

## APPENDIX A BACKGROUND INFORMATION

An estimated 56 Mgal<sup>2</sup> of chemical and radioactive wastes are stored in 158 underground storage tanks at the Hanford Site in southeastern Washington State. This waste is the result of plutonium production for the nation's nuclear defense program and ensuing waste management. There are 149 SSTs that were constructed between 1943 and 1964. There are 28 DSTs<sup>3</sup> that were constructed between 1968 and 1986. Table A-1 provides service life details of the DSTs. Tank 241-AY-102 was taken out of service in 2012 due to primary tank leaking. The total number of active DSTs is therefore 27.

**Table A-1. DST Service Life**

Tank Farm	Number of Active Tanks	Construction Period	Initial Operation	Design Life	Current Age as of 2022
AY	1	1968-1970	1971	40	51
AZ	2	1970-1974	1976	20	46
SY	3	1974-1976	1977	50	45
AW	6	1976-1979	1980	50	42
AN	7	1977-1980	1981	50	41
AP	8	1982-1986	1986	50	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>				

The SSTs contain a complex and diverse mix of radioactive and chemical waste in the form of sludge, salt cake, and supernate. The SSTs have had nearly all pumpable liquid removed as part of the Interim Stabilization Program also known as salt well pumping; approximately 3 Mgal remain across 149 tanks. The different waste forms necessitate a variety of unique waste retrieval, treatment, and disposition methods. Descriptions and volumes of these waste phases are provided in Figure A-1.

The Atomic Energy Commission built original DSTs to handle high-level waste from fuel reprocessing and waste management. The design has evolved as the Hanford mission changed. The RPP mission will require DST operation far beyond their design life. As such, maintaining the DSTs is a key mission goal. The waste in DSTs, though not as diverse as the SSTs, includes salt cake and sludge but primarily consists of supernate.

In 1989, the DOE, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) entered into an enforceable compliance agreement with the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order* (Ecology et al. 1989),<sup>4</sup> hereinafter referred to as the Tri-Party Agreement. The Tri-Party Agreement set forth milestones for tank waste retrievals and tank closures. DOE, the regulatory agencies, and the stakeholders all view tank waste cleanup as a top long-term priority. The tank waste must be retrieved, treated, immobilized, and permanently disposed of to conform to the Tri-Party Agreement provisions. The project tasked with managing this program is the RPP.

<sup>2</sup> Waste volumes fluctuate as a function of tank farms operations. The separate waste form volumes that total 54.1 Mgal (Figure 2-1) were derived from HNF-EP-0182, *Waste Tank Summary Report for Month Ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020*.

<sup>3</sup> 27 of 28 are in service since tank AY-102 was taken out of service in 2012.

<sup>4</sup> This reference includes all applicable amendments of the Tri-Party Agreement.

**Figure A-1. Hanford Tank Waste Description****Supernatant**

Liquid above the solids or in large liquid pools in waste storage tanks.

Image taken from B-201 in-tank video (Video ID: 15714)

**Saltcake**

Soluble salts in waste storage tanks formed by the evaporation of liquid waste from nuclear reactor fuels reprocessing. Characterized by high porosity, interstitial liquid drainability, and crystalline texture.

Image taken from BY-111 in-tank video (Video ID: 13060)

**Sludge**

Insoluble hydrated metal oxides and fission products in waste storage tanks from nuclear reactor fuels reprocessing. Characterized by low porosity, reduced interstitial liquid drainability, and mud-like texture.

Image taken from T-104 in-tank video (Video ID: 17990)

The RPP mission (ORP-11242, *River Protection Project System Plan*) is to accomplish the following:

- Safeguard and safely manage the estimated 56 Mgal of waste stored in the Hanford Site tanks
- Treat the waste
- Ensure safe waste disposition to protect the Columbia River and the environment

The TOC is a part of the RPP. The responsibility of the TOC is to accomplish the goals of the first item by storing, maintaining, and retrieving tank waste. The future responsibilities of the TOC are to feed tank waste to the WTP to accomplish the second item and help monitor the waste forms that are disposed on the Hanford Site to accomplish the third item.

## APPENDIX B ROADMAP EVOLUTION

The initial version (Revision 0) of this Technology and Innovation Roadmap (Roadmap) was released in May 2010 in response to the 2009 National Academy of Sciences report, and was in alignment with the philosophy of the then Assistant Secretary for EM of leveraging existing technology, using lessons-learned from across the complex, and incorporating “transformational technologies” to improve the mission. The scope for Revision 1 in 2015 was to identify technology gaps, prioritize technology needs, and advocate the use of National Laboratories to provide technical support, with an end goal of completing the River Protection Project (RPP) mission. The scope for Revision 2 in 2016 was the same; however, the content was updated to incorporate interim progress and changing mission priorities. The scope for Revision 3 in 2017 was the same as the other revisions; however, Revision 3 improvements included addressing integration of the DOE ORP GC technologies and updated technology prioritization and ranking processes based on ORP mission objectives.

Revision 4 in 2018 served to more closely link technologies with risks identified in the WRPS Risk Register. New technologies are likely required to meet the obligations of the TOC and overall RPP mission. This Roadmap served to further identify and determine the funded and non-funded waste remediation technologies in order to inform fiscal budget planning, prevent redundant efforts, guide National Laboratory research, and communicate with stakeholders. Revision 4 was intended to be a planning document; the conclusions of Revision 4 were based on technological priorities for fiscal year (FY) 2019. The TEDS sheets may identify cost from prior years, but this is merely for information purposes. Revision 4 required updates based upon ORP direction. The most direct way of creating the updates was through addendum RPP-PLAN-62988, *Addendum to the Technology and Innovation Roadmap Rev. 4*.

RPP-PLAN-62988 documents the results of an evaluation of a National Laboratory Support Plan for Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste (DFLAW) Startup, Commissioning, and Operation (led by Savannah River National Laboratory and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory) against Revision 4 of the Roadmap and to expand the coverage it includes input from other Hanford Site contractors. To do this expansion, TOC WRPS reviewed National Laboratory capabilities identified to support an operating facility considering lessons learned from operating facilities across the DOE complex. In addition, WRPS contacted WTP and Plateau Remediation contractors to identify technology needs. The addendum contained two elements to supplement the Roadmap that expand the scope to include input from the National Laboratory matrix and other contractors.

Revision 5 of the Roadmap was a direct update to Revision 4 and includes information from RPP-PLAN-62988. Additional input was provided at two Savannah River Site workshops: Cementitious Materials Technology Exchange (2019) and DFLAW Glass Discussion Group (2019).

APPENDIX C BALANCE OF TECHNOLOGIES CATALOG SHEETS

### C.1 Manage Tank Waste

The following are the one-page catalog sheets of the balance of the MTW TEDS.



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*Advancement of the DST nondestructive examination program through development of a more versatile and capable inspection technology. Faster and more comprehensive inspection of the DST primary tank wall, including welds and heat affected zones, could be realized.*

## Improved Inspection Methods for DST Primary Tank Walls

**TEDS ID: MTW-10**

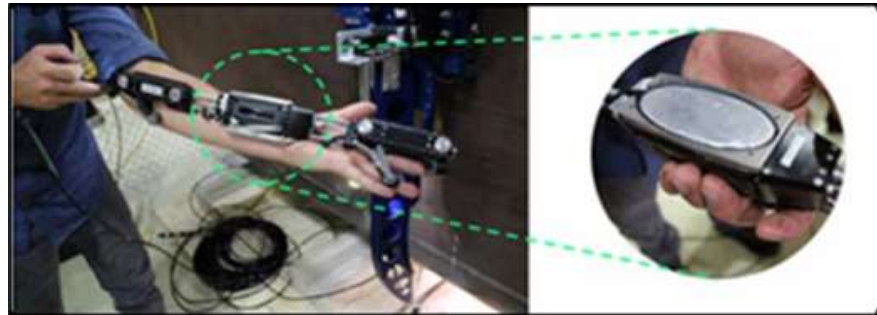
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

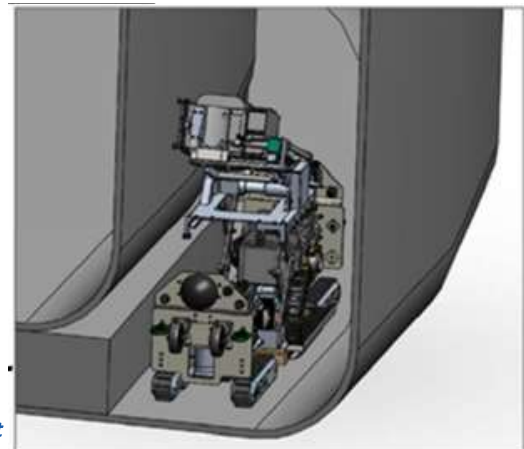
Limited corrosion data for welds and heat-affected zones was identified as a contributing deficiency. Advancement of the double-shell tank (DST) nondestructive examination program through development of a more versatile and capable inspection technology has been identified as a means to correct the deficiency. In doing so, faster and more comprehensive inspection of the DST primary tank wall, including welds and heat-affected zones, could be realized.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Both South West Research Institute and Guidedwave / Eddyfy systems have the greatest potential for increasing the examination of the side walls. Both systems are detection systems. Once a flaw is generally detected, normal beam UT can be used to determine approximate dimensions.



*Guidedwave Phased Array*



*SWRI EMAT Concept*

### Technology Maturation Level

Modify Existing Technology

### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TFIRR-0046-T: DST Failure in West Area

TFIRR-0045-T: DST Failure in East Area

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*FT uses an illumination source that induces a temperature rise at the inspection surface, generally in the form of an impulse (high intensity pulse). Changes in material property can cause a change thermal indication which can be read by an infrared camera.*

## Increased NDE Volumetric Inspection

TEDS ID: MTW-100

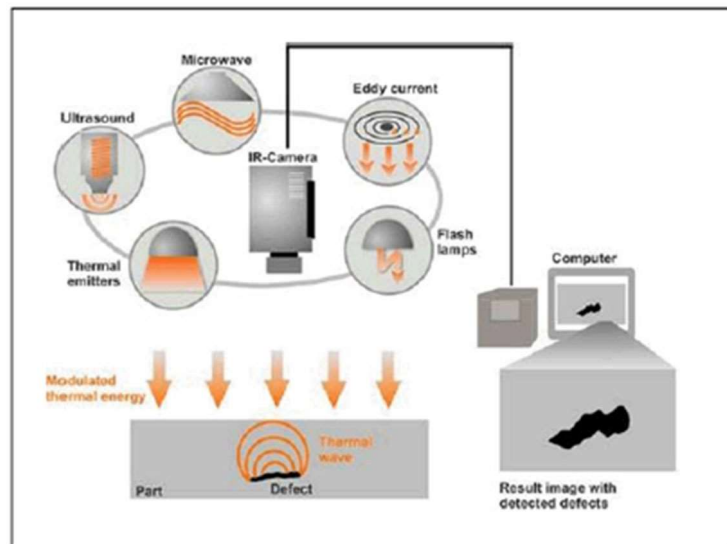
Timetable: &gt; 5 Years

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

There is a need to develop nondestructive examination (NDE) systems to increase the volumetric NDE of the aging Hanford tanks. Current systems only inspect about 2% of the double-shell tanks (DSTs). This amount was deemed acceptable when general corrosion was thought to be the primary means of degradation. Localized corrosion is now the mode degradation thought most prevalent. As such, the inspection regime needs to be extended to a great extent of the tank.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Numerous technologies may be available for this need. They could include use of flash thermography (FT), guided UT waves, Electromagnetic Acoustic Transducers and others. A limited technology evaluation of FT was conducted, but was found in need of further development because of deployment issues. Should these issues be addressed the technology would provide an adequate solution. As such, FT along with other candidates should be explored to improve the understanding of DST integrity.



*FT System Elements*

### Technology Maturation Level

Modify Existing Technology

### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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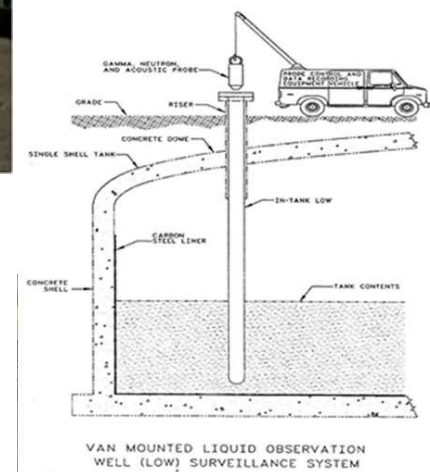
*Measurements of tank interstitial liquid levels are time-intensive and do not occur frequently enough to develop useful level trends. Improved sensor technology and automation would allow for more frequent readings and less time for field crews in the tank farms.*

**Improve Liquid Observation Well Data Acquisition**
**TEDS ID: MTW-13**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Liquid observation well (LOW) scans are currently obtained by a four- person crew in a specially outfitted van. The crew risks exposure to radiation from both the tank waste and the LOW probe source every time they conduct scans. An automated LOW system would reduce worker exposure. LOW readings are obtained approximately 4 times a year; this does not support the amount of trending data needed to detect intrusions or leaks in a timely manner. There has been no research conducted into improved sensor technology, which would allow for easier deployment of an automatic system for obtaining LOW scans. Research is necessary to determine the feasibility of improved technology and automated scanning. Once improved sensor technology has been identified, a system is planned to be designed, built, tested and deployed.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

Research, design, build, test, and install an automated system to measure LOW neutron and gamma in selected single-shell tanks with a program to analyze and trend data coupled to the OSIsoft PI System


**Technology Maturation Level**

Research and Concept

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

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*Improved methods and instrumentation are needed to measure particle size distributions of head space particulates. Improved instrumentation is also needed to capture, preserve and analyze head space particulates.*

## Improve Sampling Methods of Head Space

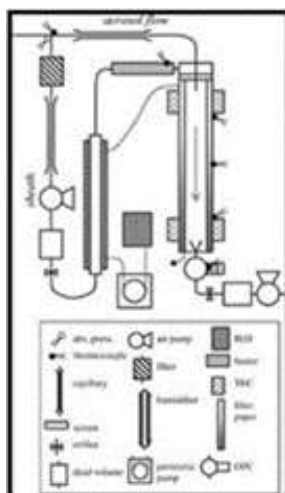
**TEDS ID: MTW-40**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

A program is needed to sample and measure head space particulates. Information gathered would help to mitigate exposure risks in the tank farms. Instrumentation is needed to capture, measure, and preserve aerosolized tank constituents for laboratory analyses. In addition, laminar-flow hood capabilities would be essential to laboratory analyses of particulates.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Head space sampling methods and instrumentation need to be improved to capture and preserve head space particulates. Deploying cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) technology to measure particle size distributions of head space particulates before and after waste-disturbing activities would enable better estimation of the magnitude of particulate generation during these activities. Impactor technology can be deployed to capture head space particulates. Impactors may also be coupled to CCN instrumentation for real time measurement of particle size distributions prior to particulate capture. This program would design and assemble measuring and sampling (CCN and impactor) technologies for improved understanding of particulate generation to help mitigate personnel exposure risks in the tank farms.



*Flow Schematic*



*Cloud Condensation Nuclei Counter*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Modify Existing Technology

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WRPSC-0003-T: Tank Vapors Controls Impact Project Execution

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*Development of a retrieval support system which can add capacity for use in continued SST waste retrieval missions and risk reductions of aging tanks. New tank capacity would be used to safely store, stage, transfer and potentially treat retrieved waste as applicable.*

## Additional Tank Space

**TEDS ID: MTW-50**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

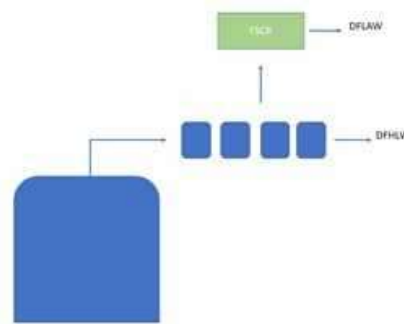
### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Currently, single shell tank waste retrieval activities require an existing Double Shell Tank (DST) to serve as a waste receiver tank. Treatment systems like TCSR require multiple tanks to support operations. Future DFHLW process will also likely require a tank system to perform the needed functions. Existing DST space is limited in many areas of the site and is expected to become even more limited in the time frame before the Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) begins processing waste. A staging tank system that can support waste retrieval needs, DFLAW feed and DFHLW feed can provide a means to allow continued risk reduction along with provide multiple feed streams in support of direct feed processes. Coupled with a TCSR this system could also serve as a separation system that receives SST waste, processes the supernate to feed DFLAW and processes the sludge to feed DFHLW.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Developing of this type of tank system is a multi-phase activity. Initial efforts will focus on developing permitting, design, procurement, and construction strategies based on the retrieval, DFLAW, and DFHLW specific needs. After strategy development execution would follow a typical project life cycle with a tailored approach.

Examples of the equipment may include instrumentation, process equipment, and treatment systems including vapor abatement. The staging tank system could be configured to allow for time phases expansion based on mission needs. The initial system could support retrieval with planned expansion to support DFLAW and DFHLW as needed. This type of system would be particularly useful near SSTs Farms located in remote areas.



*Feed Tank Flow Diagram*

### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TFIRR-0045-T: DST Failure in East Area

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*Operating data from the 242-A Evaporator campaigns is used to predict operations in the Effluent Management Facility (EMF) evaporator. The behavior/impact of the higher mercury concentration on the new evaporator is not known*

## Predicting Behavior of Mercury in EMF

**TEDS ID: MTW-57**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Partitioning of mercury in low-activity waste (LAW) melter off-gas processes, wet electrostatic precipitator (WESP), and submerged bed scrubber (SBS), has not been experimentally determined. Data from laboratory-scale venturi scrubber testing was used to estimate the decontamination factor for the SBS; LAW off-gas processes were assigned a decontamination factor of one. An accurate decontamination factor for mercury in the LAW off-gas system is needed to determine the mercury concentrations of LAW condensate. Furthermore, the Hanford Tank Waste Operating System does not track mercury in the SBS/WESP off-gas condensate recycle. During direct-feed LAW (DFLAW), the mercury concentration is needed to accurately assess the impact on tank farm and the evaporator.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The approach is to update the assumed partitioning for mercury in the process models to allow better estimates for the condensate during DFLAW operations. Key considerations during the testing will include validation of HgCl<sub>2</sub> as the mercury species in the LAW off gas, followed by small-scale and/or large-scale tests to determine mercury partitioning in the SBS and WESP. An assessment of the improved mercury partitioning on the remaining LAW off gas processes are planned to be performed and used to evaluate the impacts of the expected mercury levels during processing in the 242-A Evaporator.



*Engineering-Scale Evaporator*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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*Implementation of commercial large-pore high-silica zeolites (HS series) in personal protective equipment for the removal of nitrosamines from the tank vapors can help protect tank farms personnel by reducing exposure to the hazardous constituents of the tank vapors and address short-term and long-term health concerns.*

## Nitrosamine Monitoring and Reduction

**TEDS ID: MTW-59**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

The vapor resolution program calls for implementation of methods to anticipate, recognize, evaluate and control chemical hazards associated with ongoing emissions of tank vapors. The tank vapor is a complex mixture of reactive volatile organic chemicals, submicron aerosols, volatile metal and metalloid compounds, and other compounds. Nitrosamines, potential carcinogens, are present in the tank vapors due to the high concentrations of inorganic nitrogen-containing species (e.g., nitrate and nitrite) in the tank waste and their radiolysis degradation products, which readily react with organics in the tank waste. Any tanks or tank farms (e.g., AN Tank Farm) with high organics could contain increased nitrosamine levels.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Some commercial zeolites have been proven effective at removing nitrosamines from such complex vapor mixtures as tobacco smoke that contains over 5,200 identified chemicals, including several volatile nitrosamines ranging from small common to large nitrosamine derivatives. Zeolites are widely applied in industry as adsorbents and catalysts. It was reported that nitrosamines adsorb on zeolite not only by size/shape exclusion mechanism but mostly by means of the  $-N=N=O$  groups entering the zeolite channels similar to the mechanism of  $NO_x$  adsorption to zeolites (Li et al. 2014, "Cleaning carcinogenic nitrosamines with zeolites"). This specific interaction is responsible for the selective uptake of nitrosamines by zeolites from complex vapors. Further, zeolites can catalytically cleave the  $-N=N=O$  functional groups of nitrosamines and destroy their carcinogenic ability.



#### Technology Maturation Level

Prototype

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

RPP-006: SST Retrieval System Performance Does Not Meet Requirements Due to Controllable Causes

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*Pu-Bi compounds are not included in the inventory of plutonium particulates. They may be large and dense and could be present in the waste in more tanks than previously identified. Studies must be performed to determine the extent and density of Pu-Bi particulates.*

## Plutonium Particulate Criticality Safety Issue Resolution

**TEDS ID: MTW-70**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

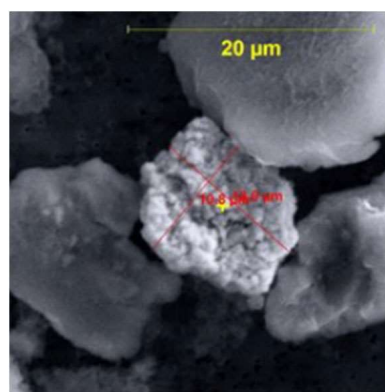
### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Criticality safety evaluation is required before waste that holds the larger inventories of particulate plutonium can be retrieved, mixed and transferred. Special concerns arise with the potential that the particulate plutonium-bearing waste in tank SY-102 might need to be retrieved under emergency conditions if that tank starts leaking. Tank SY-102 is one of the more vulnerable double-shell tanks (DSTs) for tank integrity and leakage issues. Retrieval options are limited because it is one of only three DSTs in the 200 West Area. The proposed work is needed to definitively establish the tank farms inventory of particulate plutonium as necessary input to criticality safety evaluation, allowing retrieval of tanks such as DST SY-102.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Two tasks are identified in support of further establishing the particulate plutonium inventory:

1. Characterize the particulate plutonium in forms such as PuO<sub>2</sub>, Pu Bi and Pu bi PO<sub>4</sub>, determining particle sizes, densities and conditions of formation by advanced laboratory methods, such as transmission electron microscopy (TEM).
2. Determine density and conditions of formation of the Pu Bi compounds by laboratory synthesis to match the TEM analysis. This testing is to understand whether compounds matching those expected to form in the waste can be synthesized under conditions such as in the bismuth phosphate process (i.e., B Plant, T Plant)



*TEM Image Plutonium Particle*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Laboratory Testing

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

3 Years - 4 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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*Improve the interface used for  
BBI updates and data access  
within the TWINS database.*

## Improve Best Basis Inventory Interface with TWINS Database

**TEDS ID: MTW-71**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Suggested Tank Waste Information Network System (TWINS) enhancements include:

- Search functionality
- Automated graphic production
- Simpler application for nonexpert users
- Ability to visualize current and historical BBI data
- Ability to compare inventory or concentrations values for specified analytes or radionuclides including the ability to search sample data by metadata.

For both BBI and TWINS, update to modern computer coding to allow streamlined revision and future upgrades as needed.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Initiate activity with a study to determine best software platforms and most value-added upgrades based on input from the Tank Waste Characterization Group and other data users. The study should also include a cost-benefit analysis for alternate platforms. Based on this information, a down-selection would occur and a budget and schedule would be developed. A modular approach would be utilized to develop and deploy upgrades.

#### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

3 Years - 4 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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*Provide CAM technology to minimize the need for operations and maintenance personnel to service the equipment during daily rounds*

## Continuous Air Monitor Remote Observation

**TEDS ID: MTW-72**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Continuous air monitors (CAMs) are inspected during daily surveillance rounds and weekly/biweekly maintenance rounds. This exposes numerous operations, maintenance, and safety personnel to radiation and industrial (self-contained breathing apparatus) hazards. Finding a solution to reduce or eliminate the need for daily surveillance rounds and limiting the number of farm entries for maintenance would reduce worker exposure and improve exposures to as low as reasonably achievable. In addition, the method to analyze, determine, and report on emissions monitoring is time-intensive; having an automated system to analyze emissions would improve worker efficiency.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The proposed solution would provide the following improvements, at a minimum:

1. Remote indication of CAM operability.
2. Reduce the need for surveillance and service.
3. Real-time indication of whether or not within regulatory emissions requirements.

#### Technology Maturation Level

Modify Existing Technology

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WRPSC-0003-T: Tank Vapors Controls Impact Project Execution

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*Tank breathing rates enable estimates of tank evaporation rates. Tank evaporation rate estimates are usually required when a tank leak assessment is performed. With tanks showing a large liquid loss or very small liquid loss this has not been a problem, but with SX tanks showing liquid losses in the 300 to 2,000 gal/yr range the breathing rate needs to be known unless there are other alternatives to evaluating if the tank is leaking.*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Laboratory Testing

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**Measure Liquid Loss from Evaporation**
**TEDS ID: MTW-74**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

SX breathing rates are needed so as to be able to estimate liquid loss rates due to evaporation from SX tanks. Without knowing the breathing rates we likely can't conclude whether selected tanks are leaking. The alternative is to state we can't determine whether a tank is leaking or not, which is undesirable, and will eventually require a more restrictive means of waste retrieval. Tank SX-104 went through leak assessments or evaluation in 1988, 1998, 2008, 2009, 2011, and 2018. An alternative approach was implemented that indicated the liquid loss from SX-104 is the source of liquids coming into SX-106 via an old buried vapor manifold. Tanks in SX farm aren't planned for retrieval until 2028 per System Plan 8 base case. A retrieval process amenable for a leaking tank should be selected at least 3 to 4 years before that, so impacts to TPA milestones and waste retrieval projects would be years in the future.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

Tank breathing rates for 12 tanks in 7 tank farms not including SX Tank Farm were measured in 1997-1998. The rates were measured by injecting inert gases (He and SF<sub>6</sub>) into the tank head space, then taking periodic head space gas samples over time to observe the concentration decay. Breathing rates for 10 of 11 tanks excluding A and AX Tank Farms were in a nominal 2 to 3 cfm range, while those for three tanks in A and AX Tank Farms had rates in the 10 to 25 cfm range. One tank in BY Tank Farm was measured at 16 cfm, but it might have been affected by an exhauster used during saltwell pumping. The A and AX Tank Farms tanks are connected by large exhaust header, like those in the SX Tank Farm. These tests need to be performed for SX Tank Farm tanks, with some improvements necessary over the 1997-1998 tests.

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

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*When equipment contacts tank waste and becomes contaminated, it is difficult to handle and can severely limit engineering design options for waste contacting equipment. Reducing or eliminating contamination on small equipment or in-tank instrumentation would open up design options and decrease worker exposure.*

## Reduce or Eliminate Equipment Contamination

**TEDS ID: MTW-75**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

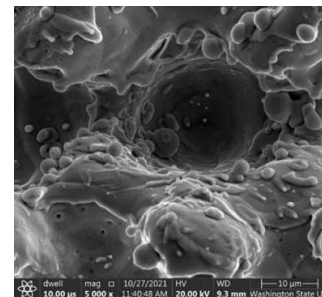
Any technology that reduces or eliminates equipment contamination reduces the difficulty, time, and expense of dealing with waste-contacting equipment. It also reduces the dose workers receive, a critical as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) principle. Application of special hydrophobic coatings to metallic equipment surfaces is used in the nuclear industry to reduce contamination. These coatings keep waste from sticking to the equipment, thus reducing contamination. These coatings can only be used in certain applications because they lack durability, lack adhesion to the substrate, or are chemically incompatible with the waste.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Etching nanostructures using femtosecond or nanosecond lasers creates a hydrophobic surface that is permanent and intrinsic to a metal surface. This new strong hydrophobic property could be applied in a cost-effective manner to small equipment or in-tank instrumentation. The following tasks would assess viability: 1. Verify that laser-treated metal surfaces effectively shed simulated waste. 2. Verify that the treated metal surface is not degraded by waste chemical constituents, exposure to radiation, erosion by insoluble waste particles, reasonable physical impacts. 3. Develop methods to speed application and reduce cost. 4. Apply treatment to a typical piece of waste-contacting equipment, expose to waste, then measure the contamination and compare to unexposed equipment with the treatment.



*Water repelled by laser treated surface*



*Scanning Electron Microscope Surface Image at 5,000 times magnification*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Laboratory Testing

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WRPSC-0009-T: Aging TOC Facilities & Infrastructure

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*Using the Raman Spectroscopy, Laser- induced breakdown spectroscopy, multi- isotope process (MIP) method to develop a real- time, online monitoring system of tank waste*

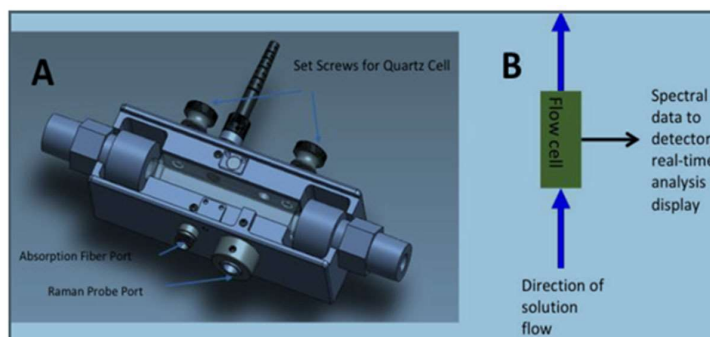
**Online Monitoring**
**TEDS ID: MTW-76**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant and Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste operations is expected to increase laboratory testing for feed qualification sampling, confirmation sampling, and process control. In order to prevent a bottleneck during sample analysis at the laboratory, a technology is needed to shorten the sampling and analysis turnaround time, while also maintaining exposures as low as reasonably achievable and increasing frequency of sampling.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

A Raman method is a strong candidate for real-time,online monitoring because sodium salts represent greater than 90% of the supernate. Identification of these analytes using Raman is planned for the next 2 years. Exploring additional online monitoring methods to characterize important tank waste species is also planned.

The Raman method and system will be made of commercially available hardware and chemo-metric analysis software developed at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Testing will be carried out on tank waste simulants and real waste samples from the Radioactive Waste Test Platform.



*a) drawing of cell holder b) schematic of how flow cell can be integrated*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Laboratory Testing

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

222SL-0048-T: 222-S Laboratory Analytical Capabilities are Exceeded (DOE)

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*Development of primary tank bottom volumetric inspection capability addresses a current lack of available data to characterize the potential for degradation of the primary tank bottom within DSTs and single shell tanks. The product is expected to aid in determining the state of primary tank bottoms using non-visual examination methods.*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Research and Concept

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**In-Tank Volumetric Non-Destructive Evaluation**
**TEDS ID: MTW-78**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

An independent High-Level Waste Integrity Assessment Panel performed a review, and one of the issues identified was the inability of the double shell tank (DST) integrity program to predict a leak; this challenge was highlighted when a leak occurred in tank AY-102. At present, there is no visual or nondestructive examination (NDE) of tank bottoms where the leak occurred in tank AY-102. The method proposed here would supplement the current inspection method under development, which targets DST primary tank bottoms via refractory pad air channels. Inspection through the refractory pad air channels greatly limits the area of the tank bottom that can be reached due to using 24-in. risers for access and obstacles located in the DST annular space.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

Incorporate a volumetric NDE sensor into either a drill string or push rod for deployment through a riser, through waste, and pressed against the tank bottom. This method would utilize tank risers down to 4 in. in diameter for access to the tank. All other Hanford NDE development restricts access to just the annulus and the under primary tank air channels. Most NDE technologies can easily be fabricated into this size, allowing for the use of several different technologies; each analysis will target a 10-ft-diameter zone for analysis.


*NDE Sensor*
**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

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*Develop and test a four camera system with automated visual recognition to monitor a variety of manual gauges, indicators, alarm and status panel boards, and/or sump levels that can automatically recognize visual trigger events and generate alerts. Integrate the associated software into an automated Site specific system.*

## Automated Visual Recognition Wireless Remote Video Monitoring

**TEDS ID: MTW-80**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Hanford Site tank farms contain a variety of workplace hazards, including those associated with chemical vapors emitted from the underground waste storage tanks. DOE workplace regulations specify that contractors must establish procedures to identify existing and potential workplace hazards and to assess the risk of associated worker injury and illness. One effective method to control such hazards is to reduce the time spent in the tank farm environment through the use of automated, remote control systems.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Remote wireless video has been successfully demonstrated and used for various applications at the Savannah River Site, using existing site wireless and wired network infrastructure. The video is displayed in real-time at a nearby or remote monitoring location (e.g., a facility control room), reducing the need for a worker entry to hazardous areas. A similar system specifically tailored to Hanford Site needs can provide a fully automated and easily retrofittable monitoring system to minimize the potential for Technology Maturation worker exposure to potential vapors.



*Camera Monitor*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Modify Existing Technology

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WRPSC-0003-T: Tank Vapors Controls Impact Project Execution

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*Viabie technology for in-service Inspection of the Hanford DSTs is crucial to development and maintenance of an effective aging management regime. The snake-arm is a mobile, highly flexible, modular inspection and repair technology. The snake arm is a proven and viable technology to enable inspections using visual and other NDE techniques.*

## Radiation Tolerant Multi-Use Manipulator System

**TEDS ID: MTW-81**

**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

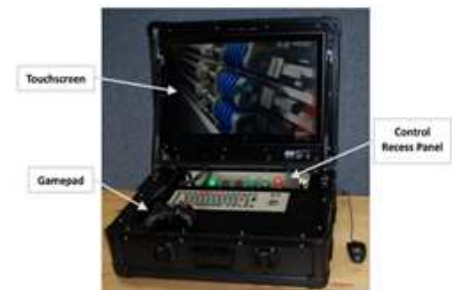
The complexity of the double-shell tank (DST) configurations is such that many of the structural elements and features of most concern to engineers and inspectors are located in inaccessible, hard to reach areas (e.g., DST annulus). In addition, the radiochemical conditions in the tanks are hazardous, ruling out manual access techniques. There is a pressing and immediate need for proven, robust and radiation tolerant remote systems to access the tanks to deploy cameras and other nondestructive examination (NDE) instrumentation to remotely inspect ion and gather data on the tank condition. The overall goal of this project is to demonstrate the use of a commercially available, radiation tolerant, multi-use manipulator system for repairing inspection tasks on the Hanford single-shell tanks and DSTs.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

It is proposed that a proof-of-concept prototype snake-arm system be developed and demonstrated on a mock-up test facility at engineering scale. The test facility will mimic the operating environment in tanks, annulus and air channels based on input from ORP and the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP).



**Prototype Snake-Arm**



**Arm Control Box**

#### Technology Maturation Level

Modify Existing Technology

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Methods to alter environmental conditions beneath the secondary liner are required. Technology to dry out the under tank environment or otherwise make the environment protective of the carbon steel secondary liner bottom should be developed to ensure long-term availability of the DSTs.

## Secondary Liner Bottom Damage Mitigation Technologies

**TEDS ID: MTW-83**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

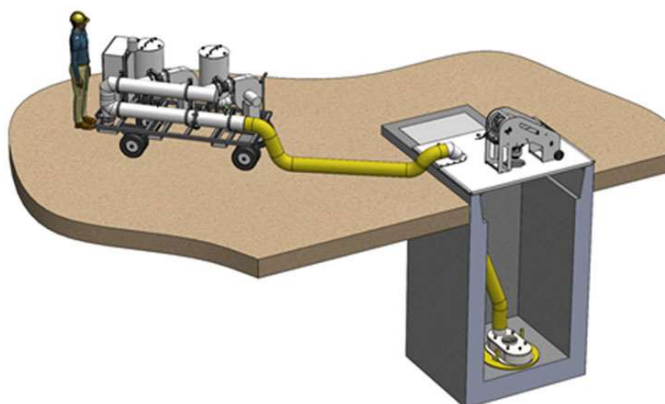
### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Devices or systems to install on existing double-shell tank (DST) systems to cease moisture accumulation in the tertiary leak detection system and foundation space beneath the secondary liner. This technology needs to dry out the foundation space and/or otherwise prevent continued exposure of the secondary liner to corrosive conditions.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Initially, plug the cross-tie in tank AZ-102 with a special tool. Pending results, proceed with testing a slight positive pressure on the leak detection pit (LDP). Details in RPP-PLAN-60778, Double-Shell Tank Tertiary Leak Detection System Investigation and Mitigation Plan. Implementing a positive pressure test would encompass the following:

- Install a fan system on the LDP capable of maintaining the tank tertiary atmosphere (i.e., the space between the secondary liner and the concrete foundation/shell) at a slight positive pressure relative to ambient
- Monitor changes in water intrusion (via a camera on the LDP drain line and/or LDP liquid level).
- Monitor conditions in the LDP (i.e., verify slight positive pressure when the fan is on and slight negative when the fan is off, humidity, temperature).



*Pit Pressurization and Monitoring System*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Prototype

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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*Several pipelines have failed an encasement pressure integrity test. The Hanford Fitness for Service program has no readily deployable solutions to inspect and identify pipeline failure mechanism locations. A tool to travel through a pipeline and provide a condition assessment is needed to expand current understanding of pipeline failure phenomenon.*

**Pipeline Forensic Inspection Technology**

**TEDS ID: MTW-84**

**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Visual and volumetric inspection capability delivered remotely through 2in. and 3-in. schedule 40 waste transfer lines in the tank farms is needed.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

The proposed technology solution will enter a waste transfer line via a nozzle penetration of a pit. The device would be either self-propelled with a lightweight tether or driven from a push-pull system with a more rigid tether. The end of this inspection tool would be comprised of a visual inspection camera with pan/tilt functionality and lighting adjustment. Future iterations of the tool could include volumetric inspection sensors such as an eddy current probe or guided wave ultrasonic transducers.



*Versatrax 100 for Inspection of Small Pipe and Ducts*

*Self-Propelled Pipe Crawler with Camera Attachment*



**Technology Maturation Level**

Prototype

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

TFIRR-0039-T: SN-632 Failure

TFIRR-0038-T: SN-630 Failure

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*Surface profilometry is a commercially available technique used to extract topographical data from a surface. This can be a single point, a line scan or a full three-dimensional scan. The purpose of profilometry is to get surface morphology, step heights and surface roughness.*

**Remote Surface Examination**
**TEDS ID: MTW-85**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Improved non-contact inspection methods that expand facility integrity knowledge are of high interest. Current noncontact methods deployed are limited to various visual inspection camera systems. Expansion of the inspection toolset to include a system such as compact laser profilometry system would allow better characterization of surface topography at target inspection locations. Possible applications for such a technology includes the concrete dome and liner wall of single-shell tanks, the region above the liquid surface within double-shell tank primary containment and the annulus of double-shell tanks. Use in these environments would provide additional understanding not currently possible with a camera, including size and depth for observed surface anomalies.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

Profilometry inspection tools excel at fast, quantitative surface measurements of tank integrity. In order to use laser inspection tools, modification of a commercial tool would be required to allow for remote deployment and operation within target hazardous environments. Some testing of the systems capabilities would also be required to demonstrate performance expectations.


*Compact Laser Profilometry System*
**Technology Maturation Level**

Modify Existing Technology

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

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*Design an application of active systems to control encasement environmental conditions and prevent humidity and moisture accumulation are needed.*

## Protective Measures for Waste Transfer System Lines

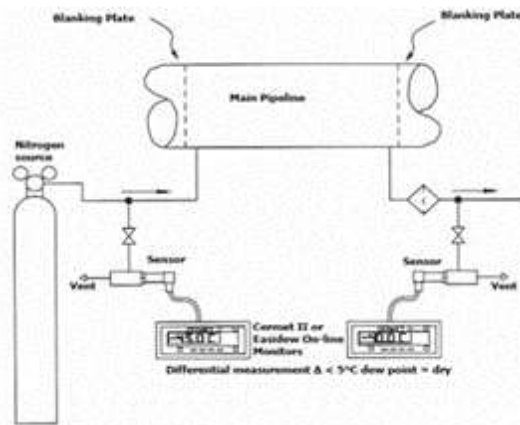
**TEDS ID: MTW-86**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

With the increase in number of transfers scheduled to support the startup of direct-feed low-activity waste (DFLAW) operations, further measures will need to be taken to ensure the integrity of the waste transfer lines. Transfer lines failures could cause schedule delays, resulting in large amounts spending to correct the problem.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Recent visual inspections from within transfer line test risers have shown various degrees of moisture presence and corrosion. In the case of several lines, the primary pipe or encasement have been discovered as failed via periodic encasement pressure testing. Design of these systems and leak detection practices have the potential to foster a corrosive condition within the encasement of the transfer lines by way of their atmospheric venting and drainage. Nitrogen purge drying is a viable option for preventing moisture accumulation in the annulus of the transfer lines.



*Example Nitrogen Pipeline Purge Drying System*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Prototype

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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*Design and fabricate an interface sampler for use in Hanford tanks to identify the interface with an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  in. After identification, the device will be able to obtain samples at interfaces. It will be designed to retrieve a 250 ml sample and to fit inside a 4-in. riser located at the top of the tank. The design will comply with ASTM standards and various codes/standards.*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Prototype

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**Liquid Air Interface Sampler**
**TEDS ID: MTW-88**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Due to the high ratio of insoluble materials to liquid within a tank, settling will naturally occur. Some materials that do not settle to the bottom of the tank float to the top. There are concerns that organics floating on the surface can lead to an increased risk of pitting at the liquid-air interface. Available Hanford liquid sampling technology cannot detect liquid interfaces nor successfully sample the surface of the liquid, and the depth accuracy is generally limited to about a few inches. A new way to sample liquid-air interfaces and liquid-liquid interfaces is needed.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

A device needs to be able to fit a container through a 4-in. riser with 250 ml. The optimal device would be cylindrical to allow for a large surface area coverage but still be able to fit in the riser used for acquisition of samples. The objective is to keep fluid at the surface from being displaced and disrupted to allow for an accurate surface sample of the fluid. The top of the sampler is to be threaded to fit a regular 250ml bottle so that new transportation does not need to be created. The bottom of the sampler is to be a cylinder for large surface-to-volume ratio. The top of the device can be other shapes or a smaller diameter like a funnel. A funnel design is desirable because it would allow use of a plug to seal the top portion of the cylinder and keep the radioactive waste inside the container with a pour spout for testing in one unit. A closing hatch or door is needed to allow for an open bottom to acquire the sample without disturbing the fluid and causing turbulent flow into the fluid.


*Interface Sampler Concept*
**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

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*A remotely operated cleaning tool for concrete walls, waste transfer pits, ceiling cover blocks that are required to be painted with a SPC. This device must be able to thoroughly clean the SPC (i.e., Amerlock® 2/400 resin) without damaging it.*

## Remote Concrete Surface Cleaning Apparatus

**TEDS ID: MTW-89**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

A technology is needed to allow for remote cleaning of concrete walls, waste transfer pits and ceiling cover blocks that are painted with a special protective coating (SPC). Per WAC-173-303, SPC is required for concrete surfaces that may come in contact with tank waste (e.g., tanks vaults process pits, valve pits) must be inspected and repaired as necessary to maintain RCRA permit compliance. These surfaces will get dirty and contaminated due to occasional spills during operations. Before proper inspection and repair can occur the surfaces to be cleaned. Due to high radiation fields noted in most pits, the work associated with the cleaning and required coating repairs must be completed remotely (through the use of extension poles). Inspection of the cleaned and repaired surfaces is completed by visual inspection of high quality digital photographs.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The DST Annulus Floor Cleaning System, developed by Rolls-Royce for use by WRPS, is a remote operated cleaning tool designed to vacuum debris in DSTs annulus. It is believed that this technology could be further modified to be used in transfer pits and other RCRA facility locations to perform the necessary cleaning.



*Typical Transfer Pit Configuration, Areas that Need to be Cleaned*



*Robotic Cleaner with Vacuum*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TFIRR-0054-T: Pit Corrosion

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*Technology is needed to determine the water (condensate) level in the reboiler or water/waste level in the C-A-1 vessel. Ideally this device would mount to the tank exterior (on the sides). The technology solution must not degrade tank integrity.*

## Water / Waste Volume Measurement for 242-A C-A-1 Vessel

**TEDS ID: MTW-90**

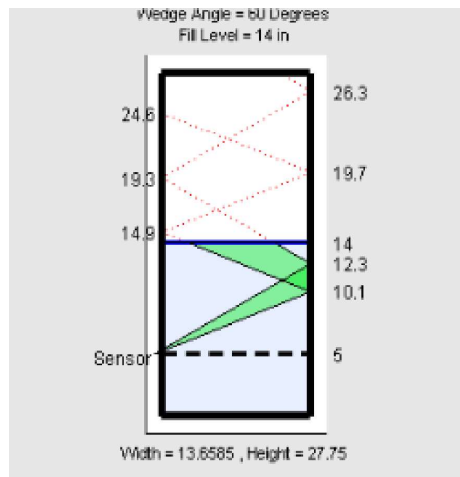
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Existing instrumentation for monitoring liquid level is antiquated and unreliable; therefore, the need exists to develop a new approach.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The single transducer employs either multiple piezoelectric elements or mechanical impactors to generate acoustic burst signals with transverse or oblique propagation paths. The transverse propagation path is directly across the tank at the height of the transducer location. The time-of-flight of this echo depends mainly upon the transverse distance (vessel diameter), the liquid temperature and the acoustic properties of the liquid. The estimation algorithm relies on the markedly larger echoes that return from the corner reflectors formed at the interface of the liquid surface and the tank sidewalls.



*Signal Schematic*

### Technology Maturation Level

Laboratory Testing

### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

242AE-0001-T: 242-A Aging Facility and Equipment Requires Unplanned Repair or Unanticipated Upgrades

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## Tank - Side Waste Evaporation

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*A modular, transportable, evaporative system that minimizes risks associated with significant losses of existing 242-A evaporative capacity. Development and deployment plans to use a commercial thin-film evaporator technology modified for nuclear applications. The new WFE could support other potential future missions.*

**TEDS ID: MTW-91**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

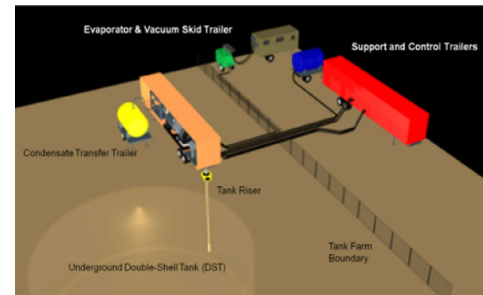
Additional tank farm waste evaporative capability is needed to mitigate 242-A Evaporator failure risk, provide additional 242-A evaporation capacity, and supply new evaporative capacity to retrieve single-shell tank waste and secondary liquid waste from treatment processes. The proposed technology for this scope is a mobile wiped film evaporator system, relocatable to applicable tank farms. Key development scope involves use of a pilot-scale system to develop the technology followed by use of a full-scale system to validate scale-up of the system.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The wiped film evaporator (WFE) process uses a horizontal shell encased in a heating jacket. Within the horizontal shell is a rotor with blades that maintain a thin film on the shell wall where energy is transferred from the heating jacket promoting evaporation. The liquid moves horizontally through the shell and is continuously concentrated as volatile components are vaporized leaving non-volatile components that are discharged vertically through the bottom of the WFE. Vapor is discharged vertically through the top of WFE. The WFE shell system is operated under a vacuum allowing the system to perform at a lower temperature, reducing the amount of sensible energy to be transferred.



**WFE Test Platform**



**Proposed Field Location**

**Technology Maturation Level**

Modify Existing Technology

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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*The goal of the work is to identify the appropriate COTS gamma detector(s), demonstrate performance under Hanford waste conditions, develop operational protocols for the user process interface and deploy a reliable and robust gamma detection system into the TSCR system and Low-Activity Waste Pretreatment System.*

## Cs Online Monitoring for TSCR

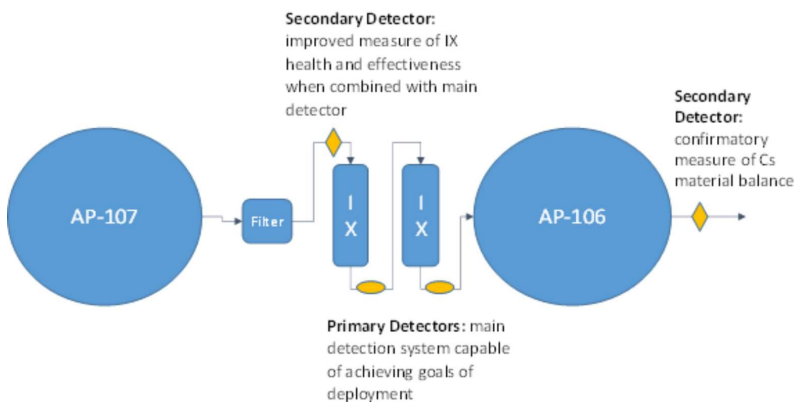
**TEDS ID: MTW-93**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Currently proposed cesium detection plans for the tank-side cesium removal (TSCR) system describe two continuous gamma detectors (for redundancy). This relatively simple design requires a lengthy counting period of nominally 1 hour to allow for the ingrowth of Ba-137m, the short-lived daughter of Cs-137 that is detected by gamma spectrometry, to attain secular equilibrium with the parent isotope. This delay is described in the plans as a slow fluid flow piping section with about 300 gallons of volume. This piping section holds the product stream for enough time to allow for 137mBa decay before the gamma level is analyzed downstream. The key design parameters are the vessel volume, dimensions, and baffle layout (see H-14-111252, General Arrangement Delay Tank, and RPP-CALC-62498 –TSCR Delay Tank Sizing).

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

A significant opportunity exists to consider the use of multiple detectors in an integrated feedback system that focuses on neutron radiographic testing (NRT) prediction of the tank AP-106 cesium content, rather than a conservative ion exchange (IX) column cesium breakthrough trigger. Leverage existing staff experience and capabilities at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) in nuclear detection, especially in the area of online process monitoring; a robust near-real-time monitoring solution (resistant to affects from bubbles and other process upsets) can be developed based upon commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) technologies.



*Multiple Detectors in an Integrated Feedback System*

### Technology Maturation Level

Laboratory Testing

### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

222SL-0009-T: 222-S Laboratory Analytical Capabilities are Exceeded

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*Wearable robotics are intelligent, powered, body support systems, capable of transferring heavy loads; for example, relief of the weight of air bottles from the spine to the support system.*

## Enhance Worker Capabilities

**TEDS ID: MTW-96**

**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Technology is needed to enhance worker capabilities allowing safer and more efficient work. Currently, tank farm workers experience repetitive movements, such as going up and down stairs, and lifting heavy objects. Technology is needed to enable work to be less tiring, and dangerous. Most applicable; Tank farm workers, including firefighters, must regularly wear air bottles, such as self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) rack, or heavy packs. These heavy loads place a lot of strain on the body's spine, especially when crouching, kneeling, or carrying heavy loads. Transfer of heavy loads from the spine to the Exoskeleton could protect tank farm workers from the strain of added weight, such as SCBA systems.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Many systems are available, the two systems that are currently of interest for the Tank Farm Operator Contractor. The first, the Exoskeleton is a battery powered, lower-body exoskeleton fitted with artificial intelligence (AI). Technology designed to augment human strength and endurance by taking stress off the lower back and legs. It provides additional leg support for physically demanding tasks. The system provides support for the lower body, reducing the burden on a user's knees and leg muscles. Technology makes it easier to perform intensive activities, such as:

- Picking up heavy loads
- Moving on stairs or inclined surfaces
- Prolonged crouch or lowered posture

The Exoskeleton AI reads Exoskeleton sensors to determine how a user is moving. Actuators then apply torque to the user's knee joints to support their movements. This results in less muscle strain and more endurance.



*Tank Farm worker calibrating Exoskeleton*



*Exoskeleton supporting Tank Farm worker wearing SCBA*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Modify Existing Technology

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WRPSC-0012-T: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Availability Impacts Field Work Execution

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*Hand-held, self-positioning laser scanning system that includes scanner, computer, 3D printer, and software. Capable of 3D scanning (colors and surfaces) and printing of real-life objects.*

**Continued Need for Improving Tools for Tank Farm Projects**
**TEDS ID: MTW-97**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Technology is needed to shorten the time needed to make onsite tools. Significant production time is required to fabricate custom tools for tank farm use. Human errors are experienced with the current manual field measurements and data transfer.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

A three-dimensional (3D) laser scanner can reduce custom tool engineering, design, production/fabrication time for tank farm custom tools. Laser scanning reduces the manual development process of creating a 3D model of the field condition. Field scanning and data transmission reduces human errors experienced with manual data collection and transfer. Hand-held 3D scanners are light weight, mobile, and can be used anywhere to ensure a smooth information capturing process without manual field measurements or having to relocate objects to a particular place for data gathering. Laser 3D scanning reduces human errors. It is a simple point and shoot system that takes precise measurements in high resolution, resulting in 3D output. Selection of a commercially available model that can be modified to use on the Hanford Site is the proposed solution.



*Hand-Held 3D Laser Scanner*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Modify Existing Technology

**National Laboratory  
Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude  
Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

WRPSC-0011-T: Unexpected Field Conditions Encountered (TOC)

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*A programmable robotic type of mechanical arm, with similar functions to a human arm that would enable remote manipulation of Tank Farm equipment.*

## Long-Reach Robotic Tool for Waste Storage Tank Pits

**TEDS ID: MTW-98**

**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Tank Farms operations need remote operational support to reduce worker exposures to hazardous conditions, and confined space hazards. Tank Farms needs remotely operated Robotic to perform operational and maintenance tasks such as valve manipulation, welding, surveys, etc.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

A programmable robotic type of mechanical arm, with similar functions to a human arm would enable remote manipulation of Tank Farm equipment, such as valves. Robotic tool could be fitted with multiple end effectors for the performance of various tasks. A mobile robotic tool provides the flexibility for use throughout the Tank Farms.



#### Technology Maturation Level

Modify Existing Technology

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

3 Years - 4 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WRPSC-0002-T: Resources Not Available when Required

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*The existing Tank Farm Operations support software, eSOMS, would be either upgraded or replaced to include all operating procedures. The system will be "smart", enabling tank farms operators to automatically record and enter readings obtained during the performance of operating procedures.*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Modify Existing Technology

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

## Tank Farm Smart Operating Procedures

**TEDS ID: MTW-99**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Tank farms operators record measurements by using the Rounds process as identified in relevant tank farm procedures. The eSOMS software, also known as E-Rounds, facilitates automated process at the tank farms. The current tank farm operating process is comprised of both a mobile application (rounds application) and a web application, the latter of which is accessed through a desktop browser. This system is partially automated and does not include all operating procedures. Operators automatically record and manually enter readings from some of their procedure rounds, saving time when compared with paper Rounds. However, the system needs to be fully automated to include automatic entry of readings from the operator rounds for all operating procedures. This improve efficiency and also reduce errors associated with manual transfer of data and information.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

A fully automated "smart" procedure system would enable efficient tank farms operations. The current E-Rounds would be upgraded or replaced with a smart system that includes all operating procedures. The automated system would be accessed via portable computers/tablets. With the automated smart system, tank farms operators would complete all procedures electronically as procedures are performed in the field. The electronic system would walk operators through each procedure step, not allowing the operator to proceed to the next step until the previous step is completed. Human errors attributed to manual data entries would be eliminated. The electronic data would be easier to store, retrieve, generate reports from and support near-real-time monitoring at the tank farms.

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WRPSC-0010-T: Complex Integration of Field Work

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## C.2 Retrieve Tank Waste

The following are the one-page catalog sheets of the balance of the RTW TEDS.



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*Existing technology could be modified to safely inspect the Tank Farms remotely. Examples include drones with attached cameras, and cable-mounted cameras*

## Remote Tank Farm Above Ground Inspections

**TEDS ID: RTW-03**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

During construction and retrieval operations, tank farm inspections are required, creating radiation exposure and other safety hazards for personnel. Personal protective equipment required for vapor safety, such as self-contained breathing apparatus, has created other worker safety issues. Additionally, the time and cost associated with manned entries is significant. The ability to conduct remote monitoring, from the Operations control trailer, would be beneficial. Ideas for remote field inspection include: drones, static-mounted cameras, mobile wire-mounted cameras, and remote operated vehicles.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Subject matter experts shall search for available solutions using the Expression of Interest (EOI) process. Ideas for remote field inspection include drones, static-mounted cameras, mobile wire-mounted cameras, remote-operated vehicles, or in-farm testing.



*Drone with Onboard Camera*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Modify Existing Technology

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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*Characterization of contaminated soil is a step to the remediation and closure of tank farm waste management areas. A prototype beta detection probe designed for in-situ detection of beta-emitting soil contamination would be helpful*

**Near Tank Soil Sampling**
**TEDS ID: RTW-04**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Appendix I of the Tri-Party Agreement requires characterization of contaminated soil as a step toward the remediation and closure of tank farm waste management areas. One of the most important risk contributors in soil is technetium-99, a beta emitter. Current methods for identifying technetium-99 contamination involve removing soil samples and performing laboratory analysis. In situ identification can reduce cost and time associated with soil characterization in all tank farms.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

One option under consideration is a prototype that has been previously designed for deployment with a direct-push unit. A survey of other potential methods is planned. A down-selected technology can then be configured and deployed in coordination with the other soil characterizations.



*Direct-Push Prototype Beta Detection Probe*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Prototype

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

AAXRC-0049-T: Old Spill Sites During Excavation

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Identify areas where new information or technology maturation will provide the greatest future benefit (e.g., altered retrieval requirements, affected closure cap design). Information will be integrated into Rev. 1 of the WMA C PA and into the assessments being developed for other WMA closures.

## Post Waste Retrieval Updates to WMA CPA and Long-Term Maintenance

**TEDS ID: RTW-07**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

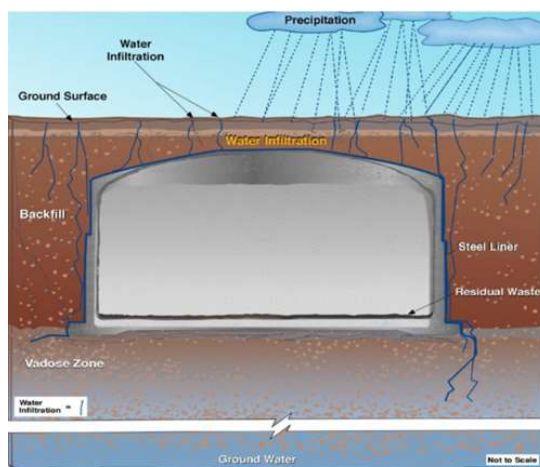
### TECHNOLOGY NEED

This technology is needed to support future update of the Waste Management Area C {WMA C} Performance Assessment {PA} {RPP-ENV-58782}, development of other WMA PAs, selection of closure technologies and future retrieval planning.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

A review is planned to support future update of the WMA C PA, development of other WMA PAs, selection of closure technologies and future retrieval planning:

- Testing on residual waste samples from tanks to better define waste release characteristics {this task would not pay for sampling, just for the extra tests}.
- Sampling and testing of concrete samples from tank walls of ancillary equipment, to learn more about tank concrete degradation.
- Evaluation of grout development and testing to better define waste release characteristics for final closed tanks.



*Long-Term PA Maintenance Parameters*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Modify Existing Technology

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

+ 4 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

CFY21-0001-T: Delays in C Farm Closure Criteria

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*A dry sludge retrieval system is needed for hard packed wastes in leaking SSTs. An alternative retrieval technology is needed by 2022 to begin supporting waste retrievals from A and AX Tank Farms.*

## Dry Retrieval Systems

**TEDS ID: RTW-08**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

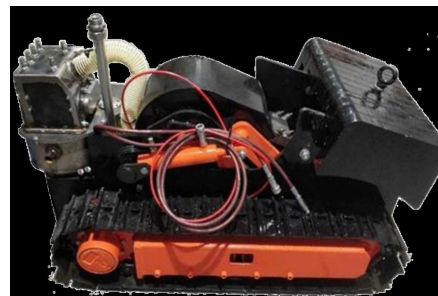
A technology is needed for retrieving solids from Hanford Site tanks that contain primarily solids (sludge, salt cake, and hard pan). An alternative retrieval technology is needed by 2024 to begin supporting waste retrievals from A and AX Tank Farms. In many single-shell tanks (SSTs), it is undesirable to use sluicing liquids to break up and remove waste due to the known or suspected reduced integrity of the tanks.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Design and fabrication of a modular dry waste retrieval system will remove hard-packed waste in tanks using no introduced liquids. A prototype of waste removal devices and transport systems will be developed in a modular manner. Approach will build upon other remote solutions. The system will leverage industry knowledge and experience allowing an integrated system to be tested and a prototype to retrievals in FY23.



*3 Passes on 7:1 Mix Concrete*



*Phase III MWGS*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Prototype

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

AAXRC-0012-T: Delays in A-104 and A-105 Retrieval Due to Technology Development

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*The technology required to ensure particle size requirements for high-level waste feed are met is currently available, but may not be in a configuration required for deployment in Hanford Site tanks. Work to be performed here would take the technology to Technology Readiness Level 9.*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Laboratory Testing

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

**Evaluate Back-Up Options for HLW Delivery from the Tank Farms**
**TEDS ID: RTW-15**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

The waste acceptance criteria limit on maximum particle size in high-level waste feed to the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant Pretreatment Facility is 310  $\mu\text{m}$ . If tank waste characterization and staging (TWCS) is unable to provide feed, a size segregation and/or size reduction technology could be deployed in the double-shell tanks and support feed delivery to the Pretreatment Facility. This could be accomplished by deploying the TWCS selected technology in the double-shell tanks or using the double-shell tank mixer pumps and an appropriately selected transfer pump elevation to perform the necessary particle size segregation.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

The development approach is twofold: (1) through laboratory testing of a modified approach using concentrated supernatant and (2) through small-scale tank testing to confirm that the reaction dynamics are functional and understood for a full-scale tank. The process development would occur in a National Laboratory and may be followed up by a demonstration on actual waste in the 222-S Laboratory. In addition assessment of ability of segregated solids to “re-agglomerate” after size separation should be considered.

Most useful would be the identification of property guardrails that would assist operations to avoid regimes where particle aggregation/agglomeration would occur.


*Small-Scale Testing Platform*
**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

DFLAW-0206-T: Secondary Solid Waste Management Less Than Adequate (Tank Farms and WTP)

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*An integrated feed qualification program will allow for identification of gaps in capabilities and support an assessment of technology options that most appropriately fill the need.*

## Develop an Integrated HLW Feed Qualification Plan

**TEDS ID: RTW-16**

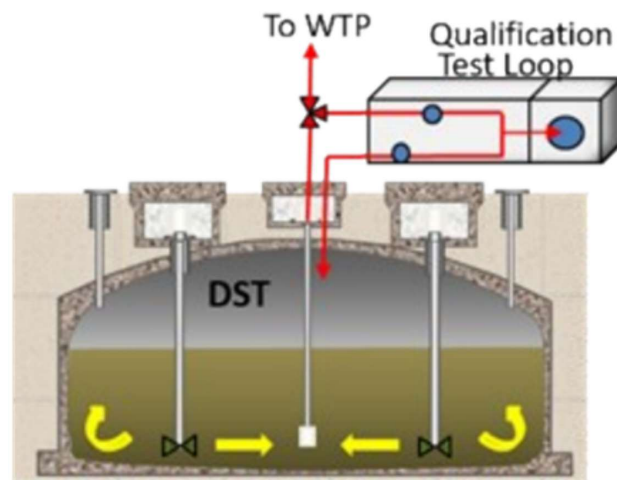
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

The integrated high-level waste feed qualification program should be mature and completed long before the feed qualification samples are collected. To ensure the program is developed and operationally ready, tank farm characterization and/or simulant testing elements need to be performed well in advance of the operational need date.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The development approach is to jointly develop an integrated Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant Tank Operations Contractor feed qualification program patterned after the operational program implemented at the Defense Waste Processing Facility. This program will identify technology gaps and needs that will then be evaluated for the preferred path forward.



*Sampling Qualification Test Loop*

### Technology Maturation Level

Laboratory Testing

### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

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Determine the ability to stop and restart pumps in high-level waste feed delivery tanks.

## Assess Deep Sludge Pump Reliability for DST Mixer and Transfer Pumps

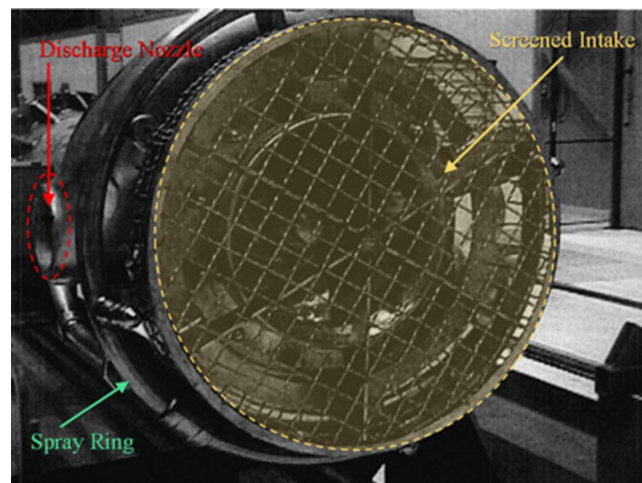
**TEDS ID: RTW-17**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

The need is to test the limits of performance of full-scale mixer and transfer pumps to determine gaps and then develop technology-based solutions to ensure reliability when equipment is deployed in deep sludge conditions.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

A program plan/engineering assessment will be developed that will consider the value and use of small-scale testing as a predecessor to full-scale testing. Work will include reviewing mixer pump test results performed for Savannah River Site and Hanford Site tanks. The next step would include obtaining scaled testing capability as recommend by the program plan. Note that the test facility may be available/capable of supporting other technology development needs.



*Inlet of a Deep Sludge Mixer Pump*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Prototype

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TFIRR-0029-T: Pump Failure

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*Develop a twofold approach that uses models and engineering evaluation of ventilation system heat removal capacities, then evaluate alternate mixer pump configuration that use more but smaller pumps to mobilize waste, resulting in less heat input.*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Prototype

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

3 Years - 4 Years

**Improved Heat Removal for AW and AN Tank Farms TSR Heat Limits**

**TEDS ID: RTW-18**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

There is a risk that AW and AN Tank Farm tanks may exceed Technical Safety Requirement heat limits. Either improved heat removal or reduced heat input is needed. An evaluation of the trade-off to improve heat removal by new or modified systems or reduce heat input by changing the mixer pump configuration may identify new technologies to resolve the heat load risk.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

The development approach is twofold:

1. Through modeling and engineering evaluations of ventilation system heat removal capacities
2. Through evaluation of alternate mixer pump configurations that use more but smaller pumps to mobilize the waste.

This twofold approach should result in less heat inputs. The modeling will be similar to previous thermodynamic modeling of double-shell tank systems. The mixer pump configuration testing will utilize small-scale effectiveness and will be combined with thermodynamic modeling to estimate the overall heat balance.

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

TFIRR-0045-T: DST Tank Failure in East Area

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*In Double Shell Tanks,  
Strontium-90 and Transuranic  
precipitation can be performed  
in the tank farms rather than in  
the WTP Pretreatment Facility  
to increase mission efficiency.*

## Removal of SR-90 and TRU

**TEDS ID: RTW-19**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

While a process has been developed for implementation in the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP), its implementation complicates and reduces the efficiency of the flow of material through the Pretreatment Facility. This process may be performed efficiently in DSTs, but the current process in the pretreatment requires dilution of DST waste to 5M sodium but the tank farm would prefer to do this strontium-90 (Sr-90) and transuranic (TRU) removal at a higher molarity to conserve space if the removal process were to be performed in the tank farm. The method of removing Sr-90 and TRU should be optimized for more concentrated solutions so that it can be implemented efficiently in the tank farm.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The development approach is threefold:

1. Laboratory testing of a modified approach using concentrated supernatant.
2. Small-scale tank testing to confirm that the reaction dynamics are functional and understood for a full-scale tank. The process development would occur in a National Laboratory and may be followed up by a demonstration with actual waste in the 222-S Laboratory. Development will include review and incorporation of lessons learned from monosodium titanite strikes at the Savannah River Site.
3. Consider use of the Radioactive Waste Test Platform for testing with real waste.

#### Technology Maturation Level

Laboratory Testing

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

3 Years - 4 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TFIRR-0092-T:

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*WRPS already has ESP in use.  
However, the database of ESP  
could be continuously improved  
as need arises and more data is  
available.*

## Improve ESP-a Thermodynamic Modeling Program

**TEDS ID: RTW-21**

**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

The ESP modeling results are routinely used to 'process decision making' such as how much water or caustic to add during waste retrieval, what solids form, etc. The current ESP program could use some improvements on areas such as aluminum solubility and metal/metal oxides/hydroxides dissolution in oxalic acid and in caustic. It has been found that ESP consistently under-predicts the solubility of aluminum or oxalate. Therefore, it is likely that we will require custom databases for these species. Also, systems of Na-NO<sub>3</sub>-NO<sub>2</sub> and Na-F-PO<sub>4</sub> could benefit from improved prediction capability. That is possible only when more experimental data is collected and incorporated into the database.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The ESP developer, OLI, could be commissioned to investigate and develop needed customization of the ESP database. Data collection will be performed as necessary if literature research finds experimental data lacking.



*OLI Flowsheet*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Modify Existing Technology

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

DFLAW-0363-T: WTP LAW Throughput is Less Than Adequate

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*A method of unplugging transfer pipelines at the tank farms is needed. Methods of unplugging to include mechanical devices or pulsed fluidic systems could provide a functional solution to free obstructions.*

## Waste Transfer Pipe Unplugging

**TEDS ID: RTW-23**

**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

The effect of a plugged transfer line can be devastating. It can impact all manner of waste transfers including tank retrieval efforts, feed to the 242-A Evaporator, cross-site transfers and feed of waste to the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant. While measures are taken to mitigate the potential for a plugging event, including maintaining critical velocities of flow and using heat trace to prevent cooling and precipitation, plugging events have historically occurred. The implications of a plug that cannot be removed are equivalent to a failed transfer line that must be removed from service. This puts a strain on the system's ability to support the mission efficiently and cost effectively.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Evaluation of market options and/or technology development of a unique solution for pipeline unplugging of the various primary pipe configurations throughout the tank farms waste transfer system would address the risk associated with the potential loss of a plugged transfer line.



*Pipeline*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TFIRR-0011-T: Tank/Infrastructure Failures Prohibit Waste Transfers from DSTs in West area

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*This technology is being implemented now to develop formulations for highly-flowable grout for small and complex structures and bulk fill grout for large and less complex structures.*

**Void Filling to Prevent Collapse**
**TEDS ID: RTW-25**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

This technology is needed to support Waste Management Area (WMA) C closure required under Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Milestone M-045-83. The information to be gathered from these activities is needed to complete closure of the C-200-series tanks and larger ancillary equipment voids from: pipeline encasements, catch tanks, vault tanks, diversion boxes, as one of the first steps in application of the Incremental Closure Approach for WMA C and has applicability to other tank farm waste management areas.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

Final development and testing of highly-flowable grout and bulk fill grout are designed to provide data needed to reach agreement among TPA stakeholders and WRPS for closure of the diversion boxes, 200-series tanks, and vault-tank structures within WMA C. The amount of testing required to achieve this purpose will be determined through meetings and discussions among the entities involved. The overall approach is as follows:

1. Conduct a review of grouting performed at other facilities and sites {e.g., 221-U Plant, Hanford 300 Area, other DOE sites} since development of RPP-RPT-41550, Closure Demonstration Grout Test Report.
2. Work with DOE, WRPS and Ecology staff to establish expectations and data needs.
3. Develop an initial set of grout formulations and sealing technologies to test.
4. Test initial grout formulations and sealing technologies at bench scale.
5. Refine formulations and conduct additional bench scale testing if needed.
6. Conduct large-scale testing using a mocked-up pipe encasement{s}.
7. Report test results.


**Technology Maturation Level**

Modify Existing Technology

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

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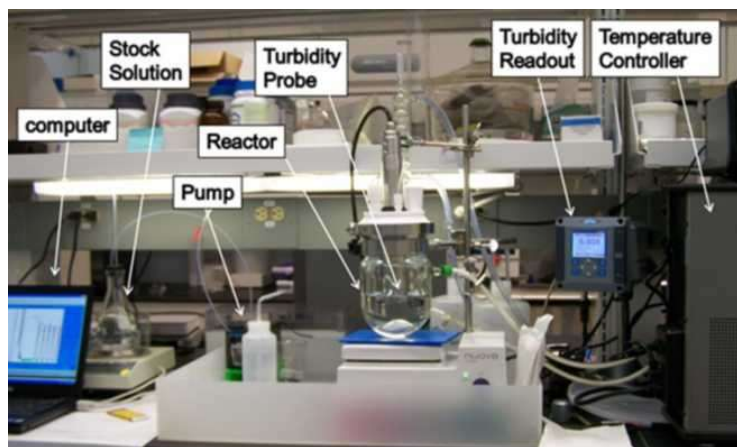
Currently, solubility modeling is able to predict some precipitation with moderate accuracy in waste simulants containing only a select list of analytes. The purpose of the proposed tests is to provide the underlining solubility data needed to adjust the model parameters so that the model can predict precipitation with acceptable accuracy.

**Improved Solubility Modeling**
**TEDS ID: RTW-27**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

There are several key components, such as Aluminate, Gibbsite, Oxalate, and Fluoride in Hanford Site tank waste the solubility of which can be a driver in long-term mission planning. Many external groups have recommended improvements in the chemistry modeling used in long-term mission planning simulations. Having inadequate chemistry can lead to inadequate predictions of processing problems due to line or equipment plugging, movement of tank waste, mission end dates, and the quantities of immobilized low-activity waste and immobilized high-level waste.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

Solubility experiments need to be conducted to better understand tank chemistry. Simulants could be used with the potential for real waste samples being used as well. Solubility experiments must be conducted to a high level of precision and accuracy so that the data can be used to develop thermodynamic models.


*Laboratory Setup*
**Technology Maturation Level**

Laboratory Testing

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

3 Years - 4 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

DFLAW-0206-T: Secondary Solid Waste Management Less Than Adequate (Tank Famrs and WTP)

DFLAW-0363-T: WTP LAW Throughput is Less Than Adequate

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*A waste feed delivery strategy is needed that includes sampling and detection of plutonium particles that addresses potential criticality concerns.*

## In-Tank Sampling Technologies for Plutonium Particles

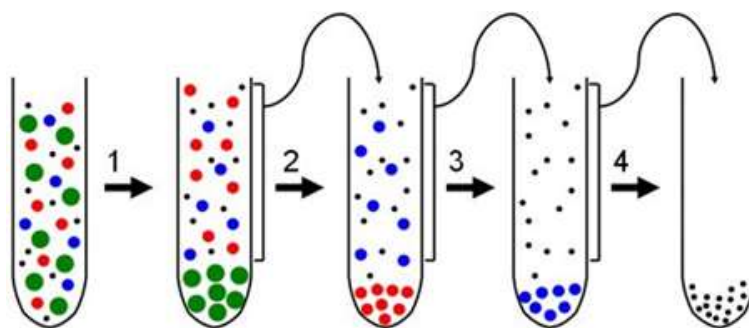
**TEDS ID: RTW-31**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

While numerous reports, such as RPP-RPT-50941 and RPP-RPT-54469, discuss the particulate plutonium inventories in the tank farms, uncertainties remain about the processing origins, conditions of formation, distributions and quantities of this plutonium {especially the plutonium-bismuth particles}. Criticality safety requirements mandate providing capabilities to detect and characterize the particulate plutonium that will be retrieved, blended and transferred in the waste feed to the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant {WTP}. The tank farms do not currently have the capability to sample for plutonium particulates with the representativeness and accuracy necessary for compliance with the criticality safety requirement.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Working with a National Laboratory, complete the problem definition {sampling locations and required accuracy}. With a mature problem definition, identify potential technologies that could be applicable and down-select to the most promising candidate{s}. Test these technologies, for example by work at small-scale to determine which technology should be tested at larger scale. Perform qualification testing at full-scale to validate that the technology meets the performance requirements.



*Differential Centrifugation*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

+ 4 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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*Develop the technology for delivering soluble neutron poisons into those tanks having high particulate plutonium inventories as a criticality safety control strategy. Demonstrate the chemical stability and effectiveness of the neutron poisons.*

## Criticality Safety Control Strategy for Particulate Plutonium

**TEDS ID: RTW-32**

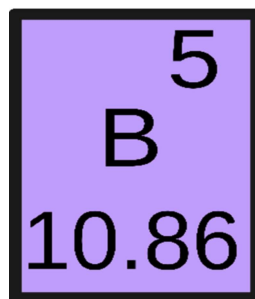
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Development of the technology to deliver neutron poisons will provide a criticality safety control strategy for retrievals of waste from tanks such as SY-102, TX-109, and TX-118. Development will address outstanding issues of chemical stability of the neutron poisons in the caustic waste environment. Design criteria for monitoring instrumentation that arise from the ANSI/ANS-8, Fissionable Material Outside Reactors, standard on soluble poison additions will also be addressed as required under DOE O 420.1C, Facility Safety.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Technology development will require a combination of waste experiments and computational fluid dynamics modeling as well as monitoring instrumentation design development.



*Potential Neutron Poison*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Laboratory Testing

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TFIRR-0046-T: DST Tank Failure In West Area

TFIRR-0048-T: SST Failure in West Area

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*Technologies are needed to remove residual waste from non-leaking tank. This could include new technologies or modifications to existing technologies.*

## Remove Residual Solids in Non-Leaking Tanks

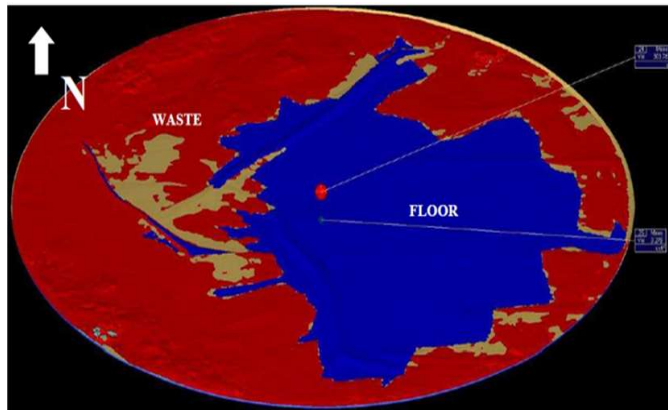
**TEDS ID: RTW-34**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Modifications to existing technology or new technologies are needed to more effectively remove residual waste from non-leaking tanks. Closure standards require a minimum amount of remaining solids in the tank bottom. These solids accumulate in hard to reach areas of tank bottoms.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

New technology will focus on retrieving the hard to reach residual waste that current sluicing methods struggle to retrieve. Smaller technology that can be installed down small diameter risers is desirable because these risers are more available. The development approach for this effort includes: preparation of a specification, down selection, awarding a contract, and fabrication and testing.



*Tank 241-AX-102 Waste Surface Laser Scan (Floor Visible Locations)*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Prototype

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

AAXRC-0016-T: Excessive Equipment Failures (other than pumps)

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*This optimized risk model enhances the risk outcomes from the system model by including other relevant factors (i.e., waste volume, leak status, waste type, worker impacts from retrieval, and cost of retrieval) which will reduce the overall costs of tank retrieval and the management of space in the double-shell tank system easier*

## Risk Informed Tank Retrieval Modeling Optimization

**TEDS ID: RTW-39**

**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

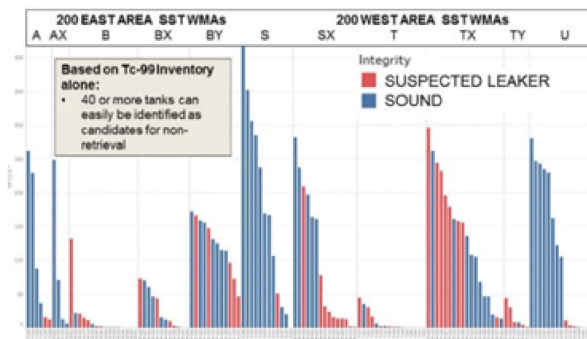
### TECHNOLOGY NEED

A volume-based retrieval standard has been used as defined in the Tri-Party Agreement and Consent Decree. Single-shell tanks {SSTs} vary significantly in their risk characteristics. Retrieving tanks that do not pose a significant risk increases mission cost and increases worker exposure. The objective of the work is to develop an analysis capability that would provide the technical basis for DOE to apply a risk-informed strategy for future tank retrievals and closures.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

This proposed technology development will provide the technical basis and regulatory approach for developing a risk-informed set of retrieval requirements to replace the current volume-based retrieval requirement. This will ensure that mission resources are applied to achieve real risk reduction and avoid retrieval actions that do not have a risk reduction benefit. Specific research objectives include:

- Adapt existing performance assessment models for Waste Management Area {WMA} C and WMA A-AX.
- Evaluate other factors that could be important in determining the risk impacts and benefits of retrieval.
- Develop the regulatory approach and basis for modifying the Tri-Party Agreement's existing volume-based retrieval approach.
- Identify incremental sampling analysis for WMA A-AX tanks that could better inform this retrieval strategy.



*TC-99 (ci) in SSTs*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Research and Concept

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

DFLAW-0008-T: Inadequate DST Space

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*An ergonomic cockpit environment to control robots in waste tanks is needed. Develop similar forms of task analysis, metrics, and a computer simulator for the training and operational benefit of tank farm retrieval operators as those used for measuring and modelling robotic surgical skills.*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Modify Existing Technology

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

## Computer Simulator to Measure Retrieval Operator Skills

**TEDS ID: RTW-43**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

The development approach for barrier research includes performing market research and preparing a report on the potential barrier technologies in support of single-shell tank retrieval. One Technology identified is to use Direct push technology to inject material to act as a barrier during tank waste retrieval.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

This project will consist of four subtasks:

1. Task analysis and post-action analytics. The team will review copies of logs and videos of completed waste tank retrieval operations to form the raw data for task analysis.
2. Simulator development. The team will modelling robotic surgical skill select an appropriate operating system platform for the simulator.
3. User interface hardware development. During actual tank retrieval, the mobile-arm retrieval system and similar arms are controlled using an industrial control panel consisting of a National Electrical Manufacturers Association-rated enclosure and several joysticks and button controls. The controls will mimic the actual layout, feel, and control actions of the existing retrieval arm console and have identical labels.
4. Operator training study. Four users with no experience will be selected from the University of Washington student body. They will view a set of training slides and then perform a set of exercises in on the simulator. Procedures for the learning curve study will be submitted for prior approval to the University's Human Subjects Institutional Review Board.



*Simulator*

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

AAXRC-0044-T: Inability to Adequately Staff the Project

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*A combination of sonar and ultrasonic sensors enables 3D profiles of settled solids and in situ measurements of the concentration of suspended solids to determine total volume of undissolved solids. Time-of-flight sonar will provide topography of the settled solids (i.e., bottom profile) based on integrating scans of 2D profiles.*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Modify Existing Technology

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**Quantification of Solids in DSTs**
**TEDS ID: RTW-44**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

This technology could reduce the uncertainties and therefore conservatism used by current methods that rely on localized {i.e., point} contract measurements of settled solids levels and sampling to measure suspended solids concentrations.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

The suspended solids concentration changes waste characteristics {e.g., rheology, settling rate} and system performance {e.g., mixing, pipeline transfer}. Solids concentration is an important parameter for estimating slurry rheology and pipeline critical velocity, performing hindered settling calculations, and developing waste acceptance criteria for direct-feed low-activity waste. Furthermore, more accurate undissolved solids accounting enables the tank farm contractor to reliably rebalance tank contents, maximizing the double-shell tank solids inventory and freeing up space. Knowing where the solids are predominantly located is also very important. This information will be critical for modeling chemical addition methods for out-of-specification wastes, and where chemicals should be added so they will not migrate to one side of the tank or the other. The instrumentation allows tracking of interface and suspended solids concentration concurrently as a function of time. Knowledge of time to settle to a desired level and concurrent supernatant concentration provides the ability to initiate transfers when target decant conditions are attained, expediting waste


*3D Profiling Sonar & Controller*
**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

TFIRR-0046-T: DST Failure in West Area

TFIRR-0045-T: DST Failure in East Area

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*Barrier technology is in the planning stage, requiring development from the ground up. Completion of the research would produce a report that presents deployable barrier options to allow existing retrieval techniques for leaking tanks.*

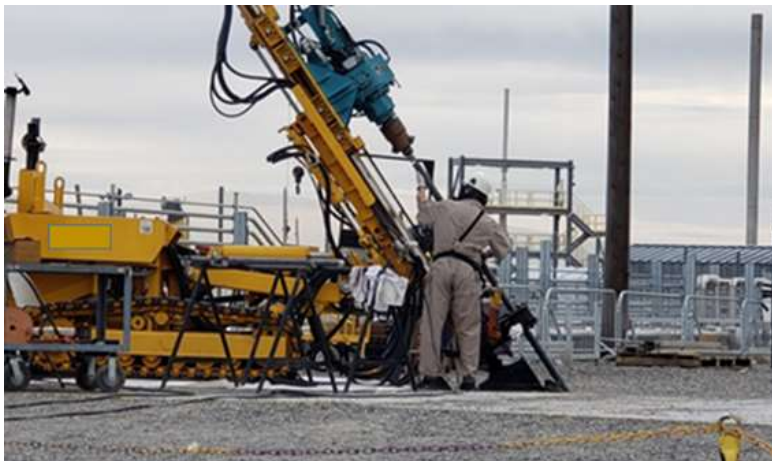
**Barrier Technology**
**TEDS ID: RTW-52**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Hazardous and radioactive tank waste has migrated to the groundwater from surface spills and tank leaks, due to years of waste: storage, transfer and retrieval. There is a potential for future spills, tank leaks and active migration of past and future leaks. Barrier technology would provide a boundary between the waste source and ground water. The barrier would immobilize contamination at the surface, in the tanks or beneath the tanks, preventing waste from reaching the ground water.

Additionally, for leaker-tanks, this technology would allow the use of conventional and new retrieval methods.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

The development approach for barrier research includes performing market research and preparing a report on the potential barrier technologies in support of single-shell tank retrieval. One Technology identified is to use Direct push technology to inject material to act as a barrier during tank waste retrieval.



*Direct-Push Rig Angle Drilling*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Research and Concept

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

TFIRR-0048-T: SST Tank Failure in West Area

TFIRR-0047-T: SST Tank Failure in East Area

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*Three-dimensional flash LIDAR will improve tracking capabilities. The system will map important mission features (e.g., waste, equipment, waste containers).*

**Improved Configuration Documentation**
**TEDS ID: RTW-53**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

There are many applications with which improved configuration and documentation are required. Three-dimensional flash light detection and ranging {LIDAR} will improve tracking capabilities. The system will map important mission features {e.g., waste, equipment, waste container disposal}. Currently, extensive expenditure of time and material are required to provide this information.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

Retrieval Application – This development process will use various simulated wastes to determine if it can map contours under water and any other limitations would then need to occur.

IDF Application – This development process will need to demonstrate standoff capability to map waste disposal of containers of glass, low- activity waste melters, secondary waste disposal packages, and other items disposed of at the Integrated Disposal Facility {IDF}. The data collected will be required to interface with the Waste Management Information System.

Equipment Application – This demonstration process will need to show accurate configuration of equipment and pit liners to allow remote in- service inspections to satisfy regulatory and code requirements.


*Integrated Disposal Facility*

*Typical Central Pump Pit*
**Technology Maturation Level**

Modify Existing Technology

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

3 Years - 4 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

WRPSC-0011-T: Unexpected Field Conditions Encountered

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*Modular treatment has been shown to have the capability to increase low-activity waste loading by nearly 30%.*

## Modular Tank Waste Treatment

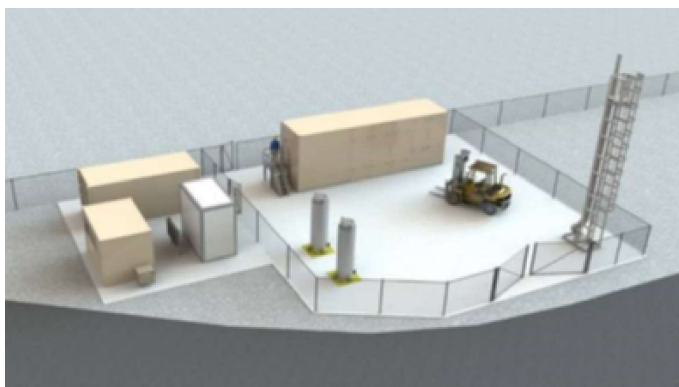
**TEDS ID: RTW-54**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Modular treatment has been shown in the subject proposals to have the capability to increase low-activity waste loading by nearly 30%, to treat waste in west area concurrently, which contains more technetium-99 and pumpable liquids and is therefore a higher groundwater risk, and ultimately to provide a back-up plan to current mission strategy and a significant potential to shorten the duration of the current mission.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Paper study using an engineering cost-benefit analysis approach, possibly integrated with system planning efforts.



*Modular Treatment Facility Sketch*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Modify Existing Technology

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TFIRR-0011-T: Tank/Infrastructure Failures Prohibit Waste Transfers from DSTs in West Area

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*The proposed technology has the potential to greatly reduce the amount of liquids introduced to double-shell tanks during retrieval by optimizing retrieval endpoints and reducing the number of retrieval operations conducted.*

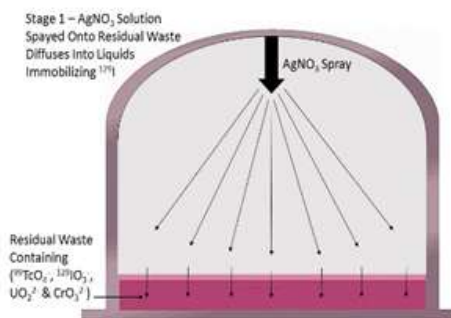
**Technology to Support Risk Based Retrieval and Closure**
**TEDS ID: RTW-56**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

An alternative Hanford tank closure option would be to use effective in-tank chemical stabilization of risk-driving contaminants that supports the use of technically defensible tank retrieval endpoints and demonstrates significant reduction of risk to human health and the environment.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

The proposed technology uses silver nitrate and zero-valent iron to transform technetium, iodine-129, chromium and uranium to insoluble forms that can substantially reduce their leachability from residual waste left in tanks after retrieval. The technology is planned to be implemented by first spraying silver iodide onto the top of the tank waste so it will diffuse into the waste and cause precipitation of any soluble iodine-129 as silver iodide in the entrained liquids of the waste. Next, the waste is planned to be covered with a grout formulation that contains zero-valent iron. This is expected to release +2 valent iron into solution which will diffuse into the entrained liquids in the residual waste. This will cause any dissolved technetium, chromium, and uranium, as well as silver to precipitate. This grout layer can also prevent the system from re-oxidizing by scavenging oxygen from any water that infiltrates into the system.

Permitting implications for this approach will be reviewed.



*Application of Getters*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Laboratory Testing

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

AAXRC-0004-T: Waste Not as Expected (different than modeled) - Takes Longer or Cannot be Retrieved

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*Technology capable of sampling and/or directly measuring plutonium-to-neutron absorber mass ratios in retrieval waste streams to support criticality safety control strategies for retrieval operations.*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

## Plutonium/Absorber Mass Ratios Measurement

**TEDS ID: RTW-57**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Technology for measuring plutonium-to-neutron absorber mass ratios is needed to support the criticality safety evaluation of operations to dissolve AX-104 sludge with oxalic acid. Another application would be with retrievals from the SY-102, TX-118 and TX-109 tanks that have high inventories of particulate plutonium. The neutron absorbing materials of primary concern are iron, manganese and boron-10, while additional absorbers, such as nickel, silicon, aluminum and sodium are secondary concerns. Ideally, the measurement technology would be able to quantify the plutonium in either the large particle or co-precipitated forms.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Capability to measure plutonium/absorber mass ratios would establish compliance with evolving interpretations of requirements under the ANSI/ANS 8.14, Use of Soluble Neutron Absorbers in Nuclear Facilities Outside Reactors, criticality safety standard. The standard is being extended, under limited conditions, to be applicable for insoluble neutron absorber materials, such as the iron and manganese credited for ensuring safety of the plutonium in the tank waste. The standard requires verifications of fissile plutonium and absorber inventories during processing.

Current tank waste sampling techniques provide plutonium/absorber inventories under only static tank conditions. As waste is retrieved, some separation of plutonium/absorbers occurs, for example, due to different dissolutions rates under caustic or acidic conditions. Monitoring of dynamic conditions as waste is retrieved can assess effects of plutonium/absorber separation as waste solids dissolve or assess effects of particulate plutonium segregation of lighter absorber materials due to fluid dynamic conditions.

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TFIRR-0046-T: DST Failure in West Area

TFIRR-0045-T: DST Failure in East Area

AAXRC-0070-T: Oxalic Acid Cannot be Added to Tanks

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*Caustic Limits report suspects the crust interstitial liquid for certain DSTs could be outside of OSD chemistry limit. Currently there is no known method for sampling tank crust.*

## Tank Crust Sampler

**TEDS ID: RTW-58**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

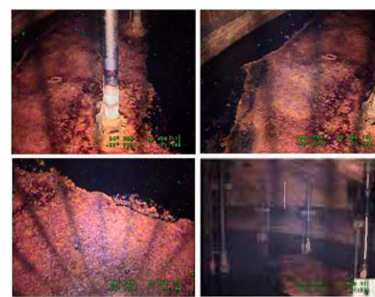
A sampler that provides a solids core or grab sample of the crust or floating layers in tanks so an evaluation (analysis) of the crust can ascertain tank compliance with OSD-T-151-00007 tank waste chemistry limits.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Develop a core or grab sampler that can obtain a sample of the crust material. This sampler would be an attachment to a drill string or a suspended grab sampler. The sampler must penetrate the floating material with minimal disturbance and draw the surrounding layer or a portion of the crust into the sample container.



*Tank 241-SY-103 as of April 1, 2018*



*Tank 241-AN-107 as of October 1, 2020*

### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TFIRR-0045-T: DST Failure in the East Area

TFIRR-0046-T: DST Failure in the West Area

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The Hanford Tank Farms has many Miscellaneous Underground Storage Tanks (MUSTs) that can have anywhere from a hundred to a few thousand gallons of sludge that must be retrieved from the tanks prior to closure. New technologies are needed for small tanks or the ability to adapt existing technologies to small tanks. A complication is that many of these tanks are remote and not attached to any piping system, so economical methods to transport the waste to double-shell tanks is also required.

**Technology Maturation Level**

Research and Concept

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

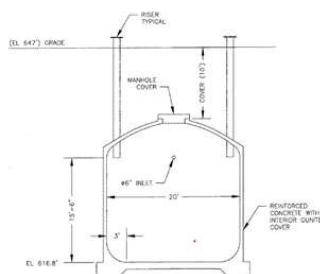
0 Years - 2 Years

**Retrieval of Sludge from Miscellaneous Underground Storage Tanks**
**TEDS ID: RTW-59**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Waste removal from multiple Miscellaneous Underground Storage Tanks (MUSTs) is required. Specific retrieval methods for small MUSTs (< 5,000 gallons) do not exist except to try and adapt retrieval technologies designed for very large single-shell tanks that cost tens of millions of dollars to deploy. That is not economically practical for tanks with just a couple of hundred gallons of sludge.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

- Generate a specification to identify various MUST design attributes to guide retrieval solution options
- Submit an Expression of Interest to determine vendor availability
- Generate a Statement of Work and initiate a request for procurement (RFP)
- Perform vendor selection and initiate contract


*Example Miscellaneous Underground Storage Tank*
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### C.3 Process Tank Waste

The following are the one-page catalog sheets of the balance of the PTW TEDS.




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*Deploy high- to mid- fidelity consolidated Operators Training Simulator (OTS) in TOC for process monitoring and controls. Use OTS as platform for new process development.*

**High- to Mid-Fidelity Consolidated Operators Training Simulator**
**TEDS ID: PTW-26**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Need a technology that improves operator proficiencies in running processes such as waste transfers, evaporator runs, exhauster operations, LAW-PS, etc.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

Developing a consolidated high fidelity OTS would provide:

- Increased situational awareness and status control
- Improved response times for upset conditions
- Improved operator environment
- Reduced operating cost
- Encourage excellent and predictable Conduct of Operations
- Reduce unnecessary 'process runs' operations due to training
- Help refine procedures and establishes robust response process.

What's the value of the incident/accident prevented?

- Identify hazards – prevention cheaper than cure
- Control hazards – prevention by preparation
- Perform work – practice makes perfect.

Engineering development may also be achieved by modeling new processes in OTS environment to verify performance and operations. Final process model may then be used as basis for control system development for the new process. OTS platform using J Pro modeling software supports this approach, with established interface to ABB 800xA control system platform. Expansion of existing OTS user base required to take advantage of this capability.



*High-Fidelity OTS*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Research and Concept

**National Laboratory  
Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude  
Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

3 Years - 4 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

WRPSC-0002-T: Resources Not Available When Required

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*The current DOE Letter of Direction calls for a phased approach to the startup of River Protection Project facilities and activities. The proposed HLW phased approach builds off of the current DOE strategy by enabling processing HLW solids in the absence of pretreatment.*

## Simplified DFHLW Flowsheet

**TEDS ID: PTW-40**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

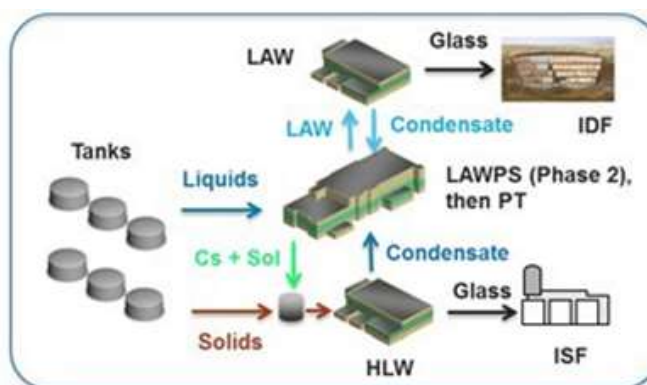
### TECHNOLOGY NEED

The current high-level waste (HLW) flowsheet represents a complex, highly coupled system. The proposed direct-feed HLW (DFHLW) simplified flowsheet would less closely couple the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) and Low-Activity Waste (LAW), HLW, and Pretreatment (PT) Facilities, enabling more process flexibility, more efficient use of facilities, and earlier processing of HLW. These attributes represent an opportunity to avoid or reduce the amount of glass produced, which in turn reduces the mission length and cost of the HLW glass management.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Studies and planning are required to adequately define the waste acceptance criteria (WAC), update qualification algorithms, gather data to support the design basis, etc. These studies and planning activities are:

- Develop WAC for the HLW Vitrification Facility
- Develop an appropriate set of simulants for testing the DFHLW flowsheet
- Perform laboratory- and engineering-scale demonstrations
- Develop glass property-composition data and models
- Update glass formulation and qualification algorithms for the revised waste feed
- Perform laboratory-scale demonstration of the DFHLW flowsheet with actual waste samples
- Collect data to support design based on design data needs documented in the detailed engineering study.



*Schematic of Proposed Direct Feed HLW*

### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$5 Million - \$10 Million

3 Years - 4 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

DFLAW-0363T-T: WTP LAW Throughput Is Less than Adequate

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*Investigate direct feed of HLW to WTP, bypassing the WTP Pretreatment facility and enabling early immobilization of HLW decoupled from other immobilization operations. Operations would include a staged startup and could facilitate continued progress on other RPP mission functions. Stages to be considered are: Stage 1: LAWPS (TSCR), DFLAW, and EMF; Stage 2: add HLW staging and DFHLW Vitrification; and Stage 3: continue sludge treatment in DFHLW flowsheet, identify needs to process liquids from tank farms, and vitrification condensates. This type of technology has been demonstrated and successfully implemented at the Savannah River Site.*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Research and Concept

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

**High Level Waste Direct Vitrification Condensate Treatment**

**TEDS ID: PTW-42**

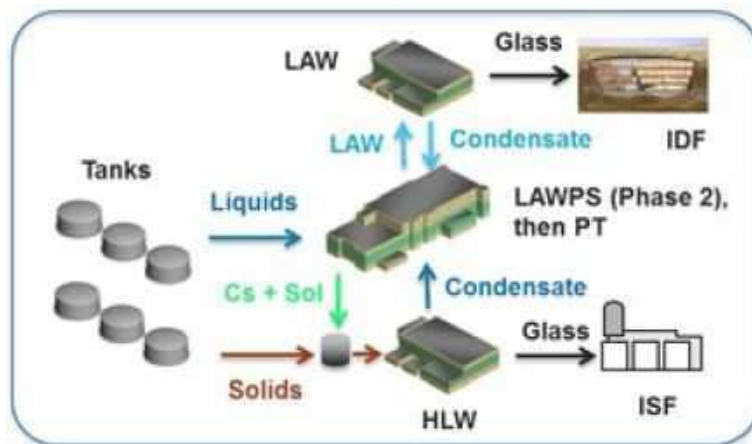
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Current River Protection Project system models (Hanford Tank Waste Operations Simulator and Hanford Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant [WTP] Dynamic Flowsheet Model [G2]) show the WTP High-Level Waste (HLW) Facility frequently idling while waiting for waste feed delivery and pretreatment (PT) processes. A key objective of the PT process is to remove a large fraction of the non-radioactive chemical components from the tank waste prior to HLW vitrification to reduce the amount of HLW glass produced and ultimately the project cost. Aluminum and chromium are the two primary insoluble chemical components to be removed from the sludge in the PT process, and their removal requires long cycles of leaching and washing.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

A DFHLW process will be evaluated and potentially adopted as an improved flowsheet for managing Hanford tank waste (as shown in Direct Feed HLW Figure 1). To enable such a flowsheet, a relatively large solids receipt and mixing vessel (or vessels) would be required near the HLW Facility to receive sludge transfers from the tank farms and transfer decant solution back. The soluble components of the waste (sodium, sulfur, etc.) can be removed using a settle-and-decant process followed by cesium ion exchange to return cesium to the HLW stream, according to the conceptual flowsheet in Figure 1.



*Direct-Feed HLW*

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

RPP-0039-T: WTP-HLW Throughput Rate Does not Meet Plan

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*The goal of this project is to demonstrate a novel method of selectively sequestering the pertechnetate (Tc (VII)) ion (TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>) from radioactive liquid waste by absorbing the water-soluble technetium-99 (99Tc) isotope into porous organic frameworks (POFs) or porous aromatic frameworks (PAFs) with appropriate functional groups.*

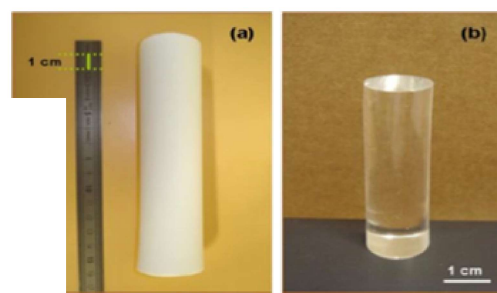
**Operations Productivity and Analysis Tools**
**TEDS ID: PTW-45**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

The efficient capture and immobilization of technetium-99 (99Tc) is a grand challenge to performance and risk assessment for the Hanford Site because possible contamination levels in ground water are proportional to ~26,500 Ci of 99Tc currently stored in 177 tanks. Based on the current WTP process flow sheets, almost all (i.e., >90%) 99Tc will be present in the liquid LAW that will be sent to the LAW melter. However, a significant fraction of the 99Tc volatilizes at high glass-melting temperatures and is captured in the off-gas treatment system. Development of a highly selective and efficient sorbent for the removal of 99Tc from the liquid secondary waste from LAW melter off-gas condensate is needed. In addition, a viable option is needed to immobilize sorbent loaded with 99Tc into a stable waste form.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

The objective of this project is to develop and demonstrate a new class of porous aromatic frameworks (PAFs) that has a high sorption capacity and selectivity for the TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> from liquid waste, and can be subsequently stabilized in a low- cost cementitious waste form. Our goals are as follows:

1. Synthesize aqueous stable PAF with high density of quaternary ammonium salts
2. Evaluate the TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> selectivity over other competing anions with batch experiments
3. Develop and evaluate stabilization of the Tc-laden PAF in low-cost cementitious waste form
4. Demonstrate the selectivity and sorption kinetics TcO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> from liquid LAW under realistic conditions


*Experiments*

*Experiments*
**Technology Maturation Level**

Laboratory Testing

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

3 Years - 4 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

DFLAW-0206-T: Secondary Solid Waste Management Less Than Adequate (Tank Farms and WTP)

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*Synergistic retrieval and treatment / packaging technology is needed to lessen the risk of the current wet retrieval and low- temperature, high- vacuum dryer treatment, while minimizing waste needing returned to DSTs. A less complicated drying system coupled with a mechanical treatment protocol is envisioned.*

## Advance CH-TRU Tank Waste Treatment Technologies

**TEDS ID: PTW-46**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Preconceptional alternatives report RPP-56063, Transuranic Tank Waste Project Technology Approach Planning, was prepared in February 2014 examining multiple technology approaches to treat contact-handled transuranic (CH-TRU) waste from Expressions of Interest from 14 firms. These were binned in five technology areas: retrieval, treatment, packaging, characterization/storage/shipping, and onsite transportation. This report identified pros and cons of the varied approaches, however, its significant value was in identifying the need for overall integration of technologies after down-selection in CD-1. For purposes of this technology development, it is assumed needed only for retrieval and treatment.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The existing dryer technology needs re-evaluation in concert with a retrieval strategy. A typical mechanical treatment system is shown below. The Washington River Protection Solutions, LLC (WRPS) Engineering organization has conducted (January-February 2018) a Systems Engineering Evaluation effort to narrow down options and coordinate a synergistic approach to include retrieval, packaging and shipment with the treatment technology, improving upon a 2014 study.



*Existing Dryer*



*Mechanical Treatment System*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$5 Million - \$10 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

RPP-0021-T: CH-TRU Waste Treatment Facility Secondary Liquid Waste Does not Meet ETF WAC

RPP-0020-T: CH-TRU Waste Treatment Product Quality is Less Than Adequate

RPP-0019-T: CH-TRU Waste Treatment Throughput Rate is Less Than Adequate

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*To prevent accumulation of hydrogen gas in the LAWPS/TSCR cesium ion exchange columns, the system is planned to be operated under sufficient back pressure to keep hydrogen in solution.*

## Prevention of Hydrogen Gas Buildup

**TEDS ID: PTW-48**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

There has been ongoing discussion around increasing the Low-Activity Waste Pretreatment System (LAWPS) / tank-side cesium removal (TSCR) maximum sodium molarity beyond 6M sodium; however, since hydrogen solubility decreases with increasing sodium molarity and since the existing testing maxed out just over 6M sodium, additional testing will be required at higher sodium molarities to support an increase LAWPS/TSCR sodium molarity waste acceptance. Additionally, further data on hydrogen solubility in waste could provide for further refinement of the current pressure and flow calculations allowing further operational flexibility.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Would need to be scoped by National Laboratories:

- Identify and develop simulants at molarities above 6M sodium.
- Repeat approach as used in PNL-10785, Solubilities of Gases in Simulated Tank 241-SY-101 Wastes, with these new simulants.

#### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Conduct a study to examine the feasibility of removing nitrates from the LAW feed stream prior to vitrification. The study would evaluate the status and applicability of aqueous-phase nitrate destruction processes for pretreatment of Hanford tank waste with the goal of NOX abatement required for the melter off-gas.

## Feasibility of Removing Nitrates from the LAW Feed

**TEDS ID: PTW-49**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

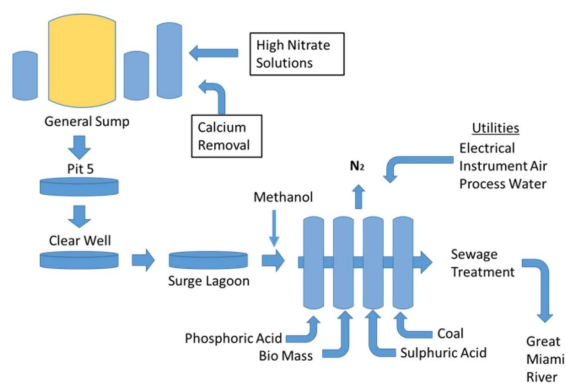
### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Nitrates in Hanford tank wastes, when processed through the Hanford Tank Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP), will generate significant amounts of NOX in the vitrification process off-gas. The NOX must be subsequently reduced to Nitrogen gas through selective catalytic reduction (SCR), which uses anhydrous ammonia as a gaseous reductant. NOX and ammonia represent the top two chemical hazards in the WTP's Low-Activity Waste (LAW) Vitrification Facility. Both chemical hazards could be completely removed from the LAW facility by removing the nitrates in the liquid feed stream before they are fed to the melter, resulting in potentially no active safety functions within the LAW facility.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

This study evaluates the feasibility status and applicability of aqueous-phase nitrate destruction processes with the goal of substantially reducing the extent of NOX abatement required. Specifically:

1. Assess potential techno-economic benefits of the most promising nitrate destruction method(s).
2. Review current state-of-the-art and historical nitrate destruction technologies applied to high nitrate process wastes and tank wastes.
3. Identify one or more promising process options and process configurations.
4. Develop conceptual process flowsheets for the most promising process options and conduct techno-economic assessments.
5. Identify uncertainties, risks, and opportunities associated with the options.



*Fernald FMPC Biodenitrification Process*

### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

DFLAW-0363-T: WTP LAW Throughput is Less Than Adequate

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Address the strict particle size limit by either increasing the limit indicated in ICD-19 by replacing the WTP sampling system or separating particle sizes with a hydrocyclone.

## High Level Waste Solids Segregation

TEDS ID: PTW-50

Timetable: &gt; 5 Years

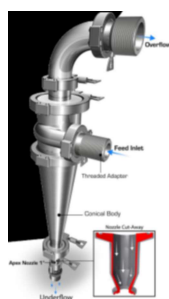
### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Simple and reliable technologies are needed to ensure DFHLW feed meets the 310  $\mu$  particle size-density criteria listed in ICD-19, Interface Control Document for Waste Feed as driven by the ASX samplers used by WTP. Larger particles would cause damage to the septums in the sample bottles.

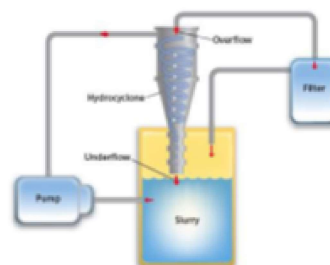
### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The strict particle size limit is the result of a limitation of the sampling system set in place by WTP. An effective means to lift the restriction may be to install a replacement sampling system that is capable of capturing larger particle sizes. ICD-19 would also need to be changed accordingly to adjust for a larger size limit. Alternatively, a new process unit will be required to treat the waste to remove larger particles.

Hydrocyclones are the most widely used unit operation to size-classify particles in a wet grinding circuit. Hydrocyclones separate particles from a slurry over a range of particle sizes (nominally 5 to 500  $\mu$ ). Separation is accomplished by feeding a slurry tangentially into the cone shaped hydrocyclone. The rotating flow creates centrifugal forces within the stream and accelerates the settling rate of dense/large particles. The denser/large particles settle to the bottom of the cone and exit in the underflow. The less dense/smaller particles exiting the top of the cone in the overflow. The underflow is cycled back into the grinding circuit and the overflow is moved forward for processing.



Hydrocyclone Example



Hydrocyclone Example

### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

3 Years - 4 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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*To determine if aluminum will precipitate and foul the direct-feed low-activity waste process, we need solubility interaction factors between all major constituents in the liquid phase with both the aluminate ion and nitrite ion. We are currently missing the nitrite-hydroxide interaction factor.*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Laboratory Testing

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

## Nitrite-Hydroxide Solubility to Determine Aluminum Solubility in DFLAW

**TEDS ID: PTW-51**

**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Aluminum precipitation has fouled ion-exchange columns treating Hanford waste (Barton et al. 1986; PNNL-21109). The Savannah River Site has also experienced process problems with aluminum precipitation from supernatants (SRNL-STI-2013-00700). This plugging has occurred because aluminum has precipitated where it was not anticipated. The Flowsheet Maturation Plan (RPP-PLAN-58003) has proposed that a better aluminum solubility model be developed so that aluminum precipitation can be better anticipated. The plan suggests that new solubility data be generated that is specifically target at determining solubility model parameters. The plan indicates that one of the most important solubility model parameters that is currently unavailable is the nitrite-hydroxide liquid phase interaction parameter and indicates that this can be determined by measuring the solubility of sodium nitrite in solutions containing sodium hydroxide over a range of temperatures and hydroxide concentrations. Aluminum precipitation has fouled ion-exchange columns treating Hanford waste (Barton et al. 1986; PNNL-21109). The Savannah River Site has also experienced process problems with aluminum precipitation from supernatants (SRNL-STI-2013-00700).

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The nitrite-hydroxide interaction coefficient can be determined from either solubility data or water activity in mixtures of aqueous solutions of nitrite and hydroxide. It is assumed that this would measure solubility rather than water activity because solubility is conceptually simpler. However, if a laboratory can measure water activity instead, that would work just as well for model parameterization, as long as they can ensure that it is a measure of water activity at equilibrium. To get a statistically significant interaction parameter over the temperature interval of 20 to 85 °C, three to four data points over the whole solubility range recorded for at least four different temperatures are required.

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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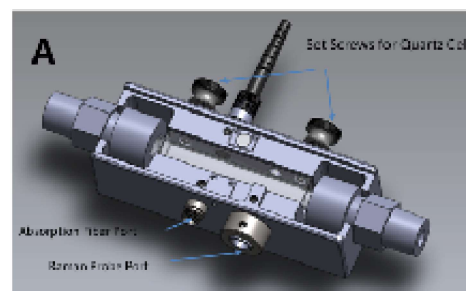
*Establish real-time monitoring process control for DFLAW, including demonstrated plant instrumentation to reduce the need for extensive process control samples. Sampling and analysis will be limited to periodic verification and confirmation.*

**Real-Time Process Control for DFLAW**
**TEDS ID: PTW-54**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Process control for direct-feed low-activity waste (DFLAW) operation relies on process sample collection and analysis for composition information. The process cycle times for many vessels in the Low-Activity Waste Vitrification Facility and Effluent Management Facility is very short, requiring an increased number of samples to support operations. Additionally, the sampling and analysis duration coupled with the increased number of samples will challenge operations. This burden on the laboratories and impact on the process cycle time has the potential to impact operational throughput.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

Applying a combination of automated material balances with selected real-time in-line monitoring with laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS) or Raman probes will reduce the number of samples required and avoid process delays due to time-consuming sample analysis. Proven analytical modeling techniques can be adopted for use with the unique Hanford Site tank treatment matrices and analytes and for application to radioactive operations. The goal of the technology development is to limit sampling and analysis to periodic verification and confirmatory needs with the as low as reasonably achievable exposure goal of significantly reducing sample collection and time-consuming conventional analysis while maintaining compositional uncertainties within acceptable levels. Any implementation of real-time process control instrumentation requires an understanding of uncertainties and their impact on modeling (e.g., glass models).


**LIBS Probe**

**Raman Probe**
**Technology Maturation Level**

Modify Existing Technology

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

3 Years - 4 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

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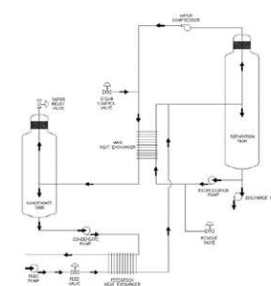
*A modular concentration or evaporator system that can be utilized with treated Low Activity Waste (LAW) generated by the Tank Side Cesium Removal System (TSCR). The system development and deployment would utilize a commercially available Mechanical Vapor Recompression (MRV) evaporator. This MRV evaporator could be used to concentrate low sodium molarity LAW wastes produced in West area to ensure feed would meet waste acceptance criteria.*

**Treated Waste Concentration/Evaporation**
**TEDS ID: PTW-56**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Treated LAW concentration capability is needed to support processing of low sodium concentration wastes. Processing of the salt cake wastes in West area will likely result in low sodium molarity LAW feed. Instead of attempting to blend this feed with higher sodium molarity feeds a commercially available packaged Mechanical Vapor Recompression (MRV) evaporator can be used to bring the feed into the required WAC range. Key activities would include testing on a pilot scale system followed by development of a full-scale system.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

The proposed MVR process uses a commercially available packaged evaporator. The MRV process uses a compressor to increase the pressure of the vapor drawn from above the waste surface generating an increase in temperature which is then used to heat the waste medium being concentrated. This in turn creates more vapor that is recompressed to continue the cycle. The cooled vapor is then pulled off as condensate which can be used to support waste retrievals. This process allows for concentration while operating near atmospheric pressure and limited energy input for operation.


**Commercial Package MVR**

**MVR Principle**
**Technology Maturation Level**

Modify Existing Technology

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

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*In-tank mixing capability will be critical for obtaining representative samples of direct-feed high-level waste.*

*Computational Fluid Dynamics modeling will be utilized to aid in DST mixer pump optimization.*

*This CFD effort will significantly decrease the amount of small-scale mixing test that will be required to design a DFHLW feed preparation system.*

**In-Tank Solids Suspension**
**TEDS ID: PTW-57**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

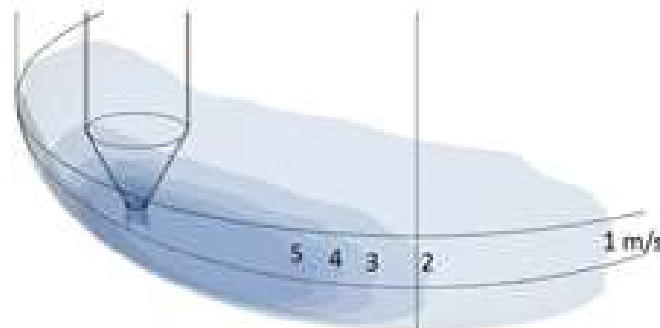
In the event that a DFHLW scenario is pursued, one DFHLW flowsheet requirement will be the ability to homogeneously suspend solids in existing DSTs so that:

- representative samples of the slurry can be taken,
- solids retention and accumulation at the bottom of the tank is minimized, and
- the slurry can be effectively transferred to the WTP HLW Vitrification Facility.

Previous solids mixing work (e.g., Small-Scale Tank Mixing Demonstration, AZ-101 Pump Test) did not demonstrate the solids suspension to the level needed for DFHLW operations. Without this development, DFHLW may not feed the HLW Vitrification facility at slurry concentrations sufficient to keep the HLW melters continuously operating.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

As a first step in the development of in-tank solids suspension for DFHLW, CFD modeling will be utilized to define the optimum DST mixer pump configuration to maximize the potential to meet the solids suspension requirements needed for sampling and transport. This configuration may include the number of mixer pumps, the location of mixer pumps, the rotational speed of the mixer pumps, the number of nozzles per mixer pump, the nozzle diameter, the nozzle velocity, minimum and maximum slurry height, transfer pump placement, and transfer pump inlet height. CFD results would then be used as input to small-scale mixing demonstrations. The CFD modeling effort will reduce the effort needed in the small-scale mixing demonstrations and will result in a DFHLW process design that has less risk of working sub-optimally or being over-designed.



*CFD Model Example*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Research and Concept

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

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## Solids Settling Rate Determination/Solids Washing Techniques

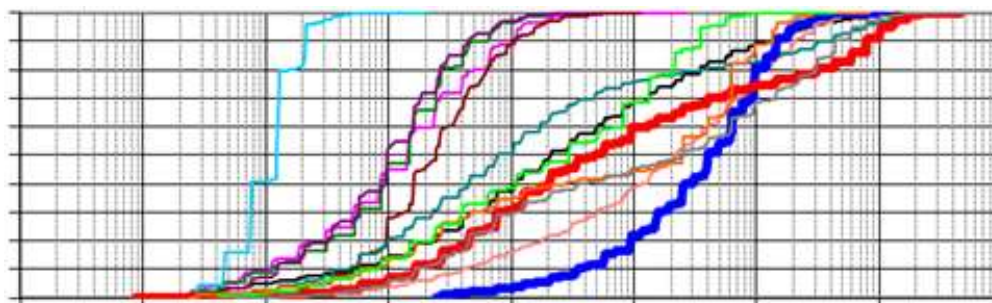
**TEDS ID: PTW-58**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

The current knowledge of settling rates for Tank Farm waste solids is poor. Because Tank Farm transfer operation are infrequent, the assumption that setting would be nearly complete prior to the next operation has been acceptable. However, if a Tank Farm pre-treatment system for DFHLW operations is to be designed to include solids settling, more information is needed. The setting rate of different solids in current tank waste as well as in low ionic strength was solutions at various was temperatures is needed. This information is needed to determine the size or number of washing tanks needed to maintain the required processing rate.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The initial project will involve running washing and settling experiments on actual tank sludge solids waste in hot cells to determine the setting rate of the solids as well as the effect of washing and mixing on the settling rate and the particle size. Once solids settling rates and the effects of washing and mixing are accurately determined additional engineering analysis and technology review will be required to determine an appropriate solids washing tank system configuration to maximum the processing rate.



*Cumulative Volume Percent vs. Settling Velocity*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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#### C.4 Manage Waste

The following are the one-page catalog sheets of the balance of the MW TEDS.



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*A means is needed to clean the ETF process tanks interior walls and roofs without manned entry.*

## Remotely Operated or Automated ETF Internal Tank Cleaning Device

**TEDS ID: MW-10**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

The ETF process tanks build up scale that cannot be removed by soaking or recirculating with chemicals. This provides a mechanism for accelerated corrosion and inhibits Resource Conservation and Recovery ACT (RCRA) required tank integrity inspections. The ETF secondary waste process tanks are considered at risk. Adequate tank cleaning will allow for a full assessment of the tanks to support replacement for or replacement delay based ongoing assessment. A functional cleaning technology will mitigate operational impacts and risks of implementing more aggressive manual cleaning techniques including manned tank entries. Cleaning reduces the risk of tank failure by helping to control pitting.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

ETF needs a method of cleaning scale from process tank interiors that cannot be cleaned by soaking or recirculating with suitable chemicals. The cleaning device should be deployable through a 30-in. tank top manway in congested area and operated remotely or automatically. Manned entries into the tank are not an acceptable option. The tanks have bottom drains and range up to 15 ft wide by 20 ft high.



*Secondary Waste Process Tank*



*Secondary Process Tank Interior*

### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

ETFOP-0043-T: ETF Secondary Waste Receiving Tank Failure

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*Technology development for software upgrades to accommodate identification and tracking of Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP) solid secondary waste that can be disposed at the Integrated Disposal Facility (IDF).*

**Upgrade Solid Waste Information and Tracking System**

**TEDS ID: MW-12**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Regulations require waste to be tracked and managed. The Solid Waste Information and Tracking System (SWITS) is currently used by all contractors to track and manage waste. SWITS needs to be upgraded to handle the waste generated by the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP).

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

SWITS is used site wide and the tracking software for managing waste containers. If it is to be used at WTP it will have to be upgraded to include WTP specific items. To do this will require the participation of SWITS maintenance contractor. Also, the Central Plateau contractor (CP) will operate the Integrated Disposal Facility (IDF). The CP will need to decide what program to use for track waste into and out of the IDF. If they decide not to use SWITS, then this is not an issue.



*SW/TS Database Menu*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Research and Concept

**National Laboratory Involmt?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

DFLAW-0363-T: WTP LAW Throughput is Less Than Adequate

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*Proposed technology is unknown. It will depend on what waste or samples Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant plans to ship during its lifetime. A waste shipping container is needed. If the plant plans to ship highly radioactive, very large, or heavy items it will need to have a package designed and built.*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Research and Concept

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

No

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**Transportation Requirements for New Equipment Disposal**

**TEDS ID: MW-13**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Ensure that transportation requirements are addressed in the development of new equipment. Any equipment developed (i.e., Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant melters and bubblers) will at some point, need to be replaced and disposed of. An appropriate waste package is needed to enable transportation to disposal. Sampling methods need to be considered. Waste sampling methods will confirm proper waste packaging and sample transportation per applicable regulations.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

Identify unique equipment or samples that need to be taken and ensure a transportation package exists for that item. Examples are tank waste samples larger than 1 liter or high-dose high-curie large equipment.

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

DFLAW-0357-T: Spent/Failed LAW Melter disposal capability not available when needed

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*Fabricate and test ion exchange resins tuned to selectively retain Technetium and Iodine using a monolithic column configuration for deployment at-tank or in-tank.*

## At-Tank Technetium and Iodine Removal and Disposition

**TEDS ID: MW-15**

**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

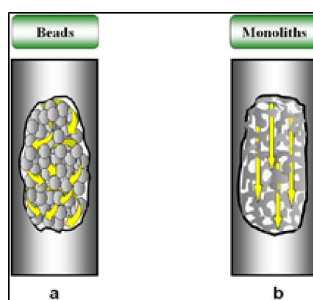
### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Tc-99 and I-129 are long-lived, highly mobile radionuclides that are volatile at glass melting temperatures. They will likely be a component in the WTP off-gas treatment system secondary wastes unless removed prior to entering the glass melter. Removing Tc-99 and I-129 from off-gas secondary wastes would remove potentially problem contaminants from the IDF waste inventory and protect the Columbia River.

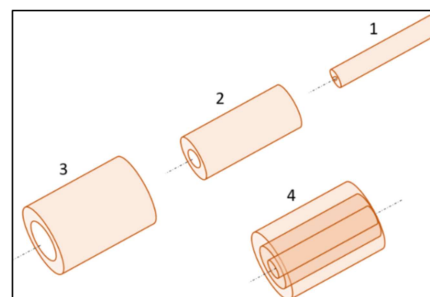
### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Work is needed to develop, mature, and deploy technology for “tunable” Tc- and I-selective IX resins. Monolithic columns create a “single large particle” that fills the column entirely as a continuous skeleton with a series of connected pores that allow no void. The monolithic column develops a network of channels in the continuous phase of a porous material that shows high axial permeability, a large internal pore surface area and less back pressure than that of conventional packed columns.

The Monolithic Column figure depicts three preparation steps. Different parameters can be applied to control porous properties. These include polymerization temperature, the choice of pore-forming solvent or porogen, the type and amount of crosslinking monomers and polymerization time.



*Conventional (a) and Monolithic (b) IX Column "cut-away" showing resins*



*Monolithic Column*

### Technology Maturation Level

Laboratory Testing

### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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### C.5 Dispose Tank Waste

The following are the one-page catalog sheets of the balance of the DTW TEDS.

*Advance the technology to ship large quantities of radioactive and mixed liquid waste offsite for treatment and/or disposal.*

## Advance Liquid Waste Transportation Capability

**TEDS ID: DTW-06**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

This effort advances the capability to ship large-quantity radioactive and mixed liquid waste off-site for treatment and/or disposal. The shipment of small-quantity liquid waste and all solid waste offsite is very mature, except for spent melter, which are addressed in the Manage Waste function. There is currently no baseline or lifecycle planning associated with shipment of large quantity liquid waste off the Hanford site. This technology development would only be needed should a strategic planning scenario for offsite treatment/disposal of tank waste in liquid form be implemented. Implementation of a revised offsite shipment strategy would require the design and fabrication of new shipping casks to meet mature transportation criteria (i.e., criteria from NRC, DOT, and DOE). The fabrication and certification of a new shipping container would not require DOE technology development, however, the interface systems from the new shipping container may need development. Also, the certification testing of the new container for DOE usage may require National Laboratory review/approval, if not the actual testing.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Establish criteria to procure new shipping container to meet regulatory requirements for large-quantity shipment (no technology development) Procure new certified shipping container (no technology development except for potential National Laboratory involvement in the certification testing) Develop technology for interface/transportation of the new shipping container (technology development involved in this effort)



*Transporter*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

DFLAW-0357-T: Spent/Failed LAW Melter Disposal Capability Not Available When Needed

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*Test Bed Initiative 2 is being conducted to demonstrate the programmatic efficacy of off-site commercial treatment and out-of-state disposal for treated mixed low-level waste from Hanford tanks.*

## Evaluation of Commercial Treatment and Offsite Disposal

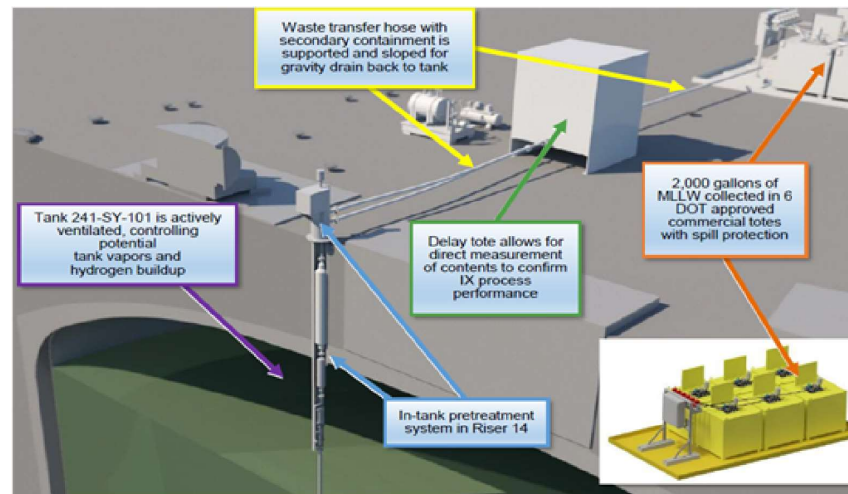
**TEDS ID: DTW-10**
**Timetable: ≤ 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

The Department of Energy (DOE) is evaluating potential benefits to enhance Hanford's tank waste mission to reduce risk, cost, and inform a needed supplemental treatment decision for Hanford's tank waste mission and to gain regulatory, stakeholder, and public acceptance to provide a pathway for commercial treatment and disposal. In support of this evaluation, the DOE is conducting a 2,000-gallon Test Bed Initiative 2 (TBI 2) to demonstrate the feasibility of retrieval and treatment of waste at the Hanford Site in Washington State.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

The design was completed for the TBI system in 2019, which includes a pump, filter, ion exchange column, control system, transfer lines, and totes to receive the treated waste. WRPS is supporting the initiative by performing the installation, operation and shipment of the treated waste to the immobilization facility. Performance validation testing has been completed through a Factory Acceptance Test by the equipment fabricator. The waste pre-treated by the TBI system will be sampled and shipped offsite for immobilization and disposal.



*Tank Farm TB2 Waste Retrieval*

### Technology Maturation Level

Prototype

### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$5 Million - \$10 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

DFLAW-0362-T: WTP LAW is not ready to receive treated tank waste feed when DFLAW support projects are ready to start operations

DFLAW-0363-T: WTP LAW Throughput is Less Than Adequate

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*Technology is needed that would accurately verify waste inventory (radionuclide inventory) and physical characteristics of containers (external dose, heat, etc.) for containers coming into the IDF.*

## Integrated Disposal Facility Risk Budget Tool Monitoring

**TEDS ID: DTW-11**

**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Software development is needed to allow the waste generator to accurately input radionuclide and chemical inventory data directly into the Waste Management Information System (WMIS) and have the software verify the data input is within the limits of the waste profile. This need applies to both immobilized low-activity waste (LAW) glass and secondary waste streams.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Provide a software to more accurately track radionuclide, chemical inventory, and physical properties of the containers to efficiently manage the disposal of LAW in the Integrated Disposal Facility (IDF). This technology solution must interface with WMIS to more effectively manage the IDF waste acceptance process.



*Integrated Disposal Facility*

*LAW Canister*



### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

### National Laboratory Involvement?

No

### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$1 Million - \$5 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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*Grout can be tailored to enhance durability when amended with phases intended to sequester specific troublesome radionuclides such as technetium and I-129. Many of those phases are analogues to natural minerals which are inherently stable. This activity would evaluate the natural analogue data to show that tailored grouts could be more durable than glass for key risk-driving radionuclides.*

#### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

## Evaluation of Natural Analogues to Support Tailored Grout

**TEDS ID: DTW-12**

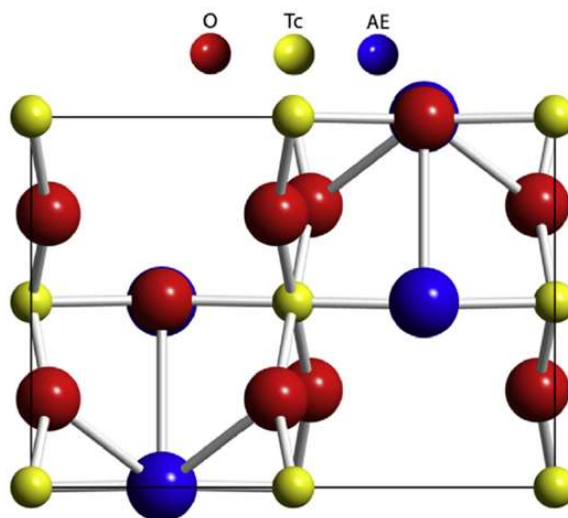
**Timetable: > 5 Years**

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Develop and qualify a tailored grout waste form for supplemental immobilization of Hanford low-activity waste (LAW). This waste form is needed to sequester specific troublesome radionuclides such as technetium and iodine-129.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

This technology development phase will be a literature review on the geological stability of various solid phases in arid environments. This should show that pyrochlore, goethite, hematite and potentially magnetite are geologically stable. The initial focus would be on phases that sequester technetium and iodine. Follow-on technology development phases will include tailored grout formulation testing.



*Model of Tc incorporation in SrTcO<sub>3</sub>*

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

DFLAW-0363-T: WTP LAW Throughput is Less Than Adequate

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*Long-term durability of cementitious materials is uncertain and should be valued through examination of ancient manmade and natural materials.*

## Long Term Durability of Cementitious Waste Forms

TEDS ID: DTW-13

Timetable: &gt; 5 Years

### TECHNOLOGY NEED

Long-term durability of cementitious waste forms is an uncertainty that affects the regulatory approval of these materials for low activity waste. Fresh waste forms may meet disposal requirements, however regulators often are skeptical that cementitious waste forms will remain intact rather than crumble, thereby increasing the diffusive transport area. Increases in transport area directly increases the rate that waste products are released from the solid waste form.

### TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION

Collect and analyze information on natural and anthropogenic ancient cement materials to quantify the stability of the underlying crystalline structures and macro properties.



*Example of Ancient Concrete from the Roman Empire*

*Pozzolan (volcanic ash) deposits in Southern California*



#### Technology Maturation Level

Research and Concept

#### National Laboratory Involvement?

Yes

#### Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?

\$0 - \$1 Million

2 Years - 3 Years

### THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES

DFLAW-0363-T: WTP LAW Throughput is Less Than Adequate

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*A central electronic repository for experimental results, technology reports, and lessons learned associated with the development and application of cementitious waste forms for radioactive wastes is needed to facilitate the use of the most up-to-date information in decision making. The repository should be made accessible across the DOE complex through a web-based interface that facilitates locating, searching, and retrieving information.*

**Technology Maturation Level**

Research and Concept

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

Yes

**Rough Order of Magnitude Cost & Duration?**

\$0 - \$1 Million

0 Years - 2 Years

**Complex-Wide Database for Cementitious Waste Form Properties**
**TEDS ID: DTW-14**
**Timetable: > 5 Years**
**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

Multiple DOE laboratories and contractors are developing and testing cementitious formulations for solidifying a variety of liquid and solid wastes. This information is not well organized or distributed and the best information is often not incorporated into decision documents such as Performance Assessments. A central repository for this information along with a web accessible database interface is needed to facilitate access.

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

This need can be met by working with both the experts developing and testing cementitious waste forms, and those who are developing and maintaining Performance Assessments to:

1. Identify the data needs and presentation formats that is most advantageous to the data users.
2. Determine what information and associated metadata is considered a high priority by the data users.
3. Collect, annotate, catalog, and store experimental results, technical reports, and lessons learned associated with developing and disposing of cementitious waste forms.
4. Code and promulgate a web interface within the DOE complex to make the information available.

**THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

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APPENDIX D      TECHNOLOGY ELEMENT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY AND  
CATALOG SHEET FORMS

## **D.1 INTRODUCTION**

The following forms represent the TEDS sheets (Figure D-1 and Figure D-2) and the single and double page catalog sheets for technology needs being pursued (Figure D-3 and Figure D-4), and technology needs not currently being pursued (Figure D-5).

As discussed in Section 4.1, the TEDS sheets are populated by the technology requester (“prepared by”) who is knowledgeable regarding the need and possibly the proposed solution. The requester is not obligated to propose a solution to the stated technology need but is welcome to submit possible solutions or concepts through the TEDS process. The requester also provides cost/funding and schedule information as appropriate. The TEDS sheet is then used to generate the catalog sheet which further summarizes the technology development process being proposed and/or a status of ongoing progress. The blank catalog sheets (i.e., Figure D-3 through Figure D-5) are to indicate the information cross-walk between the TEDS sheet and the catalog sheet.

Figure D-1. TEDS Form, Page 1.

## Technology Element Description Summary

*input for the Technology Roadmap*

<p><b>The Technology Roadmap (RPP-PLAN-43988) is scoped to address the technology needs of the Office of River Protection (ORP) and assist with mission planning. To facilitate development of the document, the Chief Technology Office is coordinating with ORP and its contractors to identify and prioritize technology needs. This Technology Element Description Summary worksheet is a tool for documenting that information.</b></p>				
<b>Identification #:</b>	FA-##	<b>Prepared By:</b>	First Name Last Name	
<b>Revision Number:</b>	0, 1, 2, ... etc.	<b>Contractor POC:</b>	First Name Last Name	
<b>Submittal Date:</b>	Click here to enter	<b>DOE-ORP POC:</b>	First Name Last Name	
<b>1. Technology Title</b>				
A few words to describe the technology				
<b>2. Technology Summary</b>				
Provide a FEW sentences summarizing the need and proposed technology.				
<b>3. Priority Ranking</b>			<b>4. Baseline Status</b>	
Click to select			Click to select	
High: technology needed within 1-4 yrs, or ORP-identified strategic need Medium: technology needed within 5-10 yrs Low: technology needed >10 yrs				
<b>5. Functional Area</b>				
<b>(check the box that best describes the technology functional area)</b>				
<b>Manage Tank Waste (MTW)</b>	<b>Retrieve Tank Waste (RTW)</b>	<b>Process Tank Waste (PTW)</b>	<b>Manage Waste (MW)</b>	<b>Dispose Tank Waste (DTW)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tank Farm Ops <input type="checkbox"/> Vapor Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Upgrades <input type="checkbox"/> 242-A Evaporator <input type="checkbox"/> 222-S Laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> Sampling & Transport <input type="checkbox"/> other: specify	<input type="checkbox"/> Retrievals <input type="checkbox"/> DST Transfers <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Site Transfers <input type="checkbox"/> DST Upgrades <input type="checkbox"/> Feed Preparation <input type="checkbox"/> Tank Closure <input type="checkbox"/> other: specify	<input type="checkbox"/> LAWPS <input type="checkbox"/> EMF <input type="checkbox"/> WTP LAW Vitrification <input type="checkbox"/> WTP HLW Vitrification <input type="checkbox"/> WTP Pretreatment <input type="checkbox"/> TWCS <input type="checkbox"/> CH-TRU <input type="checkbox"/> other: specify (e.g., DFLAW, DFHLW, flowsheets, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> LERF/ETF <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Solid Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Liquid Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Tc Management <input type="checkbox"/> Cs Management <input type="checkbox"/> Melter Disposal <input type="checkbox"/> other: specify	<input type="checkbox"/> IDF <input type="checkbox"/> IHLW Interim Storage <input type="checkbox"/> WIPP <input type="checkbox"/> Off-Site Disposition <input type="checkbox"/> Off-Site Transport <input type="checkbox"/> other: specify
<b>6. Grand Challenge</b>				
Was this technology submitted as a Grand Challenge? Click for yes/no				
If yes, what year? Click for year		Title? Title of Grand Challenge		
<b>7. Technology Impact and Risk Identification</b>				
<b>(choose one)</b>		<b>If you answered A or B on the left, fill out this section:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> A) Risk Mitigation <input type="checkbox"/> B) Opportunity <input type="checkbox"/> C) Mission Need		Does this technology address a risk identified in a Risk Register? (if unsure, contact your Risk SME) Click for yes/no  Risk ID number(s): Risk ID Handling action(s): Click for yes/no		
Additional space here to describe the risk, opportunity, or mission need. If there are known handling actions associated with the Risk IDs, please list and describe them here.				
<b>8. Technology Need</b>				
Why is this technology needed? Provide a description of the mission need, requirement, or issue that is driving the proposed technology solution. Point to how the technology will fill the need or gap, mitigate risk, and how it relates to the overall TOC mission. Identify the date when this technology is needed. Identify TPA milestones or impacted projects, if applicable.				

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**Figure D-2. TEDS Form, Page 2**

**Technology Element Description Summary**  
*input for the Technology Roadmap*

**9. Technology Solution**

Provide a short summary of the proposed solution, what it will do, and how it will be developed (e.g., Task 1, Task 2, Task 3...). If you can, please elaborate on the technical details (if you answered "planned" in Box 4, we expect you to). Pictures, sketches, or conceptual models are always helpful. Insert pictures below by clicking on the picture icon. Please describe the pictures in this text field.



**10. Technology Maturation Level**

Choose maturation level

Will national laboratory involvement be needed? Click for yes/no

**11. Cost and Schedule Summary**

If you answered "needed" in Box 4, fill out this section.

ROM overall project cost:

- <\$1 million       \$1-\$5 million       \$5-10 million       >\$10 million

Overall project duration (time to complete project):

- 0-2 years       2-3 years       3-4 years       4+ years

If you answered "planned" in Box 4, fill out this section.

Schedule (for additional task description rows, Right Click >> "Insert schedule sum After"):

Project or Activity	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3				Year 4				Totals
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
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Funding in thousands (000s)	\$				\$				\$				\$				\$

WBS number: Add WBS number here.

**12. References (applicable supporting documentation, e.g. Reports, SOW, Functions and Requirements)**

List document references. If the work is currently funded, provide the Scope of Work number.

**13. Comments**

Add additional comments here.

Figure D-3. Double Page Catalog Sheet, Page 1.

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**NEAR TERM**

**Technology Maturation Level.**

**National Laboratory Involvement?**

**Submitted as Grand Challenge?**

**CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICE**

**TITLE** TEDS Header

**TEDS ID: ABC-XX** TEDS Header

**Timetable:** TEDS Box #3

**TECHNOLOGY NEED**

TEDS Box #8

**TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION**

TEDS Box #9

TEDS Box #2

TEDS Box #10a

TEDS Box #10b

TEDS Box #6

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Figure D-4. Double Page Catalog Sheet, Page 2.

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TEDS ID: ABC-XX Continued

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ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION

TEDS Box #9

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE AND SCHEDULE SUMMARY

TEDS Box #11

RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TEDS Box #7

MEASUREABLE ORGANIZATIONAL VALUE

TEDS Box #13

Contractor Contact:

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DOE ORP Contact:

Phone:

Email:

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Figure D-5. Catalog Sheet for Future Technologies.

			
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<b>Technology Maturation Level.</b>	<b>National Laboratory Involvement?</b>	<b>Submitted as Grand Challenge?</b>	<b>RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES</b>
<b>Rough Order of Magnitude Cost &amp; Duration?</b>	<b>Contractor Contact:</b> Phone: Email:	<b>DOE ORP Contact:</b> Phone: Email:	<b>TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION</b>

TEDS Box #2

TEDS Box #8

TEDS Box #9

TEDS Box #10a

TEDS Box #10b

TEDS Box #6

TEDS Box #11

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**APPENDIX E      TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND TEDS  
RETIREMENT SUMMARY**

## **E1.0 Introduction**

This appendix highlights some of the significant accomplishments the CTO has achieved over the past few years. As work has progressed, several TEDS sheets have been “retired.” There can be several reasons for retirement, as follows:

- The need has been met
- No longer needed – mission need changed
- No longer needed – risk no longer exists
- Reclassified as non-technology development
- Combined with another TEDS
- Deemed unsuccessful, no longer pursued
- Risk Accepted

This appendix documents technology development achievements and retired technologies.

## **E2.0 Recent Technology Development Achievements**

These achievements have helped to reduce the Hanford life-cycle cost by providing the most effective technology equipment, materials, and processes. The achievements were reached using research, testing, and analyses. The achievements were enabled by having strong relationships with the National Laboratories, Academia, DOE ORP, stakeholders, and technical service providers (suppliers).

TEDS identification has been provided for identified technologies. A couple technology developments have occurred prior to the TEDS development process and have been noted accordingly.

### **Tertiary Leak Detection and Foundation Robotic Inspection – Complete (MTW-73) Retired**

WRPS worked with Eddyfi Technologies to develop a robotic inspection system to enable inspections of the double-shell tank foundation space within the AW and AN tank farm design configuration. This inspection system was designed, built, and tested to deploy through leak detection pit access, travel vertically down near the bottom of that leak detection system riser, and insert an inspection camera system into the foundation to sump interconnection drain line. This system is designed to provide a visual inspection of the drain slot within the tank foundation, underneath the secondary liner and to investigate evidence of secondary liner corrosion from environment.

## High- to Med-Fidelity Consolidated Operators Training Simulator – In Work (PTW-26) – On Going

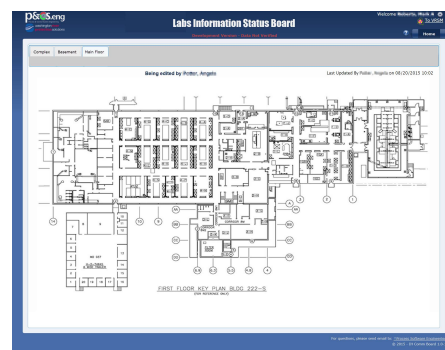
Operator Training Simulators are now available for each main facility within the Tank Operations Contract. The Effluent Treatment Facility monitoring and control system simulator was developed as part of the monitoring and control System upgrade and is being fully utilized by Operations and Engineering to review and validate procedure changes and facility modifications. The 242-A monitoring and control system simulator has been operational for a number of years and is actively being utilized. The Tank Farm monitoring and control system has also been developed and turned over to operations and is currently being updated to match the current production system configurations. While there is still a need for a consolidated operator training simulator, the technology is developed and actively utilized.



*TSCR Simulator utilized during Readiness Assessment*

## Operations Productivity and Analysis Tools - Complete (PTW-28) – Retired

A common set of productivity and analysis tools have been developed to transform data from variety of sources into reliable, decision-ready information. The work involved development of key infrastructure and data historians, and then leveraging that infrastructure to overlay web-based applications to deliver the information. Around 50 applications have been developed to assist Operations and Engineering and have transition from development into the operations and maintenance lifecycle phase. This Technology Element Description can be closed out as implemented.



*Top-Bottom Left-Right: Industrial Hygiene Communications Board Kiosk; PI Core Sight Display; Alarm & Analysis Tracking Tool; Laboratory Information Status Board*

### **Tank-Side Cesium Removal (TSCR) - Complete (PTW-52) - Retired**

Essential to provide waste feed of the overall DFLAW program mission. The TSCR key objective is to remove undissolved solids and radioactive cesium from DST supernatants and feed the treated waste directly to the WTP LAW Vitrification Facility for immobilization. This project is the replacement for the LAWPS project. All development to support design, fabrication, testing, and commissioning have been accomplished. Work continues on operational support.

Technology development testing demonstrated successful:

- Full height ion exchange (IX) column performance
- IX testing with Hanford Site waste
- Gas generation rate for key conditions
- Equilibrium contacts for key conditions
- IX media drying rates
- Filtration testing with simulant
- Filtration testing with Hanford waste



*TSCR Testing Demonstration*

### **Continuous Emissions Monitor Smart Sampler – Complete (MTW-24) – On Going**

The Continuous Emissions Monitor (CEM) Smart Sampler system was developed to provide a high fidelity, reliable stack monitor for use on Hanford actively ventilated tanks. The system can also provide area and tank headspace-sampling capability. The CEM unit includes real-time multi-gas analysis utilizing an ultra-violet – differential optical absorption spectrometer to detect a handful of important vapor Chemical Of Potential Concern (COPC) constituents and a flame ionization detector (FID) that determines total volatile organic compounds. In addition, the unit includes a gas chromatography-FID (GC-FID) to allow detection of a large number of COPCs every hour and includes an autonomous programmable whole-air grab sampling capability utilizing Summa cans and sorbent tubes. That is, more comprehensive than the existing stack monitoring units. In February 2020, a factory acceptance test was completed.

Technology development accomplishments include:

- Completion of system design
- Equipment procured
- Equipment tested



*CEM Smart Sampler*

### Fugitive Emissions – In Work (MTW-24) – On Going

The fugitive emissions (FE) detection technology purpose is the development of an FE identification and characterization program for improved worker safety. The mission benefits for this technology include:

- Potentially decrease the need for high level of personal protection equipment (PPE), thereby improving productivity in tank farms
- Educate workforce on nature of odors detected outside tank farms
- Enhance safety culture awareness for workforce



*AreaRAE*

Technology development accomplishments include:

- Procured and installed equipment for odor sampling and analysis
- Conducted investigations around tank farms to establish database of odors to quantify chemical levels to reduce/eliminate hazardous conditions for the workforce
- Developed tools that establish method and process for vapor trail with source characterization



*ToxiRAE Pro*

The Fugitive Emissions Detection project is implemented with some ongoing IH activities.

### NUCON Thermal Oxidation System – In work (MTW-24) – On Going

NUCON International, Inc. has successfully developed a thermal oxidation system (TOS) based on an internal combustion engine. Tests have been underway since early 2017 to determine the destruction removal efficiencies (DREs) for Hanford COPCs using this technology. Progress to date show majority of COPCs destroyed. The mission benefits of this technology are:

- Minimize on-going ops through better emissions management
- Improves worker environment vapor control
- Enhances safety culture awareness for the workforce

Technology development accomplishments include:

- Conducted successful proof-of-concept tests in May
- Conducted successful offsite engineering-scale tests
- Completed design of NUCON TOS at tank BY-108
- Conducted successful ANSI N13.1 Testing

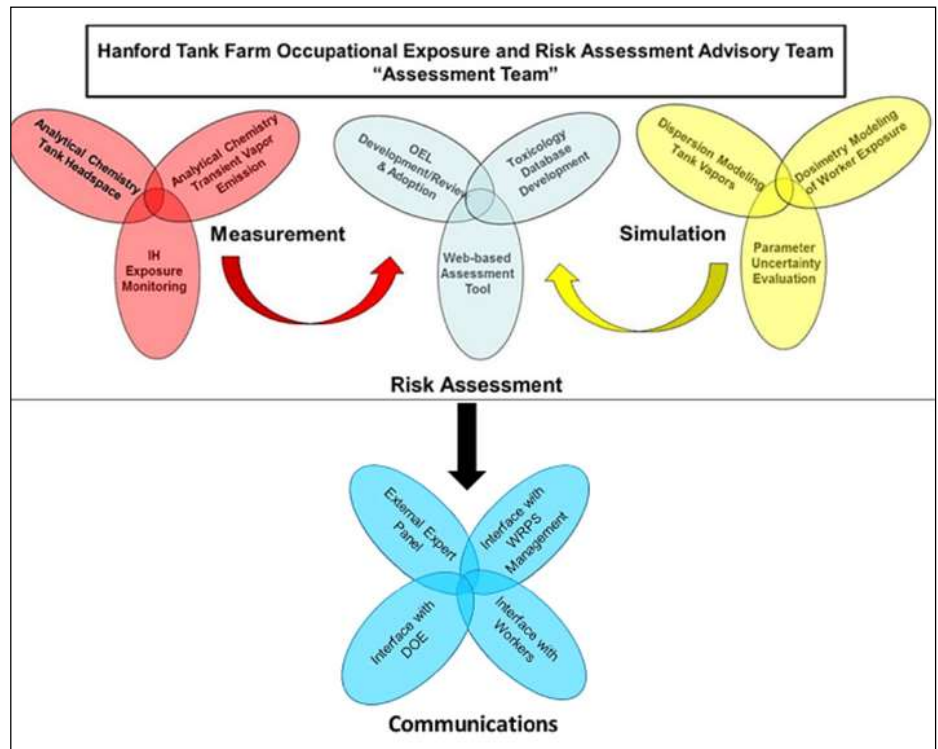


*NUCON Thermal Oxidation System*

## Health Process Plan (HPP) - Complete (MTW-24) – On Going

Health Process Plan is a peer-reviewed process for assessing potential health risks associated with worker exposures to chemical emissions from the Hanford tank farms. When fully implemented, the recommendations from the plan will facilitate future risk-management decisions that are grounded in state-of-art measurement, simulation and assessment practices. These decisions will enhance the overall work environment and Hanford mission. Technology development accomplishments include:

- Established a process to consider updates to occupational exposure limits that includes internal and external peer review.
- Reviewed current toxicological information and updated the basis for Hanford Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs).
- An assessment Team has been established for the integration of all information about tank farm emissions, exposure guidelines, and critical data that enable risk-management decisions and stakeholder communications.



*HPP Health Risk Assessment Process*

## Vapors Mobile Lab – Complete (MTW-24) – On Going

The mobile laboratory van, operated by TerraGraphics, is an analytical laboratory that provides air and vapor analysis around tank farm perimeters. The mobile laboratory monitoring augments Industrial Hygiene sampling and monitoring in the tank farms and monitors outside of the farms for vapor sources.



*Vapors Mobile Lab*

The mobile laboratory supported a variety of projects including:

- Background and leading indicator studies
- FE
- Waste-distributing activities
- General area sampling
- Real-time quantitative analysis by mass

Impacts include:

- Locates and characterizes the sources of known and fugitive vapor emissions across the Hanford Site
- Provides ultra trace gas analysis for compounds of concern
- Provides data to help minimize operational delays
- Enhances work environment and Hanford mission

The mobile lab fulfilled all project goals and has been subsequently discontinued.



*Tank Farm Waste-Disturbing Activities*

### **Deep Sludge Gas Removal Event (DSGRE) Investigation (Prior to TEDS Process) - Complete**

In 2014, C Tank Farm SST retrievals operations were on track to remove SST sludge waste and transfer/consolidated in DSTs to a depth greater than previously experienced at Hanford. Previous operational understanding indicated that flammable gases generated in the sludge would escape through a connected pathway of cracks in the sludge. However, some theoretical studies indicated that there was a limit to the depth of the connected pathways, that could result in the gas removal event capturing pockets of gas.

The objective of the DSGRE investigation was to evaluate this theory and resolve the Unreviewed Safety Question (USQ). The test column was fabricated and tested under representative sludge conditions and multiple test scenarios. The results indicated that flammable gases did escape through inherent pathways in the sludge and that the tank farms operations were within the existing safety basis. The test results provided the basis for continuation of tank farm transfers and allowed the furthering of tank closure supporting the Hanford cleanup mission.

Technology development accomplishments include:

- Provided technical basis to enable completion of sludge retrievals from C Tank Farm SSTs
- Completed design and construction of the tall column test system and completed testing to demonstrate the gas retention does not increase with increased waste sludge depth
- Evaluated a theory in literature of a depth where gas channels collapse, block gas transport, and cause gas instability relative to Hanford specific conditions



*Deep Sludge Test Column*

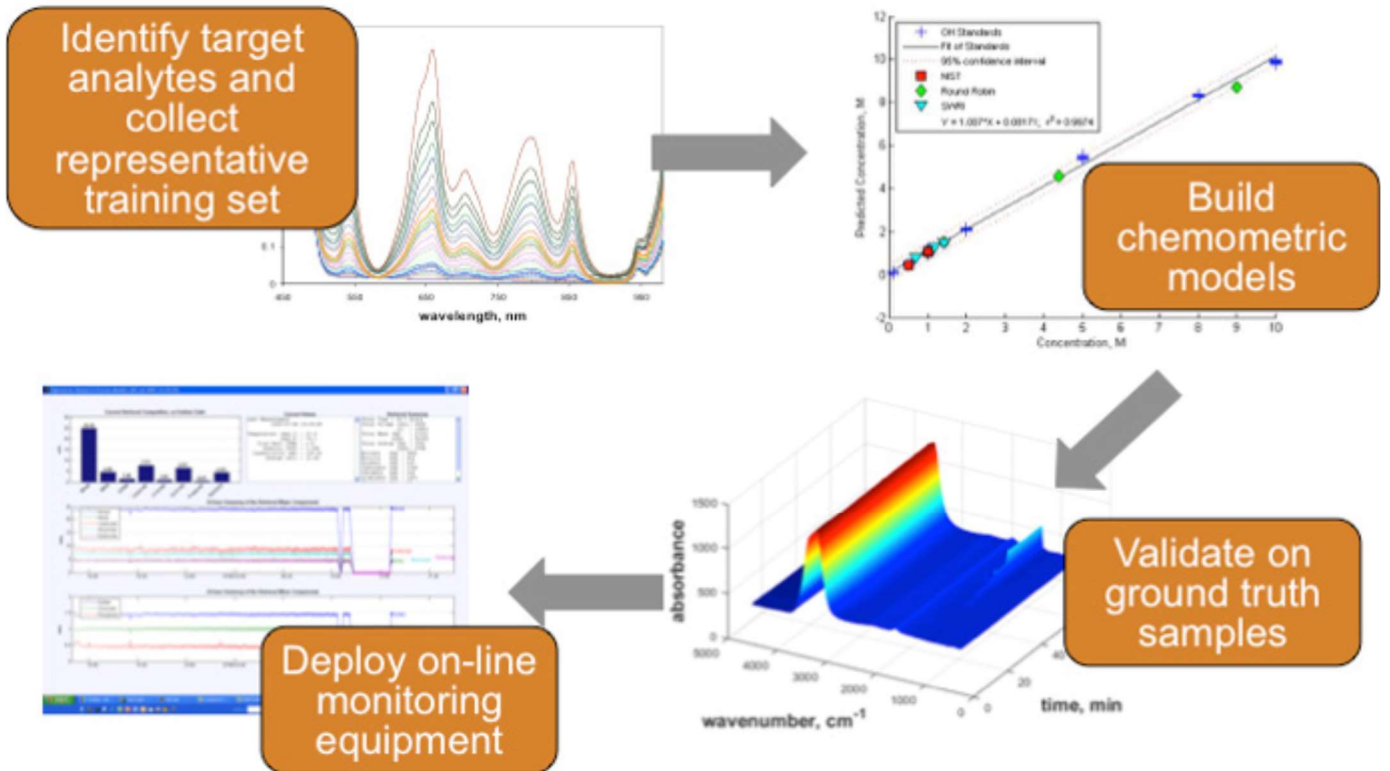
### **Online Monitoring (Raman Spectroscopy) – In Work (MTW-76) – On Going**

A well-established, commercial technology that has been developed to support an online sampling system to continuously measure tank waste constituents on a per batch basis. Raman spectroscopy is an optical technique used to identify Raman active molecules in a sample. The process starts with laser excitation. The resulting scattered light is then measured, and the light measurements are formed into a spectrum. Technology development is complete and ready for deployment.

Technology development accomplishments include:

- Shorten sample analysis turnaround time
- Increase frequency of sampling
- Decrease costs
- Maintain as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) exposure
- Allow for more analysis of non-homogenous waste
- Reduction in the need for human interaction with waste samples





*Online Monitoring (Raman Spectroscopy) Development & Deployment Process*

### Isolok Sampler (Prior to TEDS Process) - Complete

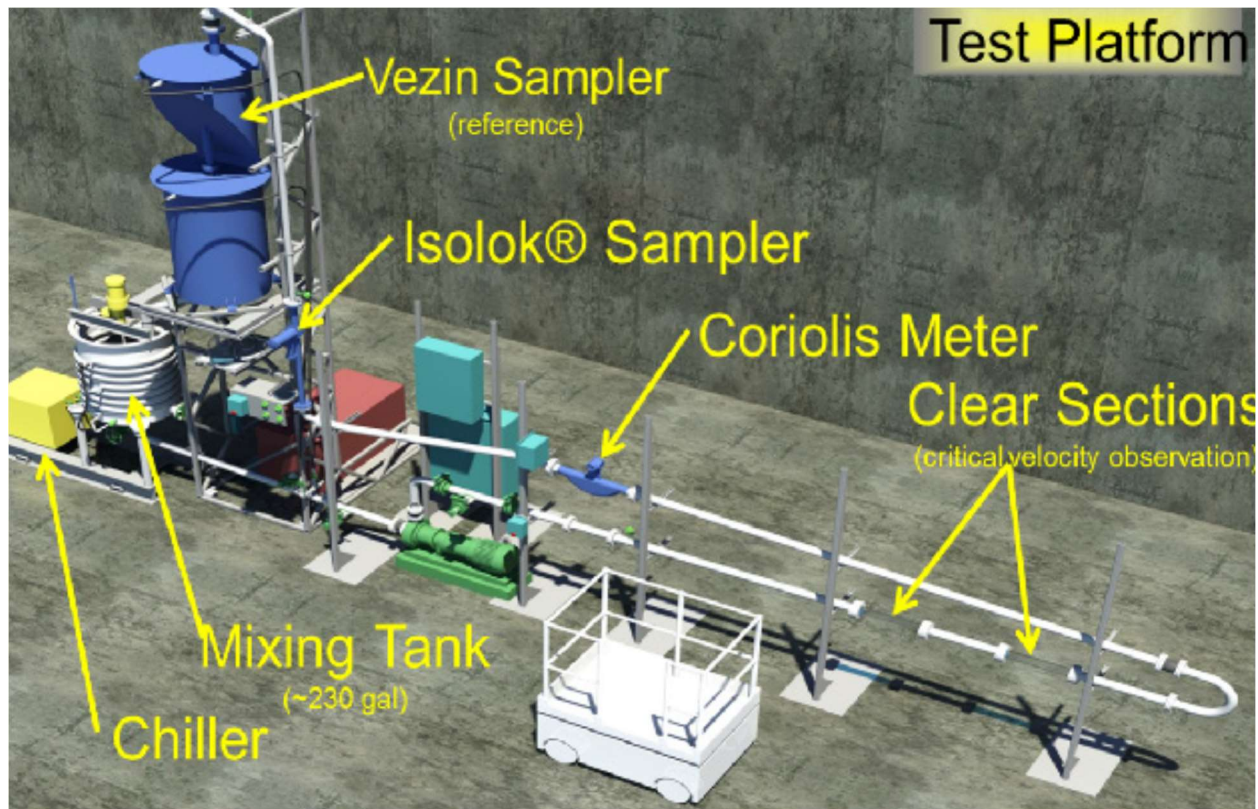
The Isolok sampler is a proposed system that would provide HLW acceptance samples to the WTP. The Isolok sampler uses a pipe-mounted plunger mechanism that enters the waste stream and collects many small aliquots over time to maintain representativeness. An online ultrasonic pulse echo (UPE) was integrated into the sample loop to allow for measurements of critical velocity.

The benefits of this technology is twofold:

- Allows for tank-side collection of online representative  $\leq 1$  liter HLW samples. The samples are evaluated for compliance with waste acceptance criteria and waste feed pre-qualification based on laboratory analysis.
- Prevents transfer line plugging by providing real-time slurry critical velocity measurements.

Technology development accomplishments include:

- Completed the design and fabrication of the Isolok sampler based on a previously proven WTP sampler design (ASX).
- Utilized a reference sampler based on world class expertise to validate and optimize representatives.



*Isolock Sample Test Platform Layout*

### Tank Annulus Floor Cleaning – Complete (MTW-82) – Retired

In 2002, the primary tank walls of tank AY-101 were cleaned to remove excess corrosion product and debris accumulation. Through the process of cleaning the tank walls, the annulus floor was covered in the corrosion product and debris which caused problems for annulus floor ultrasonic inspection and annulus level monitoring.

This technology enables cleaning the tank walls and the annulus floor, covered in the corrosion product and debris. This enables ultrasonic inspection of the annulus floor, and annulus level monitoring. In FY 2019 after successful factory testing, Rolls-Royce engineers demonstrated the robotic cleaning system before WRPS and DOE engineers in Richland. WRPS operators were also trained on the system.

Accomplishments of this technology development are:

- Provided a system that mechanically moves debris and/or remove it from the tank annulus space via containers
- Design, fabrication, and factory acceptance testing completed
- Provided more annulus floor area for visual and nondestructive examination
- Prevent impact to ENRAF calibration within the tank AY-101 annulus



*Tank AY-101 Annulus Floor Showing Debris*



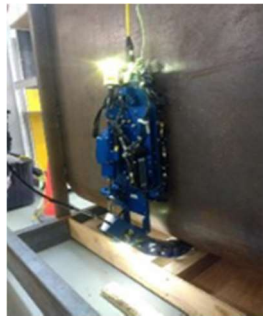
*Annulus Floor Cleaner Mockup*

### Visual Inspection of DST Primary Tank Bottoms – Complete (MTW-15) - Retired

The primary liner bottom is currently a part of the tank that cannot be inspected. Visual inspection through the refractory air slots would provide an opportunity to inspect the primary tank bottom. The systems that were developed have given Tank and Pipeline Integrity (TAPI) the ability to access and visually inspect the primary tank bottom through the refractory air slot pattern underneath the DSTs for the first time since the tanks were put into commission.

Accomplishments of this technology development are:

- Provide access to the refractory slots underneath the DST primary shell
- Reduce the need to build new tanks at a cost of \$200 million per tank
- May help serve to keep existing DSTs in safe operating conditions as long as possible



*Primary Tank Bottom  
Inspection Crawler*

*Crawler to Delivery Camera  
Systems within Refractory Air Slots*



### Residual Volume Measuring System (RVMS) – On Going (RTW-02) – On Going

Technology development has been completed. This is a continuous improvement activity. A 6in capable laser is currently in use in the field. A smaller system is being tested to access the 2-in. risers. In addition, the integrity and shape of the tank walls and floors is important for tank waste retrieval and closure. More than one access port is being evaluated to attain an accurate tank scan due to obstructions.



*4-in Capable Laser Scanner*



*6-in Capable Laser Scanner*

### Portable Gamma Radiation Monitoring System - Complete (RTW-11)- Retired

Gamma logging of ex-tank drywells is one method used for leak detection during SST retrievals.

A hand-held gamma system, known as the Retrieval Drywell Monitoring System (RDMS), was developed and has been successfully deployed. The RDMS uses bar codes and a barcode reader for telemetry rather than a computer-controlled winch. This simpler telemetry system was key to making the system small enough for operators to transport gamma scan equipment into the farm without a vehicle. Modern handheld gamma scanner and probes are part of the new system. Hand-held moisture logging drywells is a currently used for leak detection screening. If changes in the moisture is detected, gamma scans are used to investigate the change. The RDMS will eliminate the need to screen for changes in moisture-reducing farm entries and will gather more definitive leak detection data.



*Mobile Gamma Scanner*

## E3.0 Completed Technology Developments

The Roadmap is a living document. It is updated on an annual basis or as conditions warrant. As expected, during the performance of technology development, some technologies will be successfully completed, overcome by events, deemed unsuccessful, etc. During FY2021 and FY 2022, there were 9 TEDS retired. Table E-1 identifies the retired TEDS.

TEDS	Title	Basis for Retirement
MTW-09	Improved DST Annulus Camera System	Combined with MTW-20
MTW-36	Slurry Property Investigation	Combined with MTW-37
MTW-68	Mobile Proton Transfer Reaction – Mass Spectrometer	
PTW-24	Advanced Dynamic Simulation Modeling Platform	Need has been met
PTW-28	Operations Productivity and Analysis Tools	Need has been met
PTW-39	Virtual Workbench for Waste Processing	Need has been met
RTW-28	Improved Solubility Modeling of Oxalate, Fluoride, and other Simple Mixtures	Combined with RTW-27
RTW-29	Improved Solubility Modeling of Phosphate	Combined with RTW-27
RTW-33	Instrumentation for Detecting Plutonium Accumulations in Tanks	Deemed unsuccessful No Longer Pursued

APPENDIX F      NATIONAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES  
MATRIX

## **F1.0 National Laboratory Technology Capabilities**

To help ensure a successful DFLAW program, the ORP solicited support from the National Laboratories. Their task was to provide a recommended plan identifying capabilities, facilities, and resources. One goal was to minimize duplication of facilities, capabilities, and technical expertise. A second goal was to ensure ORP had sufficient support resources available in a timely manner that minimizes risk and operational down-time for resolution of technical issues occurring during operational phases. The result was an integrated task list describing the work type anticipated during start-up, commissioning, and operations, both initial and steady state.

The capabilities identified by the National Laboratories consist of eight Core Competencies. These are functional activities the National Laboratories deemed necessary to allow DFLAW operations to successfully complete commissioning, startup, and operation. These eight Core Competencies are:

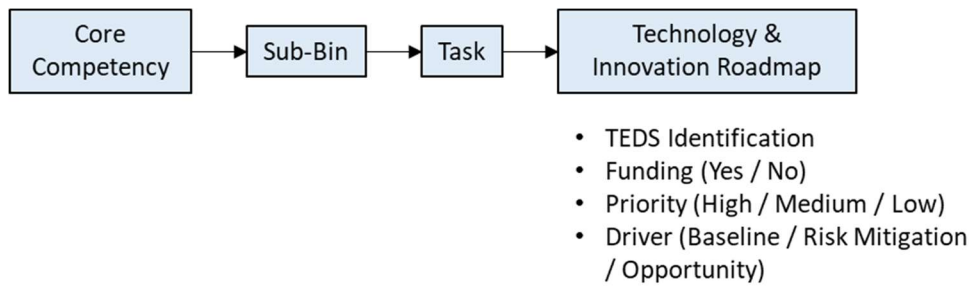
1. Material Integrity & Failure Analysis
2. Waste Forms
3. Analytical Laboratory
4. Process Engineering Support
5. Environmental Sampling & monitoring
6. Safety Analysis / Safety Basis Support
7. Remote Equipment Engineering
8. Independent Review Team

These categories are made up of one or more things having some common characteristics or purpose. Each Core Competency was further subdivided or decomposed into lower tier categories known as "sub-bins." These are subordinate groups that share a common differentiated quality. For example, waste forms can be cementitious, tank closure, waste disposal, or glass.

For each sub-bin, work tasks were identified. Tasks define a piece of work to be completed and finished within a certain time frame. Tasks were identified from lessons learned of previous operations across the DOE Complex, including the Defense Waste Processing Facility, Saltstone Operations, and Salt Waste Processing Facility at the Savannah River Site. The Core Competencies, sub-bins, and tasks were assembled and documented in a matrix.

WRPS reviewed the National Laboratories Capabilities Matrix and developed a crosswalk of existing technology development activities detailed on TEDS sheets. This crosswalk identifies and links technology development activities with the National Laboratories Core Competencies. Existing TEDS sheets were evaluated and documented if the matrix items were adequately addressed. In cases where the technology development requirement coverage needed to be expanded, either new TEDS sheets were identified or modifications to existing TEDS sheets were suggested. Funding status, priority, and Baseline/Risk Mitigation/Opportunity drivers are documented for identified TEDS sheets. Figure F-1 depicts the matrix information flow.



**Figure F-1. National Laboratory Capability Matrix Decomposition.**

An example of this information breakdown for Waste Forms Core Competency is shown in Figure E-2. Waste Forms Core Competency is divided into five sub-bins, each with one or more tasks, linked with Technology & Innovation Roadmap TEDS sheets.

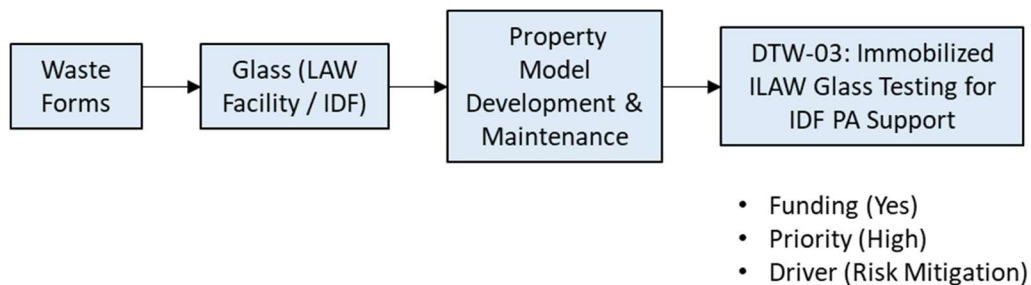
**Figure F-2. Core Competency - Waste Forms Example.**

Table F-1 documents the National Laboratories Capabilities Matrix review results. The matrix was incorporated into the Roadmap via addendum RPP-PLAN-62988, *Addendum to the Technology and Information Roadmap Rev. 4*. Updates to the matrix are shown in white text. Retired TEDS sheets have been removed from the matrix.

Table F-2. National Laboratory Capability Matrix

National Labs Support Plan for DFLAW Startup, Commissioning, and Operation				
Core Competency	Sub-Bin	Task	TEDS Sheet Identification Number	FY22 Funding?
Material Integrity & Failure Analysis	Material Integrity & Failure Analysis	Materials Evaluation	RTW-10: Development Testing of High-Radiation Hose Materials	No
			MTW-84: Pipeline Forensic Inspection Technology	No
			MTW-85: Remote Profilometry Use for Surface Examination	No
		Structural Integrity Assessments	MTW-11: DST Primary Tank Bottom Volumetric Inspection	Yes
			MTW-09: Automated DST Annulus Camera System	No
			MTW-10: Phased Array UT Implementation for DST Walls	No
			MTW-20: Improve Visual Inspection	Yes
			MTW-78: In-Tank Volumetric Non-Destructive Examination	No
			MTW-87: Real-Time Localized Corrosion Monitor-Probe	Yes
			MTW-93: Cesium Online Monitoring for TSCR	No
			MTW-10: Phased Array UT Implementation for DST Walls	No
		Failed Component Evaluations	RTW-10: Development Testing of High-Radiation Hose Materials	No
			MTW-84: Pipeline Forensic Inspection Technology	No
Waste Forms	Grout / Cementitious Waste Forms - Liquid Secondary Waste and Supplemental LAW	Liquid Secondary Waste Bench-Scale Formulation & Testing / Facility Equipment & Design	MW-02: Ammonia Vapor Mitigation	Yes
			DTW-02: Low Temperature Waste Form Process	Yes
			PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes
			MTW-74: Measure Breathing Rates in Selected SX Tanks	No
			DTW-12: Evaluation of Natural Analogues to Support Tailored Grout	No
			DTW-13: Long-Term Durability of Cementitious Waste Forms	No
			DTW-14: Complex-Wide Database for Cementitious Waste Form Properties	No
	Grout / Microencapsulation - Solid Secondary Waste	Solid Secondary Waste Bench-Scale Formulation & Testing / Facility Equipment & Design	DTW-07: Solidification and Stabilization of Solid Secondary Waste	Yes
			DTW-08: IDF Long-Term Lysimeter Data Study	Yes
			DTW-13: Long-Term Durability of Cementitious Waste Forms	No
			DTW-14: Complex-Wide Database for Cementitious Waste Form Properties	No
	Closure	Closure	RTW-56: Technology to Support Risk-Based Retrieval and Closure	No
			RTW-25: Highly Flowable Grout	No
			RTW-01: Retrieval and Closure Solid Waste Sampling Tools	Yes
			RTW-54: Tank Waste Modular Treatment Study	No
			RTW-07: Post Waste Retrieval Updates to WMA C PA Maintenance	No
			DTW-13: Long-Term Durability of Cementitious Waste Forms	No
			DTW-14: Complex-Wide Database for Cementitious Waste Form Properties	No
	Glass (ILAW Facility / IDF)	Formulation and Testing	PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes
			DTW-03: ILAW Glass Testing for IDF PA Support	Yes
Property Model Development & Maintenance		DTW-03: ILAW Glass Testing for IDF PA Support	Yes	
Performance - IDF	Implementation of Glass Program	PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes	
		RTW-07: Post Waste Retrieval Updates to WMA C PA Maintenance	No	

National Labs Support Plan for DFLAW Startup, Commissioning, and Operation				
Core Competency	Sub-Bin	Task	TEDS Sheet Identification Number	FY22 Funding?
		Scenario Inputs to PA Baseline (IDF PA Inputs & Modeling)	RTW-39: Risk Informed Tank Retrieval Modeling Optimization	No
			PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes
			DTW-02: Low Temperature Waste Form Process	Yes
			DTW-03: ILAW Glass Testing for IDF PA Support	Yes
			DTW-08: IDF Long-Term Lysimeter Data Study	Yes
			DTW-13: Long-Term Durability of Cementitious Waste Forms	No
		Alternative PA Methodology	RTW-07: Post Waste Retrieval Updates to WMA C PA Maintenance	No
			RTW-39: Risk Informed Tank Retrieval Modeling Optimization	No
			PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes
			DTW-02: Low Temperature Waste Form Process	Yes
			DTW-03: ILAW Glass Testing for IDF PA Support	Yes
			DTW-08: IDF Long-Term Lysimeter Data Study	Yes
		Testing for IDF PA Inputs	DTW-07: Solidification and Stabilization of Solid Secondary Waste	Yes
			DTW-02: Low Temperature Waste Form Process	Yes
			PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes
			DTW-08: IDF Long-Term Lysimeter Data Study	Yes
Analytical Laboratory	Sample Characterization	LAW Feed Qualification	MTW-37: Tank Waste Characterization & Identification	Yes
		Rad Characterization	MTW-37: Tank Waste Characterization & Identification	Yes
			RTW-57: Plutonium/Absorber Mass Ratios Measurement	No
		Statistical Evaluation of Instruments	PTW-53: DFLAW Process Operational Troubleshooting (New)	Yes
		Standards Development	PTW-53: DFLAW Process Operational Troubleshooting (New)	Yes
		Procedures / Method Development / Training / Troubleshooting	MTW-41: Analytical Method Development for Compounds of Concern	Yes
	MTW-37: Tank Waste Characterization & Identification		Yes	
	Real-Time / In-Line Monitoring	Real-Time / In-Line Monitoring	MTW-76: Online Monitoring Using Raman Spectroscopy	No
			RTW-31: In-Tank Sampling Technologies for Plutonium Particles	No
			MTW-87: Real-Time Localized Corrosion Monitor-Probe	Yes
MTW-93: Cesium Online Monitoring for TSCR			No	
Process Engineering Support	Overall Flowsheet	Campaign / System Plan Management / Support	PTW-42: High-Level Waste Direct Vitrification -- Condensate Treatment	No
			RTW-39: Risk Informed Tank Retrieval Modeling Optimization	No
			RTW-16: Develop an Integrated HLW Feed Qualification Plan	No
		Secondary Waste Composition Estimation	PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes
			DTW-07: Solidification and Stabilization of Solid Secondary Waste	Yes
			MW-02: Ammonia Vapor Mitigation	Yes
	Key Analyte Tracking and Partitioning	MTW-57: Predicting Behavior of Mercury in EMF	No	
		RTW-27: Improved Solubility Modeling of Aluminum	No	
		RTW-28: Improved Solubility Modeling of Oxalate, Fluoride and Other Simple Mixtures	No	
		RTW-29: Improved Solubility Modeling of Phosphate	No	
		RTW-32: Neutron Poisons for Criticality Safety of Particulate Plutonium	No	

National Labs Support Plan for DFLAW Startup, Commissioning, and Operation					
Core Competency	Sub-Bin	Task	TEDS Sheet Identification Number	FY22 Funding?	
			PTW-45: Operations Productivity & Analysis Tools	No	
			PTW-38: Radioactive Waste Test Platform	Yes	
		Radioactive Test Platform	PTW-38: Radioactive Waste Test Platform	Yes	
		Simulant Development / Optimization		PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes
				DTW-07: Solidification and Stabilization of Solid Secondary Waste	Yes
				DTW-02: Low Temperature Waste Form Process	Yes
				RTW-16: Develop an Integrated HLW Feed Qualification Plan	No
				MW-02: Ammonia Vapor Mitigation	Yes
		Unit Operations	Tank Farm Retrieval / Equipment Testing / Mechanical Support		MTW-75: Super-Hydrophobic Metal Surface to Reduce Equipment Contamination
				MTW-50: Retrieval Support System	No
				RTW-01: Retrieval and Closure Solid Waste Sampling Tools	Yes
				RTW-15: Evaluate Back-Up Options for HLW Delivery from Tank Farms	No
				RTW-17: Access Deep Sludge Pump Reliability for DST Mixer & Transfer Pumps	No
				RTW-12: Development of New Riser Installation System	Yes
				RTW-34: Extended Reach Sluicing System Modifications	No
				RTW-08: Dry Waste Retrieval System (DWRS)	Yes
				RTW-55: Hanford Waste End Effector (Deployment Options)	Yes
				RTW-18: Improved Heat Removal for AW & AN Tanks TSR Heat Limits	No
				PTW-50: High-Level Waste Solids Segregation	No
				MTW-98: Long-Reach Robotic Tools for Tank Farm Pits	No
	Filtration		PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes	
	Ion Exchange			PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes
				PTW-48: Prevention of Hydrogen Gas Buildup	No
				PTW-49: Feasibility of Removing Nitrates from the LAW Feed	No
				MW-15: At-Tank Technetium and Iodine Removal and Disposition	No
	Vessel Mixing Evaluation and Sampling		RTW-16: Develop an Integrated HLW Feed Qualification Plan	No	
	Slurry Transport		MTW-36: Slurry Property Investigation	Yes	
	Glass Former Feed System		PTW-53: DFLAW Process Operational Troubleshooting (New)	Yes	
	Melter Design Changes & Improvements Testing / Melter Operational Support		PTW-53: DFLAW Process Operational Troubleshooting (New)	Yes	
	Container Handling / Decontamination Systems		PTW-53: DFLAW Process Operational Troubleshooting (New)	Yes	
	Melter Offgas System			PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes
			MW-02: Ammonia Vapor Mitigation	Yes	
	Melter Condensate System	MW-02: Ammonia Vapor Mitigation	Yes		
Evaporation		PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes		
		MTW-90: Water/Waste Volume Measurement for 242-A C-A-1 Vessel	No		
		MTW-91: Tank-Side Waste Evaporation	No		
Air Systems	PTW-53: DFLAW Process Operational Troubleshooting (New)	Yes			

National Labs Support Plan for DFLAW Startup, Commissioning, and Operation				
Core Competency	Sub-Bin	Task	TEDS Sheet Identification Number	FY22 Funding?
Unit Operations Troubleshooting	Unit Operations Troubleshooting	Statistical Process Evaluations	PTW-53: DFLAW Process Operational Troubleshooting (New)	Yes
		CFD, Line Plugging, and Transfer	RTW-23: Waste Transfer Pipe Unplugging	No
		LAW Pretreatment System	PTW-54: Real-Time Process Control for DFLAW	No
		Rheological Properties / Mixing Issues	PTW-23: Methods for Mitigating DFLAW Flowsheet Gaps	Yes
			DTW-07: Solidification and Stabilization of Solid Secondary Waste	Yes
			DTW-02: Low Temperature Waste Form Process	Yes
			MW-02: Ammonia Vapor Mitigation	Yes
		Scaling Fouling	MTW-89: Remote Concrete Surface Cleaning Apparatus	No
		Foam Control	PTW-53: DFLAW Process Operational Troubleshooting (NEW)	Yes
		Production Rate	RTW-43: Computer Simulator to Measure Retrieval Operator Skills	No
			RTW-21: Improve ESP – A Thermodynamic Modeling Program	No
			PTW-26: High- to Mid-Fidelity Consolidated Operators Training Simulator	No
			PTW-55: Chemical Process Modeling Software to Support DFLAW Operations	Yes
			MTW-97: Continued Need for Improving Tools for Tank Farm Projects	No
		Special Sample Support	MTW-99: Tank Farm Smart Operating Procedures	No
Environmental Sampling & Monitoring	Environmental Sampling & Monitoring	Vapors / Toxicology	MTW-74: Measure Breathing Rates in Selected SX Tanks	No
			MTW-24: Vapor Monitoring, Characterizing & Remediation	No
			MTW-40: Improve Sampling Methods of Head Space	No
			MTW-59: High Silica (Zeolite)-Containing PPE	No
			MTW-94: Internal Data Access & Visualization (IDAV)	Yes
		Tank Waste Inventory Monitoring	MTW-95: Data Fusion and Advisory System (DFAS)	Yes
			MTW-13: Improve Liquid Observation Well Data Acquisition	No
			MTW-71: Improve Best-Basis Inventory with TWINS Database	No
			RTW-44: Use of Sonar & Ultrasound to Quantify Solids in DSTs	No
		Corrosion Control	RTW-57: Plutonium/Absorber Mass Ratios Measurement	No
			MTW-77: Large-Volume Supernatant Sampler & Transportation System	Yes
			MTW-09: Automated DST Annulus Camera System	No
			MTW-11: DST Primary Tank Bottom Volumetric Inspection	Yes
			MTW-73: Tertiary Leak Detection and Foundation Robotic Inspection	No
			MTW-10: Phased Array UT Implementation for DST Walls	No
			MW-10: Remotely Operated or Automated ETF Internal Tank Cleaning Device	No
			MTW-86: Protective Measures for Waste Transfer System Lines	No
		MTW-83: Secondary Liner Bottom Damage Mitigation Technologies	No	
		Stack Monitoring	MTW-87: Real-Time Localized Corrosion Monitor-Probe	Yes
			MTW-24: Vapor Monitoring, Characterizing & Remediation	No
Safety Analysis / Safety Basis Support	Safety Analysis /	Safety Analysis / Safety Basis Support	MTW-77: Large-Volume Supernatant Sampler & Transportation System	Yes
			MTW-70: Plutonium Particulate Criticality Safety Issue Resolution	No
	Remote Equipment Engineering	Sampling System Design	MTW-77: Large-Volume Supernatant Sampler & Transportation System	Yes

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Remote Equipment Engineering			MTW-88: Liquid Air Interface Sampler	No
		Transportation, Packaging and Material Handling	MTW-77: Large-Volume Supernatant Sampler & Transportation System	Yes
		LAW Container Loading / Transport / Unloading at IDF	DTW-06: Advance Offsite Transportation Capability	No
		Secondary Waste Handling Systems	MTW-09: Automated DST Annulus Camera System	No
			MTW-10: Phased Array UT Implementation for DST Walls	No
		Specialized Tool Design & Remote Equipment Modifications	MTW-79: Autonomous Robotic Platform	Yes
			MTW-81: Radiation-Tolerant Multi-Use Manipulator System	No
			MTW-72: Self-Diagnosing Continuous Air Monitoring	No
			MTW-80: Automated Visual Recognition Wireless Remote Video Monitoring	No
			RTW-08: Dry Waste Retrieval System (DWRS)	Yes
			RTW-34: Extended Reach Sluicing System Modifications	No
			RTW-55: Hanford Waste End Effector (Deployment Options)	Yes
			RTW-03: Remote Tank Farm Above Ground Inspections	No
			RTW-12: Development of New Riser Installation System	Yes
			MTW-83: Secondary Liner Bottom Damage Mitigation Technologies	No
		MTW-84: Pipeline Forensic Inspection Technology	No	
		MTW-85: Remote Profilometry Use for Surface Examination	No	
MTW-89: Remote Concrete Surface Cleaning Apparatus	No			
MTW-98: Long-Reach Robotic Tools for Tank Farm Pits	No			
MTW-100: Increased NDE Volumetric Inspection	No			
Independent Review Team	Independent Review Team	Readiness Assessment Reviews	PTW-53: DFLAW Process Operational Troubleshooting (New)	Yes
		Test Plans for Start-Up / Commissioning	PTW-53: DFLAW Process Operational Troubleshooting (New)	Yes

## APPENDIX G INNOVATIONS

# Core Catcher

*Collects core drilling waste and prevents workers from needing to enter highly contaminated 242-A Evaporator Pump Room*

- ✓ REDUCED WORKER DOSE
- ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY
- ✓ INCREASED TASK EFFICIENCY
- ✓ COST REDUCTION

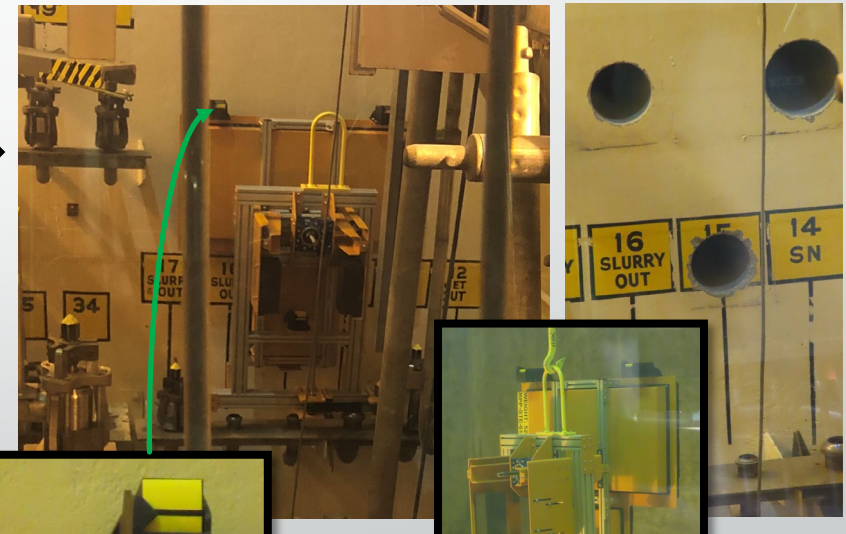
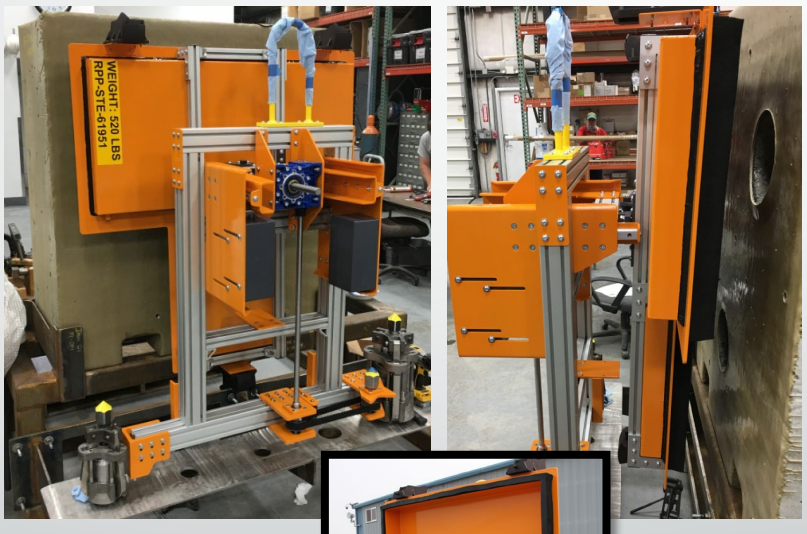
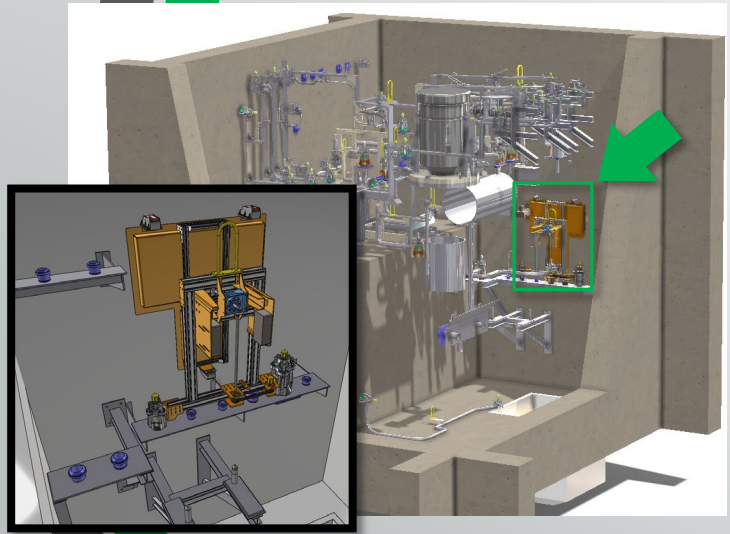
**PROBLEM:** The replacement transfer lines for the 242-A Evaporator require core drilling through the evaporator pump room wall in multiple locations to install nozzles. Core drilling has the propensity to eject debris from the side opposite the drill in the form of spalling, broken-off cores, and cutting fluid. This debris should be prevented from falling into the Pump Room. The nozzle locations are approx. 10-12 ft. above ground level and installing equipment for manned entry is both complicated and time consuming. The Pump Room is posted as a High Contamination Area.

**SOLUTION:** Design, fabricate, test, and deploy a system that can prevent debris from entering the Evaporator Pump Room. The system must negate the need for worker access to this area and be remotely installed using only the Evaporator Bridge crane and impact wrench. Correct positioning of the system shall be achieved via indicators that are visible from the viewing windows of the Pump Room.

## Core Catcher Design in Pump Room

## Fabrication/Testing

## Installation and Use

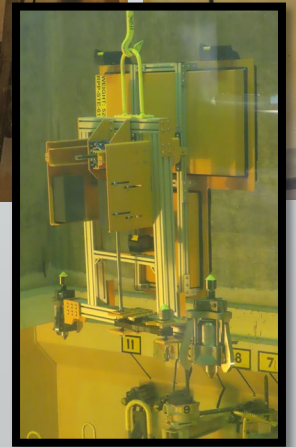
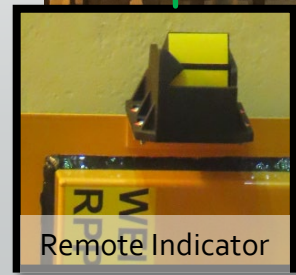


### INNOVATIVE FEATURES:

- Can be installed and operated using only the bridge crane and impact wrench.
- Utilizes 3D printed remote indication system to identify gasket compression.

### IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fit-up and interface with the pump room impact wrench worked as planned.
- All the core drilling debris/slurry was captured leaving behind clean holes.
- Duration for installation and removal/disposal was ~30 minutes each.





# Core Drill Guide Assembly

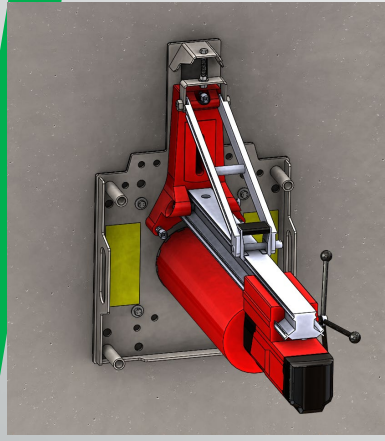
*Allows accurate placement of the core drill and associated concrete anchors while maximizing worker safety*

- ✓ INCREASED SYSTEM RELIABILITY
- | ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY
- | ✓ INCREASED TASK EFFICIENCY
- | ✓ REDUCED SCHEDULE

**PROBLEM:** Accurately positioning core drill assemblies horizontally against a concrete wall is an industry problem that requires time and accessibility to properly complete. Neither of these solutions are available in Tank Farms. Improper placement can result in the inability to install the new transfer line wall nozzle adequately resulting in rework or less than desirable design changes to account for the as-built location.

**SOLUTION:** Design, fabricate, test, and deploy the necessary tools to allow precision placement of a core drilling machine (Hilti DD-250) and associated wall nozzle anchors. The solution will allow fine tune adjustments via designed features to increase placement efficiency while maximizing worker safety. The designed solution will also incorporate pre-planned anchor drilling sleeves to allow the accurate anchor placement/alignment with minimal accessibility.

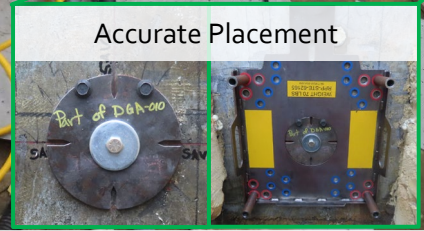
## Drill Guide Design



## Drill Guide Fab and Testing



## Core Drill Guide Use For Successful Core Drill at AW-B Valve Pit



### INNOVATIVE FEATURES:

- Easy to install/locate drill guide assembly utilizing surveyed alignment marks.
- Fixture attachment points to allow core drill unit positioning with a turn of a wrench versus physically lifting components in awkward body positions.
- Alignment sleeves to support drilling final nozzle mounting anchors minimizes risk for interface issues during the rest of the nozzle installation.

### IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Easy and precise installation with positive worker feedback.
- Resulted in exceptional core placement and anchor alignment.

Installation of Drill Guide and Core Drill

Drilling for Anchors Via Alignment Sleeves

# Core Drill Wall Clamp

*Alleviates legacy problems associated with spalling during pit wall coring and subsequent pit repair*

- ✓ REDUCED WORKER DOSE
- ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY
- ✓ INCREASED TASK EFFICIENCY
- ✓ REDUCED SCHEDULE

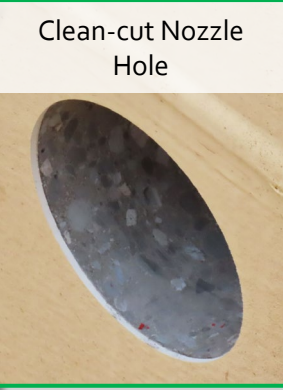
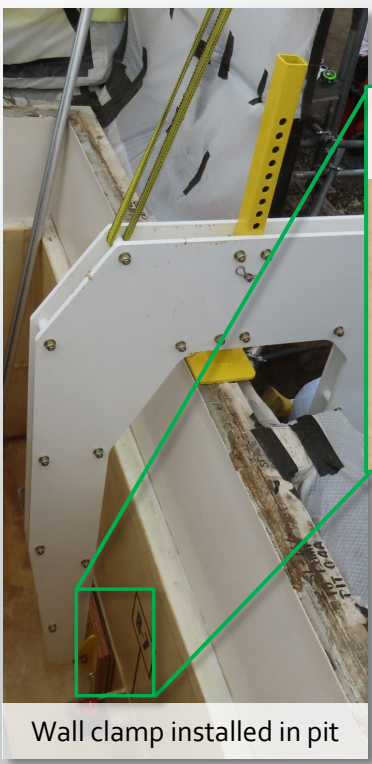
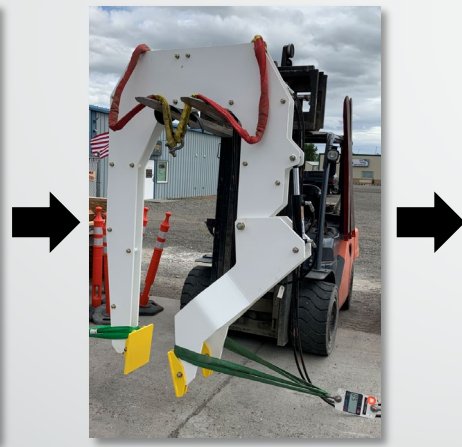
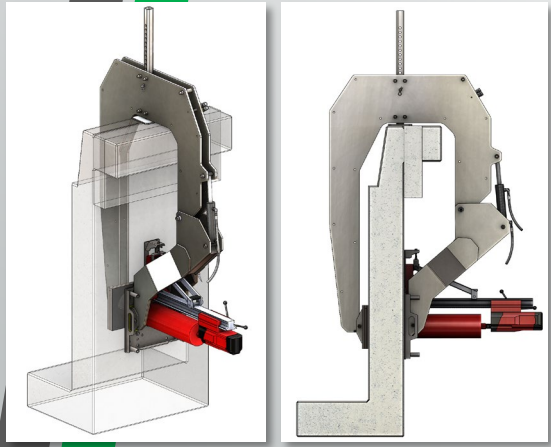
**PROBLEM:** Lessons learned from historical core drill spalling required a different approach to mitigate damage when the core drill bit breaches through the pit inside wall. In addition, the AW-B valve pit special protective coating is polyurea which resists cutting. The coating wants to delaminate from the pit wall before the drill bit can cut through. If this were to happen, installation of a new wall nozzle would be extremely challenging.

**SOLUTION:** Design, fabricate, and deploy the necessary tool to allow precision placement and sufficient compression against the inside pit wall to prevent any concrete spalling or separation of the special protective coating. This tool interfaces with the wall nozzle installation fixture plates and will be deployed to various structures to support wall nozzle installations in AW-Farm for the 242-A Replacement Transfer Line Project.

## Wall Clamp Design

## Wall Clamp Fab and Testing

## Wall Clamp Installation and Use For Successful Core Drill at AW-B Valve Pit



- INNOVATIVE FEATURES:**
- Low-profile, field-configurable design provides installation flexibility to support the multiple new wall nozzle installations.
  - Provides constant clamping pressure to pit wall during drilling to minimize spalling and coating delamination.
  - Simple operation yields fast installation time.
- IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Streamlined and precise installation.
  - Resulted in a flush core drill to support successful wall nozzle installation.

Installation of Wall Clamp

Wall clamp installed in pit

# Hydraulic Pipe Bender

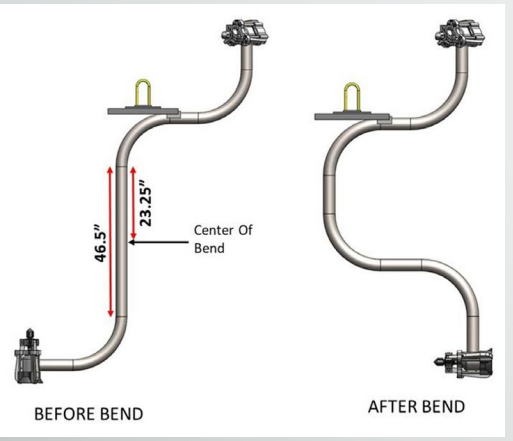
*Allows safe bending of jumpers for disposal while preventing size reduction via higher risk cutting methods*

- ✓ REDUCED WORKER DOSE
- | ✓ REDUCED SCHEDULE
- | ✓ INCREASED TASK EFFICIENCY
- | ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY

**PROBLEM:** Jumpers located in the 242-A Evaporator pump room contain long runs of piping to facilitate connections between Purex nozzles. These jumpers cannot fit in a standard size waste container to allow shipment to ERDF without size reducing the piping. Previous size reduction methods require implementing an engineering control, a glove bag, and breaching/cutting into the piping. This process poses worker contamination hazards and is time consuming.

**SOLUTION:** Procure, test, and deploy the equipment needed to allow the reconfiguration of the jumper piping to fit within a waste container. The solution will allow the project to move up the hierarchy of controls by eliminating the contamination hazard via controlled bending of the jumper piping into a specific configuration.

### Develop Execution Plan



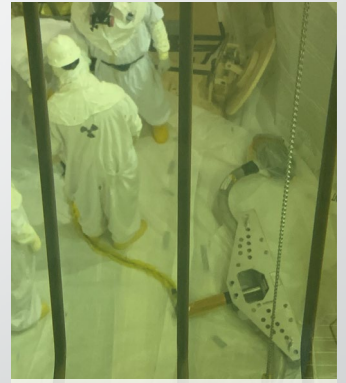
### Testing



### Successful Jumper Pipe Bending and Placement in a Waste Container



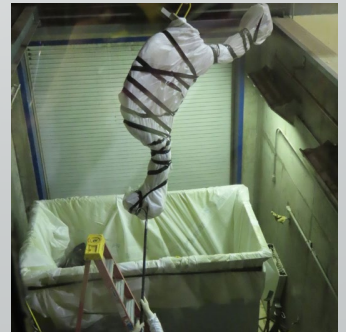
Jumper Removal and Stage for Bending



Jumper Being Bent



Jumper Bending Completed



Jumper Disposal

### INNOVATIVE FEATURES:

- Utilizes commercial off the shelf equipment for immediate deployment without any design development.
- System sized for providing reliable bend radius on 3-inch Sch. 40 stainless steel pipe with a single stroke/push.
- Compact and portable system allowing easy/rapid field deployment.

### IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Workers had the bender installed, bend completed, and jumper in the waste container in less than 1 hour.
- Dose rates of open jumper ends prior to containing them suggest internal areas of the jumper contamination levels were up to ~ 56,000,000 dpm/100 cm<sup>2</sup> beta-gamma.

Return on Investment = 3.5 | Hazard Mitigation = High | Estimated Dose Savings = 96 Person - mrem

# Integrated Pressure Washer System

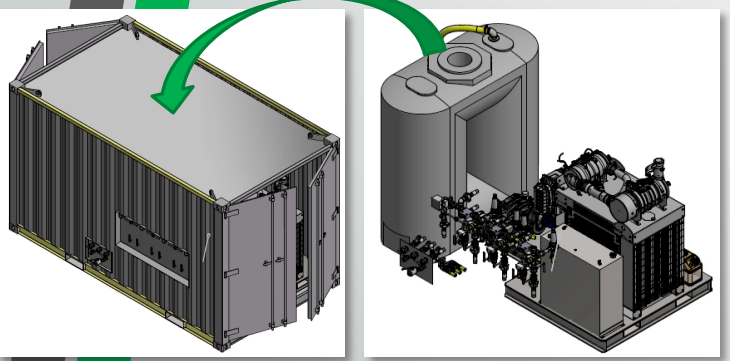
Complete, high-pressure water delivery system for decontamination of Long-Length Equipment

- ✓ REDUCED WORKER DOSE
- ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY
- ✓ INCREASED TASK EFFICIENCY
- ✓ COST REDUCTION

**PROBLEM:** In order to reduce the dose rate of long-length equipment removed from waste tanks, high-pressure water is used in conjunction with specialty decon equipment to rinse large amounts of contamination from the item during removal. An integrated system that requires minimal setup time and delivers more water at higher pressure is desired. In addition, the existing setups struggle to minimize water additions due to lack of controls to start/stop the system at the location of the field crew. This disadvantage equates to more water added to the tank consuming tank space.

**SOLUTION:** Develop and procure a high pressure water delivery system that integrates all the core components needed to facilitate rinsing of long-length equipment into a single, transportable package. The solution shall be able to deliver enhanced flexibility and capability to support current and future equipment removal. The unit will include the capability to utilize a pendant to allow field crew controls close to the equipment removal area. This capability will reduce total water used and minimize the chances of challenging water addition OSD limits.

## Design Development



## Testing



## Deployment



### INNOVATIVE FEATURES:

- Remote operation allows water to be started and stopped immediately, rather than relying on walkie-talkie communication, resulting in less wasted water introduced to waste tanks.
- The entire system is self contained
- Ability to connect multiple cleaning devices and remotely toggle between them
- Compact footprint reduces space needed for mobilization

### IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Over 200% higher water flow rate and 50% higher water delivery pressure than previous system
- Extremely effective cleaning for AP-101 pump removal while using less than 900 gallons.



AP-101 Pump Before/After



Return on Investment = TBD\* | Hazard Mitigation = Moderate | Estimated Dose Savings = TBD\*

\* EVALUATION IN PROGRESS

# Long-Length Internal Pipe Grinder

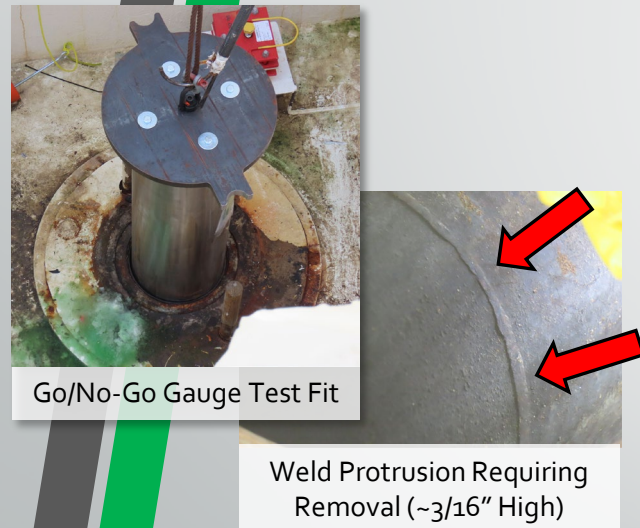
Rapidly-executed tool for removing internal pipe interferences for Evaporator Feed Pump installation

- ✓ RAPID DEPLOYMENT
- | ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY
- | ✓ REDUCED WORKER DOSE
- | ✓ SCHEDULE-SAVING

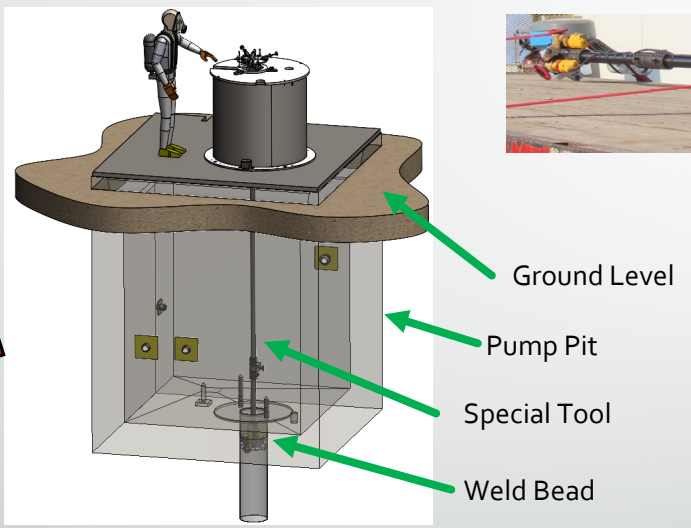
**PROBLEM:** During replacement of the AW-02E pump, a restriction in the pit riser was identified that would prevent the new pump from being installed. This was discovered using the go/no-go gauge the project fabricated to ensure there would be no fitment issues during the pump installation. The restriction was determined to be a weld bead left over from tank construction. Grinding in this area is high-hazard, high-dose work and would typically require a manned pit entry in the 10-ft deep pit.

**SOLUTION:** Design, fabricate, test, and deploy a long length remotely-operable tool and associated equipment capable of removing the weld interference located below a pit work platform, ~16" down inside the pit riser. The tool must prevent the need for a manned pit entry, be installed/removed by hand, and be delivered as fast as possible to minimize impacts to the project schedule.

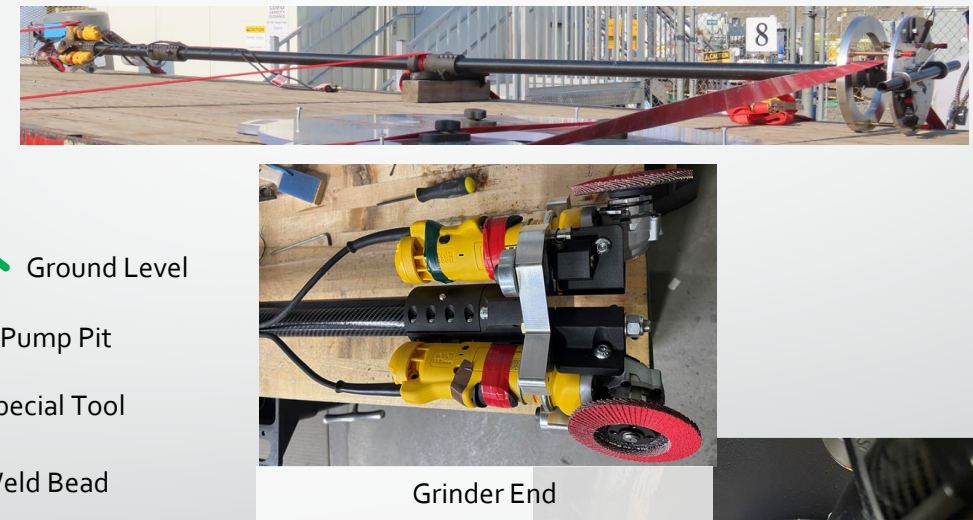
## Problem Identification



## Tool Design



## Fabrication and Testing



## Field Implementation



- INNOVATIVE FEATURES:**
- Heavy use of rapid manufacturing techniques like 3D Printing, rapid-turn CNC parts, 3D scanning and DfX (Design for 'X') methodology allowed for rapid development of the tool.
  - Allowed remote control and pressure application of grinders to the weld area.
- IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Design to Deployment in 3 weeks
  - The tool successfully removed the interferences and mitigated schedule upset

Return on Investment = 1.7 | Hazard Mitigation = High | Estimated Dose Savings = 4,800 mrem

# Mini Conveyor System for Excavation

*Increase worker safety during excavation with a simultaneous significant increase in productivity*

- ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY | ✓ INCREASED TASK EFFICIENCY | ✓ REDUCED SCHEDULE | ✓ COST REDUCTION

**PROBLEM:** Manual excavation techniques require significant labor resources to move dirt from the bottom of trenches to containers for disposal. This often involves a sequence of dirt moves through shovels, 5-gal buckets, tracked mud buggies, front loaders, etc. At any given time when these components become full, the value-added excavation stops, creating large inefficiencies. In addition to the inefficiencies, there are fatigue and ergonomic considerations when removing dirt in this manner.

**SOLUTION:** Implement an easily deployable conveyor belt system which allows excavated dirt to move from shovel to front loader directly (remove as many intermediate steps as possible). This system will work in trenches from grade elevation to 7+ feet deep. The system will be light weight (moved by hand), easily configured, 120V powered, and capable of moving a wide range of dirt/rock through multiple stages/directions. Similar system were first identified during the 2020 ConExpo.

## Market Research

The Portable, Powerful CONVEYOR SYSTEM



## Field Implementation



Video available upon request

### INNOVATIVE FEATURES:

- Commercially available item that is easily purchased and user intuitive.

### IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Laborers and supervisors were extremely pleased with the ease of setup/use and significant reduction in overall physical effort required to perform excavations.
- Within the first day of implementation, excavation productivity increased 50-100%.

### FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION:

- Due to a high level of adoption and shift in crew preference, more Mini Conveyors are being ordered to further assist with deeper excavations planned for early FY22.
- Use being considered to support Retrieval & Closure project excavations.

# Modular Extended-Reach Hacksaw

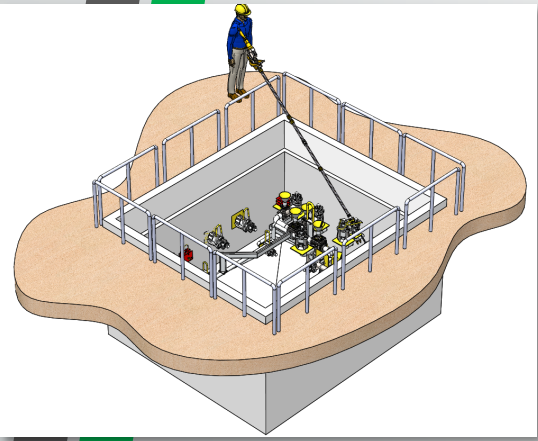
*Adaptable solution for remote material cutting without pit entry*

- ✓ REDUCED WORKER DOSE
- ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY
- ✓ INCREASED TASK EFFICIENCY
- ✓ COST REDUCTION

**PROBLEM:** Existing legacy waste transfer pit nozzle required removal to allow sufficient clearance for future jumper installations. Manned entries are high risk, costly, and lengthy activities. Remote tooling to perform the same task is preferred.

**SOLUTION:** Design, fabricate, test, and deliver a cutting tool to allow the removal of the legacy wall nozzle. The tool will have a range of capabilities to allow it to perform similar activities in various configurations if those instances arise.

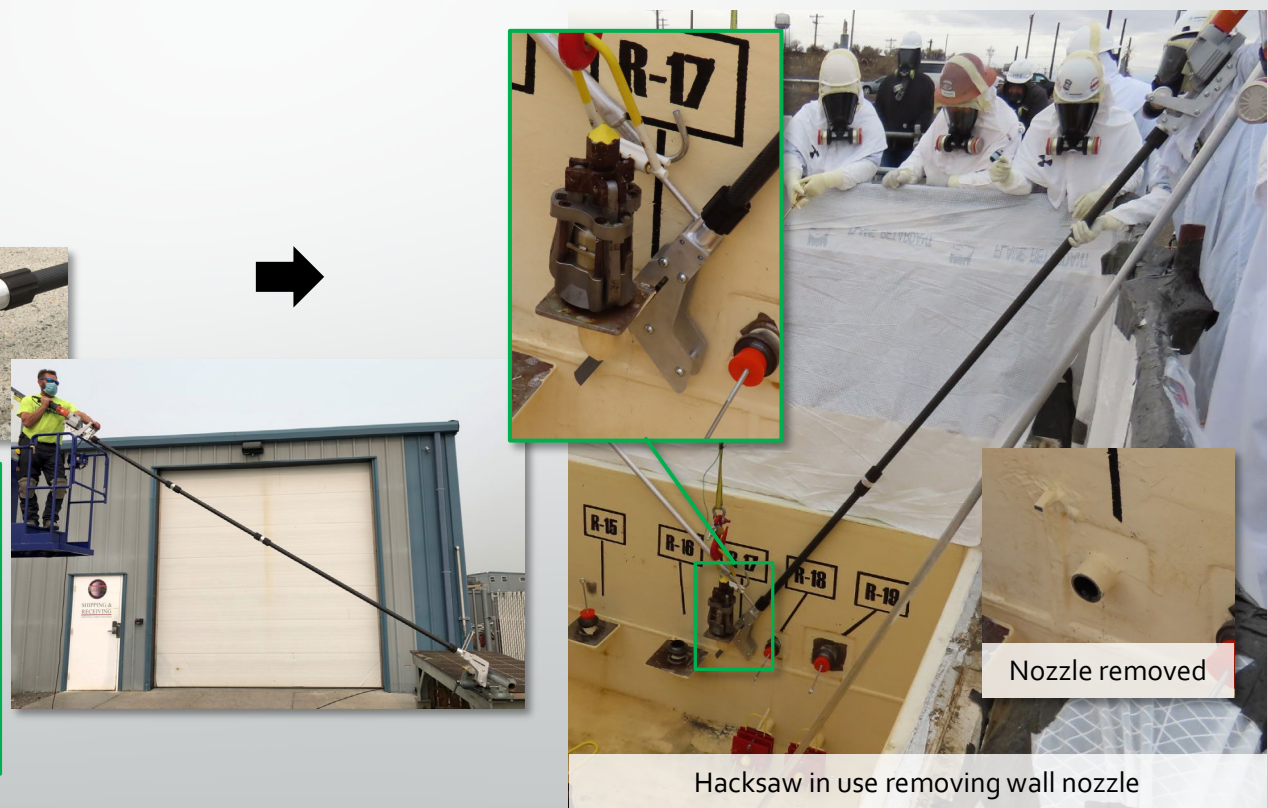
## Saw Design



## Fabrication and Testing



## Field Implementation



- INNOVATIVE FEATURES:**
- Use of 3D-Printed components on the final parts reduced manufacturing costs and lead times.
  - Modular shaft design allows tool to be used for other jobs, with reach lengths ranging from 3-ft to 12-ft long.
  - Blade guide system allows for easy cutting mitigating kickback or binding of the blade.
- IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Total cutting time ~10 minutes with no blade failure/changes required. Excellent feedback from the field crew.

Return on Investment = 1.6 | Hazard Mitigation = Moderate | Estimated Dose Savings = 75 Person - mrem

# Nozzle Mounting Plate Assembly

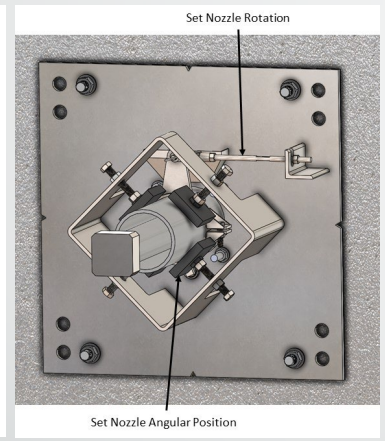
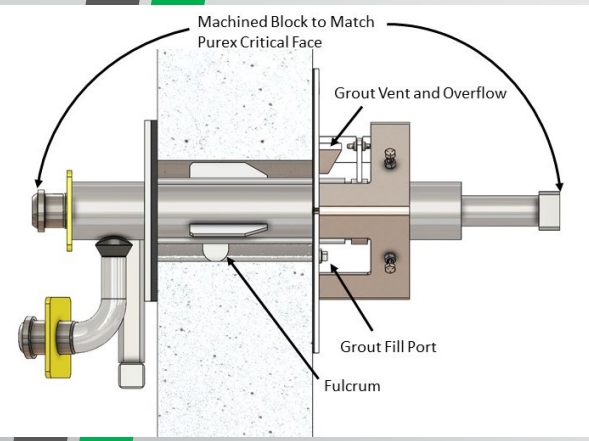
*Allows precise placement of the new wall nozzle assembly on the first attempt*

- ✓ INCREASED SYSTEM RELIABILITY
- | ✓ REDUCED SCHEDULE
- | ✓ INCREASED TASK EFFICIENCY
- | ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY

**PROBLEM:** Wall nozzle assemblies contain Purex nozzles that future jumpers will connect to for waste transfers. Poorly installed nozzles could increase the chance of fail leak checks and rework of jumpers prior to turn over to operations. Pit wall surface placement (e.g. interior pit face is not perfectly straight) and other original construction features will prevent precise nozzle placement without several iterations of interim placement and surveying which extends the project schedule.

**SOLUTION:** Design, fabricate, test, and deploy the necessary fixture to allow the precise placement of the wall nozzle. The mounting plate will complement design features on the nozzle assembly to be able to be positioned in place with only access on the outside wall of the pit. The ability to measure the angular position of the Purex nozzle will also be performed with only access on the outside wall of the pit.

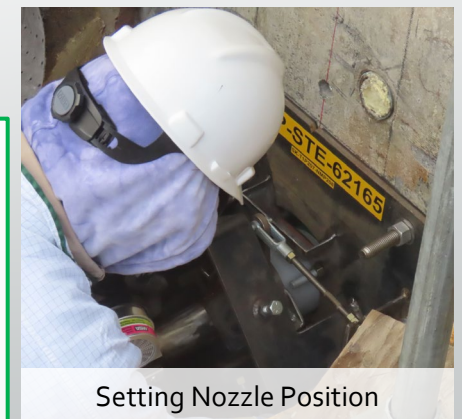
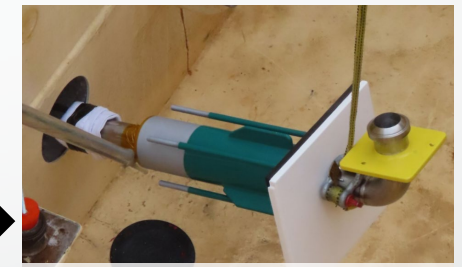
## Example Wall Nozzle Installation Setup



## Testing and Mock-Up



## Successful Nozzle Installation and Placement at AW-B Valve Pit



### INNOVATIVE FEATURES:

- A machined block was added to the end of the primary pipe to match the Purex nozzle critical face. Allows crew to manipulate the nozzle to the desired position and use the machined block for checking alignment.
- A fulcrum feature was added to the wall nozzle to allow jacking feet on the mounting plate to set the angular position of the nozzle.
- A clamp that goes around the encasement allows for the rotation of the wall nozzle to achieve the correct position.

### IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Workers had the nozzle installed and positioned in approximately 30 minutes.
- Post installation laser scan results showed the nozzle was positioned within 1/10 of a degree of perfectly level on the first attempt, well within tolerance.

Return on Investment = 1.6 | Hazard Mitigation = Low | Estimated Dose Savings = 112 Person - mrem



# Pipe Cap Sizing and Installation Tools

Simple, reliable tools for measuring and installing pipe caps without pit entry

- ✓ REDUCED WORKER DOSE
- | ✓ INCREASED SYSTEM RELIABILITY
- | ✓ INCREASED TASK EFFICIENCY
- | ✓ REDUCED SCHEDULE

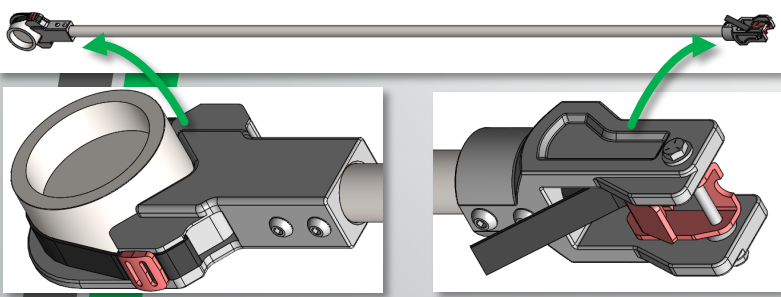
**PROBLEM:** After the wall nozzle in the AW-B valve pit was cut off by the extended reach hacksaw, a pipe cap needed to be installed. Due to the build-up of polyurea coating on the piping and its proximity from the workers determining the size and installing the pipe cap remotely would prove to be tedious and time consuming without an engineered solution.

**SOLUTION:** Design, fabricate and deploy the necessary components to allow crews to assemble a remote pipe cap sizing tool and cap installation tool. The sizing tool will allow crews to determine the appropriate size cap to deploy. The installation tool will allow crews to secure and install the cap without risk of dropping it into the pit potentially damaging the coating and delaying work.

## Cap Sizing Tool Design



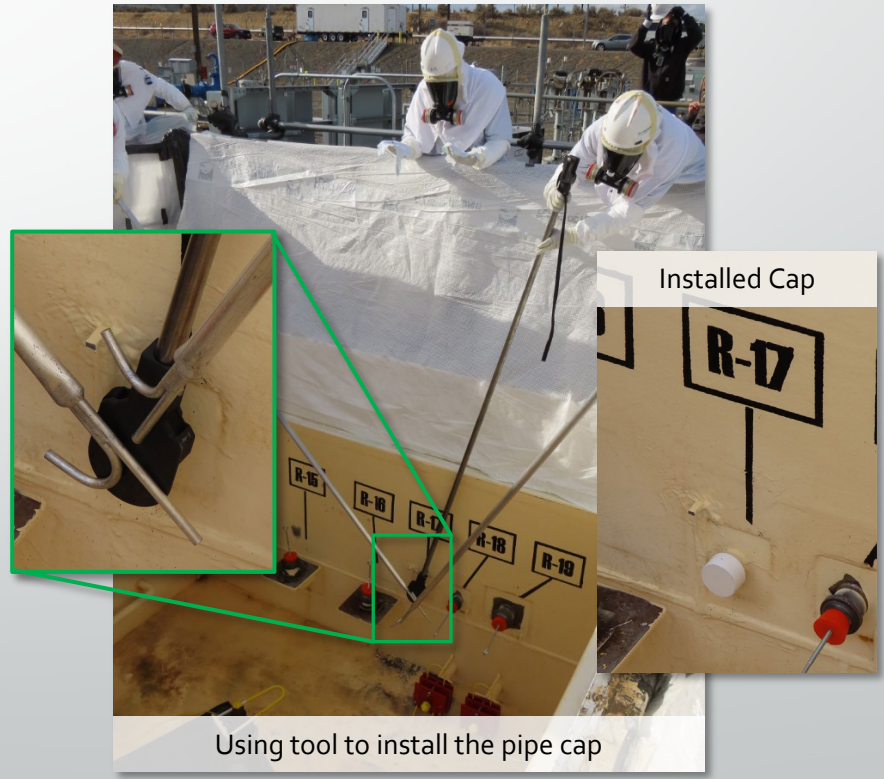
## Cap Installation Tool Design



## 3D-Printed Parts Fabrication



## Successful Installation of Pipe Cap



### INNOVATIVE FEATURES:

- Use of 3D-Printed components on the final parts reduced manufacturing costs and lead times, making the tools quickly available for field implementation.
- Allows for a range of pipe cap sizes to be measured and installed via the same tools providing flexibility to field crews.
- Provides a secure means of deploying the cap (i.e. tension on strap held by a cam buckle) allowing workers to focus on the installation and not on maintaining a grip on the cap.

### IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Total time from point of sizing to cap installed was approximately two minutes with no issues.

Return on Investment = 1.6 | Hazard Mitigation = Moderate | Estimated Dose Savings = 45 Person - mrem

# Pump Room Core Drilling and Wall Nozzle Installation

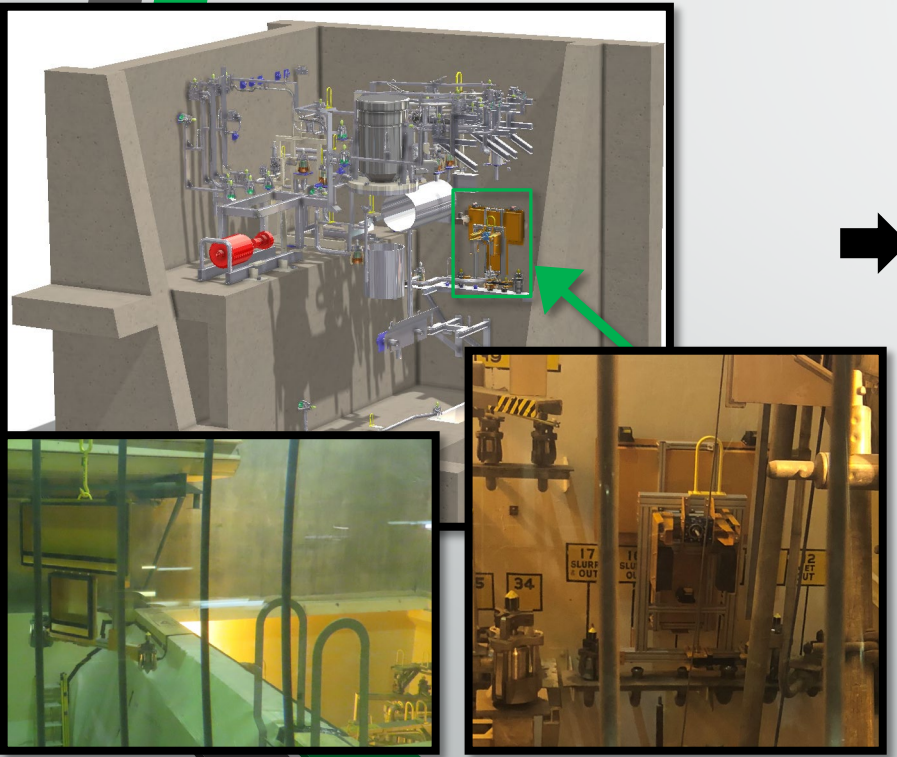
*Tool suite which prevents workers from needing to enter highly contaminated 242-A Evaporator Pump Room*

- ✓ REDUCED WORKER DOSE
- | ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY
- | ✓ INCREASED TASK EFFICIENCY
- | ✓ COST REDUCTION

**PROBLEM:** The replacement transfer lines for the 242-A Evaporator require core drilling through the 22-in thick evaporator pump room wall in multiple locations to install new wall nozzles. Core drilling has the propensity to eject debris from the side opposite the drill which needs to be prevented from falling into the Pump Room. Following the core drilling, three nozzles require installation without the need for personnel to enter the pump room. The nozzle locations are approx. 10-12 ft. above the floor and installing equipment via a manned entry is both hazardous and time consuming.

**SOLUTION:** Design, fabricate, test, and deploy a system that can prevent debris from entering the 242-A Evaporator Pump Room. After completion of coring, the new wall nozzles shall be installed remotely and positioned to the necessary alignment. All systems must negate the need for worker access into the Pump Room and all installations/removals can only use the pump room bridge crane and impact wrench.

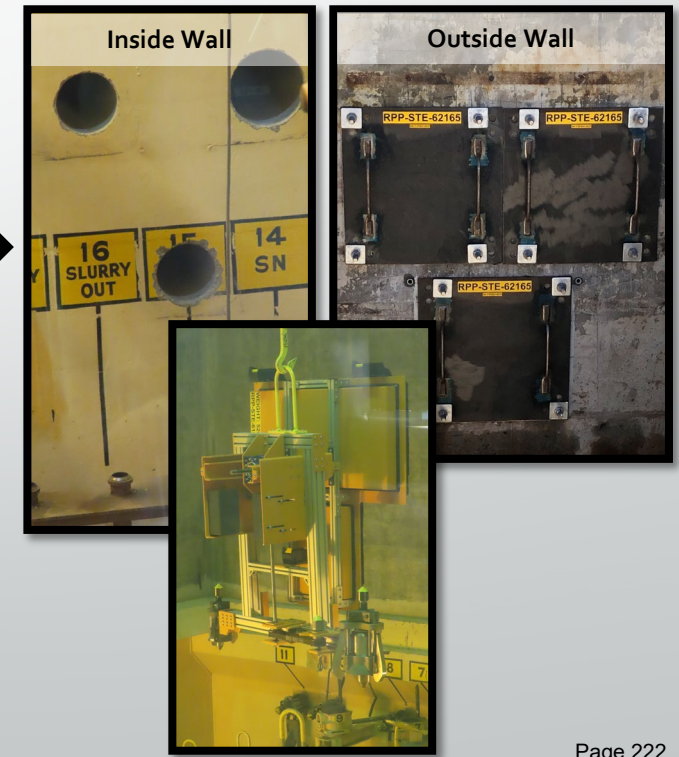
## Core Catcher Installation



## Core Drilling



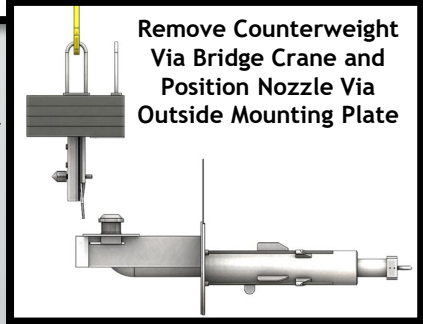
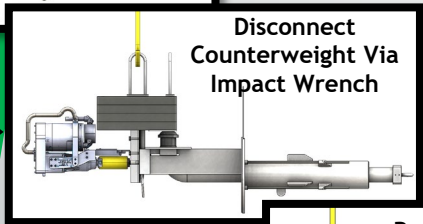
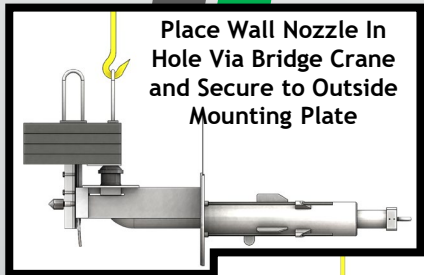
## Core Catcher Removal



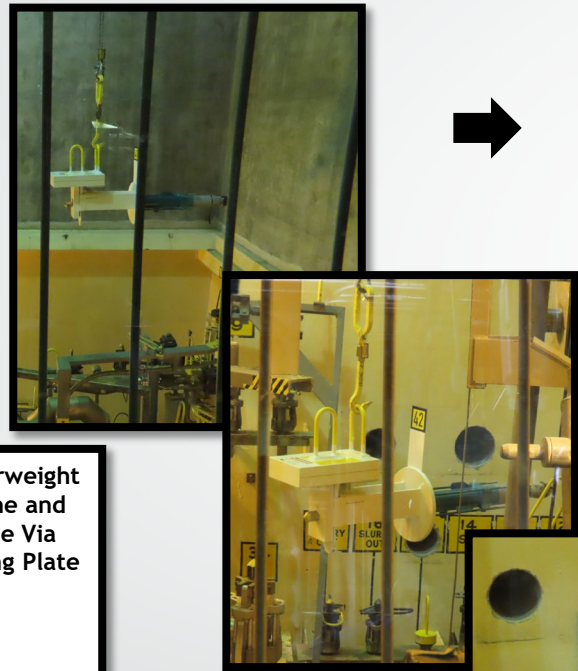
# Pump Room Core Drilling and Wall Nozzle Installation Cont.

Tool suite which prevents workers from needing to enter highly contaminated 242-A Evaporator Pump Room

## Wall Nozzle Installation Concept



## Wall Nozzle Placement



## Secure Nozzle / Remove Counterweight



## Position Wall Nozzles for Grouting



### INNOVATIVE FEATURES:

- Items can be installed using only the 242-A Evaporator bridge crane and impact wrench.
- Core Catcher is extended by impact wrench and provides confinement during core drilling.
- Nozzles feature a detachable counterweight to facilitate installation using the bridge crane.

### IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:

- All the core drilling debris/slurry was captured by the Core Catcher leaving behind clean holes.
- All items were installed and functioned as intended the first time with no rework required.

### Tools/Components Used:

- Core Catcher – RPP-STE-61951
- Core Drill Guide Assembly – RPP-STE-62165
- Nozzle Mounting Plate Assembly – RPP-STE-62165
- Wall Nozzle Assembly – H-14-111832

Return on Investment = 3.5 | Hazard Mitigation = High | Estimated Dose Savings = 7.8 Person - Rem

# RD8200 Cable Locator Implementation

*Reliable approach to identification of energized electrical obstructions*

- ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY | ✓ INCREASED TASK EFFICIENCY | ✓ COST REDUCTION

**PROBLEM:** AW Farm was built with direct buried electrical cables for power and instrumentation. Approximately 2-ft below grade, the spider web of cable make excavation difficult. The 242-A transfer line replacement project plans to excavate through the farm and needed a tool to accurately trace cables and properly identify the source to allow them to be deenergized. Current methods of tracing electrical cables were poor, utilized off-site vendors, and often resulted in schedule impacting troubleshooting efforts.

**SOLUTION:** Perform market research to identify tooling that could be used by field electricians and better isolate individual cables in congested areas. The Radio Detection RD8200 was identified as the best commercially available cable locator that has specific locating frequencies designed for use in congested areas. Purchase the device and train construction field electricians on its operation.

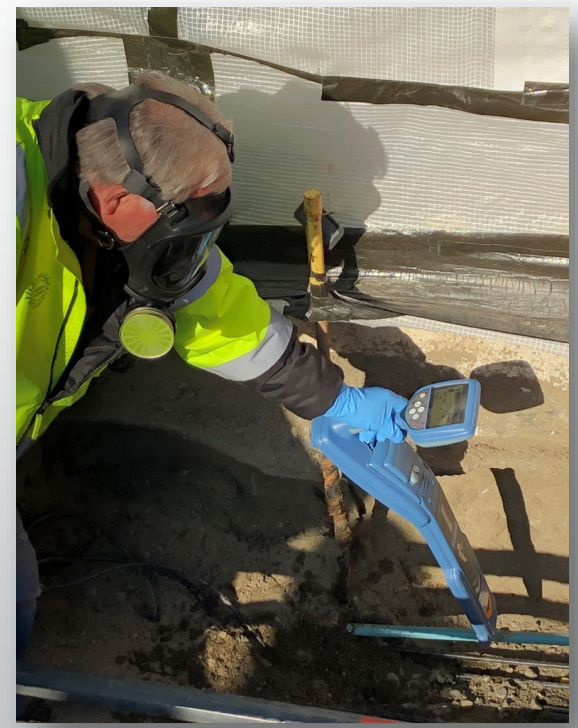
### Market Research



### Vendor Training



### Field Implementation



### INNOVATIVE FEATURES:

- Commercially available item that is easily purchased and user intuitive.

### IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Purchase of the RD8200 came with vendor training. Vendor was helpful and training was valuable.
- First time use resulted in the accurate identification and isolation of six energized cables in a trench with 40 cables in less than one shift.

Return on Investment = 2.3 | Hazard Mitigation = Moderate | Estimated Dose Savings = N/A

# Solid Sampler Retrieval System & Enhancements

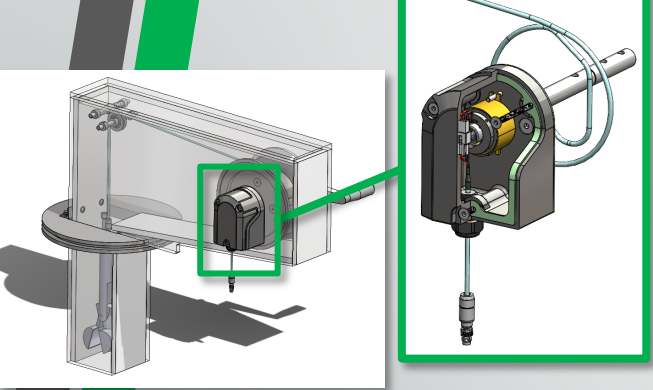
*New solid sample retrieval system speeds up work evolution and reduces worker strain and dose*

- ✓ NEW CAPABILITIES | ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY | ✓ REDUCED WORKER DOSE | ✓ COST SAVINGS

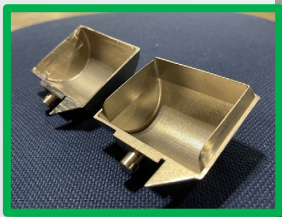
**PROBLEM:** The currently used RT-1000 (aka Clam Shell) solids sampling system has difficulty retaining collected sample material, often resulting in the need to make many grab attempts to obtain the desired sample volume. Additionally, the system is deployed by direct operator contact with the device in a non-ergonomic fashion. This creates both unnecessary dose uptake and worker strain/fatigue.

**SOLUTION:** Develop and deploy an enhanced sampling system that addresses current system inadequacies. The new system can be deployed from outside the containment area (glove-bag) from a self-supporting winch system. New scoops and control hardware were designed that offer higher solids retention and allow the system to operate faster. The new system modifies the existing stock of sampling devices in order to keep costs minimal.

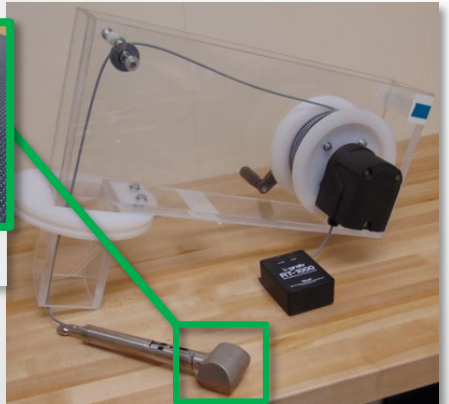
### Tool Design



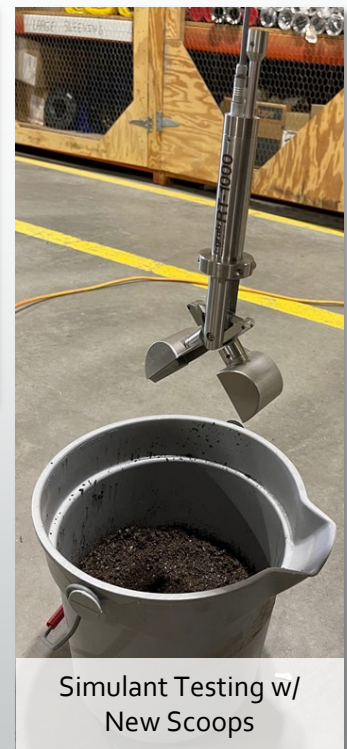
### Fabrication and Testing



Enhanced Scoops



### Field Implementation



Simulant Testing w/  
New Scoops



Deploying the Solid Sampling Device

### INNOVATIVE FEATURES:

- Revised control hardware improves system speed by 33% and sample retention by up to 42%
- System can be deployed/retrieved via a self-supporting winch system, reducing operator strain and dose

### IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Operators were able to raise/lower the sampler 13 times on a single deployment to collect troublesome material. This number of attempts was impossible with previous hardware and would have taken multiple days.
- Achieved outstanding dose reduction when combined with other long-reach tools and dose attenuation tools

# Solid Sampling Support Equipment

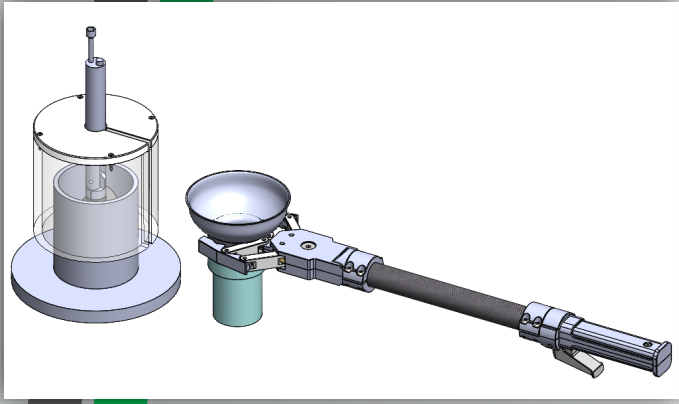
*Low-cost, reliable remote handling and shielding equipment makes sampling extreme-dose waste possible*

- ✓ NEW CAPABILITIES | ✓ INCREASED WORKER SAFETY | ✓ REDUCED WORKER DOSE | ✓ COST SAVINGS

**PROBLEM:** Solid sample collection requires numerous off the shelf components and tools that are not optimized to perform high-hazard work. This has resulted in sample spills and unnecessary dose uptake. No off-the-shelf tools have been identified that can adequately rectify these problems.

**SOLUTION:** Simplify solids sample collection and transfer between the retrieval device and sample bottle. Shield workers from the extreme dose expected during AX-104 sampling activities and streamline remote handling of sampling. Develop and deploy a stabilized funnel, beta-shield, and reliable long reach tool.

## Tool Designs



Remote Handling Tool

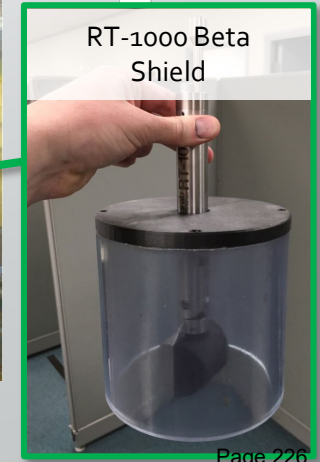
## Field Implementation



Tool Deployment in Glove Bag at AX-104



Stabilized Funnel



RT-1000 Beta Shield

- INNOVATIVE FEATURES:**
- The Remote Handling Tool and support equipment are specifically designed to reliably engage with each other, greatly reducing the probability of dropped or spilled samples.
  - The long-reach tool is modular and can be easily modified to suit other applications
  - The equipment is very low cost, making it a sustainable solution for all sampling jobs
- IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:**
- The beta shield and remote handling tool made sampling AX-104 possible via conventional means. Without the tools, the dose would have been too high for workers to sample and a significantly different approach or equipment would have been required.
  - The Remote Handling Tool has now been adopted for use on other jobs as well