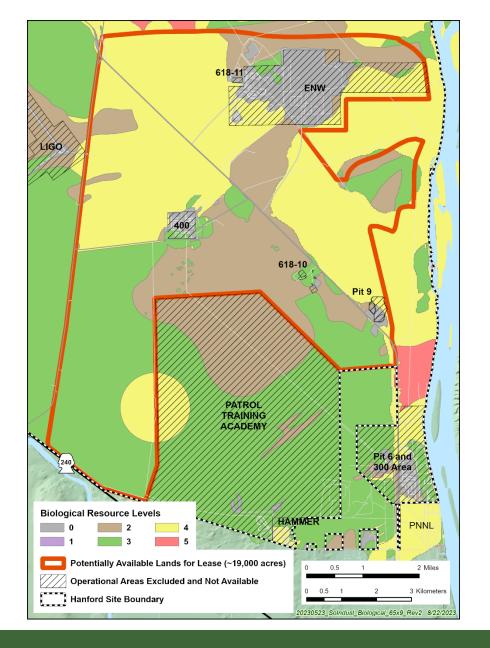
Infrastructure Map



Safety Buffer Zones Map

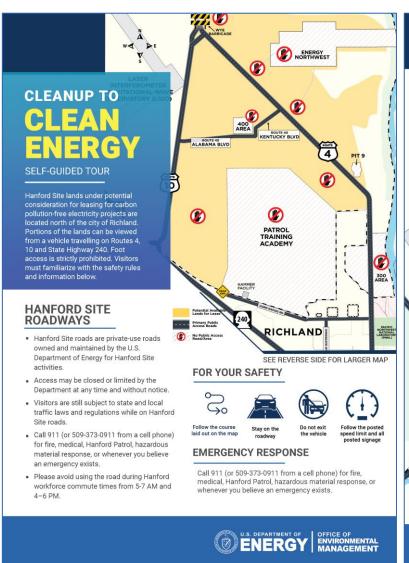


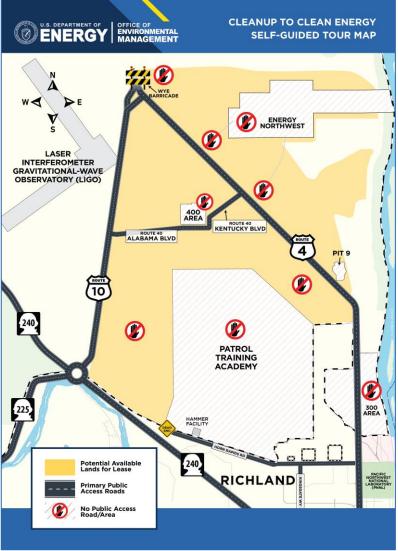
Topography Map



**Ecological Resources Map** 

#### **Self-Guided Tour**





### Regulatory Processes Required for Potential Leasing Actions



#### Key Processes Required

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

**Categorical Exclusion (CX):** a category of actions that DOE has determined normally would not individually or cumulatively have potential for significant environmental impacts

• Completed quickly once sufficient information is available

**Environmental Assessment (EA):** a brief analysis to determine whether an EIS is required

- Maximum 1 year (typically 6–10 months) and 75 pages (+citations and appendices)
- Result: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or determination to prepare an EIS

**Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):** a detailed environmental analysis

- Prepare if proposed action has a reasonably foreseeable significant effect on the quality of the human environment
- Maximum 2 years (can be extended) and 150 pages
   or, if extraordinarily complex, 300 pages (+citations and appendices)



#### DOE's Role - NEPA

- NEPA Compliance Officer
  - https://www.energy.gov/nepa/articles/doe-nepa-compliance-officers
- NEPA Document Manager
- DOE determines the type of NEPA review
  - Site- and project-specific
- DOE will independently evaluate all information from applicant
- DOE is responsible for the content
- DOE will provide information on site conditions
  - e.g., land use plans, environmental reports
- DOE will provide information on site activities and operations

#### Applicant Role - NEPA

- Provide information on the proposal
- Provide objective information on environmental impacts
- Respond timely to requests



#### **NEPA Preparation Options**

- DOE determines how the EA or EIS will be prepared
- DOE tasks and pays a contractor
  - <a href="https://www.energy.gov/nepa/doe-wide-nepa-contracting">https://www.energy.gov/nepa/doe-wide-nepa-contracting</a>
- Third-Party Agreement
  - DOE selects and directs work of contractor
  - Applicant pays the contractor
- Applicant prepares
  - Only an option after DOE prescribes procedures
  - DOE is responsible for content



#### Key Processes Required, continued

#### National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106

- Identify Historic Properties via literature review, field surveys, and during discussions with consulting parties and Tribes (typically 3-6 months)
- Consider effects of proposed project on Historic Properties in consultation with consulting parties and Tribes (typically 3 months)
- Work with consulting parties and Tribes on options to avoid or mitigate adverse effects (typically 3-6 months)

#### DOE's Role - NHPA

- Federal Archaeologist/Cultural Resources Program Manager
- DOE determines the applicability of NHPA Section 106
- DOE will independently evaluate all information from applicant
- DOE is responsible for the content of the NHPA Section 106 Identification, evaluation and determination of significance or eligibility and whether there would be an adverse effect
- DOE is responsible for defining the appropriate mitigation for adverse effects with consulting parties
- DOE is responsible for signing a Memorandum of Agreement with consulting parties

#### Applicant Role - NHPA

- Provide information on the proposal
- Respond timely to requests



#### NHPA Preparation Options

- DOE determines how the NHPA Section 106 documentation will be prepared
- DOE tasks and pays a contractor
- Third-Party Agreement
  - DOE selects and directs work of contractor
  - Applicant pays the contractor
- Applicant prepares
  - Only an option after DOE prescribes procedures
  - DOE is responsible for content
- Applicant pays for mitigation costs

#### Key Processes Required, continued

- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Section 120 (h) (approximately 12 months)
  - DOE determines whether hazardous substances are present, status of remediation, mechanisms in place to assure ongoing protection of human health and the environment
  - DOE communicates with the Environmental Protection Agency and Washington State
  - DOE documents, as needed, information/requirements in lease
- DOE Order 458.1, Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment (approximately 12 months)
  - DOE performs historical site assessment
  - DOE conduct radiological surveys and sampling
  - DOE evaluates results
  - DOE secures Independent Verification
  - DOE finalizes clearance documents



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### **Next Steps**

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#### What's Next?

- Specific ways to engage are provided in the Request for Information, available to download at <u>EM Request for Information For Generating Pollution-Free Electricity on the Hanford</u> <u>Site | Department of Energy</u>
- DOE wants to hear from parties with the ability to design, permit, finance, construct, and operate 200 MW or larger CFE generation plants.
- DOE is interested in hearing Tribal and community perspectives on potential collaboration with industry partners towards advancement of CFE goals.
- DOE wants to hear input from Tribes and the community that should be taken under consideration with this CFE initiative.
- Responses and input should be sent to <u>EMCleanEnergy@em.doe.gov</u> by 4 p.m. Pacific Time, Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023.
- Following review of responses to the RFI, DOE will announce next steps to identify potential opportunities for CFE generation.
- Updates will be posted at <u>EM Clean Energy Land Reuse</u> | <u>Department of Energy</u>



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### Thanks for attending!

