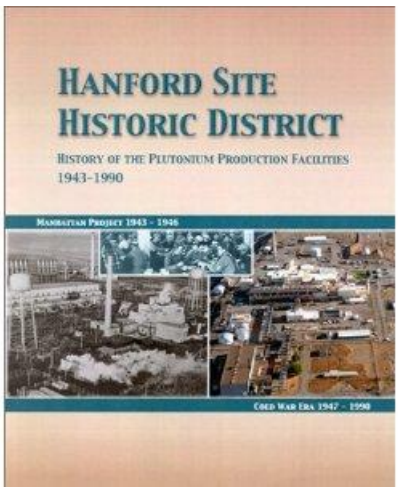
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The Hanford Site Historic District encompasses 560 square miles in southeastern Washington state. *Hanford Site Historic District* is the result of a four-year project conducted by the Richland Operations Office of the US Department of Energy (DOE), in collaboration with the Washington State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. It documents the history of the Hanford Site and includes substantial information on the Manhattan Project—Hanford produced the plutonium which, along with the enriched uranium from Oak Ridge, ended up at Los Alamos, where scientists feverishly worked out the development of the atomic bomb—and the Cold War. It embodies the history of almost fifty years of plutonium production, containment, shipment, and the eventual shutdown of the plutonium production facilities in 1990. Many environmental historians are interested in the long-term effects of radiation on workers and the

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(Text adapted from an H-Net review by Susan Quinnell.)

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