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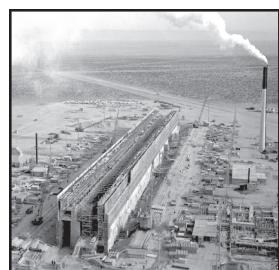
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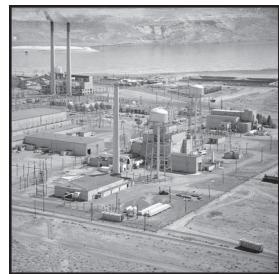
This booklet was developed to highlight the national and international historical events that occurred in association with the development of the Hanford Site. The purpose of the booklet is to increase the awareness Hanford Site employees have of the historical significance of the Site's contributions and missions during the Manhattan Project (1943-1946) and Cold War era (1946-1990). By increasing knowledge and understanding of the Site's unique heritage, it is hoped this publication will help generate an appreciation of the Site's historic buildings and structures, and, thus, instill a sense of "ownership" in these buildings. One cannot appreciate the historic significance of a place or building without first knowing its story.

The booklet also is meant to facilitate improved cooperative compliance by staff with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. To carry out its responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department of Energy established a Manhattan Project and Cold War Historic District at Hanford as the most efficient way to determine what buildings were important and have contributed to the historical significance of the Hanford Site. The project was funded through the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) Environmental Management Services Department by the U.S. Department of Energy under contract DE-AC06-76RLO-1830.



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