Hanford Site Meteorological Support

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Organizational Structure

The Meteorological and Climatological Services Task

- Provides meteorological support to the Hanford Site
- ▶ Is part of the Public Safety and Resource Protection Project (PS&RPP), which includes
 - Hanford environmental oversight
 - surface environmental surveillance
 - ecological monitoring and compliance
 - cultural resources

Task Scope

Provide meteorological and climatological services support to DOE-RL and Hanford Site contractors so that activities that might be severely affected by adverse meteorological conditions (e.g., strong winds, severe heat or cold, thunderstorms and lightning, snow storms) can operate in a safe and efficient a manner.



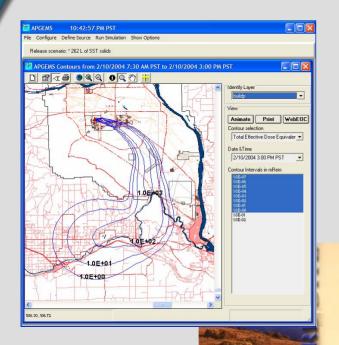
Hanford Met. Station Operations

- Provide weather forecasts in support of routine and special Site operations.
- ➤ Detect adverse weather (heat stress, thunder-storms) that may affect safety of Site workers.
- ➤ Provide specialized support to Site cleanup (e.g., building demolition).





Hanford Met. Station Operation (cont)



- Provide data for annual potential radiological exposure assessment.
- Provide data for interactive atmospheric models in support of emergency response activities.
- Publish Hanford Site Climatological Data monthly summaries.

Hanford Meteorological Monitoring Network

- ▶ Network composition
 - twenty-six 9-m towers
 - three 61-m towers
 - one 124-m tower

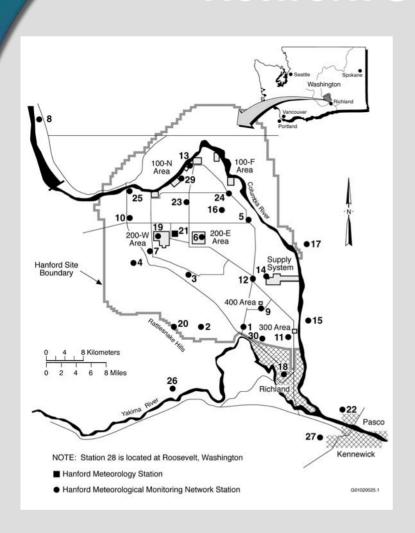


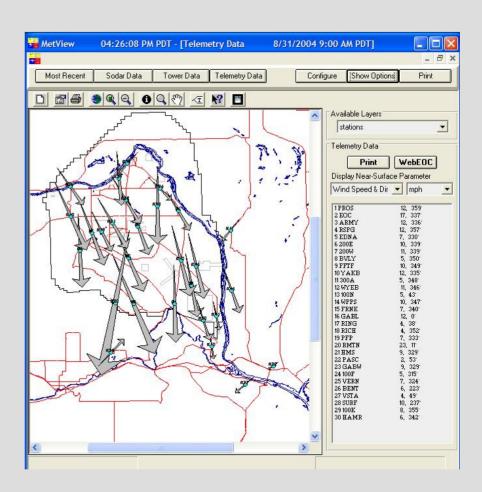
- wind speed and direction
- temperature, temperature difference, dew-point temperature and relative humidity
- precipitation
- atmospheric pressure



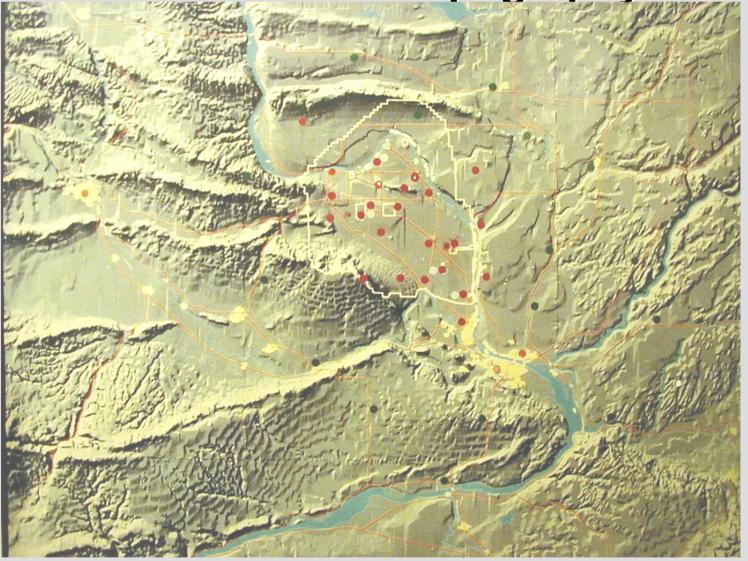


Hanford Meteorological Monitoring Network Station Locations





Hanford Site Topography



Forecasting Services

- ▶ Duty Forecaster available
 - Monday through Friday, 24 hours except from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 - weekends and holidays, 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- ► General weather
 - temperature, wind, and weather (rain, snow, fog)
 - Used primarily for daily work scheduling.

Forecasting Services (cont)

- ▶ Adverse weather advisories
 - high winds, thunderstorms, dense fog, frozen precipitation
 - identified call list with notification via telephone and email
- Heat stress readings (wet bulb globe temperature)
 - Based upon air temperature, radiant heat exchange, air movement and water vapor pressure
 - Used for work scheduling during summer months, taking into account work type and protective clothing type
- Special forecasts as requested

HMS Telemetry Data Collection System

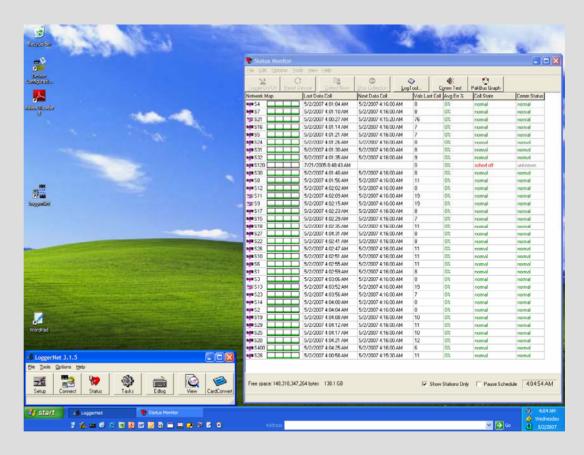
- Completed conversion to Campbell Scientific, Inc.
 - Data loggers; CR10XTD & CR23XTD
 - Narrow band radio





HMS Telemetry Data Collection System (cont)

- System software LoggerNet 3.1
 - Calls stations
 - Runs processes



HMS Telemetry Data Collection System (cont)

- ► Summary of Data Flow
 - Tower data logger
 - PC collection software
 - PC processing software
 - Developed in shop (Visual Basic, Fortran)
 - Intranet server
 - Processes to send data out (FTP)
 - WWW

Future Issues



- Environmental Monitoring (EM) possibly not continuing as part of PNNL
- Assessment of changing support needs as Hanford Site cleanup continues and eventually ends.