

Site Infrastructure

Expectation:

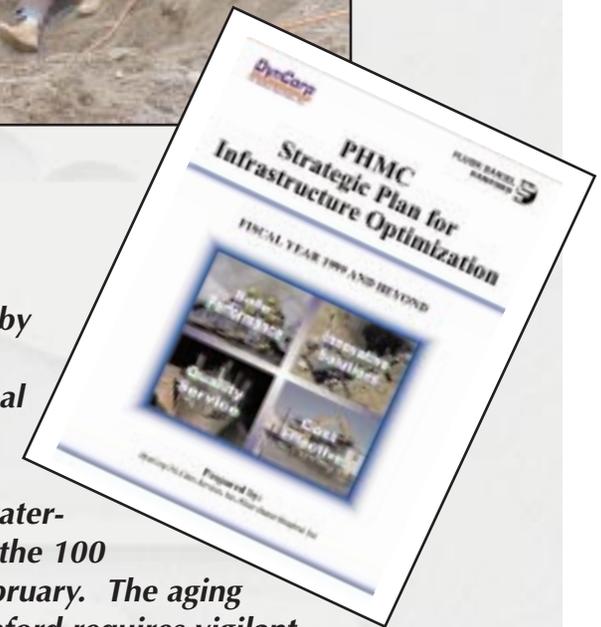
Optimize the Hanford Site infrastructure, reduce site inventories and be more cost effective.

Status Update:

- Updated our strategic plan to optimize Hanford infrastructure, identifying new initiatives that could result in \$8.6 million in added savings and cost avoidance over the next five years.
- Certified all 18 “mission essential” infrastructure computer systems as Year 2000-compliant ahead of schedule.
- We reviewed more than 100 potential waste sites in the 300 Area and obtained EPA concurrence that all but five are excluded from the cleanup process. Efforts are under way to revitalize the 300 Area for future commercial or industrial use.



Due to quick action by dedicated workers, there were no residual adverse effects from a promptly repaired break in a 24-inch water-supply line between the 100 and 200 Areas in February. The aging infrastructure at Hanford requires vigilant preventive maintenance and a delicate balance against other cleanup funding priorities.



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Future Focus Areas:

- **Develop a pilot proposal by May 30, 1999, that enables demolition of unneeded facilities – reducing the site footprint – by making excess assets available for commercial use.**
- **Implement a consolidated program for soil, vegetation and animal control for the site.**



The closed 200-Area Powerhouse is one of three being evaluated for possible demolition in exchange for excess Hanford assets that could be put to commercial use.