

## **Alternative Energy Projects at Superfund Sites**

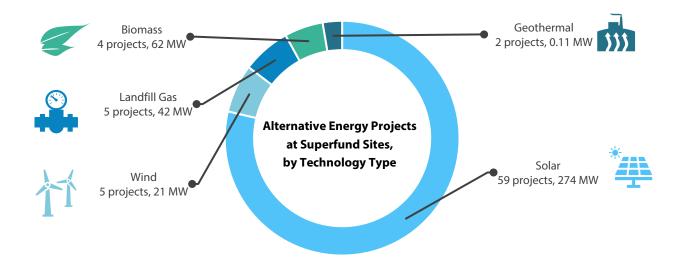
Status Update and Highlights from across the Country October 2021

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Program helps communities reclaim and return contaminated lands to productive use. Many Superfund sites are well suited to support alternative energy production, including solar, wind, landfill-gas-to-energy, geothermal and biomass projects.

#### **Alternative Energy at Superfund Sites**

| Number of Superfund Sites | 73  |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Number of Projects        | 75  |
| Installed Capacity (MW)   | 399 |

As of September 2021, alternative energy facilities are located at 73 Superfund sites.¹ They support 75 alternative energy projects with an installed capacity of about 399 megawatts (MW), enough to power more than 92,000 homes per year. <sup>2,3</sup> Of these projects, 79% are solar projects and 7% are wind projects. Biomass, landfill gas and geothermal facilities make up the remaining 14% of the projects. In total, 64% of these efforts have an installed capacity of 1 MW or more. The largest alternative energy facility is a 37.5-MW biomass energy plant at the Gallup's Quarry site in Connecticut. About 25% of these projects offset on-site energy demands of cleanup efforts or directly power site-related cleanup activities.



Planning for additional projects is underway. Reuse planning activities can evaluate and estimate the potential capacity of alternative energy facilities. For example, a planning assessment at the Big River Mine Tailings/St. Joe Minerals Corp. site, in St. Francois County, Missouri, identified potential solar footprints.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Alternative energy is defined here as non-fossil-fuel-based and non-nuclear-based sources of energy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Installed capacity information is available for 73 out of the 75 projects. Estimated annual output information is available for 55 of the 75 projects. These figures are estimates, based on publicly available information, direct communication with EPA staff and feedback from project stakeholders.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Based on average annual electricity consumption of 10,715 kilowatt-hours (kWh): <a href="https://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.php?id=97&t=3">https://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.php?id=97&t=3</a>.

# Active Alternative Energy Installations, by Superfund Site

| Site   | EPA ID       | Technology Type |
|--|--------------|-----------------|
| AEROJET GENERAL CORP.                            | CAD980358832 | Solar           |
| AMERICAN CYANAMID                                | NJD002173276 | Solar           |
| APACHE POWDER CO.                                | AZD008399263 | Solar           |
| ARSENIC TRIOXIDE SITE                            | NDD980716963 | Geothermal      |
| BARKHAMSTED-NEW HARTFORD LANDFILL                | CTD980732333 | Solar           |
| BRICK TOWNSHIP LANDFILL                          | NJD980505176 | Solar           |
| BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY (USDOE)           | NY7890008975 | Solar           |
| BRUNSWICK NAVAL AIR STATION                      | ME8170022018 | Solar           |
| BRUNSWICK NAVAL AIR STATION                      | ME8170022018 | Biomass         |
| CAMP PENDLETON MARINE CORPS BASE                 | CA2170023533 | Solar           |
| CENTRAL LANDFILL                                 | RID980520183 | Landfill gas    |
| CHARLES GEORGE RECLAMATION TRUST LANDFILL        | MAD003809266 | Solar           |
| CHEVRON QUESTA MINE                              | NMD002899094 | Solar           |
| CIBA-GEIGY CORP.                                 | NJD001502517 | Solar           |
| CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP (BLOCK 702) GROUND          |              |                 |
| WATER CONTAMINATION                              | NJD980785638 | Solar           |
| CONTINENTAL STEEL CORP.                          | IND001213503 | Solar           |
| CONTINENTAL STEEL CORP.                          | IND001213503 | Wind            |
| DAVISVILLE NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION          | DIC170022026 | Solar           |
| CENTER   | RI6170022036 | Solar           |
| DELILAH ROAD                                     | NJD980529002 | Solar           |
| E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & CO., INC. (NEWPORT     | DED980555122 | Solar           |
| PIGMENT PLANT LANDFILL)                          | DLD900333122 |                 |
| ELIZABETH MINE                                   | VTD988366621 | Solar           |
| ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE                         | SD2571924644 | Solar           |
| F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE                       | WY5571924179 | Wind            |
| FORT DETRICK AREA B GROUND WATER                 | MDD985397249 | Solar           |
| FORT DIX (LANDFILL SITE)                         | NJ2210020275 | Solar           |
| FRONTIER FERTILIZER                              | CAD071530380 | Solar           |
| GALLUP'S QUARRY                                  | CTD108960972 | Biomass         |
| GE - HOUSATONIC RIVER                            | MAD002084093 | Solar           |
| GROVELAND WELLS                                  | MAD980732317 | Solar           |
| INDUSTRI-PLEX                                    | MAD076580950 | Solar           |
| IRON HORSE PARK                                  | MAD051787323 | Solar           |
| JET PROPULSION LABORATORY (NASA)                 | CA9800013030 | Solar           |
| LANDFILL & DEVELOPMENT CO.                       | NJD048044325 | Solar           |
| LAWRENCE AVIATION INDUSTRIES, INC.               | NYD002041531 | Geothermal      |
| LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATL LAB, (MAIN SITE) (USDOE) | CA2890012584 | Solar           |
| LEVIATHAN MINE                                   | CAD980673685 | Solar           |
| LOWRY LANDFILL                                   | COD980499248 | Landfill gas    |
| MARTIN-MARIETTA, SODYECO, INC.                   | NCD001810365 | Biomass         |
| NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR CORP.                     | CAD041472986 | Solar           |
| NEBRASKA ORDNANCE PLANT (FORMER)                 | NE6211890011 | Solar           |
| NEWMARK GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION               | CAD981434517 | Solar           |
|  |              |                 |

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| NORTHWEST PIPE & CASING/HALL PROCESS                  | ORD980988307 | Solar           |
| COMPANY   | ORD900900307 | SOIdI           |
| NYANZA CHEMICAL WASTE DUMP                            | MAD990685422 | Solar           |
| OAK RIDGE RESERVATION (USDOE)                         | TN1890090003 | Solar           |
| OMEGA HILLS NORTH LANDFILL                            | WID000808568 | Landfill gas    |
| ORONOGO-DUENWEG MINING BELT                           | MOD980686281 | Solar           |
| OTIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE/CAMP                     | MA2570024487 | Wind            |
| EDWARDS   | DAD0000007   | Calan           |
| PALMERTON ZINC PILE                                   | PAD002395887 | Solar           |
| PANTEX PLANT (USDOE)                                  | TX4890110527 | Wind            |
| PEMACO MAYWOOD  | CAD980737092 | Solar           |
| PETERSON/PURITAN, INC.                                | RID055176283 | Solar           |
| PICATINNY ARSENAL (USARMY)                            | NJ3210020704 | Solar           |
| PICILLO FARM  | RID980579056 | Wind            |
| PINE BEND SANITARY LANDFILL                           | MND000245795 | Landfill gas    |
| PRICE LANDFILL  | NJD070281175 | Solar           |
| REFUSE HIDEAWAY LANDFILL                              | WID980610604 | Solar           |
| REILLY TAR & CHEMICAL CORP. (INDIANAPOLIS PLANT)      | IND000807107 | Solar           |
| RE-SOLVE, INC.  | MAD980520621 | Solar           |
| ROSE HILL REGIONAL LANDFILL                           | RID980521025 | Solar           |
| SAVANNAH RIVER SITE (USDOE)                           | SC1890008989 | Biomass         |
| SCIENTIFIC CHEMICAL PROCESSING                        | NJD070565403 | Solar           |
| SOLVENTS RECOVERY SERVICE OF NEW ENGLAND              | CTD009717604 | Solar           |
| SOUTH BRUNSWICK LANDFILL                              | NJD980530679 | Solar           |
| SOUTHSIDE SANITARY LANDFILL                           | IND980607360 | Landfill gas    |
| STROTHER FIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK                        | KSD980862726 | Solar           |
| SULLIVAN'S LEDGE                                      | MAD980731343 | Solar           |
| TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE                                 | CA5570024575 | Solar           |
| TUCSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AREA                     | AZD980737530 | Solar           |
| UNITED CHROME PRODUCTS, INC                           | ORD009043001 | Solar           |
| VENTRON/ VELSICOL                                     | NJD980529879 | Solar           |
| W.R. GRACE & CO., INC. (ACTON PLANT)                  | MAD001002252 | Solar           |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY LANDFILL                            | MND980704738 | Solar           |
| WELSBACH & GENERAL GAS MANTLE (CAMDEN RADIATION)      | NJD986620995 | Solar           |
| WEST KINGSTON TOWN DUMP/URI DISPOSAL AREA             | RID981063993 | Solar           |
| YORK COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND REFUSE AUTHORITY LANDFILL | PAD980830715 | Solar           |

### Notes:

USDOE = U.S. Department of Energy

### Alternative Energy Spotlight: Ciba-Geigy Corp.

The 1,350-acre Ciba-Geigy Corp. Superfund site is in Toms River, New Jersey. Starting in 1952, Ciba-Geigy Corporation (then called Toms River Chemical Company) operated a resin and dye manufacturing facility on site. Improper chemical waste disposal contaminated soil and groundwater. Investigations by EPA and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection found leaking drums of waste and carcinogenic compounds on site. EPA added the site to the Superfund program's National Priorities List (NPL) in 1983. With EPA oversight, the potentially responsible party (PRP) cleaned up the site. Cleanup activities included on-site soil treatment, excavation and off-site removal of 47,000 drums, and cap installation over parts of the site. Cleanup also included putting in a groundwater extraction and treatment system. Groundwater treatment and monitoring are ongoing.

In 2009, BASF purchased the site property. In addition to taking over the ongoing remediation activities at the site, BASF coordinates high school environmental science classes conduct wildlife surveys on site. Tours provided by BASF help students learn about the site's history, contamination and cleanup as well as wildlife species on site. Forested areas of the site provide habitat for coyotes, red and gray foxes, turkeys, raccoons, deer and birds.

In 2019, BASF leased 166 acres of the site for a 35-megawatt direct current (MW DC) grid-tied solar array system. The project is almost entirely within the footprint of the site's former manufacturing area and connects to an on-site substation. A smaller 2-MW DC net-metered solar array provides nearly 100% of the electricity required to power the groundwater extraction and treatment system. EPA worked with BASF to make sure all solar arrays on site are ground mounted and do not penetrate the caps. The design ensures that the reuse is compatible with the remedy and that the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment.



Solar panels at the capped Ciba-Geigy Corp. site.