MISSION

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) provides long-term stewardship of sites that supported the nation's World War II and Cold War nuclear weapons complex, ensuring continued protection of human health and the environment for future generations.

FOCUS

Surveillance and Maintenance
We provide enduring, sustainable containment of environmental waste, including long-lasting radioactive contaminants.

Health
We are committed to protecting human health and the communities that made enormous sacrifices during a critical period in our nation's history.

Environment
We are dedicated to the long-term challenge of disposal and containment of environmental waste to ensure ecosystems are protected.

Science
We perform research to make certain DOE's waste containment structures, called disposal cells, prevent contaminants from entering the air, soil, or groundwater at LM sites. LM also monitors sites where contamination was removed.

By the Numbers

60,000+ acres of land with long-term suveillance and monitoring

500+ total employees: 65+ federal employees and 440+ support services contractor personnel

92 LM sites in 28 states and Puerto Rico, creating a national program with a wide set of responsibilities

118 sites projected to be under LM's responsibility by 2025

95% of LM properties are in beneficial reuse through partnership with other federal agencies

7,800 former DOE workers and contractors who were employed at nuclear defense production sites receive benefits from LM

150,000 cubic feet of non-classified records related to the Cold War nuclear legacy are kept at the Legacy Management Business Center in Morgantown, West Virginia

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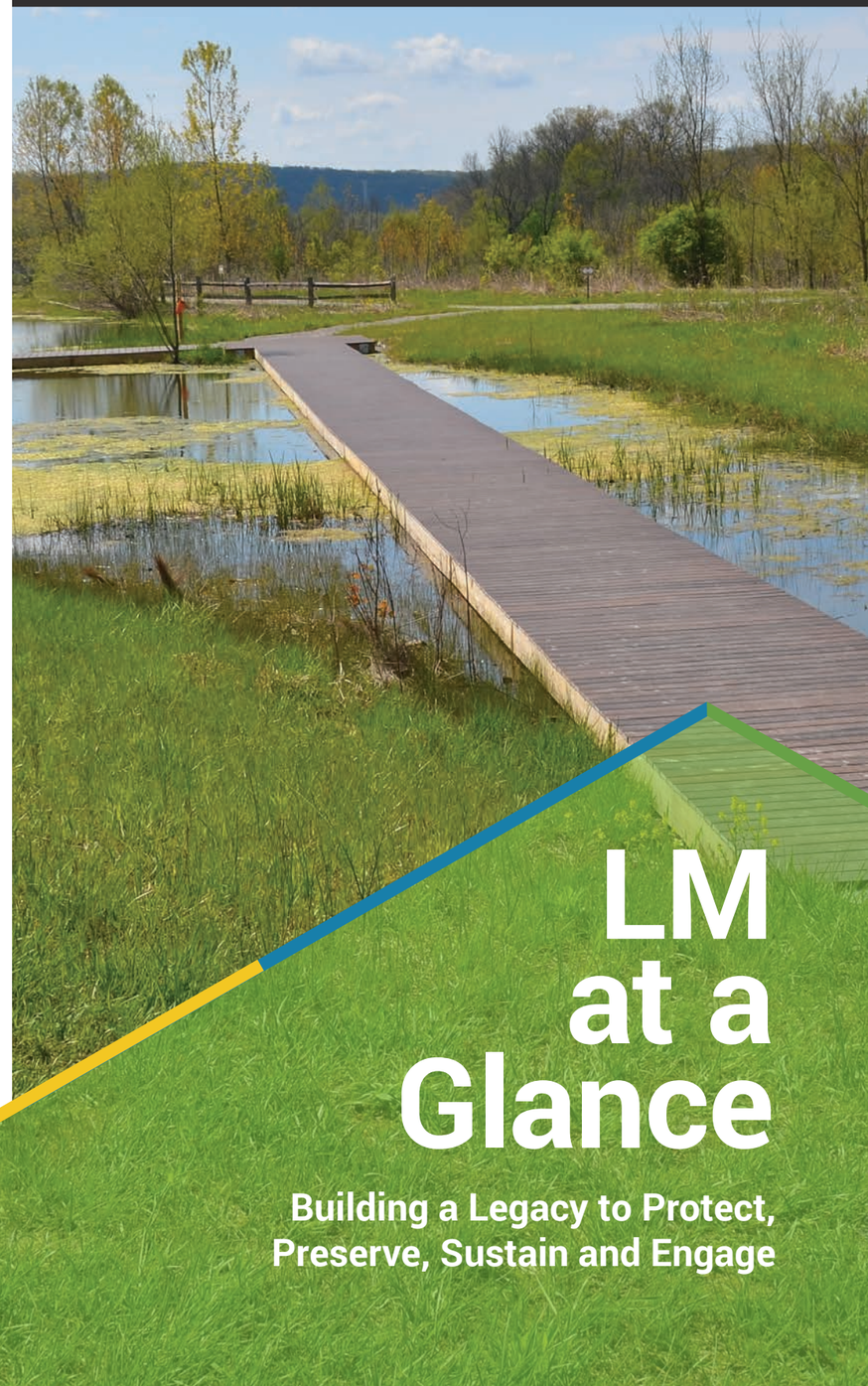

LM at a Glance

Building a Legacy to Protect, Preserve, Sustain and Engage

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) serves as the long-term steward for sites formerly used in nuclear weapons development and production. After DOE has finished remediation and cleanup of contamination, we assume responsibility for site monitoring and maintenance. LM also treats soil and groundwater to remedy any continuing hazards. We preserve site records, manage retirement benefits for former contractor employees, and work to put land back into beneficial use for communities.

Did you know?

STEWARDSHIP

Even after contaminants have been contained, it will take hundreds, and even thousands, of years for remaining long-lived radioactive contaminants to fully decay to background levels at some of our sites. To ensure human health and the environment are protected from contaminants, we conduct long-term stewardship activities, such as inspecting and maintaining engineered disposal structures, and monitoring and treating soils and groundwater. When appropriate, we transfer land back to communities for conservation, economic development, and recreation uses.

HISTORY

Records are crucial for protecting the interests of the public. We recognize the importance of maintaining records documenting site history and the work completed at our sites. Staff at the Legacy Management Business Center in Morgantown, West Virginia, have made records accessible to users by digitizing and making them available online.

WORKFORCE

With the closure of multiple DOE sites, we've ensured the seamless transition of benefits for former workers and their beneficiaries. We continue to fund the pension plans and health and life insurance policies of approximately 7,800 individuals. We've also saved an estimated $21 million in taxpayer funds by offering former workers from certain sites lump-sum buyouts and conversions to insurance company annuities.

COMMUNITY

We are committed to the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people when it comes to our work. With 92 sites spread across numerous states, multiple tribal nations, and Puerto Rico, our success depends on building trust with diverse stakeholders. We cultivate relationships through engagement, education, and outreach. We operate visitor centers at our Fernald, Ohio, and Weldon Spring, Missouri, sites.

RESEARCH

Our Applied Science and Technology program enhances cleanup effectiveness, protectiveness, and sustainability. It also can decrease our long-term costs. The program oversees long-term studies that address a variety of critical issues, such as soil remediation, groundwater treatment, disposal cell performance, remote sensing, and unmanned aircraft monitoring. Improving our scientific understanding and application of cutting-edge technology improves our site management.