Site Location: U.S. Highway 50 and Aerojet Road, Rancho Cordova, California 95670
Size: 5,900 acres of contaminated soil, 8,600 acres of contaminated groundwater.
Existing Site Infrastructure: All major types of infrastructure are located on site.
Current Site Uses: Industrial facilities, commercial office space, grazing areas, a 40-acre solar array and ecological habitat. A large mixed-use development is also planned for the site.
Use Restrictions: Groundwater use is restricted. Land use on parts of the site is restricted to commercial and industrial use. Additional restrictions may be necessary, pending future cleanup decisions.
Surrounding Population: About 72,000 people live in Rancho Cordova.

The site covers 5,900 acres near Rancho Cordova. Rancho Cordova is located about 10 miles east of Sacramento. Since 1953, Aerojet and its subsidiaries have made rocket engines and formulated chemicals on site. Past disposal and operation practices led to soil and groundwater contamination. EPA added the site to the Superfund program’s National Priorities List (NPL) of contaminated sites in 1983. Cleanup efforts to date have contained and addressed contaminated groundwater using several pump-and-treat systems. Additional work is planned to further prevent contaminant migration and to clean up soil and groundwater contamination sources.

In 2008, Aerojet began planning to convert part of its facility into a solar farm to help power the site’s extensive groundwater remediation program. Aerojet also viewed this as an opportunity to reduce the company’s carbon footprint and improve energy usage as part of parent company GenCorp’s Sustainability Initiative. The project made fiscal and environmental sense for the company; its partners and the project moved forward rapidly. The first solar arrays were installed in 2009; the last arrays were installed in April 2010. In total, 22 solar arrays track the course of the sun each day, generating 6 megawatts (MW) of power. The electricity produced provides more than 20 percent
Aerojet acquired 5,900-acre former gold mining area to develop and test rocket propulsion systems. Aerojet continues to operate on site.

Cordova Chemical Company operated chemical manufacturing facilities on site.

EPA added the site to the NPL.

Groundwater extraction and treatment systems installed.

Site divided into operable units.

Aerojet selected Solar Power, Inc. to finance and build solar farm.

Aerojet and Solar Power, Inc. signed Solar Power Purchase Agreement and began implementing first phase of the 3.6-MW solar installation.

California’s governor signed Executive Order S-14-08 at the Aerojet solar farm.

Construction of 3.6-MW solar installation completed.

Second phase, 2.4-MW solar installation addition dedicated.

Construction of 2.4-MW solar installation addition completed. The 6-MW solar farm fully operational.

Ongoing commercial, industrial, agricultural and ecological uses on site. Future plans call for mixed-use redevelopment on site.

Sacramento County has designated the site as a Special Planning Zone. Future development at the site will include residential, commercial/industrial and recreational areas. The Easton mixed-use development project will follow Sacramento County Land Use Master Plan guidelines. The project will be built on undeveloped parts of the site – former buffer areas for the company’s testing and manufacturing operations. Easton will cover about 6,100 acres. GenCorp Realty Investments, the company managing the project, is currently accepting inquiries and entering into agreements to sell parts of the property to developers - [https://easton-ca.com/](https://easton-ca.com/).
In May 2017, EPA established a task force to restore the Superfund program to its rightful place at the center of the Agency's core mission to protect health and the environment.

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