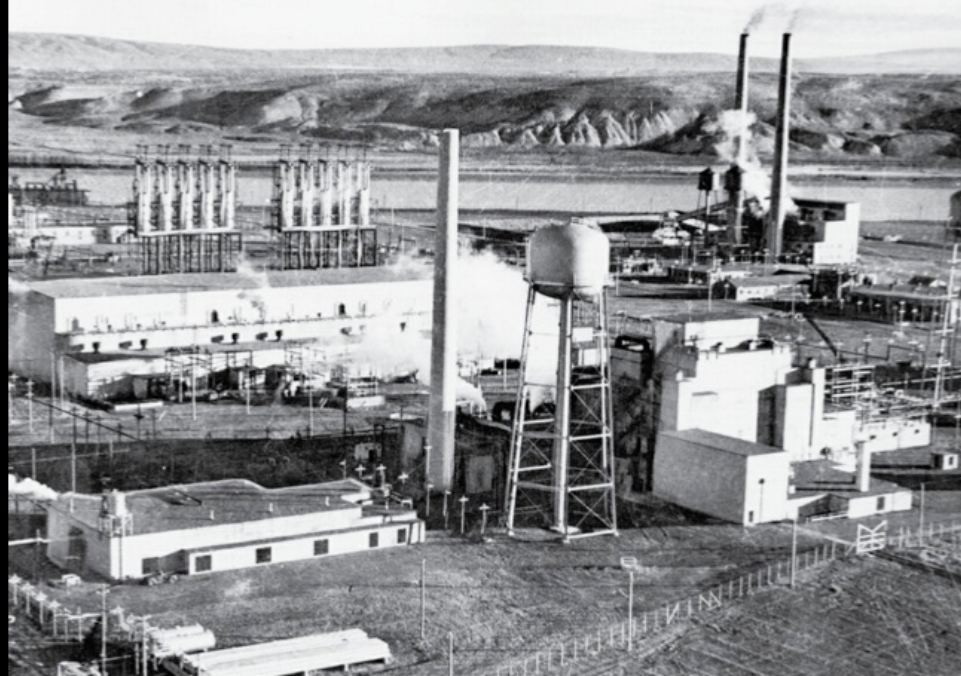


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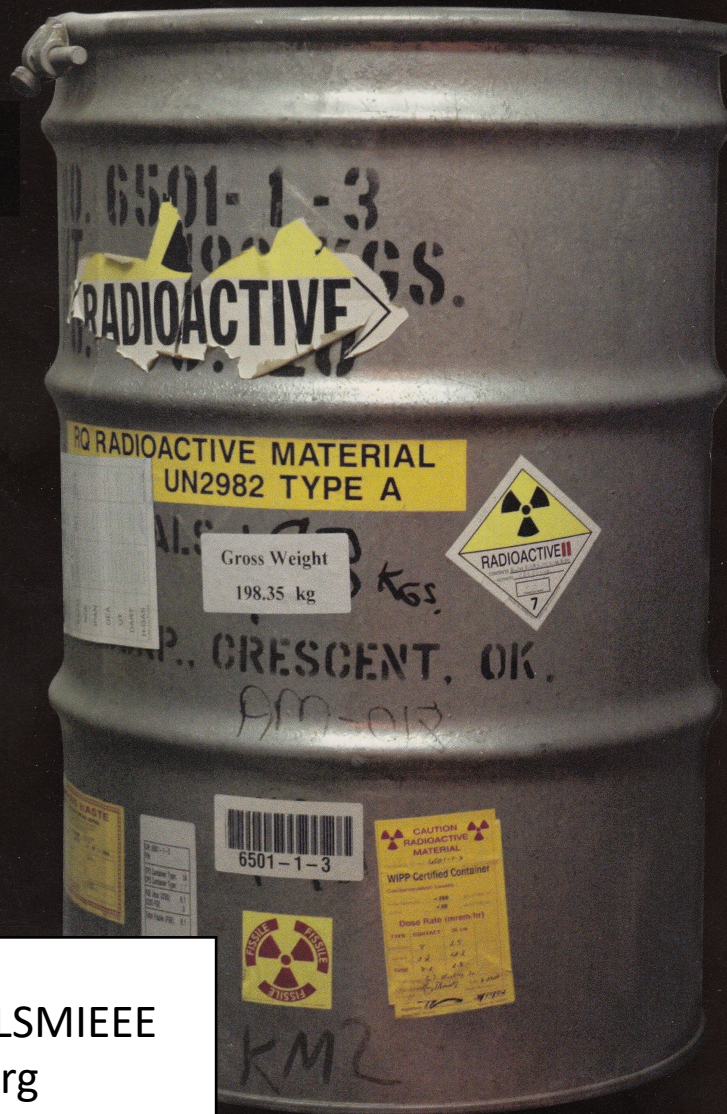
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OVER A BARREL

At the Hanford nuclear site,
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IT'S IN YOUR BACKYARD.....

- **IT'S A PLACE OF SUPERLATIVES.** It's it the **most polluted place** in the Western Hemisphere. It's also the location of one of the **largest construction projects in the world.**
- At the Hanford Site in south-central Washington state, 177 giant tanks sit below the sandy soil, brimming with the radioactive remnants of 44 years of nuclear-materials production. From World War II through the Cold War, Hanford churned out plutonium for more than 60,000 nuclear weapons, including the atomic bomb that razed Nagasaki, Japan, in August 1945.
- I visited Hanford in 2009 and again in June 2019.
 - **This is my story.....**

