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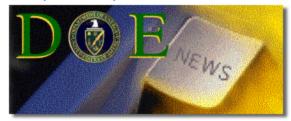**For more information contact:**
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DOE Preserves History of Significant Structures at Hanford

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has published a book containing the history of 190 significant structures built on the Hanford Site during the Manhattan Project and Cold War. The book, "History of the Plutonium Production Facilities at the Hanford Site Historic District, 1943 - 1990," preserves this history in words, diagrams, and photographs. It describes the events that led to the creation of the Manhattan Project, the resulting plutonium production facilities, the workers, and the role of secrecy and security during the production era.

DOE, the Washington State Historic Preservation Office, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation signed an agreement in 1996 that modified compliance with two sections of the National Historic Preservation Act with respect to historic buildings on the Hanford Site. By identifying the historic "district" in the programmatic agreement, the three groups were able to treat the Site as a single complex of interrelated buildings, rather than treating each building individually, thus avoiding approximately $43.5 million in documentation and mitigation costs. The majority of the identified structures have already been or will be demolished during accelerated cleanup of the Hanford Site. A multi-contractor team coordinated by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Bechtel Hanford Inc. completed the book.

To read an electronic copy of the book, please visit
http://www.hanford.gov/doe/culres/historic/index.htm. Hard copies are available for viewing at the local libraries and DOE's Public Reading Room at Washington State University Tri-Cities' Consolidated Information Center, 2770 University Drive, Room 101L, Richland.

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