

Idaho Cleanup Project

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GEMENTALIdaho Cleanup Project Priorities and Accomplishments

- Initiating heat-up for next simulant run for Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU).
- Complete investigation and recovery of Accelerated Retrieval Project V drum incident.
- Complete treatment of Idaho legacy transuranic waste.
- Transuranic waste certification authority has been restored to DOE-Idaho.
- Obtain certification of more TRU waste streams to maintain shipments to WIPP.
- Complete exhumation of buried waste.
- Complete transfer of spent nuclear fuel from wet to dry storage.

Key Scope: Integrated Waste Treatment Unit

- Based upon extensive testing at a pilot plant and other facilities, extensive modifications to the facility were completed in April, 2018.
- Complete "IWTU Technical Issues Resolution Phase 2" Simulant Runs
 - Readiness reviews are complete, facility is preparing to heat-up for Simulant Run 2
- Complete Simulant runs 2 and 3
 - Simulant Run 2 (30 days on simulant feed) is expected to complete in June;
 Simulant Run 3 will commence upon successful completion of Simulant Run 2
- Develop Plan for Phases 3 (Confirm Readiness) and 4 (System Performance Test)



Process Off-Gas Blowers restored



Carbon Monoxide Monitors updated

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ARP V Drum Incident



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- Firefighters responded to an alarm in ARP V on April 11. They observed smoldering contents from a waste drum, and applied retardant.
- After exiting facility they were • decontaminated and are now undergoing further testing to determine if they had internal uptakes.
- No contamination left the facility.
- Upon re-entry eight days later, three more drums were found to have their lids removed by excessive pressure.
- The waste likely originated at Rocky Flats in Colorado, and was sent to Idaho in the 1960s.

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- Six entries into the area.
- Samples have been collected and shipped to Savannah River National Laboratory and Southwest Research Institute for analysis.
- Facility recovery plans have been finalized and cleanup efforts have started.
- Exhumation of potentially similar waste was suspended.



Environmental Key Scope: FY 18 Buried Waste Exhumation Performance

• Waste Exhumation (Acres) (FYTD) as of April 30, 2018

FY-18 Target: 0.26

FY-18 Actual: 0.114

Buried Waste Exhumation (84.8% complete) was intentionally delayed so exhumation crews can support AMWTP ISA waste processing in the ARPs. Exhumation is on hold until it can be verified that an event similar to ARP-V is not possible. The project remains about two years ahead of the regulatory schedule.



ARP IX is the last facility required to complete exhumation.

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Spent Nuclear Fuel Status





Progress continues in moving remaining spent fuel from the CPP-666 storage pools (above) into dry storage facilities like CPP-603 (right).

- DOE is on target to meet the Idaho Settlement Agreement requirement to remove all stored spent nuclear fuel from wet storage to dry by 2023.
- The transfer of 3,240 EBR-II spent fuel bottles to the Materials and Fuels Complex for treatment or dry storage is about 12 percent complete.
- The transfer of 1,000 Advanced Test Reactor fuel elements from wet storage to dry is about 19 percent complete.