

Hanford Site Proposed Land Conveyance Project

Public Scoping Meeting

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Agenda

- Meeting purposes
- Land transfer request
- Hanford Site Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) designations
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposed action and Environmental Assessment (EA) area of analysis
- Separate analyses required for potential land conveyance
- How to give input/stay involved



Public Scoping Meeting Purposes

- Provide information about what DOE will propose and analyze in the Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Receive your input on EA scope and specific issues that should be addressed



Land Transfer Request

- May 31, 2011, Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC), the Hanford Site Community Reuse Organization, requested transfer of 1,341 acres located near the Hanford Site's southern boundary for economic development purposes
- October 13, 2011, TRIDEC amended original request to include 300 acres previously requested for lease by Energy Northwest, for total request of 1,641 acres
- TRIDEC proposal identifies probable uses of warehousing and distribution; research and development; technology manufacturing; food processing and agriculture; and "back office" (i.e. business services)
- Ultimately, TRIDEC plans to transfer ownership to a private entity or to one of its public agency partners (e.g., the City of Richland)

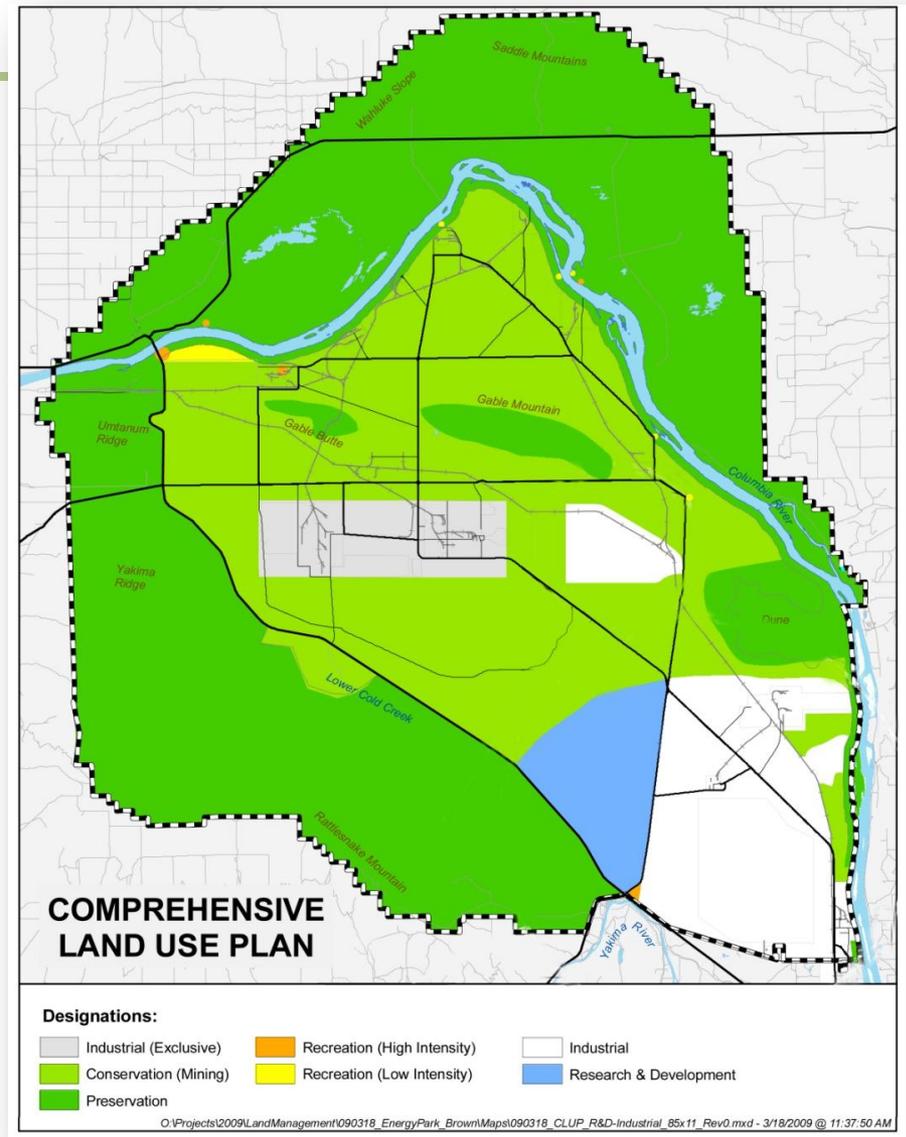


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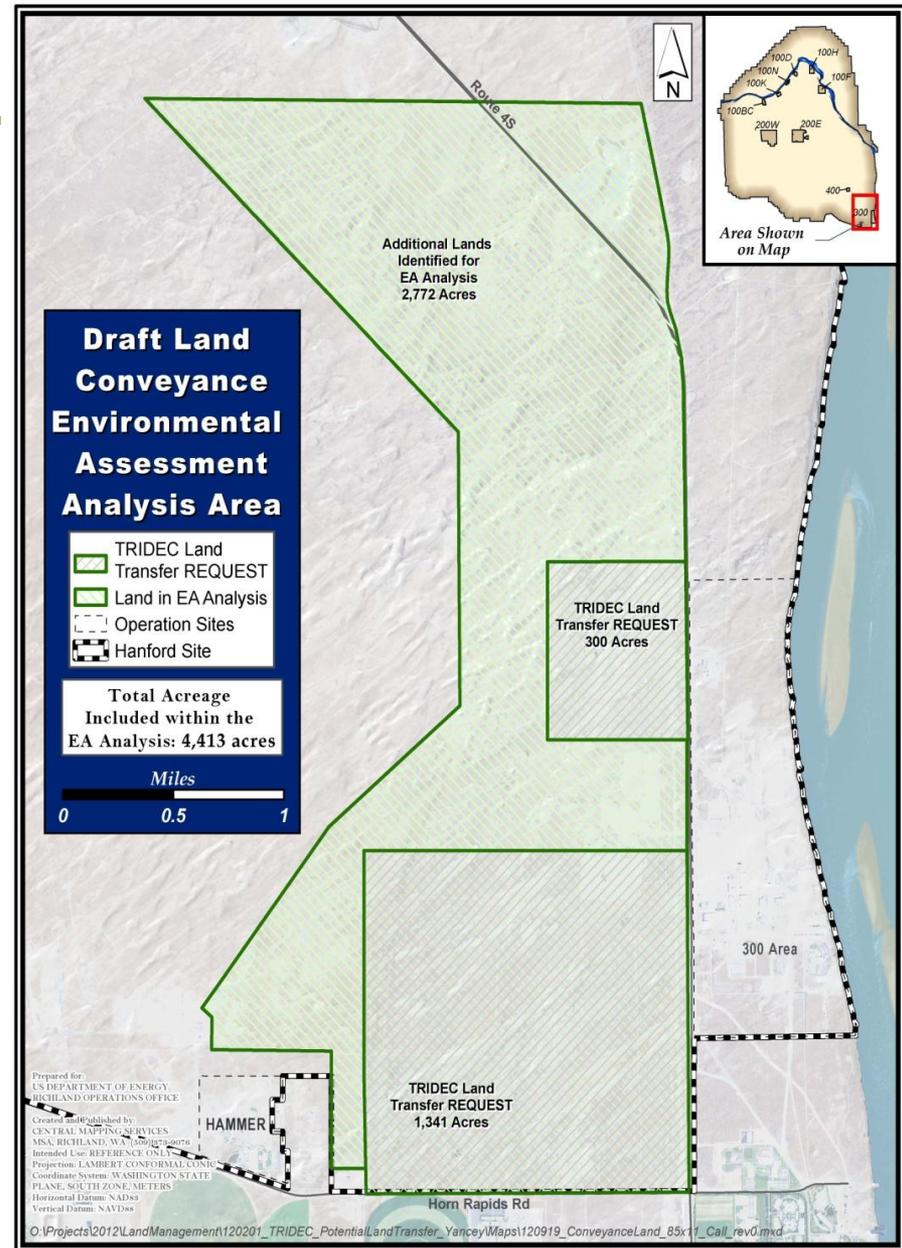
Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) Land Designations

- Majority of Hanford Site is designated for conservation and preservation purposes (*Hanford Comprehensive Land Use Plan EIS, September 1999/Record of Decision November 1999; Supplement Analysis June 2008/amended ROD September 2008*)
- The lands requested for transfer are designated for industrial uses
- Lands designated for Industrial uses are intended to support economic development



DOE Proposed Action and Analysis Area

- DOE is proposing to **convey** 1,641 acres; considering a range of actions such as transfer, lease, easement, license agreement, or a combination of such actions
- Due to continuing mission needs on some of the requested lands, DOE is assessing a larger area, 4,413 acres, to identify a sufficient parcel(s) totaling 1,641 acres that would be suitable to conveyance for intended uses



Separate Analyses Required to Evaluate Land Conveyance

- National Environmental Policy Act
 - Sept 19, 2012 Federal Register Notice Of Intent (NOI) announcing EA process and 30-day public scoping period
 - Develop draft EA documenting existing environment, potential impacts from proposed action, mitigation actions as necessary
 - Hold public comment period on draft EA
 - Finalize EA, decide whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement or issue a Finding of No Significant Impact
- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
 - Identify Historic Properties via literature review, field surveys, and during discussions with consulting parties and tribes
 - Consider effects of land conveyance on Historic Properties in consultation with consulting parties and tribes
 - Work with consulting parties and tribes on options to avoid or mitigate adverse effects



Separate Analyses Required to Evaluate Land Conveyance (cont.)

- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Section 120 (h)
 - Determine whether hazardous substances are present, status of remediation, mechanisms in place to assure ongoing protection of human health and the environment
 - Early communication with EPA and Washington State
 - Document, as needed, information/requirement in conveyance instrument
- DOE Order 458.1, Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment
 - Perform historical site assessment
 - Conduct radiological surveys and sampling
 - Evaluate results
 - Independent verification
 - Finalize clearance documents



How to Give Comments and Stay Involved

- Provide comments at this meeting
- Send written comments to:



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- Email comments to landconveyanceEA@rl.doe.gov
- Sign up to receive draft EA at welcome table
- For EA updates, visit <http://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/EnvironmentalAssessments>



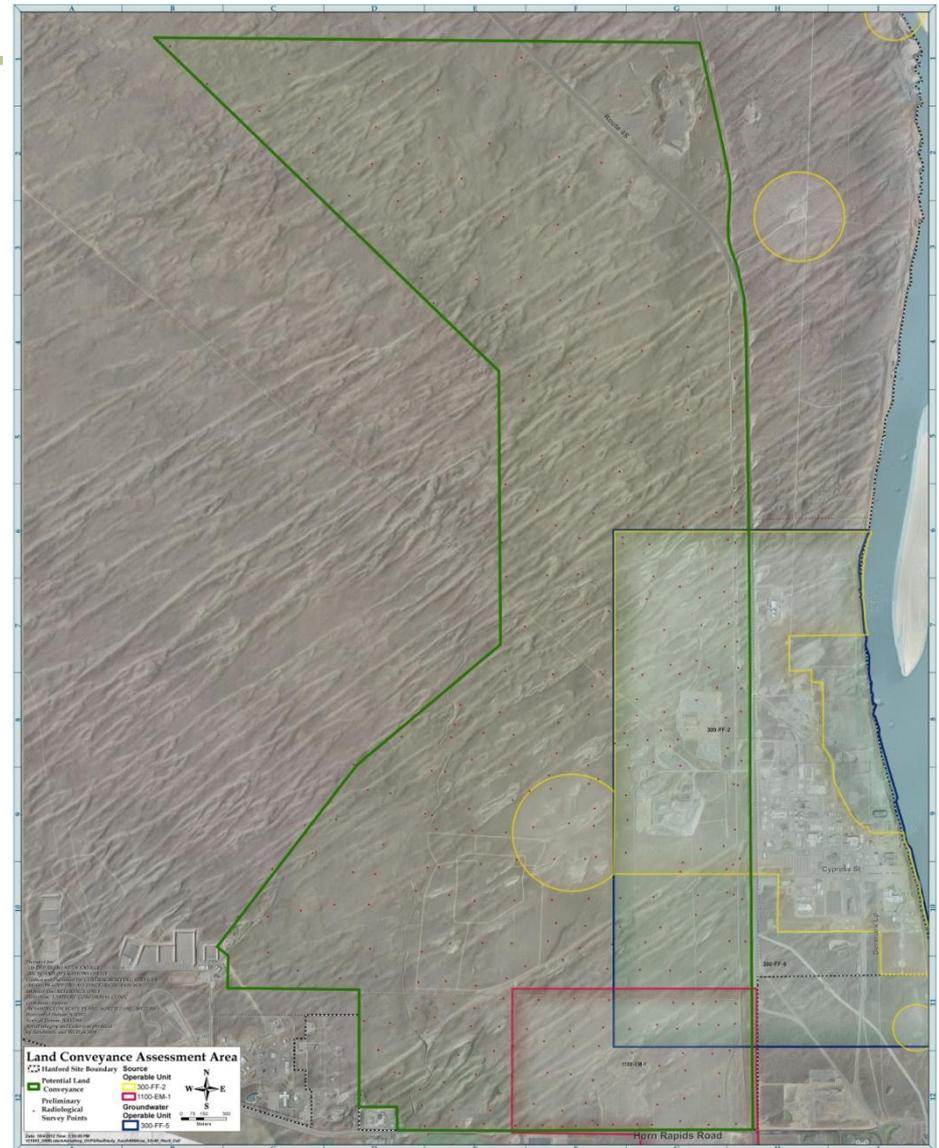
QUESTIONS?

BACKGROUND

Analysis Area in Context of Regulatory Cleanup

Includes portions of National Priority List 1100, 300, 200 Areas:

- *1100 Area* - Deleted in 1996, Horn Rapids Landfill under Institutional Controls (maintain cap, fencing, access control, signs, monitor groundwater 1100-EM-1)
- *300-FF-2 Source Operable Unit* - waste site remediation per interim ROD partly complete/in progress
- *300-FF-5 Groundwater OU* – CERCLA proposed plan under development



DOE Land Transfer Authority

- Primary DOE authority for land transfer is the Atomic Energy Act of 1954
- TRIDEC request was made under Title 10, part 770 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR part 770) - Transfer of Real Property at Defense Nuclear Facilities for Economic Development
- 10 CFR part 770 is one mechanism for land transfer; it recognizes DOE responsibility to assist local communities impacted by the nation's nuclear weapons complex

