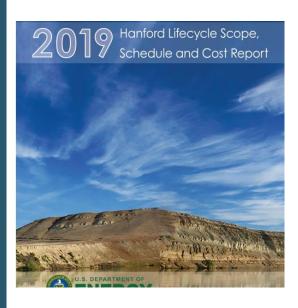
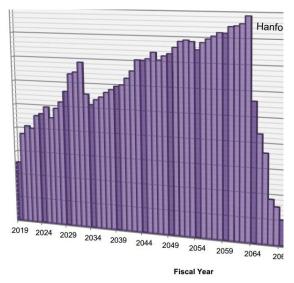
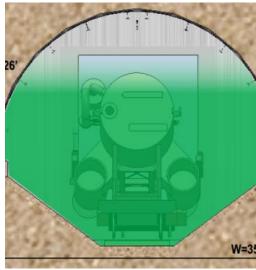
## Oregon Department of ENERGY

What's happened since our November meeting?

Ken Niles March 11, 2019



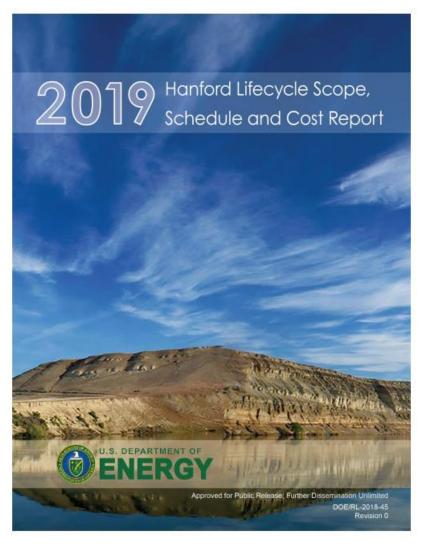






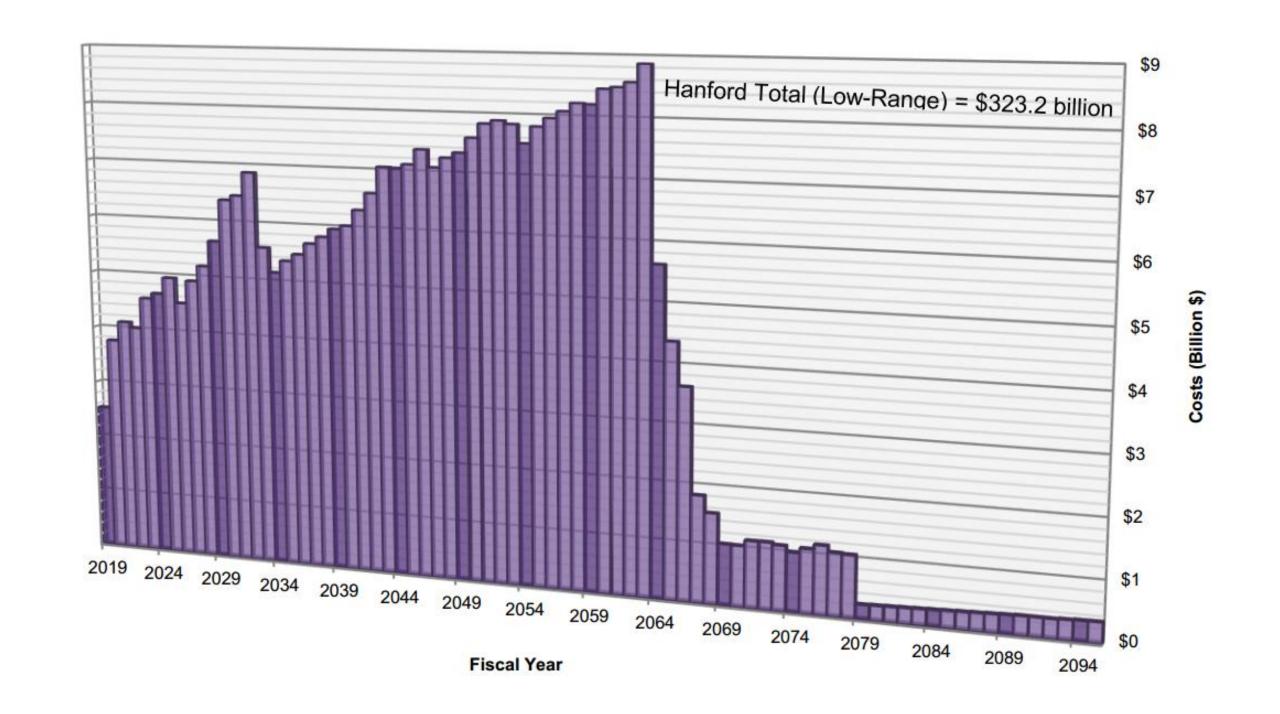


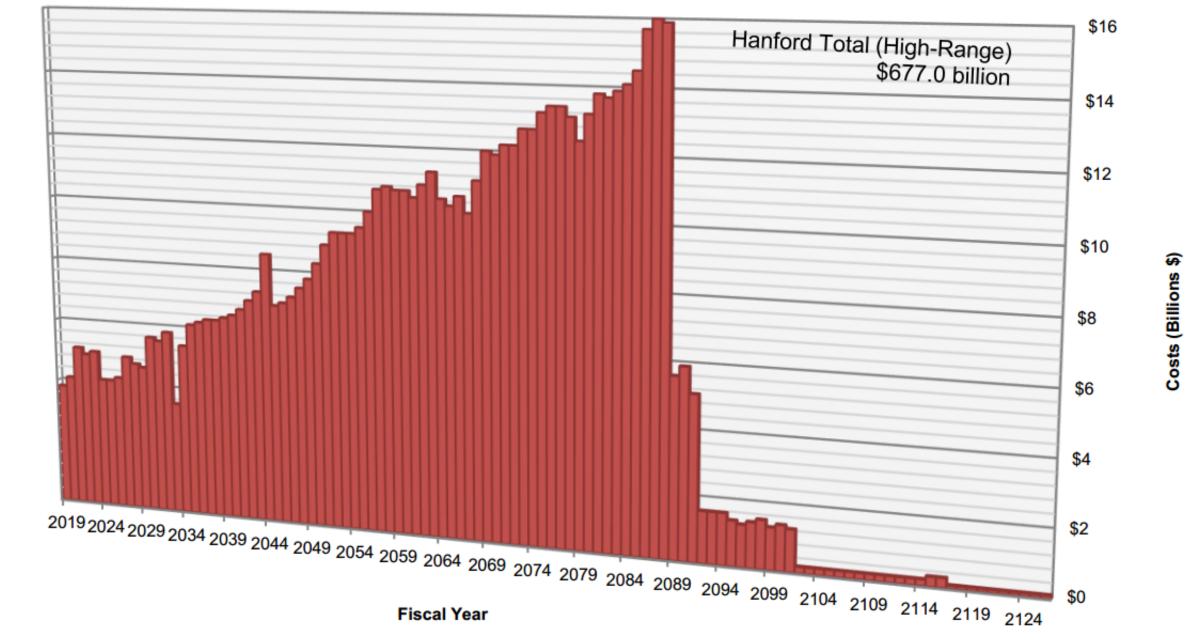




## \$323.2 billion to \$677 billion

## cleanup continues through 2078 to 2102





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Program-Wide Strategy and Better Reporting Needed to **Address Growing Environmental** Cleanup Liability



January 2019

#### What GAO found:

- DOE's Environmental Management program faces an environmental liability of \$377 billion, according to DOE's 2018 financial statement
- EM's environmental liability at Hanford increased by nearly \$130 billion from 2014 to 2018
- EM's liability will likely continue to grow
- Four sites account for more than 80% of EM's fiscal liability
  - Hanford, Oak Ridge, Idaho National Laboratory and the Savannah River Site



## An Upcoming Opportunity for EM to Balance Risks and Costs:

- DOE is generally required to remove up to 99% of the waste in each group of single-shell tanks
- Independent experts question that need, noting that 90% of the risk to groundwater came from only 58 of the 149 single shell tanks
- Developing a risk-based plan targeting removal of waste from higher risk SSTs and allowing more waste to be left in other SSTs could potentially save billions of dollars





DOE Should Take
Action to Improve
Oversight of Cleanup
Milestones

February 2019



#### What GAO found:

- DOE's cleanup at 16 sites is governed by 72 agreements and hundreds of milestones
- Sites are inconsistent in their reporting of milestones
- EM does not accurately track met, missed or postponed cleanup related milestones
- EM has not consistently reported to Congress on the status of the milestones, as required, and the information it reports is often incomplete
- EM does not track the history of milestone changes that are renegotiated – this hinders management's insight into the true performance of the project



#### What GAO recommends:

- DOE should establish a standard definition of milestones
- DOE should track original milestone dates as well as changes
- DOE should report annually to Congress on the status of its cleanup milestones
- DOE should conduct root cause analyses of missed or postponed milestones



## The National Academies of MEDICINE

## Supplemental Treatment of Low-Activity Waste at Hanford

Nov 29-30 — Richland January 8 - Atlanta



#### Washington Ecology comments in November

- The primary waste form must be shown to perform "as good as glass." To date, the State has not seen evidence that any waste form other than glass prevents the release of these contaminants in amounts that exceed drinking water standards in groundwater.
- There is insufficient information to support cost estimations. It must be full life-cycle and include all necessary facilities, treatment costs, transportation costs, and disposal costs for all associated waste forms.









## PUREX TUNNEL 2 INTERIM STABILIZATION PROGRESS



Jacobs company

#### **HEADLINES**

This Week

**Total To Date** 

No safety events this week 0 cubic yards of grout

No safety events 31,166 cubic yards of grout

0 trucks

3,130 trucks

Forecasted Completion - March 2019

Project is analyzing completion date impact due to weather delays

March 3rd, 2019

**Tunnel 2 Bulk Fill ≈ 78% Complete** 

#### **GROUT DELIVERY NUMBERS**

- Total Volume ≈ 39,800 yd³
- 500 yd³ per day
- ~10 yd³ per Truck

#### **Grouting Risk Tracking**

Weather Delays - 15 days

Grout Delivery Issues - none to date

Grout Equipment Issues - 4 days

Monitoring Equipment Issues - none to date

Resource Limitations - none to date

Grout Flowability Issues - none to date

Conveyance System Maintenance - 13 days

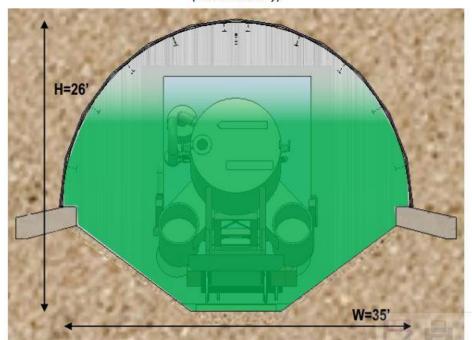
Tunnel As Found Condition Repairs - 4 days

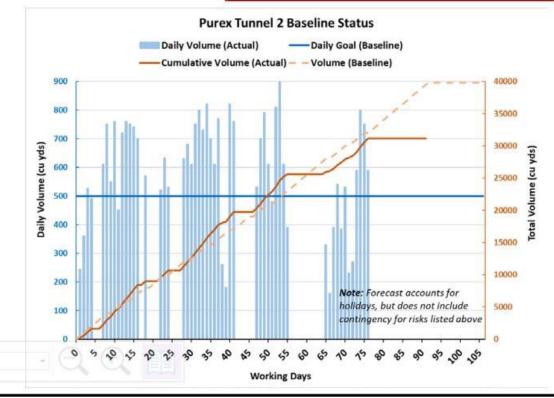
Days Lost - Current Week: 4

Total to Date: 36

#### **Tunnel Profile View**

(Illustrative only)























### Oregon comment letters

- Oregon comments on DOE interpretation of High-Level Waste
- Made one comment on the Draft RFP for the Central Plateau
   Cleanup Contract: "The DOE's goal is to optimize the scope, cost and
   schedule associated with performance of all work..." No mention of
   quality of work, or protectiveness, or thoroughness
- Comments to NRC regarding groundwater protection in in-situ uranium mining



## Hanford Advisory Board meetings

- December meeting cancelled as government agencies shut down in honor of former President George H.W. Bush
- Planning for February meeting impacted by partial federal government shutdown – could not provide a 30 day Federal Register Notice
- Plans were to go forward with a one-day "administrative" meeting
- Snow forced cancellation of February meeting



### Proposal to Create Oregon Climate Authority

The need exists for comprehensive state leadership on climate change, greenhouse gas mitigation and the transition to low-carbon clean energy resources

#### Establishes the Oregon Climate Authority, which shall:

- Be the central repository within state government for collection and analysis of data on climate change risk and impacts
- Coordinate state agency actions toward achieving reductions in greenhouse gas emissions
- Coordinate state agency actions toward achieving state goals related to clean energy
- Advise the Governor on climate change and energy-related matters



### Proposal to Create Oregon Climate Authority

The State Department of Energy is abolished

All of the duties, functions and powers of the State Department of Energy are imposed upon, transferred to and vested in the Oregon Climate Authority

 The small-scale energy loan program is transferred to the Oregon Business Development Department



### Proposal to Create Oregon Climate Authority

Establishes the Energy Program Review Task Force, which shall:

- Review all the duties, functions and powers of the Oregon Climate Authority
- Provide recommendations to the Governor and to the Legislative
   Assembly on duties, functions and powers that should be abolished,
   amended or transferred to other agencies of state government
- Report due to Legislative interim committee no later than September 15, 2021



### The bizarre world of nuclear...













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