



# WORKING ON ATOMIC ENERGY

This photo from 1967 shows workers at the Argonne National Laboratory, a U.S. Department of Energy science and engineering research center located in Lemont, IL. In the post-World War II era, the lab worked on non-weapon-related nuclear physics such as nuclear-generated electricity. Today the lab focuses on scientific research, energy storage, renewable energy, environmental sustainability, supercomputing, and, more recently, working with other research institutions to combat the spread of COVID-19.

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In 1942, the lab began as Metallurgical Lab at the University of Chicago, the site where Enrico Fermi and other scientists worked on the Manhattan Project and developed the world's first nuclear reactor. When it was deemed unsafe for the experiments to be conducted in a major city, the lab was moved to nearby Palos Hills, IL. The lab was then renamed after the surrounding forest. In 1946, the lab was officially rechartered as Argonne National Laboratory and shifted its focus to peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

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