



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY

CONSENT-BASED SITING UPDATE

State and Tribal Government
Working Group

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CONSENT-BASED SITING



Our goal is to develop solutions to the long-term, sustainable management of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste in a manner that protects safety, health, and the environment.



To achieve this goal, we are developing a process to site facilities collaboratively with the public, communities, stakeholders, and governments at the state, tribal, and local levels.



Our goal in successfully siting any facility is that any community that engages in the siting process is better off for having participated.

STEPS IN CONSENT-BASED SITING

1

Engage with the public and interested parties on the elements of a consent-based siting process

2

Design a consent-based siting process to serve as a flexible framework for engaging with potential host communities

3

Use the resulting consent-based siting process to work with potential host communities

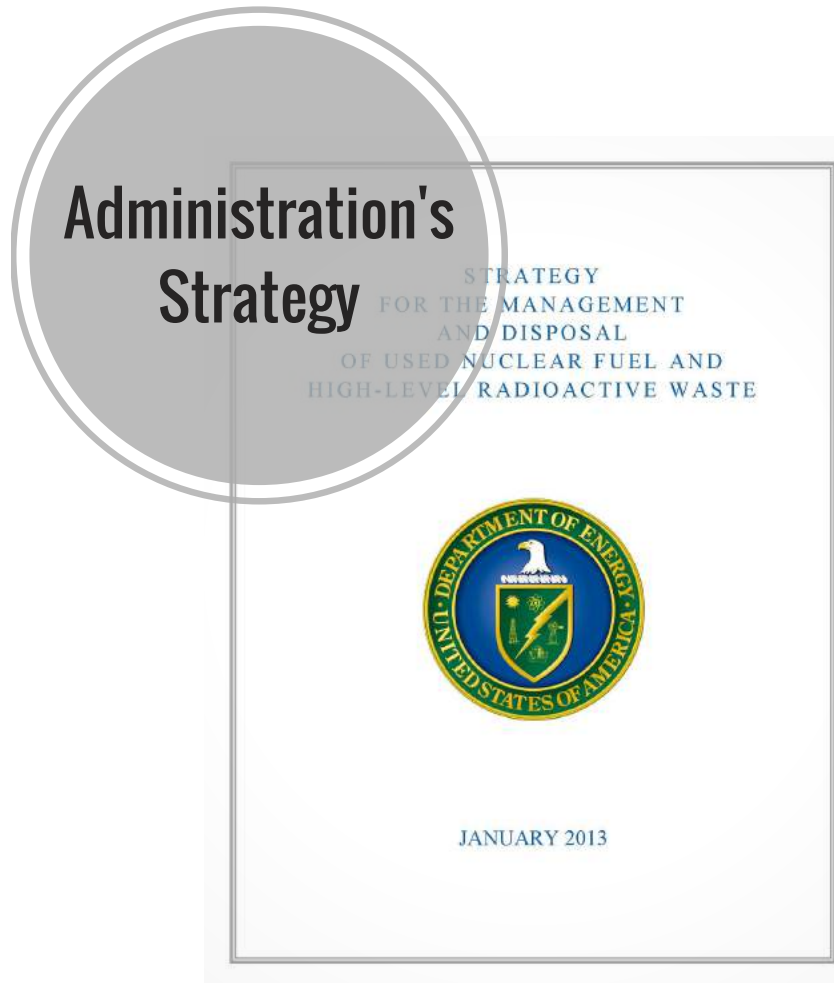


HOW DID WE GET HERE?

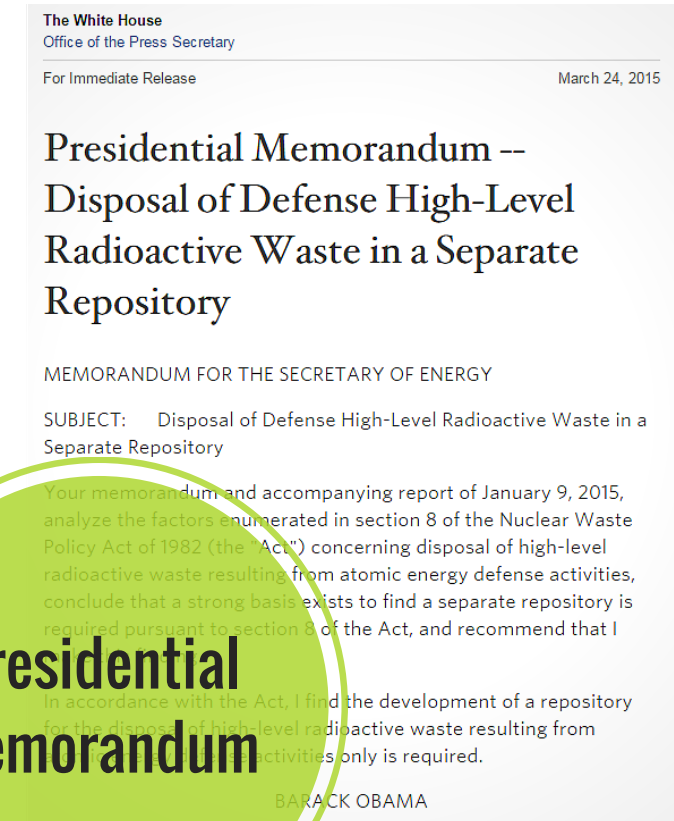
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Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future



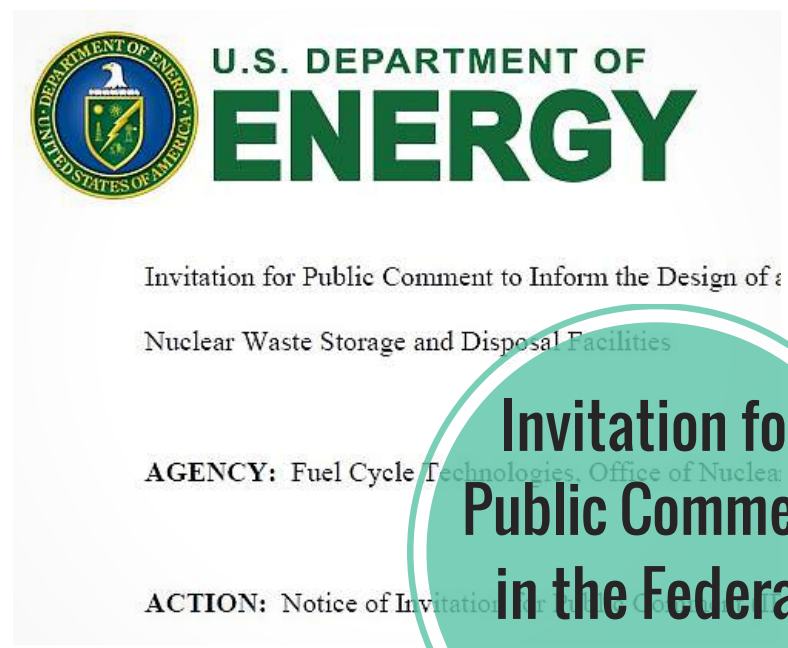
Administration's Strategy



Presidential Memorandum



Secretary's March 2015 Speech at Bipartisan Policy Center



Invitation for Public Comment in the Federal Register



Consent-Based Siting Kickoff Meeting

WHAT'S NEXT?



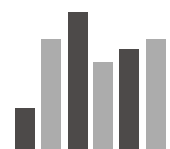
Continued review of responses to the *Invitation for Public Comment to Inform the Design of a Consent-Based Siting Process for Nuclear Waste Storage and Disposal Facilities*



Public meetings hosted across the country



Proposed initial funding opportunity announcement aimed at enabling communities to seek information about consent-based siting and nuclear waste, and engage citizens in discussions about their community's future



Summary report for public review and comment



GOALS

- Provide opportunity for effective two-way dialogue and mutual learning
- Reinforce the Department's commitment to public engagement
- Demonstrate openness to multiple viewpoints

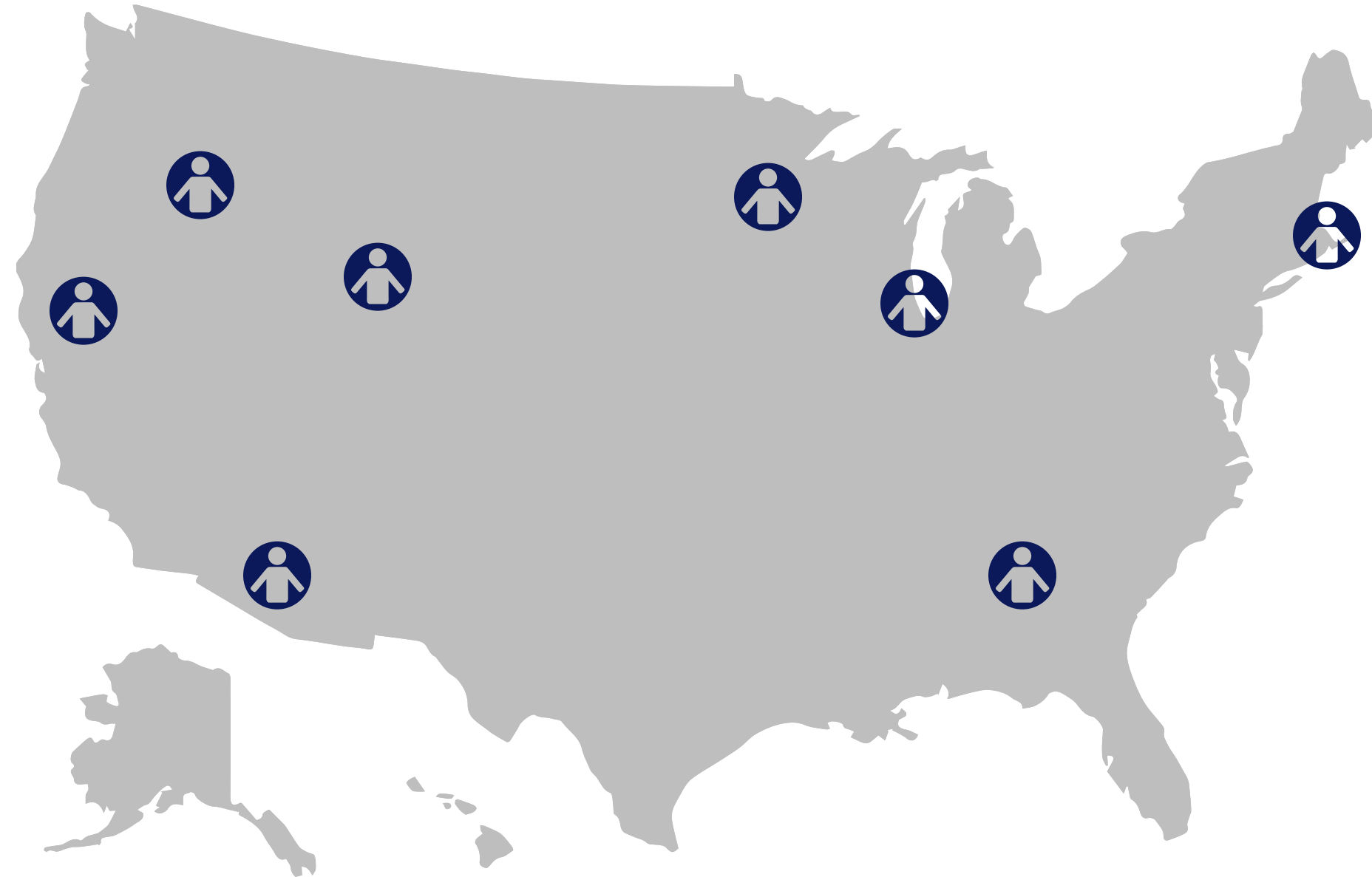
AGENDA

- Consent-based siting and integrated waste management overview presentation by Acting Assistant Secretary John Kotek
- Panel discussion with a focus on local and regional perspectives
 - ❑ Working to include tribal and state interests on panels
- Facilitated small group discussions to receive input on the elements of a consent-based siting process

CONSENT-BASED SITING PUBLIC MEETINGS

LOCATION DATE

Chicago, IL	March 29
Atlanta, GA	April 11
Sacramento, CA	April 26
Denver, CO	May 24
Boston, MA	June 2
Tempe, AZ	June 23
Boise, ID	July 14
Minneapolis, MN	July 21



PROPOSED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

- Approximately \$25M in FY17 Presidential Budget Request.
- The purpose is to provide resources to local communities that are interested in learning more about nuclear waste management and consent-based siting.
- Enables communities to begin exploring questions related to social, technical, and other areas of interest.
- Fully contingent on appropriations and final FY17 budget allocations.



A blue-tinted photograph of an industrial site, possibly a power plant or refinery, with a large circular overlay in the center. The overlay contains text in white and yellow. In the foreground, two people wearing hard hats labeled 'VISITOR' are visible. One is on the left, looking towards the site, and the other is on the right, holding a clipboard. In the background, there are industrial structures, a fence, and a line of trees under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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