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## EBS PANEL BRIEFING OVERVIEW MAJOR TOPICS

 WASTE PACKAGE STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

**TUESDAY AM** 

• WASTE ACCEPTANCE PROCESS

**TUESDAY AM/PM** 

WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

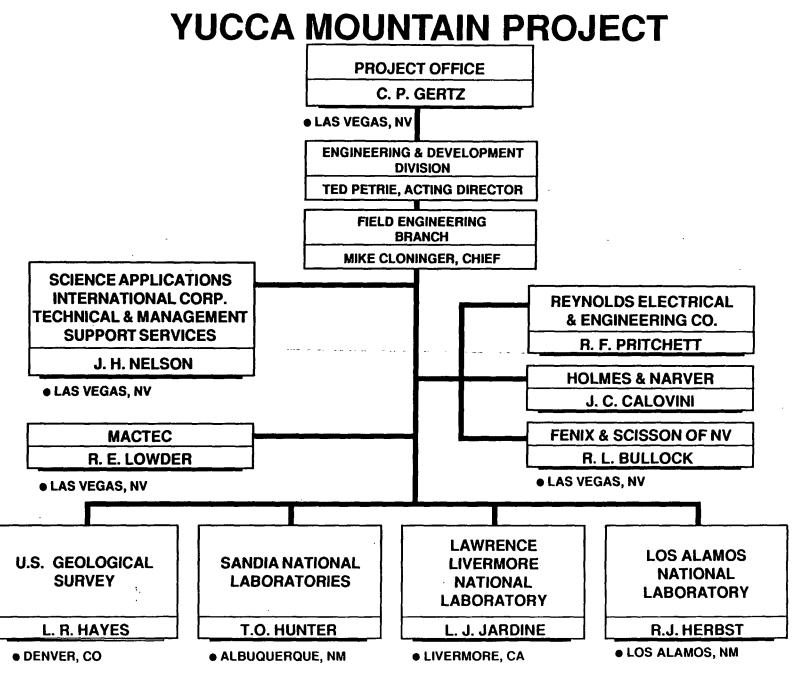
- HLW GLASS

- SPENT FUEL

TUESDAY PM WEDNESDAY AM

• WASTE DATABASE DEVELOPMENT

**WEDNESDAY PM** 



# DOE OFFICES AND ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO AUGUST 28-29 NWTRB ENGINEERED BARRIER SYSTEM PANEL BRIEFING

OFFICE OF
CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE
MANAGEMENT (OCRWM)

SECRETARY OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION
& WASTE MANAGEMENT (EM)

- LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY (LLNL)
- PACIFIC NORTHWEST LABORATORY (PNL)
- ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY (ANL)
- OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY (ORNL)

- HANFORD WASTE VITRIFICATION PROJECT (HWVP)
- WEST VALLEY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (WVDP)
- DEFENSE WASTE PROCESSING FACILITY (DWPF)

#### DOE CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

#### YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT SUPPORT

- LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LABORATORY

- ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY

**Waste Package Plan implementation** 

Spent fuel characterization & testing

**HLW** glass testing

#### OFFICE OF STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT

- PACIFIC NORTHWEST LABORATORY

OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY

Reactor specific data base development

**HLW Characteristics data base development** 

#### WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS DIVISION SUPPORT

- HANFORD WASTE VITRIFICATION PLANT

**DHLW** solidification into glass

WEST VALLEY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

**CHLW** solidification into glass

- DEFENSE WASTE PROCESSING FACILITY

**DHLW** solidification into glass

## STATUS OF NWTRB INTERACTIONS ON WASTE PACKAGE

- AUGUST 1989 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
  - BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO CONTAINERS AND TRANSPORTATION PANEL ON ENGINEERED BARRIER SYSTEM (EBS)/WASTE PACKAGE STRATEGY AND CONTAINER MATERIALS
- JANUARY 1990 PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA
  - 2 DAY MEETING ON NEAR-FIELD ENVIRONMENT AND CONTAINER MATERIALS
- MARCH 1990 DENVER, COLORADO
  - DISCUSSION OF THERMAL CONSIDERATIONS IN EBS DESIGN

### **OBJECTIVE OF EBS PANEL BRIEFING**

- PROVIDE AN UNDERSTANDING OF EBS/WASTE PACKAGE STRATEGY AND OVERALL PLAN FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION
- PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE WASTE ACCEPTANCE PROCESS AND THE HLW GLASS PRODUCER QUALIFICATION ACTIVITIES
- PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON GLASS WASTE FORM CHARACTERIZATION ACTIVITIES
- PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON CURRENT SPENT FUEL STUDIES AND METHODS FOR GATHERING DATA ON SPENT FUEL CHARACTERISTICS

## BUDGET AND QUALITY ASSURANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- SCHEDULES OR MILESTONE DATES PROVIDED IN BRIEFING ARE SUBJECT TO BUDGET CONSTRAINTS
- ACTIVITIES IMPORTANT TO SAFETY WILL BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OCRWM AND EM QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS

#### **NWTRB QUESTIONS**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- 4 QUESTIONS TRANSMITTED TO DOE JANUARY 3, 1990
- GOAL IS FOR THE PANEL, AND THE BOARD, TO EVENTUALLY BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS
- PAST AND FUTURE NWTRB MEETINGS DISCUSS THE TECHNICAL ISSUES REQUIRED TO DEVELOP THE RESPONSES TO THE FOUR QUESTIONS

## STATEMENT OF NWTRB QUESTIONS FOR FUTURE EBS PANEL RESPONSE

1. CAN A WASTE PACKAGE BE DEVELOPED THAT COULD BE DEMONSTRATED TO HAVE REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF LASTING 10,000 YEARS?

IF YES - HOW?

IF NO - WHY NOT?

- 2. WHAT AMBIENT CONDITION FACTORS OR CONDITIONS NEED TO BE MODIFIED FOR A 10,000-YEAR PACKAGE TO BE ATTAINED, IF IT IS NOT YET POSSIBLE?
- 3. HOW WOULD THE PROBABILITY OF ATTAINING A 10,000-YEAR PACKAGE BE INFLUENCED IF THE AS-EMPLACED HEAT GENERATION RATIO OF THE INDIVIDUAL CANISTERS WERE MINIMIZED? A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THIS CONCLUSION SHOULD BE DEVELOPED ALSO.
- 4. HOW DOES THE SITING OF THE REPOSITORY IN THE UNSATURATED ZONE, AS OPPOSED TO A SATURATED ZONE, IMPACT THE ATTAINING OF A 10,000-YEAR WASTE PACKAGE? THIS SHOULD CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION, AND/OR COSTS. AS ABOVE, A DETAILED EXPOSITION OF THE CONCLUSIONS NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED.

REFERENCE: LETTER, NWTRB TO DOE, JANUARY 3, 1990

## BRIEFING OF NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD ENGINEERED BARRIER SYSTEM (EBS) PANEL

AUGUST 28	EBS/WASTE PACKAGE STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	<u>SPEAKER</u>	,
8:00 - 8:15	OPENING REMARKS - TRB	NWTRB	
8:15 - 8:30	OPENING REMARKS - DOE	E. PETRIE	DOE
8:30 - 9:00	EBS WASTE PACKAGE STRATEGY OVERVIEW	M. CLONINGER	DOE
9:00 - 10:10	WASTE PACKAGE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION	L. JARDINE	LLNL
10:10 - 10:30	BREAK		
10:30 - 11:15	EBS ALTERNATIVE DESIGN APPROACH	L. JARDINE	LLNL

## BRIEFING OF NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD ENGINEERED BARRIER SYSTEM (EBS) PANEL

AUGUST 28	WASTE ACCEPTANCE PROCESS	SPEAKER	
11:15 - 12:00	WASTE ACCEPTANCE OVERVIEW	M. CLONINGER	DOE
12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH		
1:00 - 1:30 1:30 - 2:00	HLW GLASS PRODUCERS OVERVIEW DWPF HLW QUALIFICATION ACTIVITIES	R. BROWN J. PLODINEC	DOE SRL
2:00 - 2:30	WVDP HLW QUALIFICATION ACTIVITIES	R. PALMER	WEST VALLEY
2:30 - 2:50	BREAK		

## BRIEFING OF NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD ENGINEERED BARRIER SYSTEM (EBS) PANEL

AUGUST 28	WASTE CHARACTERIZATION - HIGH-LEVEL WASTE GLASS	<u>SPEAKER</u>	
2:50 - 3:15	HLW GLASS CHARACTERIZATION OVERVIEW	H. SHAW	LLNL
3:15 - 3:45	MODELING OF GLASS DISSOLUTION	B. BOURCIER	LLNL
3:45 - 4:15	EXPERIMENTAL BASES FOR GLASS MODELING	K. KNAUSS	LLNL
4:15 - 4:45	INTEGRATED GLASS ALTERATION TESTS	J. BATES	ANL
4:45	ADJOURN FOR THE DAY		

## BRIEFING OF NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD ENGINEERED BARRIER SYSTEM (EBS) PANEL

<b>AUGUST 29</b>	WASTE CHARACTERIZATION - SPENT FUEL	SPEAKER	
8:00 - 8:30	SPENT FUEL CHARACTERIZATION OVERVIEW	R. STOUT	LLNL
8:30 - 9:10	SPENT FUEL CLADDING DEGRADATION	H. SMITH	PNL
9:10 - 9:30	SPENT FUEL OXIDATION	R. EINZIGER	PNL
9:30 - 9:50	BREAK		
9:50 - 10:15	SPENT FUEL LEACHING: HOT CELL TESTS	C. WILSON	PNL
10:15 - 10:40	SPENT FUEL LEACHING: FLOW-THROUGH TESTS	H. LEIDER	LLNL
10:40 - 11:10	GEOCHEMICAL SIMULATION OF SPENT FUEL DISSOLUTION	C. BRUTON	LLNL

## BRIEFING OF NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD ENGINEERED BARRIER SYSTEM (EBS) PANEL

AUGUST 29	WASTE DATA BASE DEVELOPMENT	SPEAKER	
12:10 - 12:40	SPENT FUEL/HLW DATA BASE OVERVIEW	A. BROWNSTEIN	DOE
12:40 - 1:10	REACTOR - SPECIFIC DATA BASE DEVELOPMENT	R. WALLING	PNL
1:10 - 1:40	WASTE CHARACTERISTICS DATA BASE	K. NOTZ	ORNL
1:40 - 2:10	CLOSING DISCUSSIONS AND ADJOURNMENT	PANEL AND PARTICIPANTS	