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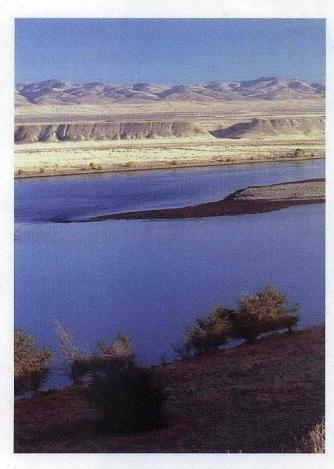
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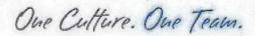


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300 Area Operation History

- Uranium fuel production
- Test reactor and separations experiments
- Animal and radiobiology experiments conducted at the 331 Laboratory Complex
- Deactivation, decontamination, decommissioning, and demolition of 300 Area facilities





Liquid Waste Systems

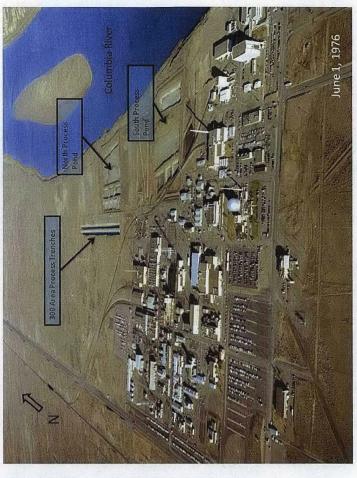
- Process Sewer System (300-15)
- South and North Process Ponds (316-1 and 316-2)
- 300 Area Process Trenches (316-5)
- Sanitary Sewer System (300-276)
- 340 Complex, Retention Process Sewer, Radioactive Liquid Waste System (RLWS), 307 Process Trenches (316-3), and 307 Retention Basins (307 RB)
- 334 Tank Farm (334 TFWAST), 311 Tank Farm, and the Waste Acid Treatment System (300-224)





Liquid Waste Systems (cont.)

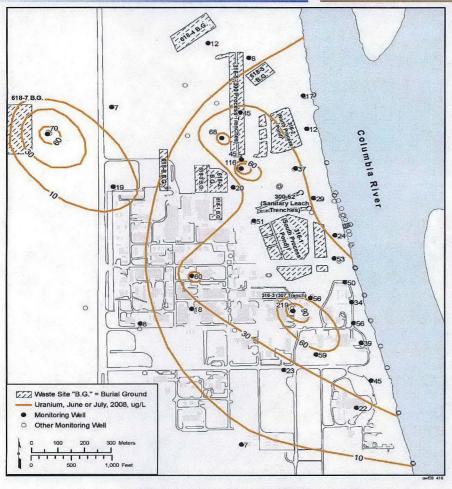


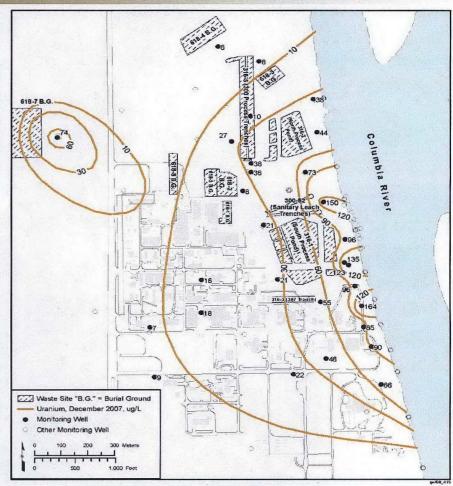






Uranium Plume





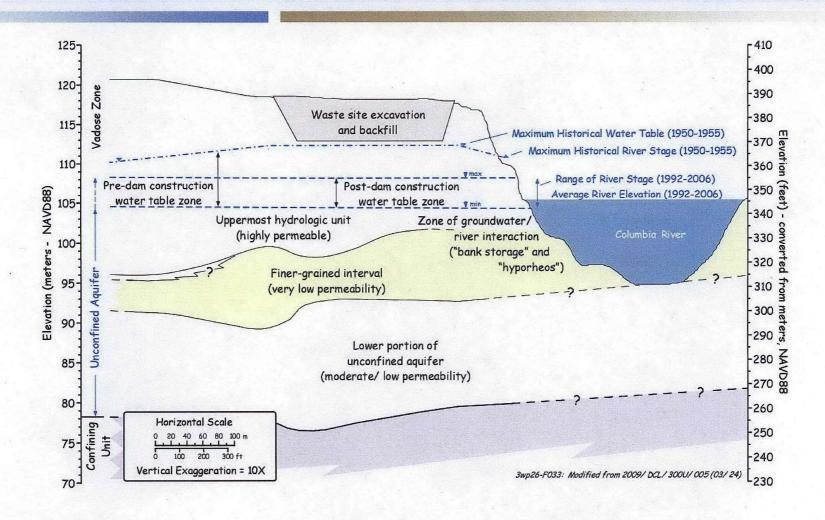
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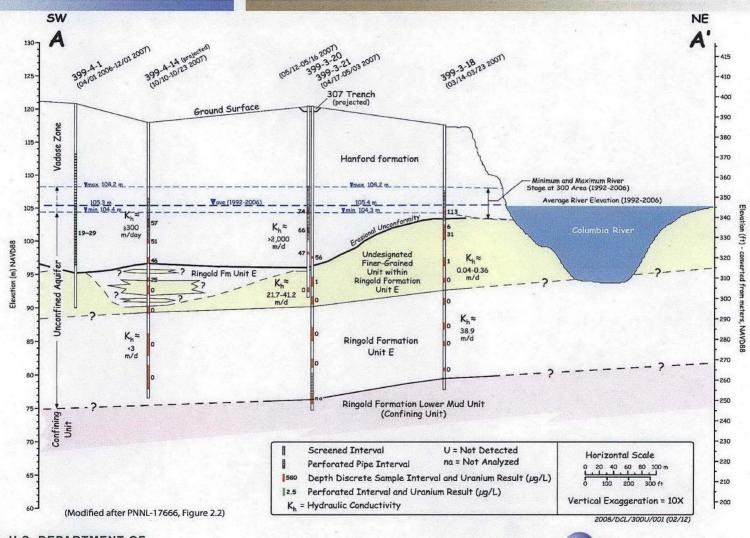
Subsurface Regions







Vertical Distribution of Uranium







Technology Needs

- Long-term treatment to sequester uranium throughout the vadose zone
 - Easily implemented over a large area
 - Currently evaluating infiltration of polyphosphate



