

# Mission

Activities of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and predecessor agencies, particularly during the Cold War, have left a legacy of environmental impact at over 100 sites. Workers associated with these historic and current activities number in the hundreds of thousands. Addressing this environmental and human legacy has been, and will continue to be, a major undertaking by DOE.

On December 15, 2003, DOE took a significant step toward managing activities at sites where DOE's mission and environmental cleanup had been completed. That step was to create the Office of Legacy Management (LM). LM has control and custody for legacy land, structures, and facilities and is responsible for maintaining them at levels suitable for long-term use. LM is also responsible for meeting contractual obligations associated with former contractor worker's pensions and post-retirement benefits.

The LM mission is to manage DOE's post-closure responsibilities and ensure the future protection of human health and the environment.

LM's primary goals are:

- Goal 1:** Protect human health and the environment through effective and efficient long-term surveillance and maintenance
- Goal 2:** Preserve, protect, and make accessible legacy records and information
- Goal 3:** Support an effective and efficient work force structured to accomplish Departmental [DOE] missions and assure contractor worker pension and medical benefits
- Goal 4:** Manage legacy land and assets, emphasizing protective real and personal property reuse and disposition
- Goal 5:** Improve program effectiveness through sound management

*Edgemont, South Dakota, site.*

