

CHAIRS ROUND ROBIN

Spring 2024



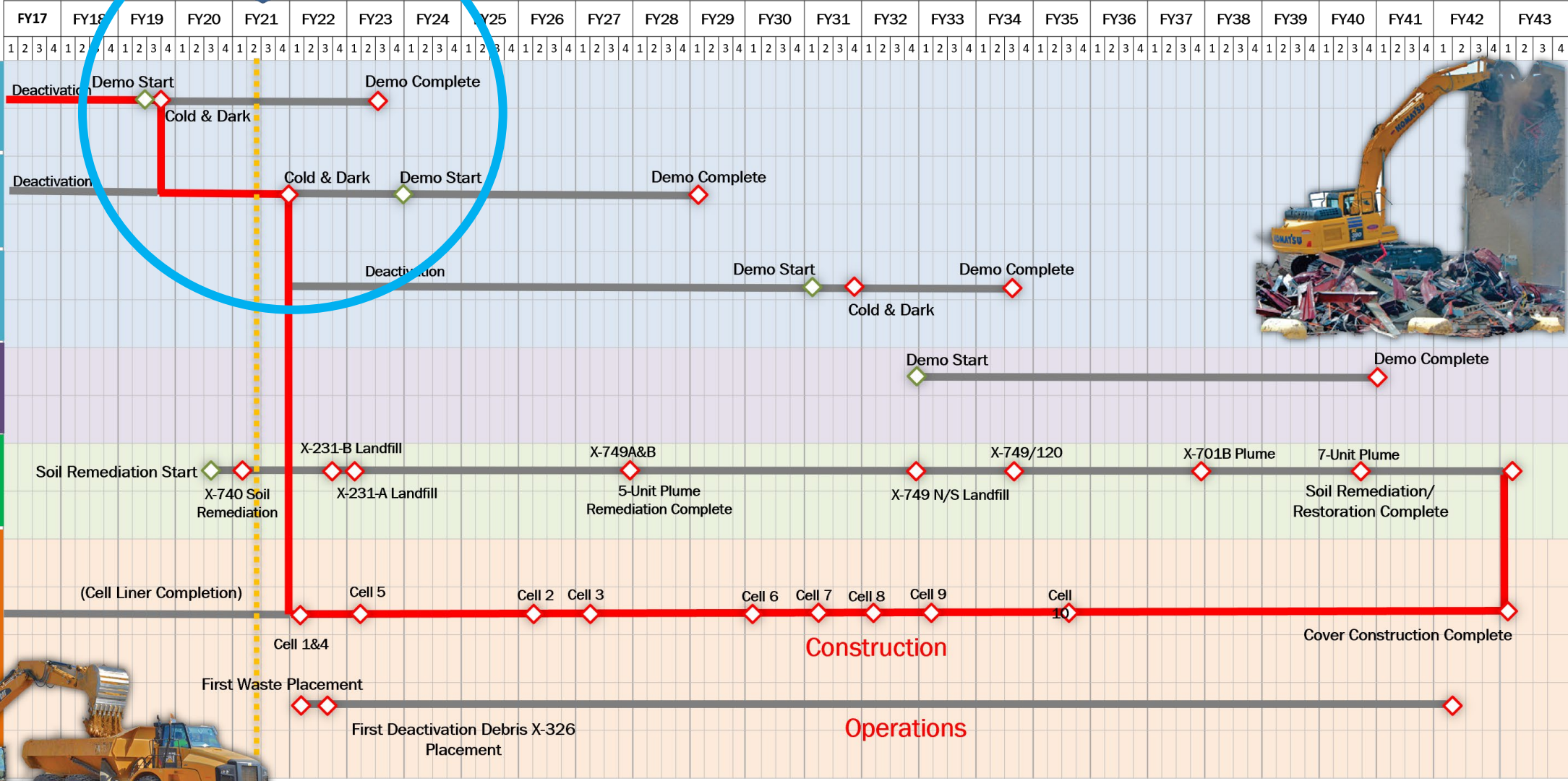
PADUCAH CAB

1. The CAB commends Paducah DOE on its recent outreach efforts (Internship Program and video, Paducah Virtual Museum, and Legacy: Honoring Black History at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant video) and looks forward to working with DOE on future outreach programs.
2. The CAB is anticipating the results of the Paducah Chamber of Commerce grant studying future use and reindustrialization of the Paducah Site.
3. The CAB is appreciative of DOE Paducah's recent successes in modernizing plant infrastructures. The CAB asks for DOE HQ's help in acquiring modern office facilities that will support the long-term mission of the site and help attract and retain talent.



- The PORTS EM SSAB continues to celebrate the successful X-326 process building demolition
- Improved community relations with DOE have benefitted from a shared path forward, better labor relations, and a unified economic development vision shared between the local region surrounding the plant
- The board also wants to emphasize the need for DOE's continued commitment to recycling materials as a means for cleanup and economic development. Similarly, property transfer, real and personal, are key economic drivers as we move toward reindustrialization.

Out-years





OAK RIDGE SSAB

Activities/Accomplishments

- Issued comprehensive recommendation regarding groundwater remedy selections for the Main Plant Area and K-31/K-33 Area at East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP)
- Participated in a public information meeting in Oak Ridge's Scarborough Community about the new Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF) and continue to monitor with recent update and tour.
- Welcomed new members

Board Interests

- Excess contaminated facilities risk reduction activities at Y-12 and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)
- Ensuring sufficient waste disposal capacity to continue cleanup at Y-12 and ORNL
- Aquatic Ecology Research and Technology Development in East Fork Poplar Creek

HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB)

Activities /Accomplishments

- Issued 1 piece of Advice – advice on TRU waste management is working its way through committee
- Received approval of membership packages in July 2023 which enabled an orderly transition of Board members on October 1, 2023
- Realigned the HAB subcommittee roles and responsibilities to better reflect the current and future nature of Hanford cleanup activities, the new committees started meeting in October 2023
- Celebrated the HAB's 30th Anniversary in February 2024 with a happy hour event that brought together current members, former members, and friends of the HAB

Challenges/Concerns

- Holistic negotiations between DOE, EPA, and the Washington State Department of Ecology *continue* to limit topics that the Board can discuss
- Continues to be concerned about the future ability to transfer TRU waste to WIPP, the HAB is writing advice on this topic
- Concerned about changes implemented by DOE in regard to alternate members of the HAB, which is a shift from how the HAB has operated for the past 30 years
- Continues to be concerned about implementation of term limits, and lengthy membership package approval timeframe
- Challenged by lack of active participation of members in committees and work groups, and in leadership positions



NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB) ROUND ROBIN

- **Board Accomplishments:**
 - Association with revegetation effort at the Nevada National Security Sites (NNSS) and its success
 - In addition to attendance at Full Board meetings, exceptional Board interest and participation in volunteer activities (national conferences, workshops, educational sessions, facility evaluations of waste generators, Low-Level Waste Stakeholders Forum, Groundwater Open House, etc.)
 - Active participation of liaisons engages the Board
- **Board Concerns:**
 - Continued community participation and input after the NSSAB is no longer active
 - Impact of climate change on previously closed locations on the NNSS (risk to public and the environment)
 - Scheduling and cancellation of fall EM SSAB National Chairs' meeting



NSSAB provided a view of well drill site – October 2023



NORTHERN NEW MEXICO CAB

Activities / Accomplishments

- Maintained quorum and held all full Board, Executive, and standing subcommittee meetings in virtual or hybrid format, increasing the number of public participants for each meeting
- Board approved a Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Priorities Recommendation
- Two Members Were Term Limited; Five New Members Were Recently Appointed
- New Acting Site Manager – Sarah “Ellie” Gilbertson
- New Chair, Patricio Pacheco and Vice Chair, Manny L’Esperance
- Transitioning to New DDFO and Staff





SAVANNAH RIVER SITE CAB

SRS CAB Hot Topic:

- Landlord transition: EM → NNSA
 - Great information sharing from on site and from DOE-HQ!

CAB Accomplishments:

- Recommendation to work with the national lab to utilize computer modeling to streamline the deactivation and decommissioning process
- New Chair and Vice Chair
- Chair on SRS Panel at Waste Management to provide public perspective



IDAHO CLEANUP PROJECT CAB

ICP CAB Hot Topics:

- Protection of the Snake River Plain Aquifer
- Overseeing the safe operations of the steam-reforming technology at the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU) to continue processing 900,000 gallons of liquid sodium-bearing high-level waste.
- Member recruitment issues continue to affect the ICP CAB operation.

CAB Accomplishments:

- Held new member orientation in October for the first time since postponements due to Covid-19
- 96% first term member retention rate over the last 10 years
- 100% attendance of all CAB members at October 2023 meetings

ICP CAB Goals:

- Urge timely decision-making and funding to support activities related to SNF repackaging and calcine retrieval and packaging to meet 2035 ISA milestones
- Encourage the development of a complex-wide plan and process to move forward and establish certainty on identifying, funding, and opening a long-term high-level waste repository
- Continue to meet goals for TRU certification and shipments to WIPP

SITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Completed spent nuclear fuel wet-to-dry project more than nine months ahead of a 1995 Idaho Settlement Agreement milestone
- ✓ Submarine 1st Generation Westinghouse (S1W) prototype demolition is proceeding well.
- ✓ Idaho has achieved Critical Decision (CD) – 0 for the SNF Staging Facility and is proceeding towards CD-1.
- ✓ Began breaking ground on the expansion of the Idaho Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Disposal Facility (ICDF) the week of September 5, 2023.