



Manhattan Project Sites Special Resources Study

The Manhattan Project was a top-secret program implemented during World War II designed to win the race against Nazi Germany in the construction of the first nuclear bomb. Operating from December, 1942 until September, 1945, the Manhattan Project was a \$2.2 billion dollar effort that employed 130,000 workers at its peak, but was kept largely secret and out of public view.

The results of the Manhattan Project transformed the world of science and technology and ultimately ushered in not only the atomic age but also the modern information age.

The National Park Service has been directed by Congress to conduct a special resource study for four of the Manhattan Project sites. The study will include evaluation of the significance of the sites as well as evaluations of the suitability and feasibility of designating one or more sites as units of the National Park System. As part of the study a range of alternatives will be developed which



X-10 reactor building in Oak Ridge, Tennessee

examine various means of ensuring long term preservation and public appreciation of these sites. The study will result in final recommendations to Congress concerning the future preservation of the sites and opportunities for public understanding.

This special resource study will focus on four sites; Los Alamos National Laboratory and townsite in New Mexico, The Hanford site in Washington, the Oakridge Reservation site in Tennessee, and sites in Dayton, Ohio.

We will be holding public meetings to listen to your ideas about the type of involvement the National Park Service should have at these sites. Communication and cooperation with other government agencies, the local communities and the public will identify common interests and goals for these sites. We will keep you informed throughout the planning process with web site postings and newsletters.

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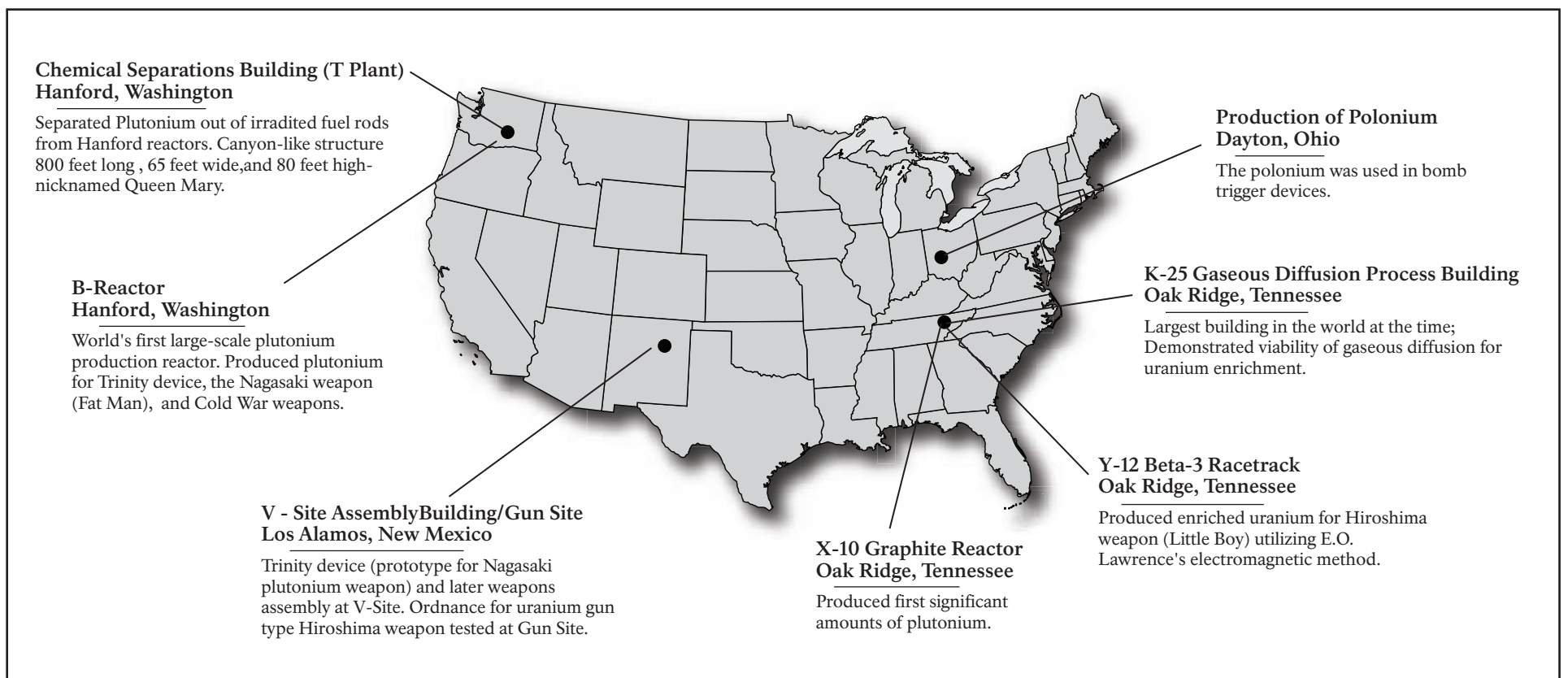
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Manhattan Project Sites Special Resource Study Locations



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Schedule

	Planning Activity	Dates	Public Involvement Opportunities
1	Set the stage for planning (we are at this stage): Listen to ideas, determine issues and concerns	Spring 2006	The public is invited to attend meetings and offer ideas using the options described in the box to the right
2	Develop Preliminary Alternatives: Identify a range of reasonable alternatives for NPS involvement, assess their effects, analyze public reactions, and select a preferred alternative	Summer 2006 to Spring 2007	Provide comments on the initial alternatives by using a response form. Attend public meetings and provide comments
3	Prepare and publish Draft Special Resource Study/Environmental Evaluation: Prepare draft describing the management alternatives, and impacts; distribute to the public	Summer 2007 to Spring 2008	Provide written comments on the draft document. Attend public meetings and provide comments.
4	Revise and publish Special Resource Study/Environmental Evaluation: Analyze comments, revise draft document, distribute to Congress and the public	Fall 2008 to Spring 2009	

How to be Involved

You can provide feedback by completing the enclosed comment form. Please let us know your thoughts and concerns regarding the the issues and opportunities that each site presents. Also, let us know if you would like to be included on the project mailing list. After you have completed the postage-paid form, just fold and tape it and drop it in a mailbox.

You can also log on to <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> and follow the links for Manhattan Project Sites to submit your comments electronically. All newsletters will be posted on the web site, along with a response form if you prefer to participate electronically.

Public Meetings

The National Park Service planning teams will be holding public open houses. We welcome your comments and suggestions and hope to see you at one of the meetings listed below.

Date	Location	Coordinator
Wednesday March 22, 2006 2 - 4 PM and 7 - 9 PM	Red Lion Richland Hanford House. 802 George Washington Way Richland, Wa. 99352 (509) 946-7611	Stephanie Toothman stephanie_toothman@nps.gov
To be determined	Los Alamos, NM	Carla McConnell
To be determined	Oakridge, TN	Carla McConnell
To be determined	Dayton, OH	Carla McConnell



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