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Strategic Initiative 1 - Accelerated Tank Farm Closure

Key Milestone

• Complete cleaning and grouting of first pillar and panel vaulted tank by September 2003 - Additional tanks are being washed in lieu of grouting. Tank cleaning completed on the first five pillar and panel tanks (WM-182, WM-183, WM-184, WM-185, WM-186). Washing of four 30,000 gal. tanks and one 300,000 gal. tank began in March 2004.

Government Furnished Services and Items

- Waste Incidental to Reprocessing Determination issued for liquid sodium-bearing waste and tank solids by October 2002 (DOE-ID Manager) - On July 2, Judge B. Lynn Windmill ruled that the WIR evaluation process in DOE Order 435.1 was invalid. DOE has appealed the ruling.
- Idaho High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision is issued by February 2003 - *Record of Decision still at DOE-HQ.*

Strategic Initiative 2 - Accelerate High-Level Waste Calcine Removal from Idaho

Key Milestone

• Complete characterization analysis of bin set 2 calcine samples by September 2003 - Sampling of calcine is complete. Summary Analysis Report will be completed by end of March 2004. The calcine being sampled is an aluminum, zirconium, and sodium blend from a campaign that was done in the 1970s.

Strategic Initiative 3 - Accelerated Consolidation of Spent Nuclear Fuel to the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center

Key Milestones

• Complete transfer of all spent nuclear fuel from the Power Burst Facility pool to INTEC and store in the Irradiated Fuel Storage Facility by December 2003 - *All SNF has been transfered from the PBF pool to dry storage at INTEC.*

Government Furnished Services and Items

• Decision issued on transfer of sodium-bonded fuels (Experimental Breeder Reactor-II) by September 2003 (EM-1) - The NE-ID SNF team will work directly with NE/ ANL-W to define scope and responsibility.

• Disposition path identified for Fermi blanket sodiumbonded fuel by TBD (EM-1) - *This is being worked by the SNF corporate project team to evaluate options and provide recommendations. Testing may be performed to determine if treatment is required prior to disposal.*

Strategic Initiative 4 - Accelerate Off-Site Shipments of Transuranic Waste Stored in the Transuranic Waste Storage Area

Key Milestones

Contact-Handled Transuranic Waste

- Complete Waste Isolation Pilot Plant certification of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project retrieval operations by March 2003 *Received EPA approval of the audit report and WIPP certification on March 9, 2004.*
- Initiate Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project treatment operations by October 2003 Operation startup planned for September 2004.
- Complete technical strategy document and Critical Decision 0 for mission need by September 2003 -Technical strategy document for RH-TRU will be deferred to FY-2004 and incorporated in the feasibility document.

Government Furnished Services and Items

• Establish Waste Isolation Pilot Plant waste acceptance criteria for remote-handled transuranic waste using acceptable knowledge as the basis for waste characterization by May 2003 (EM-1) - *RH-TRU waste acceptance criteria is projected to be issued in late 2005 by the DOE Carlsbad Field Office.*

Strategic Initiative 5 - Accelerate Remediation of Miscellaneous Contaminated Areas

Key Milestones

- Complete remediation of Central Facilites Area (WAG 4) by September 2004 *Active remediation of WAG 4 is complete.*
- Complete remediation of Auxiliary Reactor Area and Power Burst Facility areas (Waste Area Group 5) by



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September 2004 - *Soil remediation activities are underway and will be completed by September 2004.*

Government Furnished Services and Items

- Critical Decision 4 approval to start operation of the INEEL CERCLA Disposal Facility by March 2003 (DOE-ID Manager) DOE Order 435.1 disposal approval was granted on July 1, 2003. CD-4a was completed on September 9, 2003.
- Issued Record of Decision amendment for Test Area North V-tanks - *The V-tanks ROD Amendment has been signed by IDEQ, EPA, and DOE and is now complete.*

Strategic Initiative 6 - Eliminate On-Site Treatment and Disposal of Low-Level and Mixed Low-Level Waste

Key Milestones

- Remove all mixed low-level waste form the Waste Reduction Operations Complex by the end of 2003 - *All legacy mixed low-level waste containers have been removed from WROC.*
- Complete treatment of 807 cubic meters of containerized legacy mixed waste by September 2003 *Disposed of 903 cubic meters of containerized legacy mixed waste.*

Government Furnished Services and Items

• Off-site disposal is available for mixed low-level waste by the start of FY 2004 (EM-1) - Off-site disposal capacity is unlikely to occur, but no significant impact is expected. BBWI is currently evaluting alternative strategies.

Strategic Initiative 7 - Transfer all EM-Managed Special Nuclear Material Off-Site

Key Milestones

- Complete disposition plan including shipping schedule to other sites by September 2003 *Disposition path has been identified for 70 percent of the material.*
- Complete repackaging and shipment of denitrator product special nuclear material to another site(s) by December 2004 *Repackaging of the denitrator product began on January 28, 2004 and off-site shipments began in February, 2004.*

Government Furnished Services and Items

- Decision issued on disposition of all EM-managed unirradiated spent nuclear material located at the INEEL by September 2003 - *Disposition path has been identified for 70 percent of the material.*
- Decision issued on transfer of storage building ownership, with contents, to another program by September 2003 (EM-1) - *No mission need identified for the subject facility. The facility will be emptied by September 30, 2009 and turned over to D&D for final dispositioning.*

Strategic Initiative 8 - Remediate Buried Waste in the Radioactive Waste Management Complex

Key Milestone

• Complete glovebox excavator method excavation by October 1, 2004 - *Completed waste zone excavation on February 22, 2004.*

Government Furnished Services and Items

• Critical Decision 4 approval to proceed to the operations phase of the glovebox excavator method project on or before March 2004 (DOE-ID Manager) - *Completed.*

Strategic Initiative 9 - Accelerate Consolidation of INEEL Facilities and Reduce Footprint

Key Milestones

- Complete consolidation and reconfiguration of Test Area North by September 2004 - *On schedule. All physical work is completed in the isolation of 601 from 602. Isolation of LOFT from SMC is in progress and on schedule.*
- Complete consolidation and reconfiguration of Waste Reduction Operations Complex/Power Burst Facility area by the end of September 2004 - *Completed negotiations for turnover of PBF area facilites to Nuclear Energy for use in the Critical Infrastructure Test Range. Permit approval for RCRA closure of several waste storage facilities underway.*

