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## 1940s

- Midwest Research Institute opens
- Initial projects focus on agricultural and chemical products
- Synthesized and screened organic compounds in the fight against cancer
- Provided engineering support in aircraft stability, high-frequency electronics, recoilless rifle projects



## 1950s

- Developed food and agricultural products, including the candy coating process for M&Ms and, for J.A. Folger & Co., created soluble coffee and an early auto-drip coffee maker
- Analyzed and designed water distribution systems
- Conducted air pollution and smog studies



## 1960s

- Established regional economics laboratory, which analyzed and projected regional income, population, productivity, and trade
- Led construction plan for Kansas City International airport
- Studied drug addiction and marijuana detection



## 1970s

- Established the Solar Energy Research Institute (today's National Renewable Energy Laboratory)
- The single-largest contract to date, \$2.8 million, is awarded from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Analytical service for the Environmental Toxicology Program is launched



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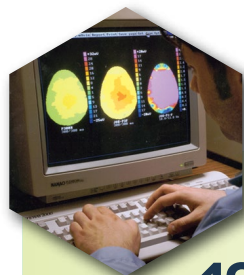
Focus on renewable energy, including wind, solar, hydrogen, and biomass projects

Staffed a solar desalination project in Saudi Arabia

Hazardous waste management practice includes studies on PCB transformers and solutions for leaking underground storage tanks

Developed methods for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

For the National Cancer Institute, studied safety and efficacy of cancer and AIDS treatments; performed health studies with Vietnam veterans



## 1990s

Health studies examined AIDS, electromagnetic fields, smoking cessation, lead exposure

Chemical weapons demilitarization programs launched with the U.S. Army

Acquired Florida laboratory; developed the Health Assessment Research Center

Researched new pharmaceuticals and studied diseases of Gulf War veterans

Introduced the SpinCon<sup>®</sup> air sampler for monitoring contaminants

Thermo-electric cooling devices used by pilots in Operation Desert Storm; technology wins an R&D 100 award



## 2000s

Established National Capital Region laboratories with 7/24/365 biodefense and biosurveillance for the U.S. government

Added a Frederick, Md., office for advanced services in international biothreat prevention; a Butler, Mo., agricultural field station; and launched the Solar Technology Acceleration Center in Aurora, Co.

Provide threat defense support for the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center

Develop mobile analytical laboratories and advanced CBRNE detection technologies



## 2010s

Identify and qualify CBRNE equipment for Common Analytical Laboratory System requirements

Delivered innovations in robotics, sensors, and chemical containment systems

Part of a three-member team, begin managing and operating the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

Global Health solutions include next-generation molecular diagnostics and therapeutics; medical countermeasures to address chemical and biological threats; and repository operations for cancer research

Ongoing research and development in bioinformatics