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3rd International Forum on the Decommissioning of Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station

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❖ Overview of Office of Environmental Management

- Nuclear cleanup mission
- Highlight nuclear facility decommissioning experience

❖ Keys to Decommissioning Success

- Shared Safety Responsibility
- Technological Solutions
- Test Beds, Mockups and Training
- Multi-Generational Teamwork
- Stakeholder Involvement, Public Participation
- Public Opinion



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Overview of Nuclear Cleanup

Decommissioning Experience and Successes

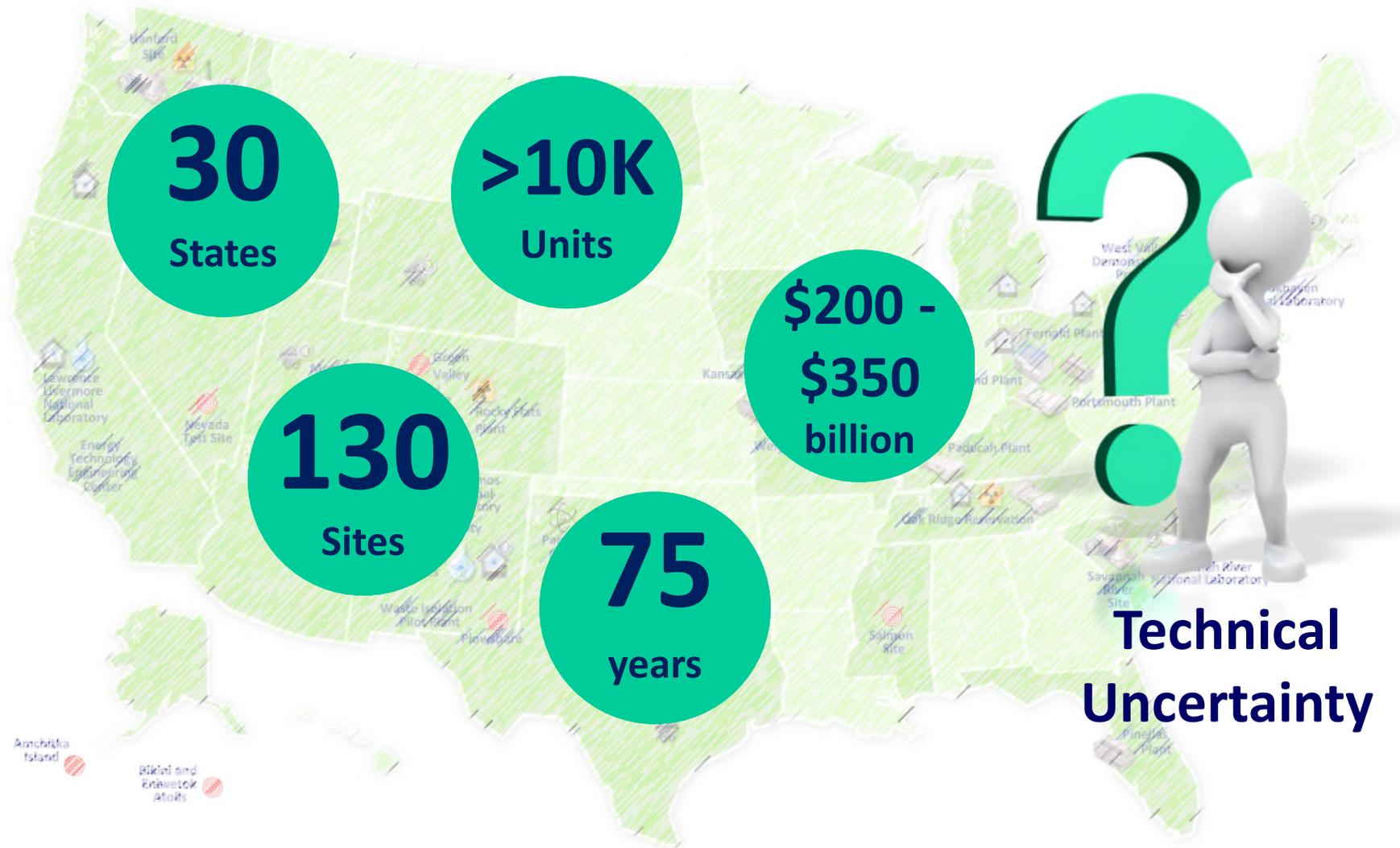
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Safe cleanup of the environmental legacy created by the Manhattan Project, the ensuing Cold War nuclear arms race, and the early years of federal government-sponsored nuclear science research and technology development



The Hanford Reach
White Bluffs Overlooking the Columbia River





**Technical
Uncertainty**

Nearly 30 Years of Successful Cleanup

what's done?

29
years



91
of 107
sites

↓
risk

>\$170
billion

Decommissioning Successes: Hanford Site Reactors

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of Hanford's nine production reactors have been placed in interim, safe storage allowing radioactive decay before final demolition



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reactor was configured to allow public access for tours because it was the world's first full-scale plutonium production reactor



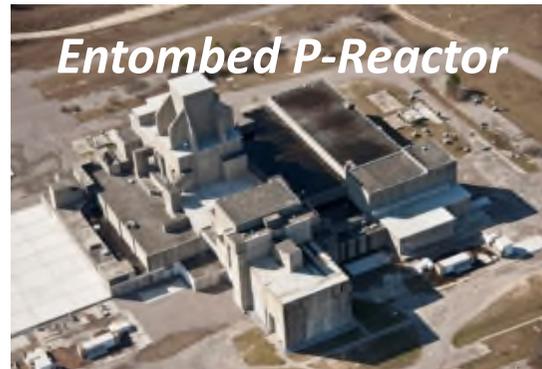
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more reactors will be placed in safe storage in the next few years

Decommissioning Successes: Savannah River Site Reactors

2

of Savannah River Site's five reactors are entombed



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reactors are used for temporary storage of special nuclear materials and spent fuel



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was converted to a decontamination facility



Decommissioning Successes: Test and Research Reactors

>75

research reactors of various designs across the DOE complex are in various phases of decommissioning

High Flux Beam Reactor



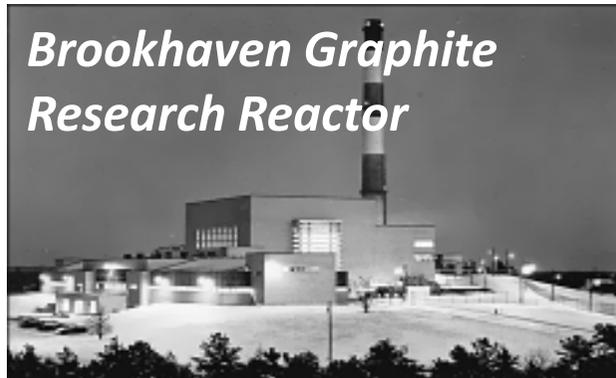
Experimental Boiling Water Reactor



Chicago Pile 5



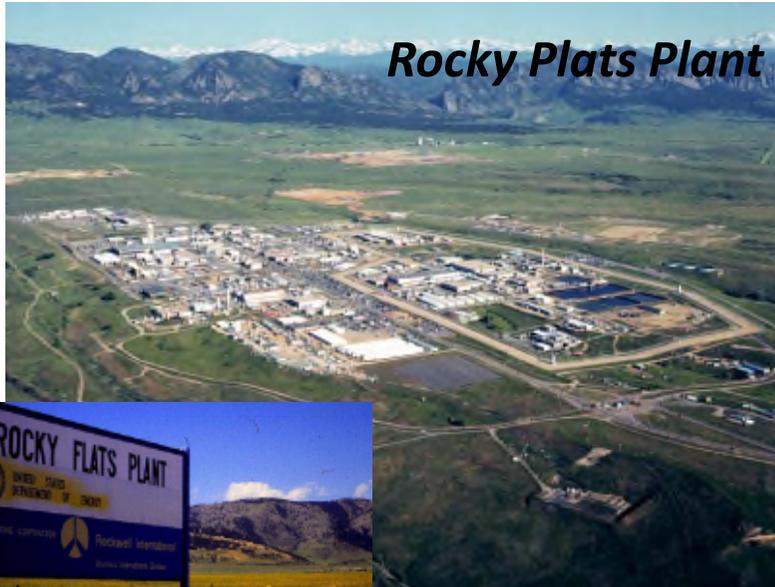
Brookhaven Graphite Research Reactor



Heavy Water Components Test Reactor



Decommissioning Successes: Other Nuclear Facilities

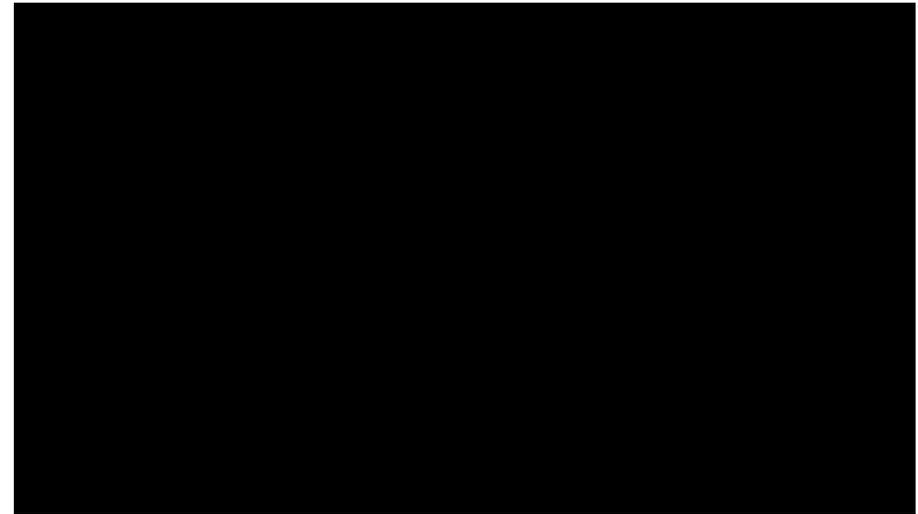


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nuclear and radioactive facilities have been decommissioned



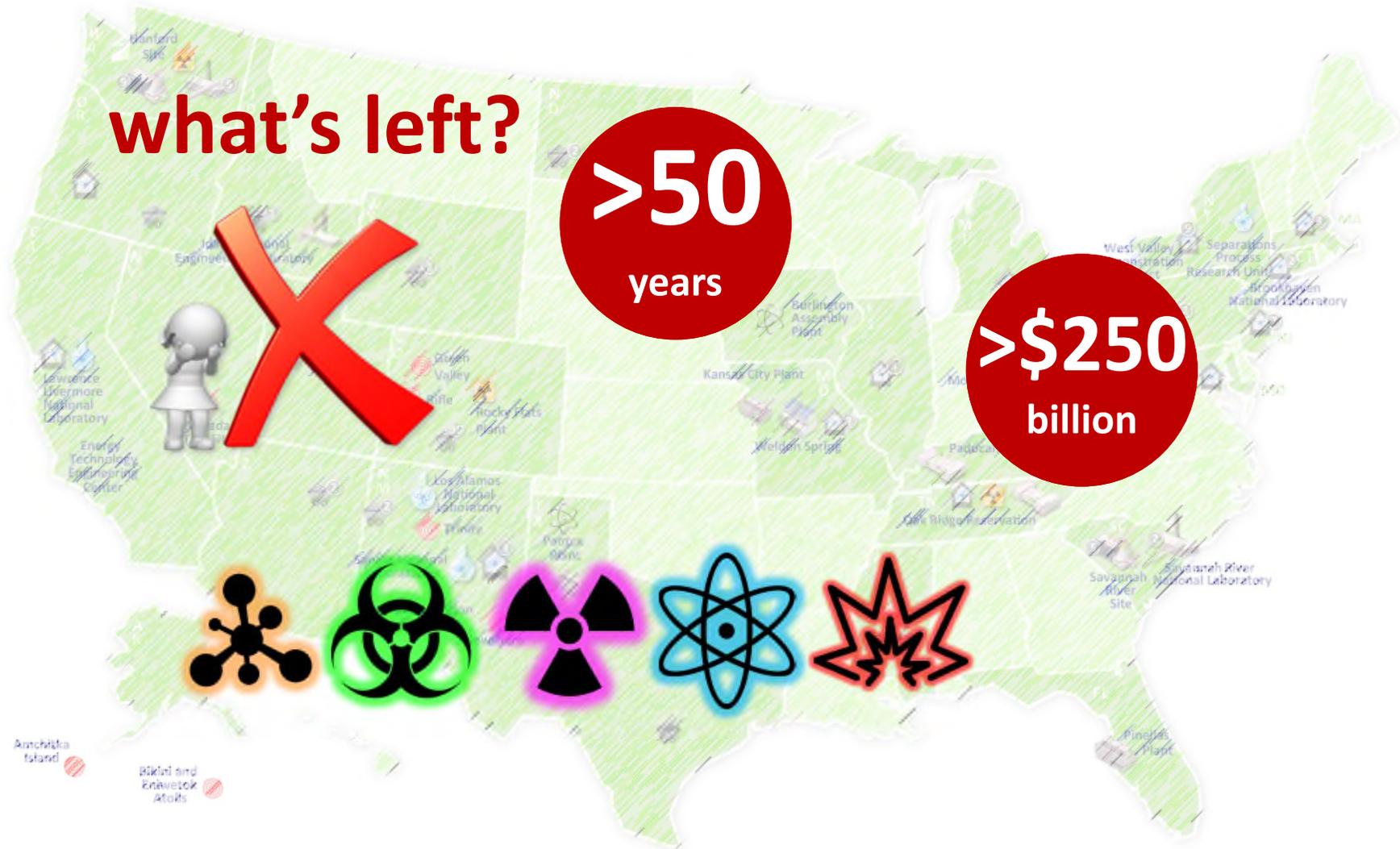
SRS K-Reactor Cooling Tower



Heavy Water Test Reactor
Dome Removal
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High Speed

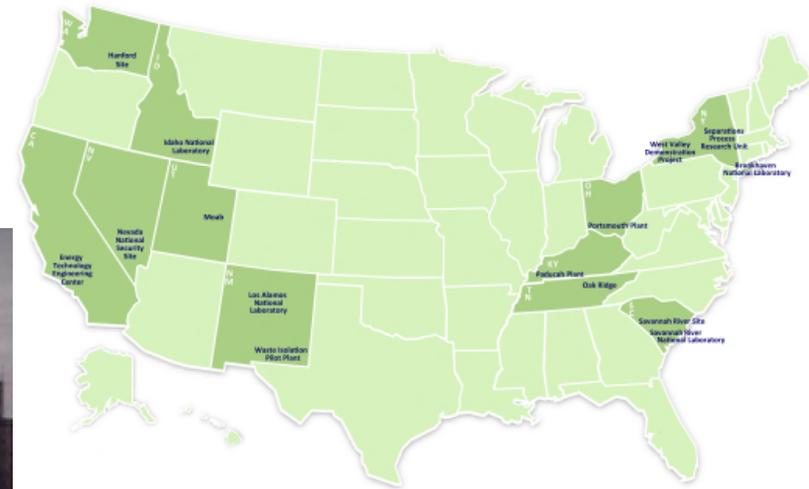




what's left?

>50
years

>\$250
billion



- ❖ Radioactive Materials Processing Facilities
- ❖ Underground Tank Closure
- ❖ Liquid Waste Processing Facilities
- ❖ Vitrification Plants



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Keys to Successful Decommissioning

Decommissioning Experience and Successes



Work

SAFER

Advanced robotics and remote systems are key mission-enablers

Work

SMARTER

DECOMMISSIONING SUCCESS



Test Beds, Mockups, Training



*Footage of
Actual Cleanup*



Multi-Generational Teamwork



- ❖ **U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Environmental Management has nearly 30 years of complex and complicated nuclear facility decommissioning**
- ❖ **Key to Success**
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Japan and the U.S. continue to work closely together to assure the safe and protective decommissioning of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station