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SPEED LIMIT being raised

DOE to raise speed limit from 55 mph to 60 mph between Wye Barricade and Horn Rapids Road on a pilot basis. Planned start date is July 18

As one of the recommendations from the recently completed Traffic Study, DOE is taking this action in an effort to increase compliance with posted speed limits on the Hanford Site. This action is not expected to increase collisions, and is supported by research conducted by the Federal Highway Administration, Office of Safety and Traffic Operations Research and Development.

While modifying the speed limit may not entirely eliminate congestion and high speed driving on Hanford Site main routes, it is expected to narrow the number of different speeds vehicles are traveling. We also anticipate it will reduce large sections of backed up vehicles and the pressure of some individuals to pass large numbers of vehicles at unsafe high speeds.

As this is a pilot project, Hanford worker feedback is essential in determining if this action or any other future safety actions implemented are working. Please send any comments or concerns you may have to:

trafficsafety@rl.gov.

We encourage you to visit the Hanford Site Traffic Safety Improvements Web page for additional information at:

http://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hanfordTrafficSafety#

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Benefits

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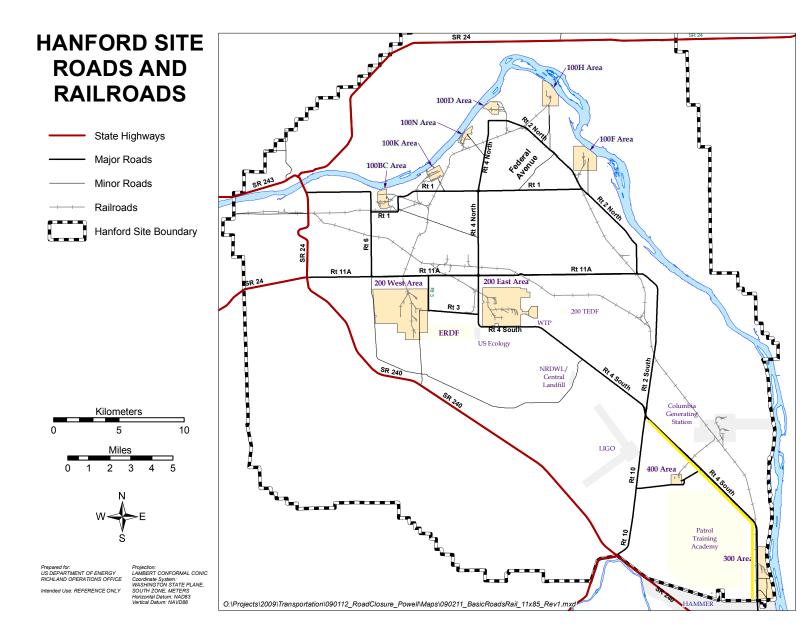
Raising the speed limit on the Hanford Site is expected to:

• LESSEN OR POTENTIALLY REDUCE:

- ☑ Aggressive passing behaviors
- ✓ Large sections of vehicles backed up on the road
- ✓ Vehicles driving various speeds
- ✓ Time spent following
- ✓ Pressure to pass
- ✓ Congestion
- Collision risks
- NOTED INCREASE:
 - Compliance with posted speeds

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Yellow highlighted area is where the 60 MPH speed zone is being implemented. The zone encompasses the area from the Wye Barricade to Horn Rapids Road.