



**Savannah River  
Remediation**

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# SAVANNAH RIVER REMEDIATION UPDATE

## South Carolina Nuclear Advisory Council Meeting

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- **Record-setting worker safety**
  - 9.8 million total project safe work hours
  - 27.8 million construction safe work hours
- **Industry Recognition**
  - 2015 VPPPA Star of Excellence
  - 2015 VPPPA Safety and Health Achievement Award—Sharon Kidd, SRR E&I Mechanic
  - National Safety Council’s Industry Leader Award
- **Excellent Nuclear Safety Culture**



Organizational Learning		Management Leadership	
– # of Alleged Retaliation Employee Concerns	■■■■	– Training Hours in Nuclear Safety (Ops/Maintenance)	■■■■
– Timeliness of Employee Concern Evaluations	■■■■	– Senior Management MFO Performance	■■■■
– # of Disciplined Operations Events (ORPS Reported)	■■■■	– Management Field Observations	■■■■
– Timeliness of ORPS Characterization	■■■□		
– Integrated Assessment Plan vs. Schedule	■■■□	Employee Engagement	
– Assessment Quality Evaluation Complete	■■■■	– New Issue Actions Identified (STAR CTS)	■■■□
– Self Identified versus Event Response Corrective Actions	■■■■	– Safety Meeting Attendance	■■■■
– Corrective Action Program Timeliness	■■■■	– Behavior Based Safety Observations	■■■■

Key: Good ■■■■ Marginal ■■■□ Unsatisfactory ■■■□ No Data ■■■■

VPPPA=Voluntary Protection Program Participant’s Association

## ■ Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF)

- SRR tripled curie stabilization through DWPF
  - >4,000 high-level waste canisters—12-month record—337 canisters poured—from June 2011 to July 2012
- 93 canisters of vitrified high-level waste filled in FY15
- 30 canisters filled in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY16 - including 4,000<sup>th</sup> canister poured 12/31/15; Operations began 1996
- 57 of 150 Glass Waste Storage Building locations crossbars removed for canister double stack implementation

## ■ Salt Processing

- 4x salt waste processing in terms of curies taken from the waste tanks by SRR
  - ARP/MCU: Nearly 5 million gallons of salt waste processed
    - Record weekly production (83,538) gallons hit in March 2013
    - 3 Mgal/year rate achieved
  - Saltstone: >8.7 million gallons of salt waste processed by SRR



ARP/MCU = Actinide Removal Process and Modular Caustic Side Solvent Extraction Unit



## ■ Evaporators

- 2.6 million gallons of tank space created in FY15, the greatest amount of space gain since 2010
- 2-year reliability program achieving significant results
- 5-year feed backlog processed in 2 years

## ■ 32-million gallon Saltstone Disposal Unit 6

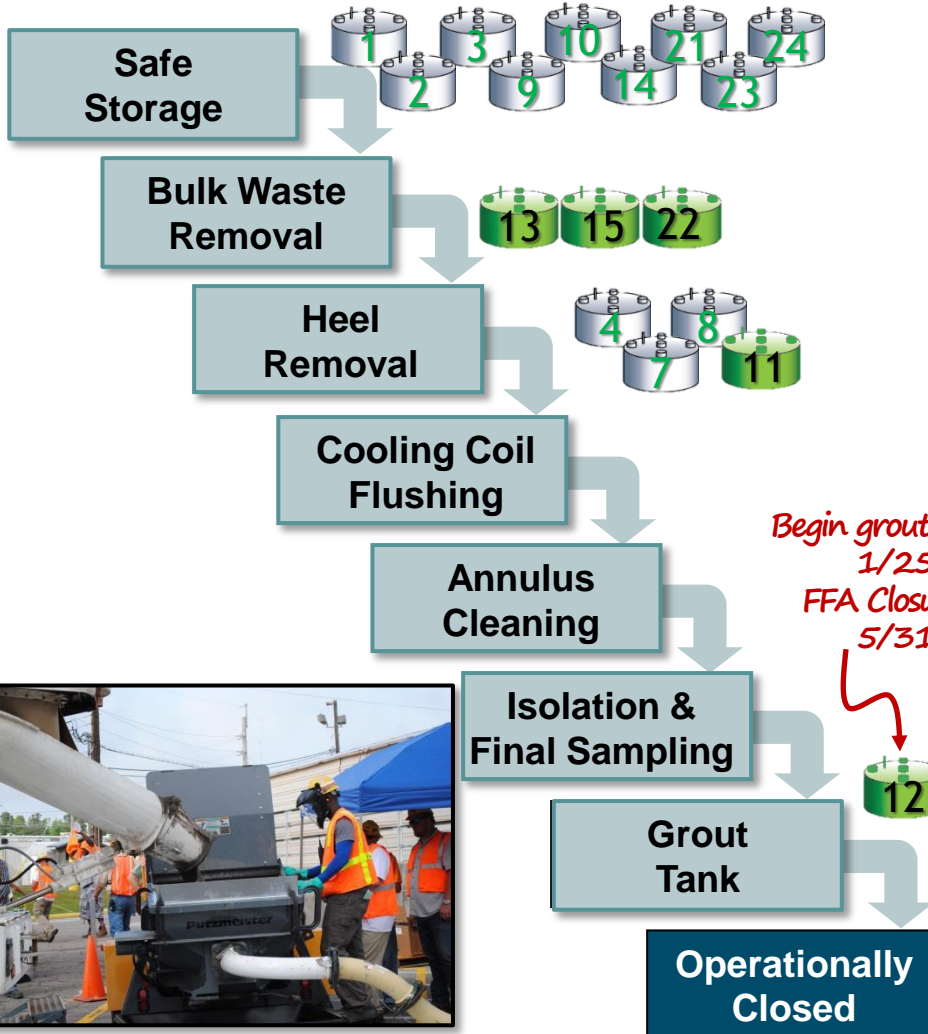
- Scheduled completion date—October 2016
  - Total project 78% complete
  - Primary construction complete
- Water tightness testing continues
- Scheduled ready to receive waste—November 2016
- Expected to be used in 2017



**21,334** yd<sup>3</sup> of concrete  
**289** miles of cable  
**375'** diameter  
**43'** high

# Tank Closure Progress

- Tank Closures continue at a pace unheard of six years ago
  - Five tank closures completed during the past 6 years



**Tank 16...**

5 failed coils • 39 intact cooling coils •  
 24 pieces of equipment • 18 risers •  
 12 inspection ports  
 786 trucks • 6,163 yd<sup>3</sup> grout

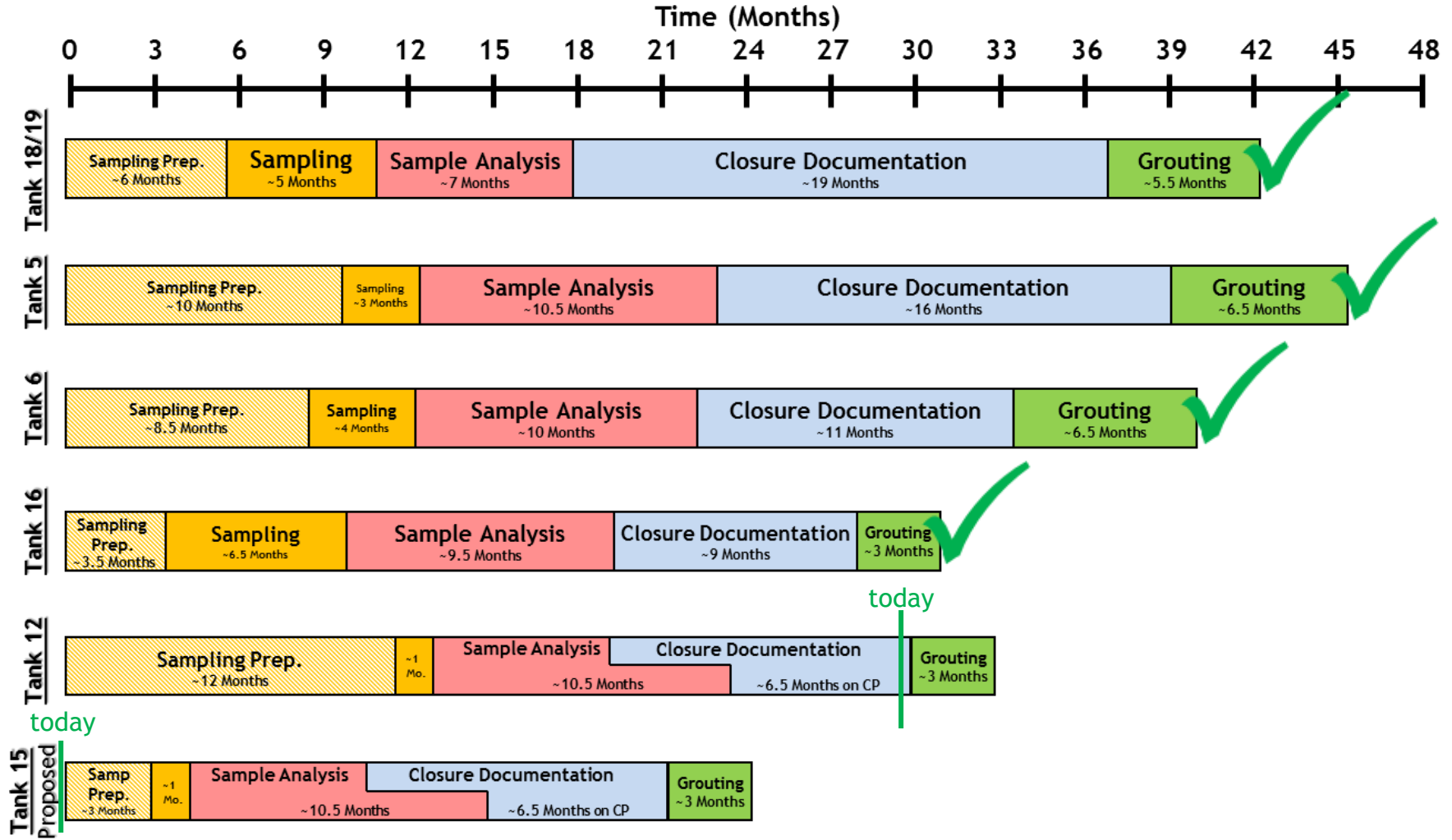
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**9/22/15**  
 Grouting Complete

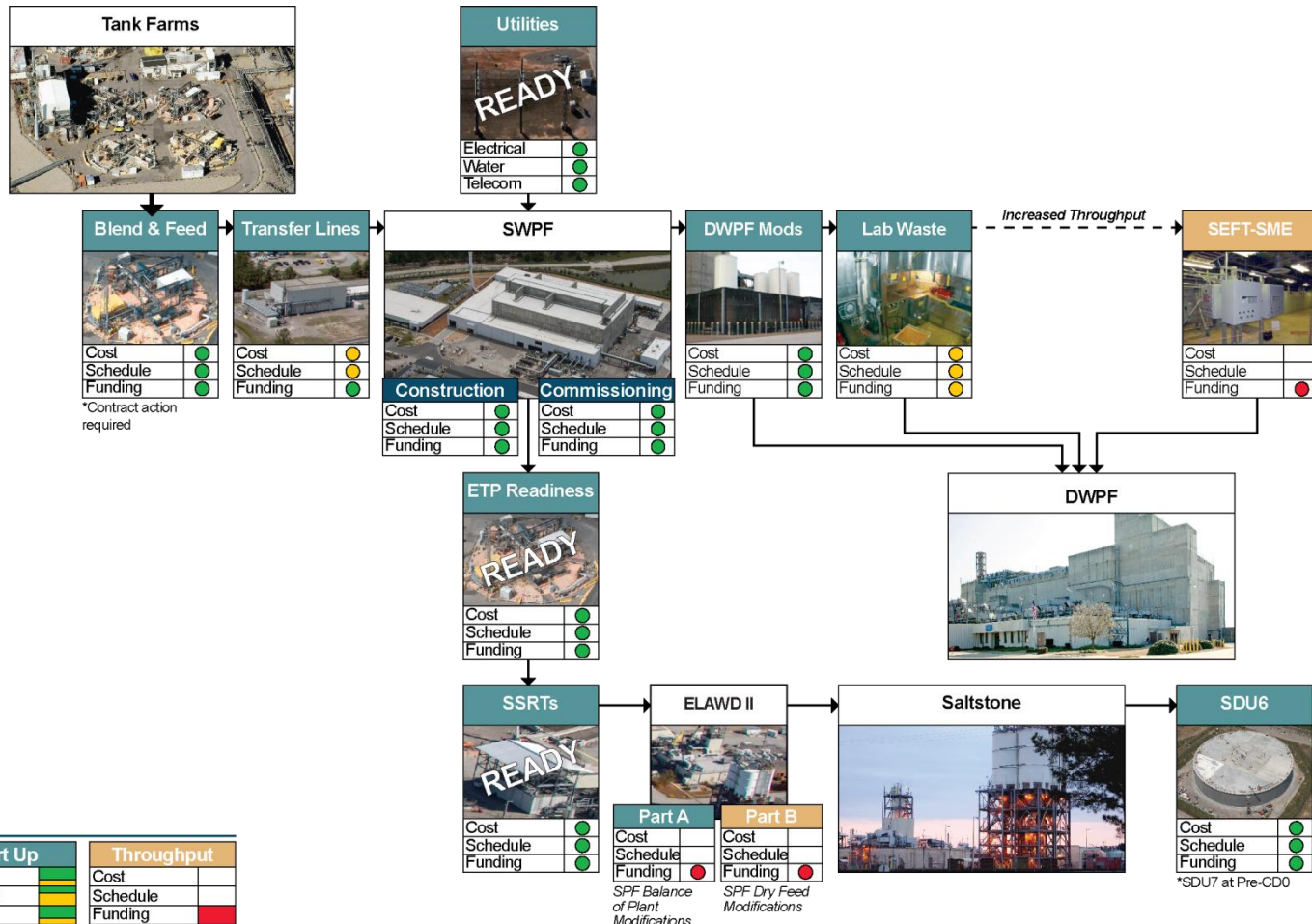


**Tank 16 Grouting**

# Tank Closure Schedule Comparison



- All liquid waste scope required to support SWPF startup and operation has been identified and is being worked
- Schedule logics for full scope integration are complete

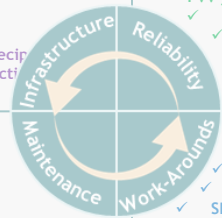




# Infrastructure Improvements

**A lot accomplished to lengthen the life and increase reliability of SRS Liquid Waste facilities...more to do**

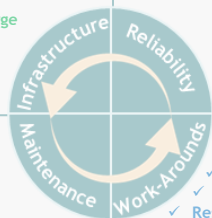
- ✓ Mercury Scoping
- ✓ Slurry Mix Evaporator (SME) Bubbler improvement
- ✓ Coils Inspect/Clean
- ✓ Sludge Receipt and Adjustment Tank (SRAT)/SME Blowdown Auto
- ✓ Melter Off-gas restoration
- ✓ Lab Motor Control Center separation
- ✓ New Laboratory trailer
- ✓ New Instrument air dryers
- ✓ New cooling tower pumps
- ✓ Obsolete acid pumps replacement
- ✓ Smear Test Station Exit Pedestal Refurbishment
- ✓ Vault 4 cap & roof coating
- ✓ Basin 4 expansion
- ✓ SDU fill height increase
- ✓ Saltstone Disposal Unit (SDU) 6 construction
- ✓ Salt Solution Receipt Tanks construction
- ✓ Weigh hopper weather protection
- ✓ Wireless infrastructure installation at Saltstone
- ✓ Delta V control system upgrade
- ✓ Replaced 4 obsolete fire system monitoring panels
- ✓ Lab flooring
- ✓ FOS 7 and FOS 18 HVAC units
- ✓ Replace obsolete Moore Controllers
- ✓ Breathing Air manifolds
- ✓ Grout line replacement
- ✓ Elimination of cement from Saltstone recipe
- ✓ Saltstone Disposal Unit (SDU) 6 construction



- ✓ Slurry Mix Evaporator Condensate Tank (SMECT) Sample Pump DCS
- ✓ Melter Feed Tank (MFT) Kurz maintenance
- ✓ Sludge Receipt and Adjustment Tank (SRAT) maintenance
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- ✓ Rev. E Documented Safety Analysis (DSA) purge mds
- ✓ Upgrade 3 Canister Decontamination Cell Decon
- ✓ Saltstone core sampling
- ✓ Antifoam pump replacement
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- ✓ Evaluate elimination of cement from Saltstone recipe
- ✓ Decon frit valves replacement
- ✓ Melter bubbler replacements
- ✓ Purge system modifications (SC)
- ✓ 512-S secondary filter modifications
- ✓ 512-SW cross flow filter redesign
- ✓ Saltstone Mixer refurbishment
- ✓ Salt feed tank downcomer
- ✓ PVV Mercury Transfer Header flush
- ✓ PVV jumper cleanouts
- ✓ SCT uninterruptable power supply
- ✓ CPC purge air filter sight glasses
- ✓ Process frit line cleanout capability
- ✓ MFT feed pump VFD
- ✓ PVV blower VFD

- ✓ Replace Flush Water Valves V-13 & 19
- ✓ Install new independent SHT sampler to reduce organic cross-contamination
- ✓ Repair/replace Valve Transfer Valve
- ✓ Remove excess Tank
- ✓ 6 Reel Tape Repairs
- ✓ Repair 30V/CA
- ✓ Relocate HLLCPs
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- ✓ Replaced three cooling towers at ETF
- ✓ Replaced the Tank 48 purge ventilation ductwork (SS)
- ✓ Replaced Tanks 1, 3, 7 and 8 purge ventilation fans (SC)
- ✓ Replace Tanks 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 and 23 purge ventilation reheaters (SC)
- ✓ Removal (D&R) of the 704-8H trailer
- ✓ Inter-Area transfer line repairs
- ✓ Installed 15 ARGOS Monitors

- ✓ 3 Tank Vent Reheater Replacements
- ✓ 4 Ducts Replacements
- ✓ 2 Stacks Extensions
- ✓ Tank 15 New HEPA House
- ✓ HDB-8 Crane Wire Rope
- ✓ Tank 38-43 Transfer Line Jacket
- ✓ Integrity Inspection of MCU cell coating
- ✓ 37 Salt Dissolution
- ✓ Coalescer filter replacement
- ✓ Evaporator feed pump repair
- ✓ Installed new SS diesel generator for H-Diversion
- ✓ HDB-8 (SS)
- ✓ Vibration reduction
- ✓ Replaced the Inter-Area Transfer Line (IAL) transfer pump
- ✓ MCU caustic wash mds
  - MCU Intek flow meters



## Tank Farms

- ✓ Lab flush 3-way valve
- ✓ Lab cell winch & hoist
- ✓ Diesel Generator 100 Loss of Power Surveillance
- ✓ Melter off-gas Surveillance
- ✓ SRAT/SME interlock Surveillance
- ✓ B8 5 Year Preventive Maintenance (PM)
- ✓ Lab cell window cleaning
- ✓ Field Operating Station PMs
- ✓ Grout process lines
- ✓ Chute inspections
- ✓ Pig valve refurbishment
- ✓ Vault 4 weather enclosures
- ✓ 512-S valve repairs
- ✓ Improve spare parts availability
- ✓ Load center preventive maintenance
- ✓ Steam system repairs
- ✓ Flush water to grout line valve repair
- ✓ Film cooler and quencher cleaning
- ✓ Manipulator arm spare parts
- ✓ Reduced Corrective Maintenance Backlog for SS/SC items
- ✓ SC-1 pump return to service (Spare)
- ✓ TB-6 pump return to service (Spare)

- ✓ SMECT pH probe
- ✓ Process Steam Generator Level Indicating Transmitter
- ✓ Cold Feed Vent
- ✓ SRAT scrubber valve
- ✓ SME Agitator jumper
- ✓ Interim Canister Closure Station heater
- ✓ AA2 Agitator
- ✓ SME Scrubber
- ✓ Melter Transformer
- ✓ SME transfer pump
- ✓ Frit Slurry Makeup Tank sparger
- ✓ Fire System Valve
- ✓ Outfall Soil Removal
- ✓ Victaulic valve covers
- ✓ Saltstone mixer repair
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- ✓ Fire pump rebuilds
- ✓ Clean capped
- ✓ Grout pump meter support
- ✓ Melter fill auxiliary
- ✓ SRAT condenser temperature indication
- ✓ DWTT condenser
- ✓ MFT recirculation
- ✓ Lab drain jumper
- ✓ Gas Chromatograph
- ✓ KKV temp. mod
- ✓ 13 Ton motor on main canyon crane

- ✓ Functional Test of UPS
- ✓ Rebuild Tk 30/37 BFVs
- ✓ Rebuild 2H Feed Pump
- ✓ Perform 20 Instrument PMs on 3H
- ✓ Perform Cooling Tower PMs
- ✓ Rebuild Cooling Tower Pump(s)
- ✓ Repair 2H/3H Steam Leaks
- ✓ Replace D55 coalescer and pre-filter
- ✓ Replace SE coalescer
- ✓ Replace MCU PVV HEPA filters
- ✓ Perform annual PMs/CMs for electrical, instruments and HVAC
- ✓ Replace Tank 49 Transfer Pump
- ✓ Repair Underground Domestic and Well Water Leaks
- ✓ Repair Chromate Water Pumps
- ✓ Replace 3H Building Vent Fan and VFD
- ✓ Replaced Tank 43 Feed Pump
- ✓ Salt Dissolution in Tank 37
- ✓ Modified Tank 39 Transfer Jet
- ✓ Reduced the Corrective Maintenance Backlog for SS/SC items
- ✓ Replaced 15 conductivity probe junction
- ✓ Repaired jacket for the Tank 38 gravity drain line (GDL)
- ✓ Repaired transfer line jackets at F-Diversion Box
- ✓ Unplugged Drain Line for HDB-2
- ✓ HDB6 valve repairs and actuator upgrades
- ✓ Fabricated a spare Type III Telescoping Transfer Jet

- ✓ 3H Deliquoring
- ✓ PT-1 Pump Repair
- ✓ Replace DB-8 DG
- ✓ Install MCU rain cover
- ✓ Restore Tank 22 Mixing Capabilities
- ✓ Building Replacement Type III and IIIA TTJTs
- ✓ Replace Tank 41 Transfer Pump
- ✓ Replace Tank 4 Transfer Pump and Install valve flushing manifold
- ✓ Tank 37 Back flush valve replacement
- ✓ HDB4 valve repairs and actuator upgrades
- ✓ Procurement of 3 Slurry Pumps, 5 SMPs & 6 CSMPs
- ✓ Completed cleanout of Leak Detection Box (LDB) Drain Cell
- ✓ Removed temporary modification from F-Catch Tank
- ✓ Installed new air compressors at 241-58H and HDB-8
- ✓ Reestablished stream to the Tank 43 Transfer Jet
- ✓ MCU duct replacement with flush capability
  - Tank 32 Feed Pump diamond bearings
  - Tank 37 Transfer Jet
  - MCU PVV shielding

## DWPF/Saltstone

**Focus on:**

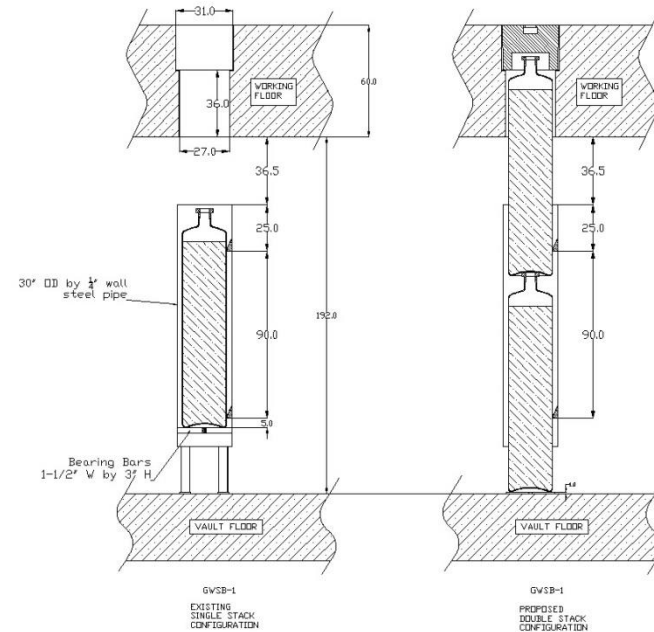
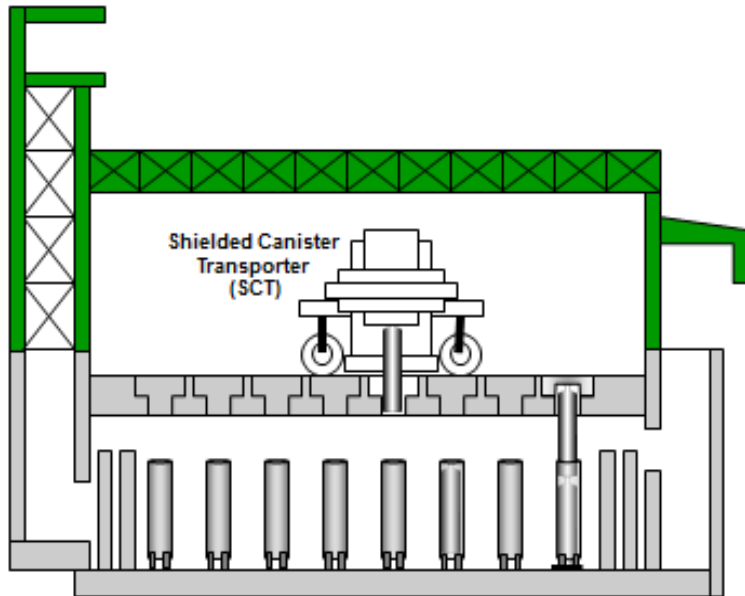
- Infrastructure condition improvements
- Work Around removal
- Maintenance of Safety System/Safety Class items and transfer capability
- Reliability improvements

Completed in FY14  
 Continued /Completed in FY15  
 Completed in FY15  
 Continues in FY16



# Interim Canister Storage: Double Stack

- **Double capacity of Glass Waste Storage Building 1**
  - Defers \$130 million expense for construction of GWSB3
  - Provides adequate storage capacity through FY26
- **Application includes:**
  - Modify existing locations to store two canisters each (from 2,254 to 4,508)
  - Remove existing crossbar canister support; lower canister supported on vault floor
  - Upper canister placed on top of lower canister
  - Upper canister Shield plug redesigned for equivalent radiological protection
  - Work completed on 57 of 150 slots so far

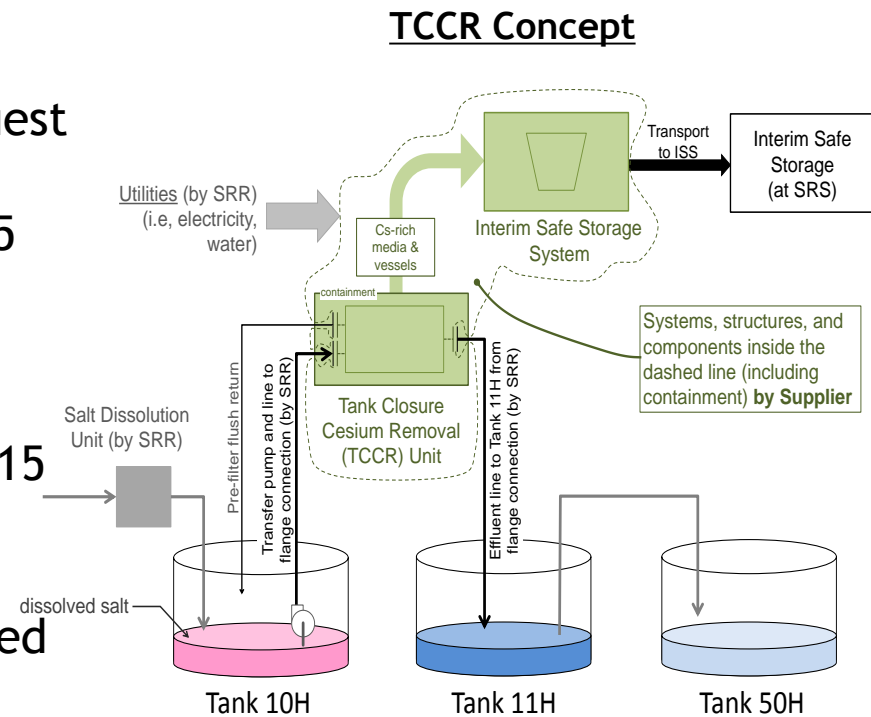


## Objective

- Pursue ion exchange (IX) technology to enhance tank closure capabilities
- Leverage commercial IX supplier expertise and Fukushima experience
- Improve flexibility by exploring alternatives for spent resin disposal
- Simple, modular, affordable

## Status

- Expressions of Interest (EOI) / DRAFT Request for Proposals (RFP) issued - 6/1/15
- Supplier Industry Day conference - 6/17/15
- Supplier EOI responses received - 6/19/15
- RFP / Statement of Work issued - 8/13/15
- Supplier proposals received - 9/21/15
- DOE Progress Report to SCDHEC - 10/15/2015
- Notifications to suppliers who responded to the RFP - 11/2/15
- Final Proposals received and to be evaluated by the end of February 2016



- **SRR Emergency Preparedness (EP) Program averages about 60 drills/exercises a year**
- **SRR conducted a comprehensive assessment to identify the way drills are planned, scheduled, and performed in order to meet all requirements and expectations**
- **Issued EP Corrective Action Plan**
  - Total of 67 Corrective Actions were generated and 63% of Corrective Actions have been completed with a scheduled completion date of 6/1/2017 (vast majority due by 1QCY16)
    - Focus Areas
      - Programmatic Improvements
      - Improve Drill Performance
      - Compliance with Drill Schedule Requirements
      - Improve scenario variability/complexity



## ■ Mercury

- SRS liquid waste contains mercury/Higher than expected levels of mercury detected/
  - No disposal permit limits exceeded
  - Samples showed unexpected trace levels of monomethyl mercury
- Based on analysis, Liquid Waste operations are not impacted by monomethyl mercury
  - Conducting additional evaluations to mitigate potential future impacts

## ■ Antifoam

- Routinely added during the processing of waste at the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF)
  - Used to minimize foaming in the feed prep processing vessels
- Antifoam degradation by-products can be flammable
- DWPF can operate safely because engineers proposed operational restrictions and additional compensatory controls
- Department of Energy (DOE) has approved these restrictions/controls and DWPF resumed operations in September

- 150 HLW Canisters
- >1.0 million gallons through ARP/MCU
- 1.5 million gallons through Saltstone
- Close Tank 12
- Complete Bulk Waste Remove on Tank 15
- Complete Saltstone Disposal Unit 6
- Continue infrastructure work for Salt Waste Processing Facility
- Modify 150 canister positions at DWPF/Start double-stacking canisters

- **Our primary focus is on safe work**
  - Protect workers, public, environment
- **Continue to be good stewards of taxpayers' money**
  - Always trying to find ways to accelerate the cleanup, saves money long-term
  - Technology is transferred to other sites, bringing more cost-savings for the federal government
- **Want you to be informed, knowledgeable**
- **Thank you for your continued support**

