April 20, 2010

Mr. Reid Nelson, Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Office of Federal Agency Programs
1100 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 803
Washington, DC 20004

SUBJECT: COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) is reviewing an application submitted by Energy Northwest for the renewal of the operating license for Columbia Generating Station (CGS). CGS is located on the Columbia River, 12 miles northwest of Richland, WA. Three area maps are enclosed, highlighting the exact location of the site.

The NRC has established that, as part of the staff's review of any nuclear power plant license renewal action, a site-specific Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," NUREG-1437, will be prepared under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 51, the NRC's regulation that implements the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.8(c), the SEIS will include analyses of potential impacts to historic and cultural resources.

The NRC staff held two public NEPA scoping meetings on April 6, 2010 at the Richland Public Library in Richland, WA. The week of June 7th, we plan to conduct a site audit, which you and your staff are invited to attend. Your office will also receive a copy of the draft SEIS along with a request for comments. The anticipated publication date for the draft SEIS is December 2010.

The CGS license renewal application is available at:

http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/columbia.html

If you have any questions concerning the NRC staff review of this license renewal application, please contact Mr. Daniel Doyle, Project Manager, at (301) 415-3748 or daniel.doyle@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
1. Area Map, 50-mile radius
2. Area Map, 6-mile radius
3. Site Area Map

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Area Map, 50-Mile Radius

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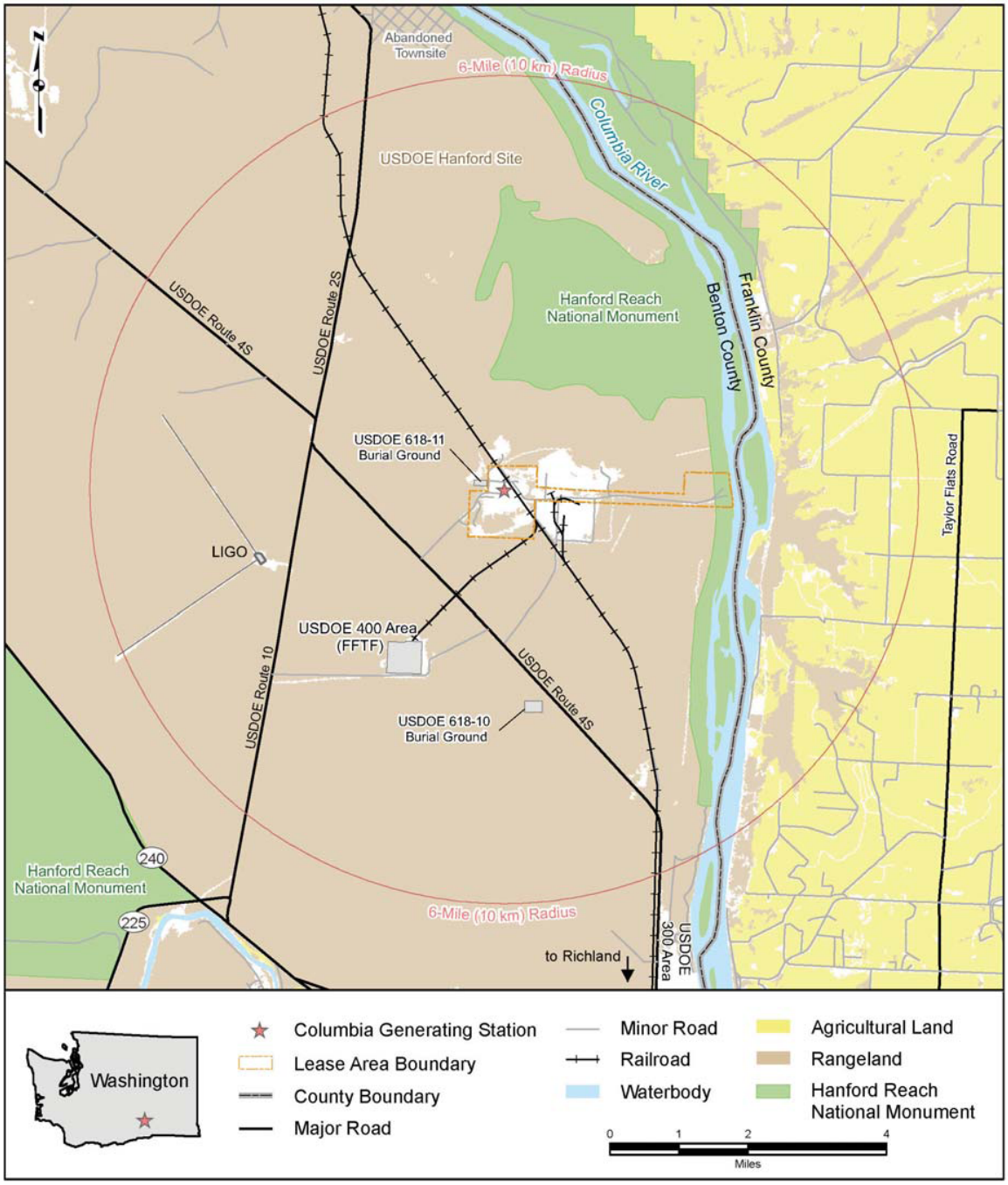
Area Map, 6-Mile Radius



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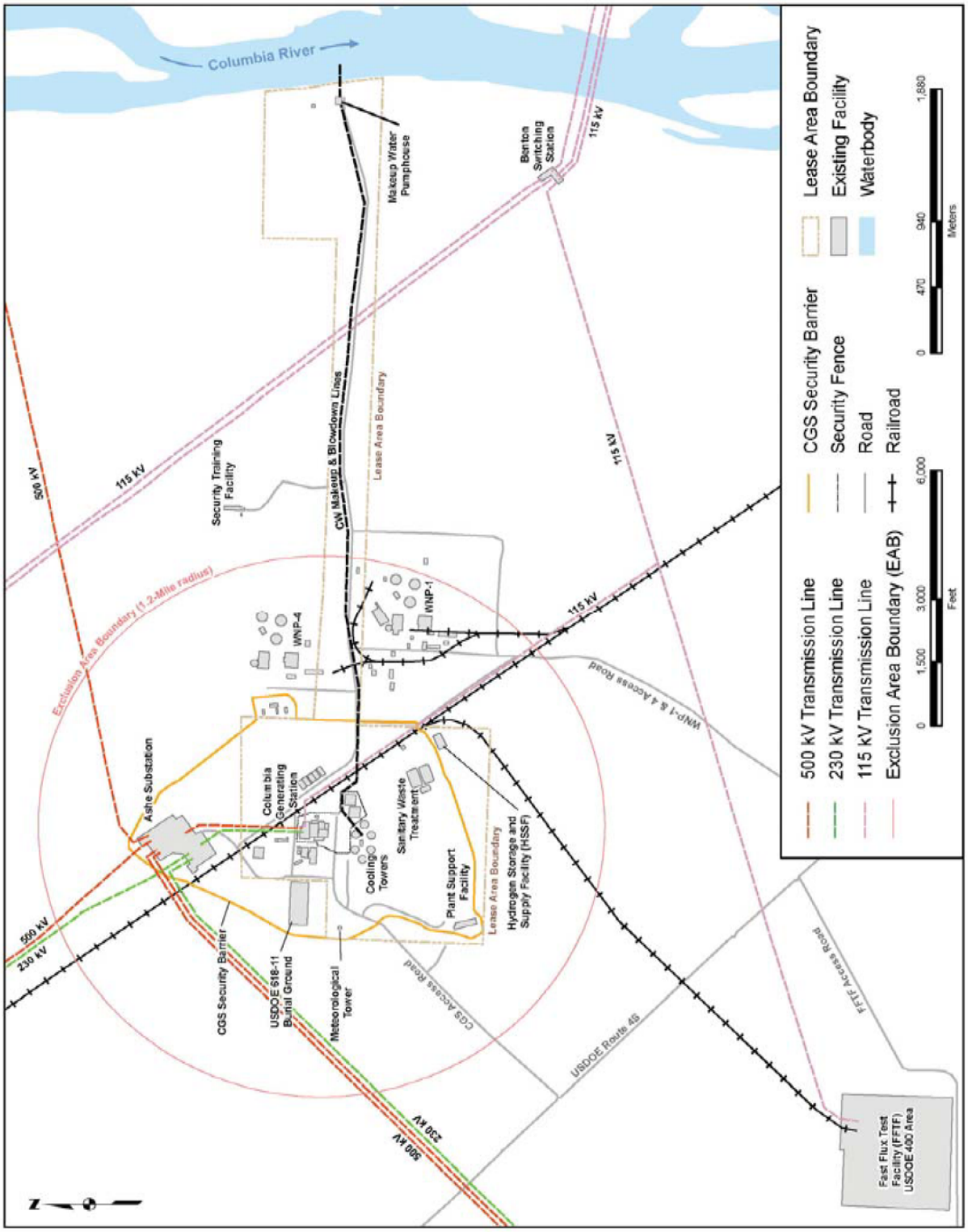
Site Area Map



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