

From Cleanup to Stewardship



a Companion Report to *Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure*
and
Background Information
to Support the Scoping Process
Required for the 1998 PEIS Settlement Study

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Long-term stewardship is expected to be needed at more than 100 DOE sites after DOE's Environmental Management program completes disposal, stabilization, and restoration operations to address waste and contamination resulting from nuclear research and nuclear weapons production conducted over the past 50 years. *From Cleanup to Stewardship* provides background information on the Department of Energy (DOE) long-term stewardship obligations and activities.

This document begins to examine the transition from cleanup to long-term stewardship, and it fulfills the Secretary's commitment to the President in the 1999 Performance Agreement to provide a companion report to the Department's *Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure* report. It also provides background information to support the scoping process required for a study on long-term stewardship required by a 1998 Settlement Agreement.

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Hanford "B" Reactor with Tumbleweeds

This reactor was the world's first large-scale plutonium production reactor. Built in less than one year, it produced plutonium from 1944 to 1968. It will be maintained as a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark.

Hanford Site, Washington, July 1994.