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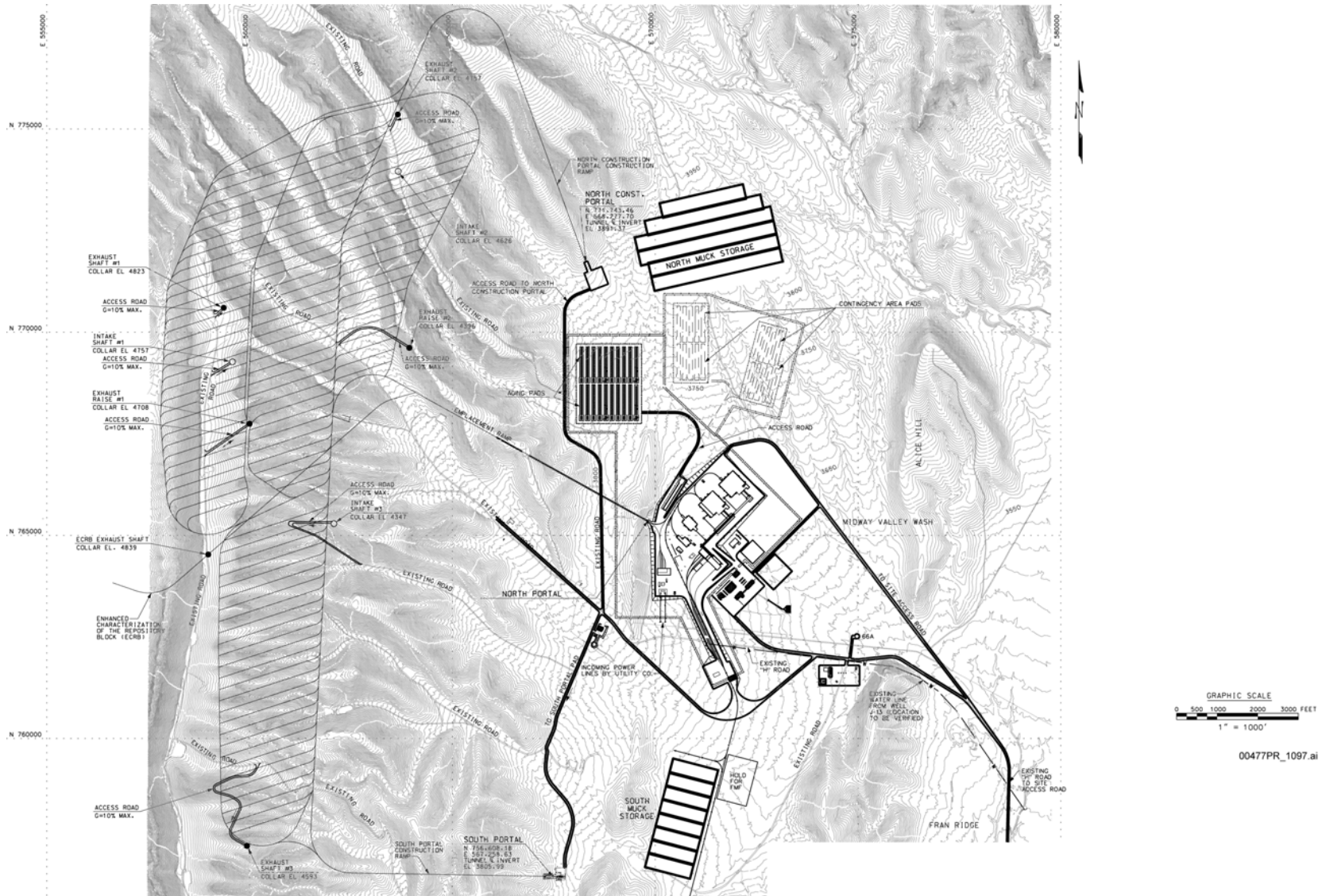
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Introduction

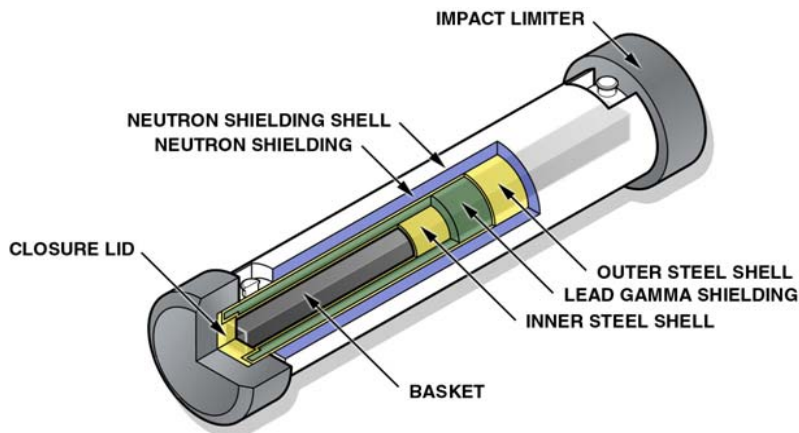
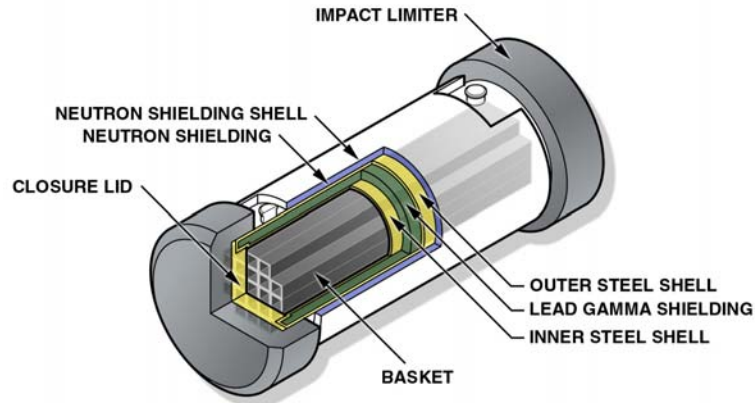
- **Update on repository design for License Application**
 - **Surface facilities, including ITS design features**
 - **Subsurface facilities, including ITS design features**
 - **Waste package and associated components design, including ITS design features**



Site Plan



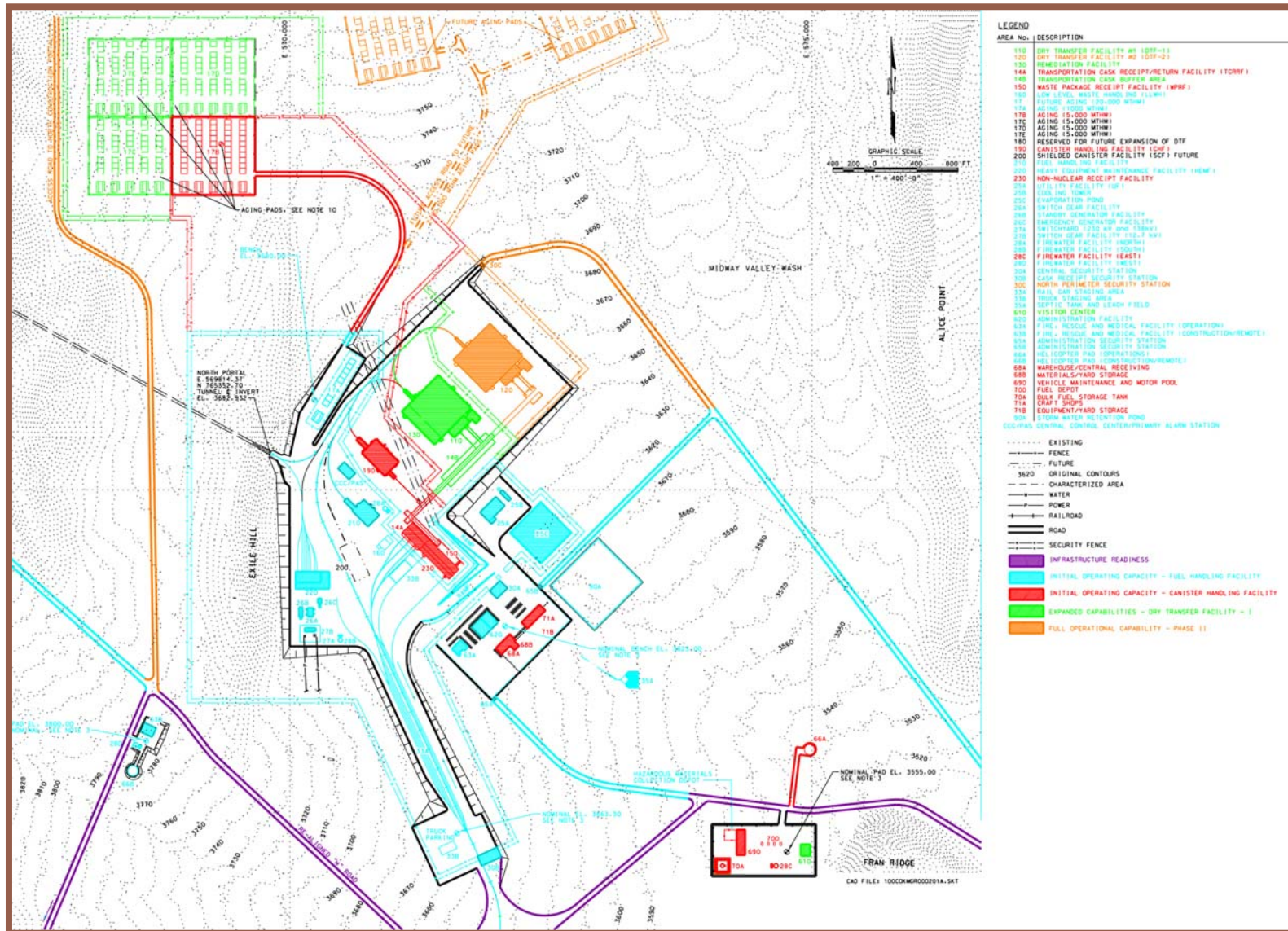
Surface Facility Waste Handling Operations Transportation Casks



- Casks are large, heavy, robust, sealed metal containers
- Multiple layers of radiation shielding
- Cask sizes:
 - Rail casks weigh ~100 to 165 tons and are up to ~27 ft long and ~11 ft in diameter with impact limiters installed
 - Truck casks weigh ~24 tons and are ~16 ft long and ~4 ft in diameter



Surface Facility Description



Preclosure Safety Analysis Process

- **Internal and external hazards analyses identify hazards**
- **Screening and assessment analyses estimate frequency of event sequences**
- **Consequence analyses estimate doses to public and workers from event sequences**
- **Classification analyses identify systems, structures, and components that are important to safety (ITS)**
- **Nuclear safety design basis document captures design requirements**



Implementation of Preclosure Safety Analysis in Design

- Repository is designed to prevent event sequences where possible; mitigate those not preventable
- Structures, systems, and components that prevent or mitigate Category 1 or 2 event sequences are ITS
- Results show Category 1 event sequences driven by handling large numbers (approximately 221,000) of individual commercial spent nuclear fuel (CSNF) assemblies
- Category 2 event sequences driven by handling of casks, canisters, and waste packages



Implementation of Preclosure Safety Analysis in Design

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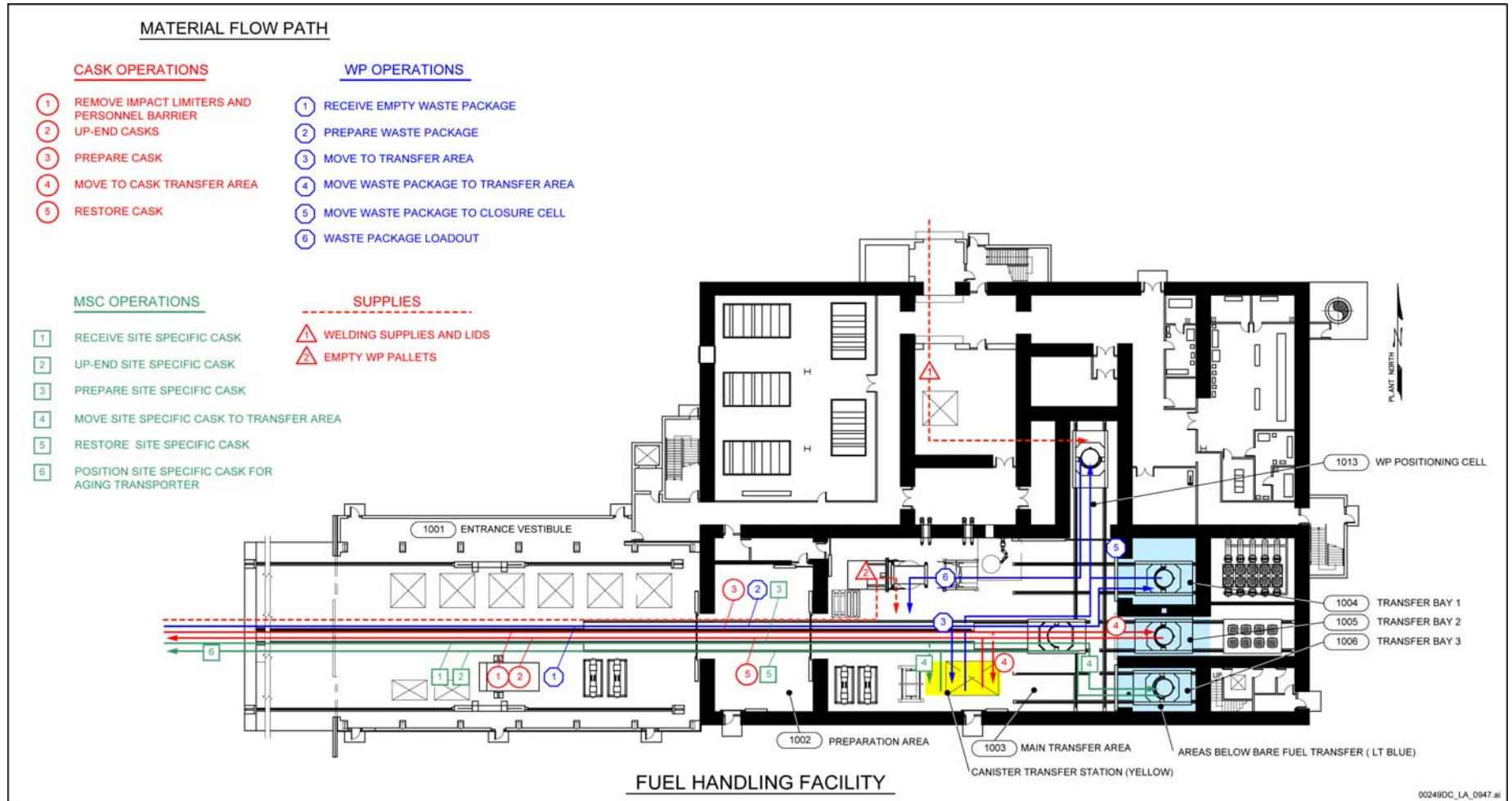
- **Category 1 Event Sequences**
 - **Two event sequences (Fuel Handling Facility [FHF] and Dry Transfer Facility [DTF] only)**
 - ◆ **Drop of individual CSNF assembly**
 - ◆ **Collision of individual CSNF assembly**
- **Category 2 Event Sequences**
 - **Three event sequences bound about 30 total**
 - ◆ **Drop and breach of transportation cask with 74 boiling water reactor (BWR) or 36 PWR CSNF assemblies**
 - ◆ **Drop and breach of transportation cask with five high-level waste (HLW) canisters**
 - ◆ **Drop and breach of one naval canister**



Fuel Handling Facility



Fuel Handling Facility - Sketch



Fuel Handling Facility: Important to Safety Structures, Systems or Components

Mitigation ITS SSCs

FHF Structure (confinement, shielding)

HVAC Primary Confinement (confinement, filtration)

Electrical (support HVAC)

Prevention ITS SSCs

FHF Structure (hazards protection)

WP Tilting Machine (drop)

WP Turntable (drop)

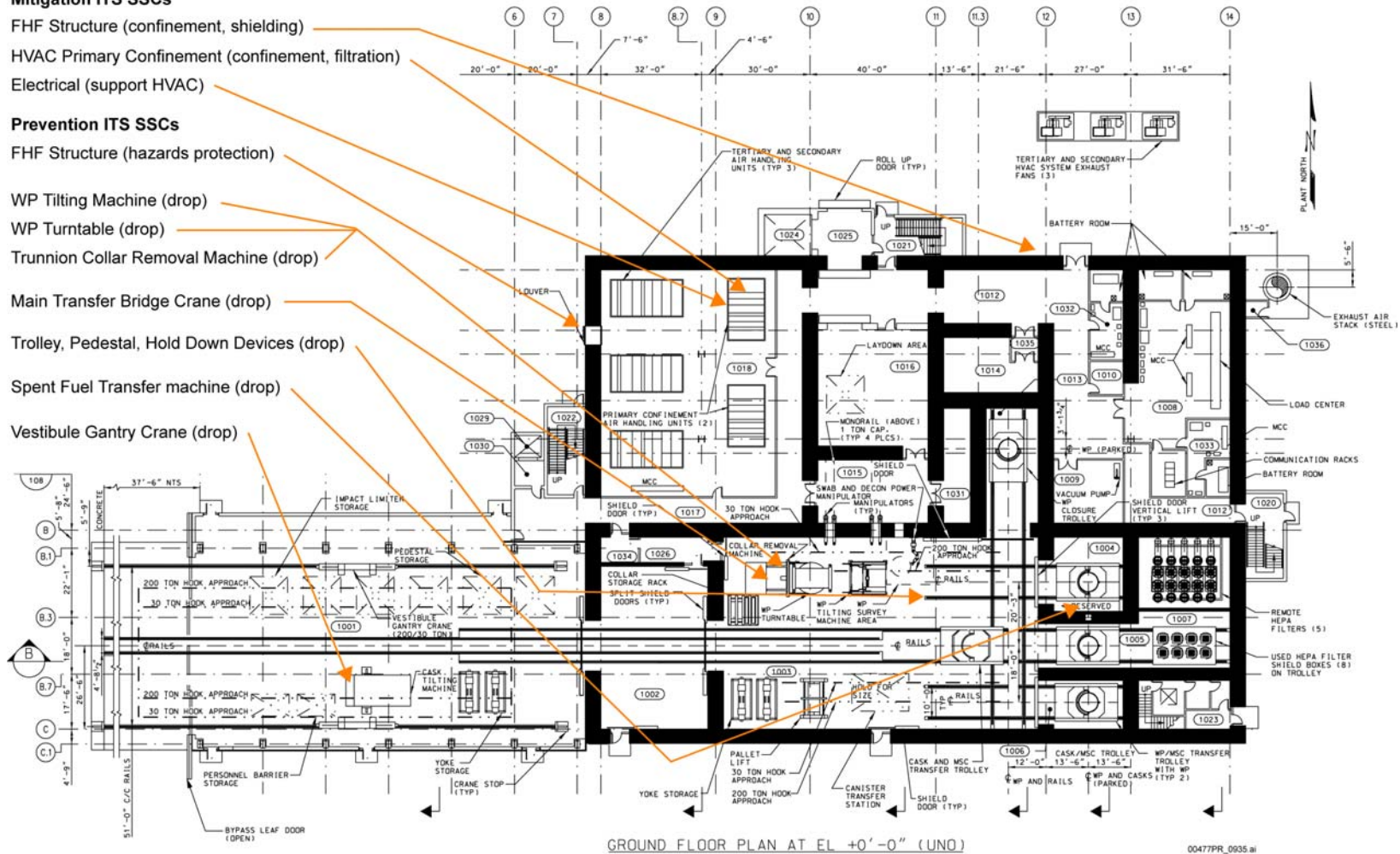
Trunnion Collar Removal Machine (drop)

Main Transfer Bridge Crane (drop)

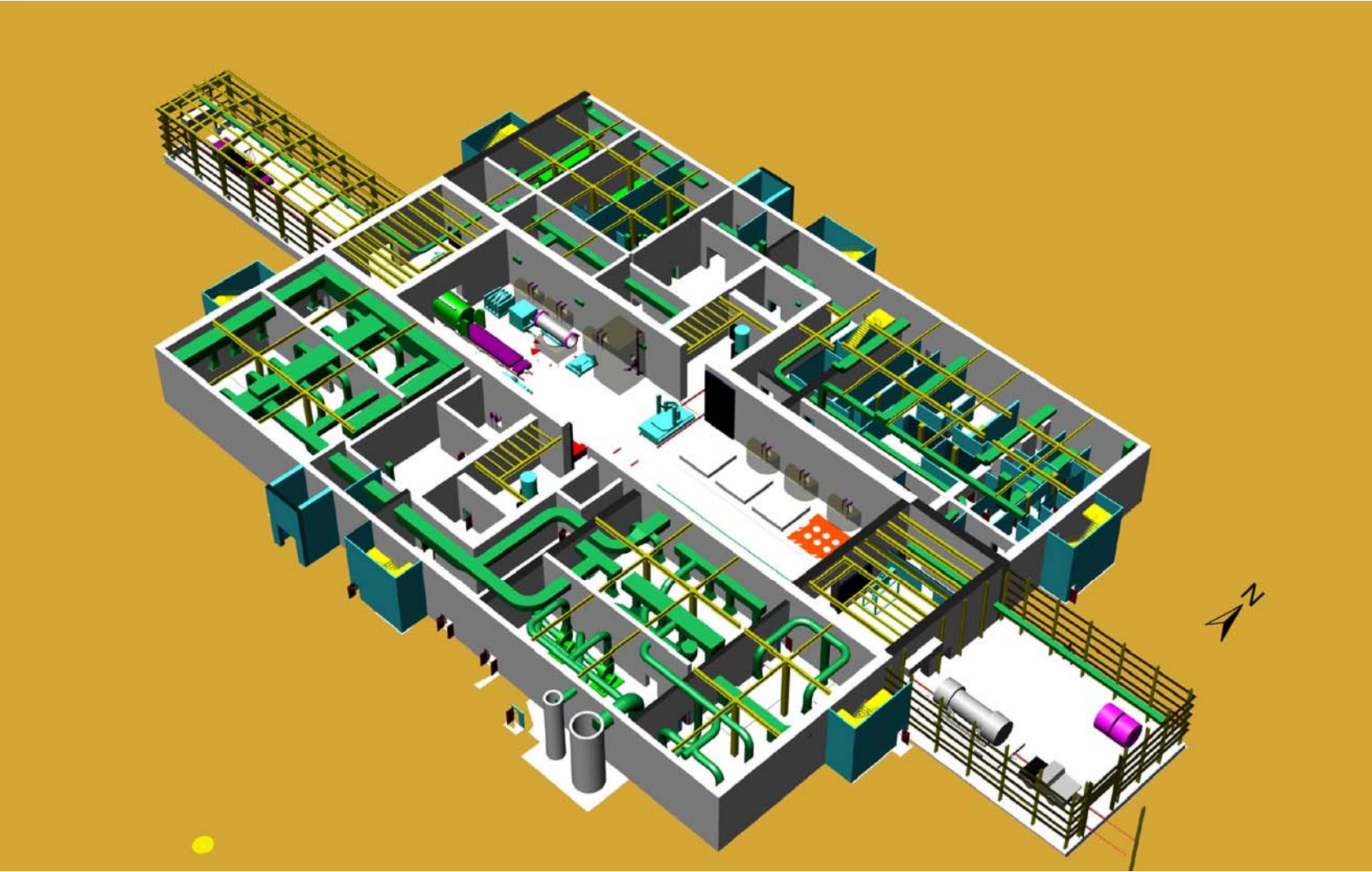
Trolley, Pedestal, Hold Down Devices (drop)

Spent Fuel Transfer machine (drop)

Vestibule Gantry Crane (drop)



Canister Handling Facility



Canister Handling Facility-Sketch

TRANSPORTATION CASK OPERATIONS

- 1 Remove Impact Limiters and Personnel Barrier
- 2 Upend Cask
- 3 Transfer Cask to Pit
- 4 Return Cask

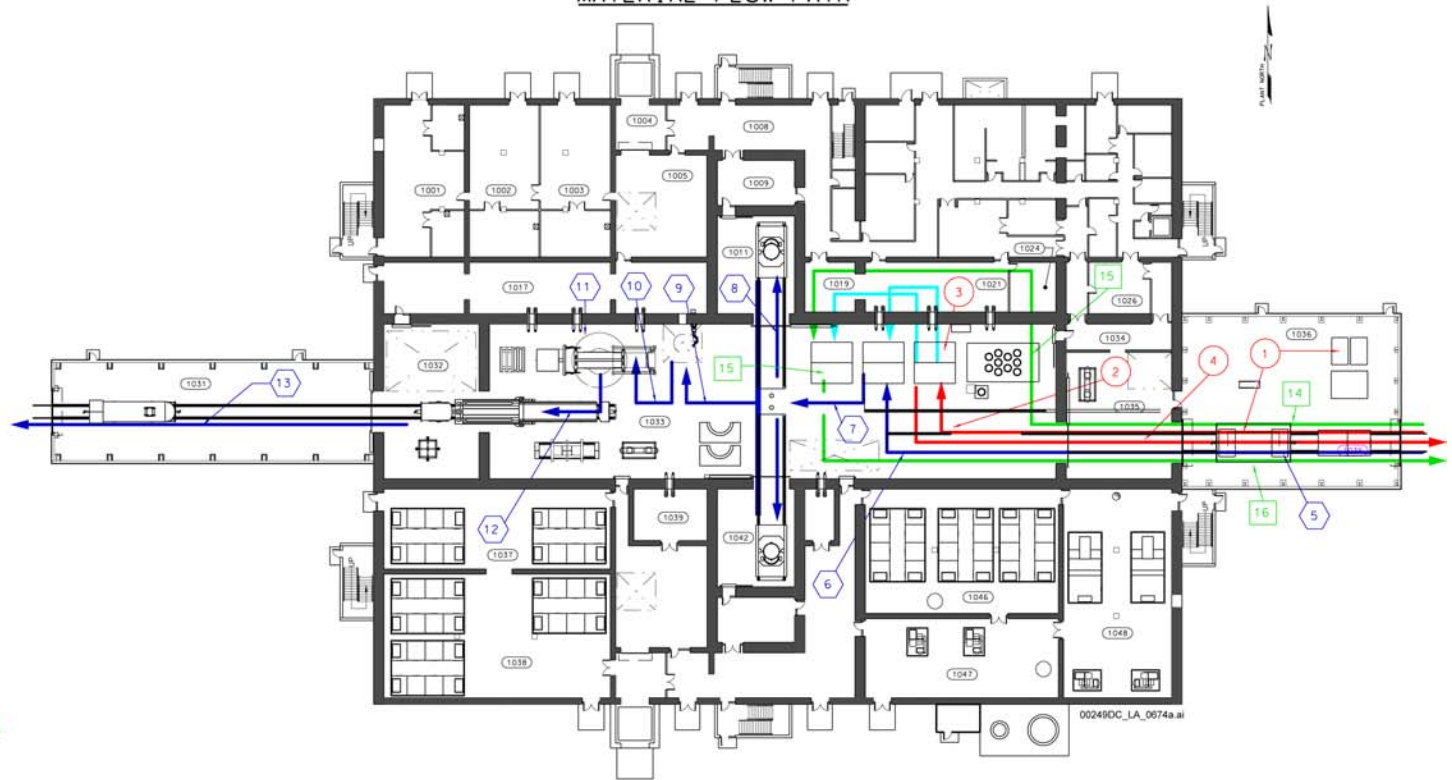
WASTE PACKAGE OPERATIONS

- 5 Receive Empty WP
- 6 Transfer WP to Pit
- 7 Transfer WP to WP Trolley
- 8 Transfer WP to WP Positioning Cell
- 9 Transfer Welded WP to Survey Station
- 10 Transfer to Tilt Station and Down End WP on to WP Pallet
- 11 Remove WP Trunnions (Both Ends)
- 12 Transfer Wp to WP Transporter
- 13 Transfer WP To Emplacement

SITE SPECIFIC CASK OPERATIONS

- 14 Receive Site Specific Casks
- 15 Transfer Site Specific Cask to Pit
- 16 Transfer Loaded Site Specific Casks

CANISTER HANDLING FACILITY MATERIAL FLOW PATH



THROUGHPUT

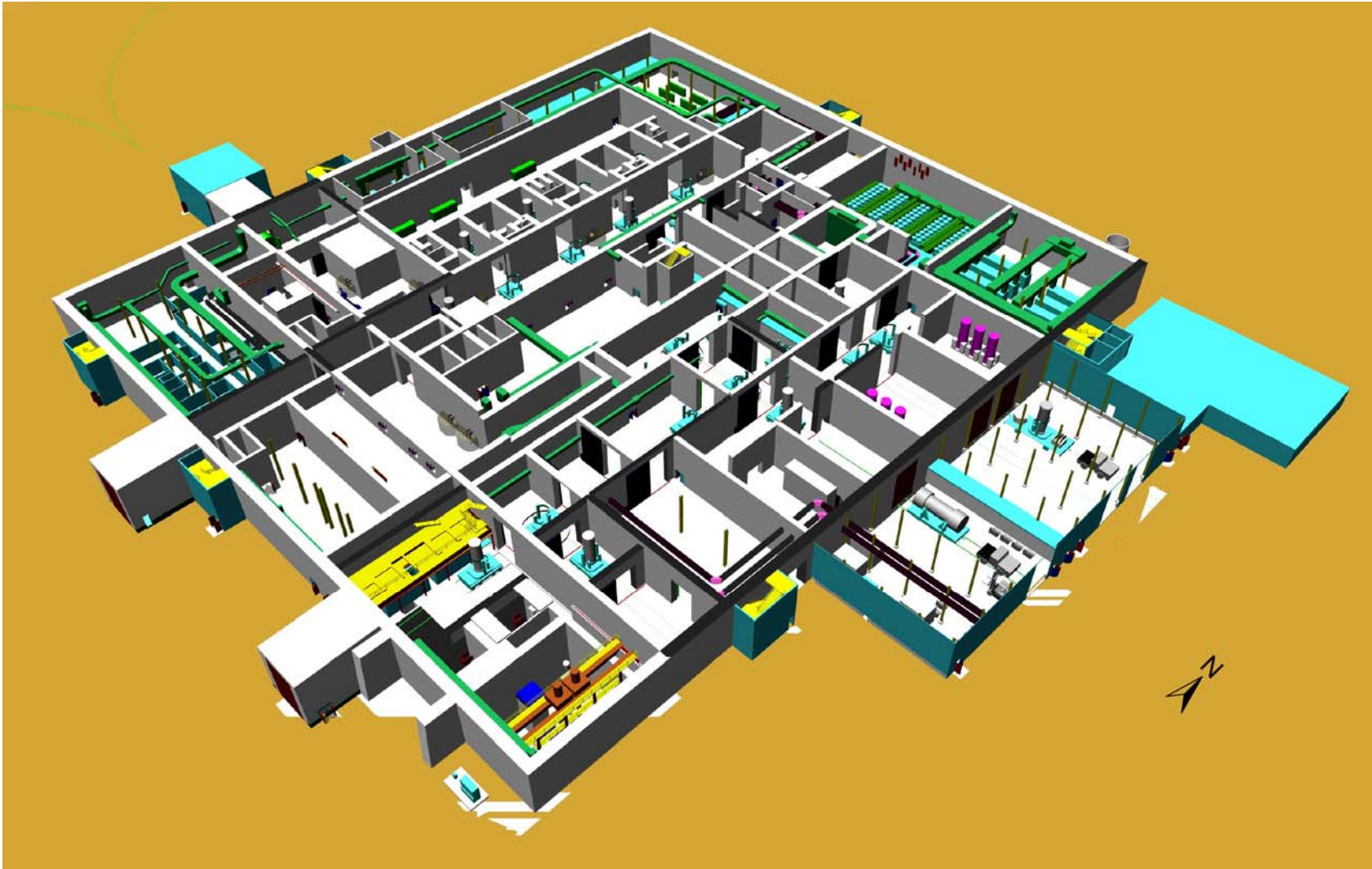
Up to 180 waste packages/year

WASTE FORMS

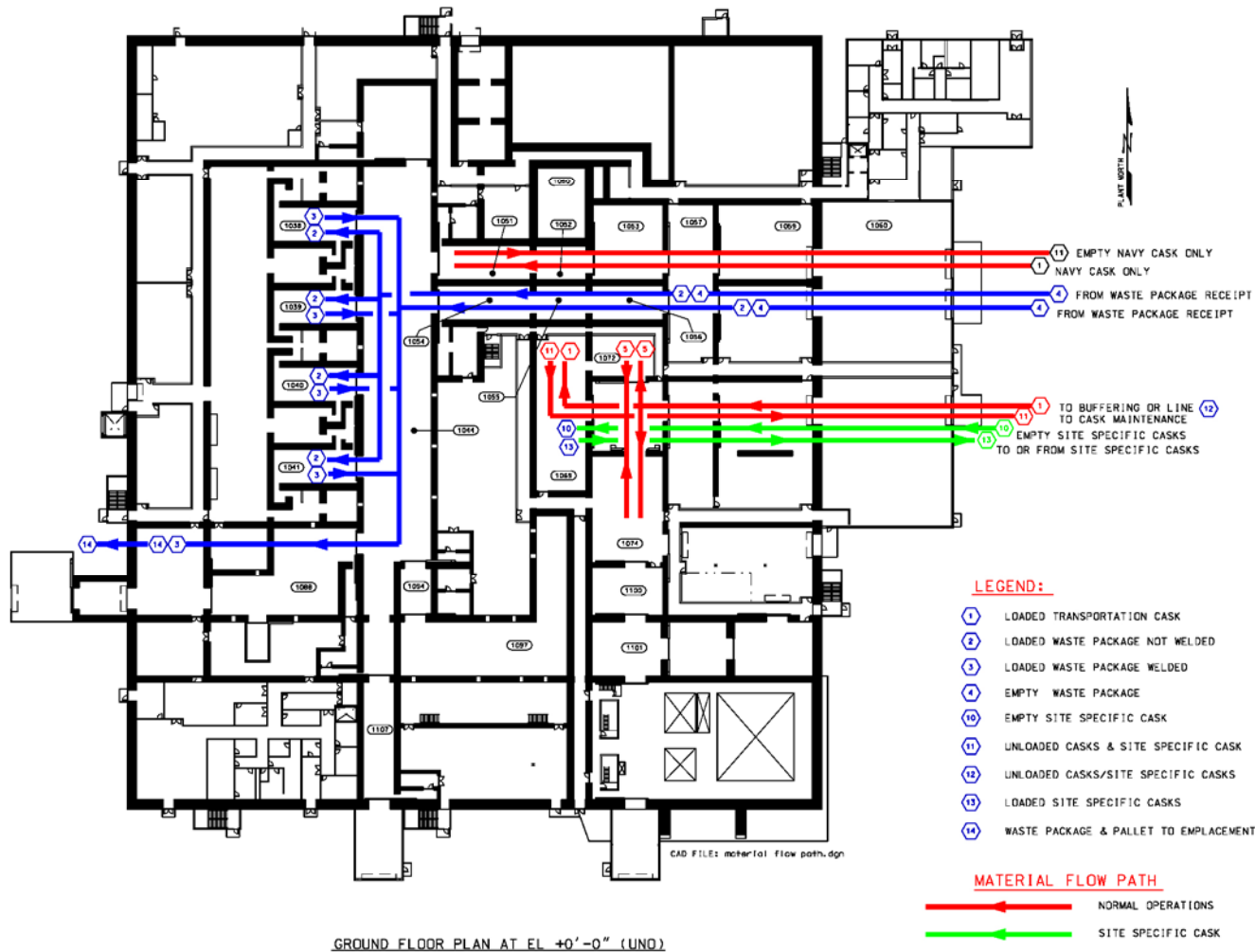
DOE HLW
DOE SNF



Dry Transfer Facility



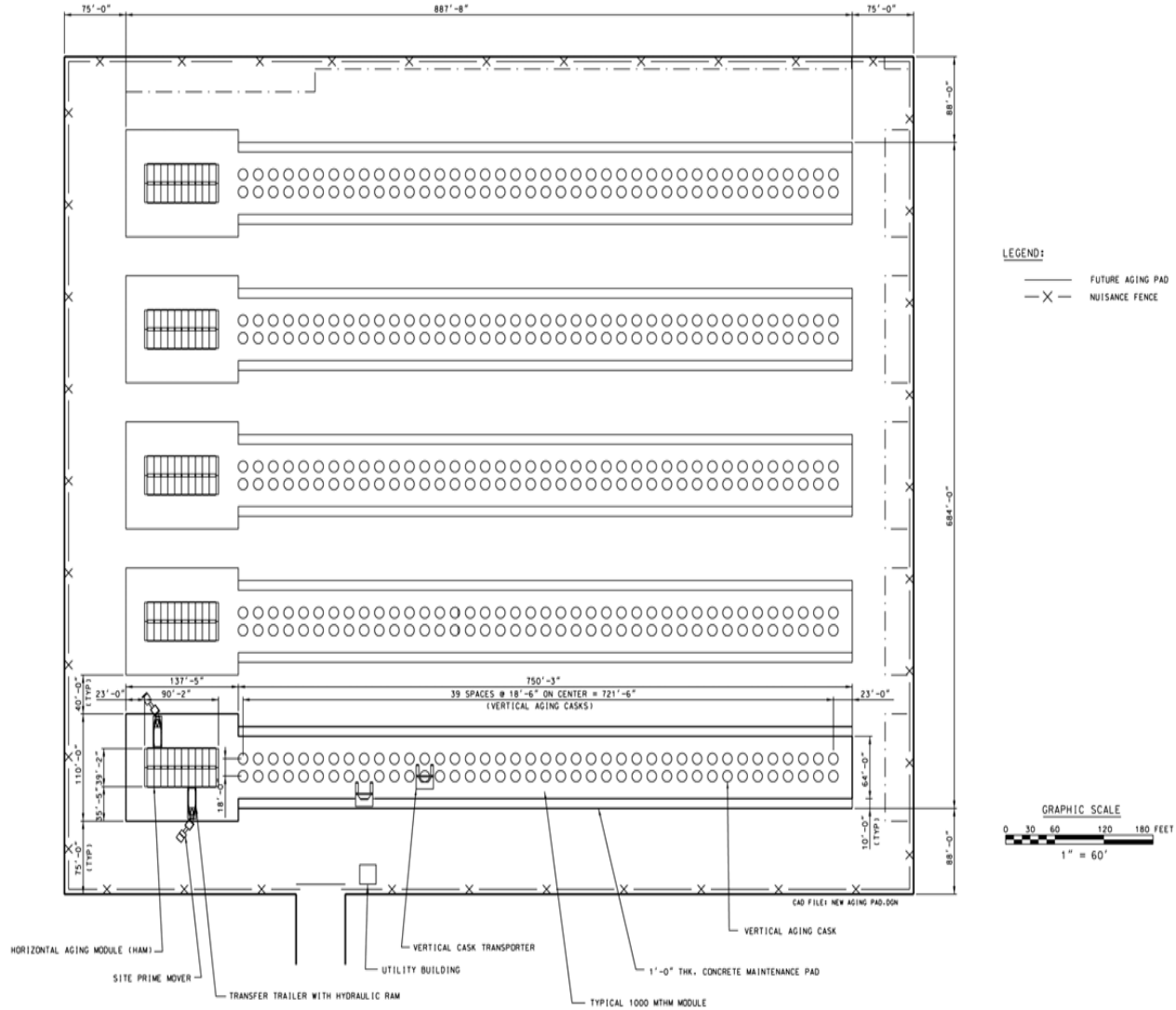
Dry Transfer Facility - Sketch



Aging Transporter

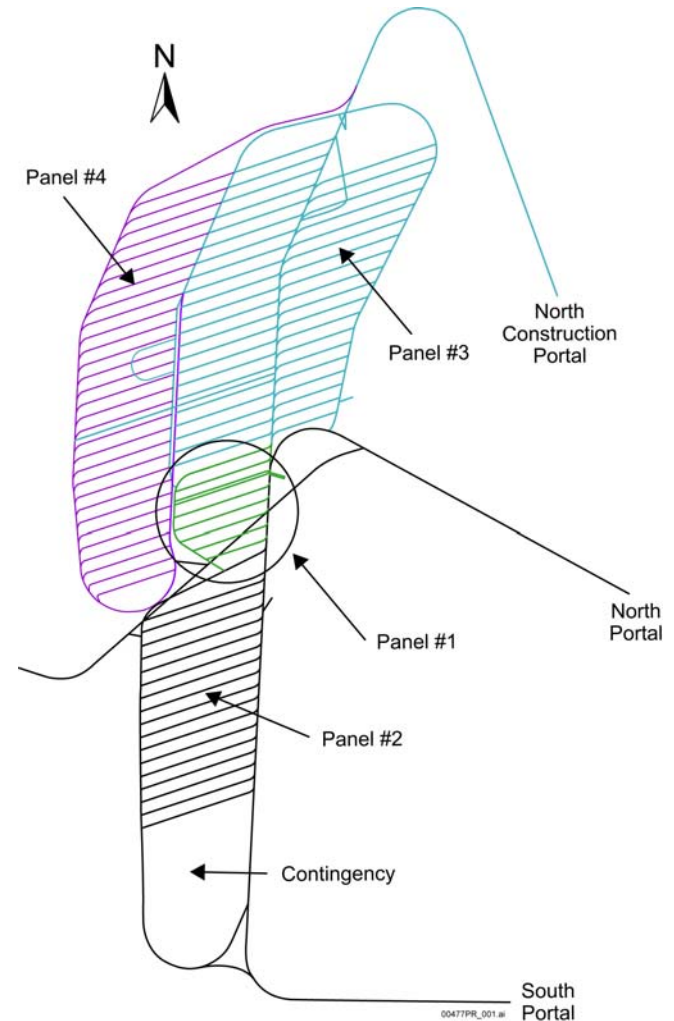


Aging Pad

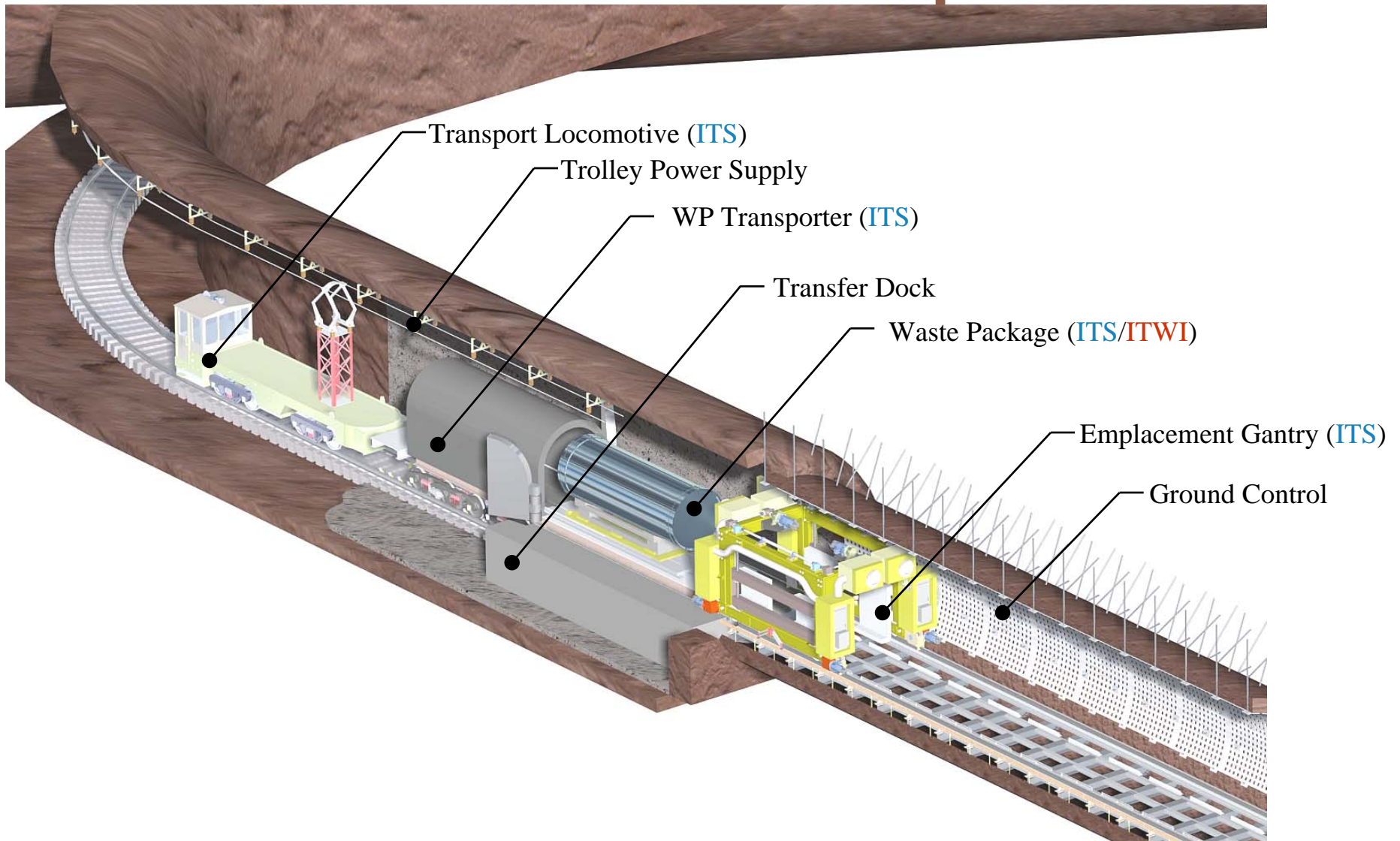


Subsurface Configuration

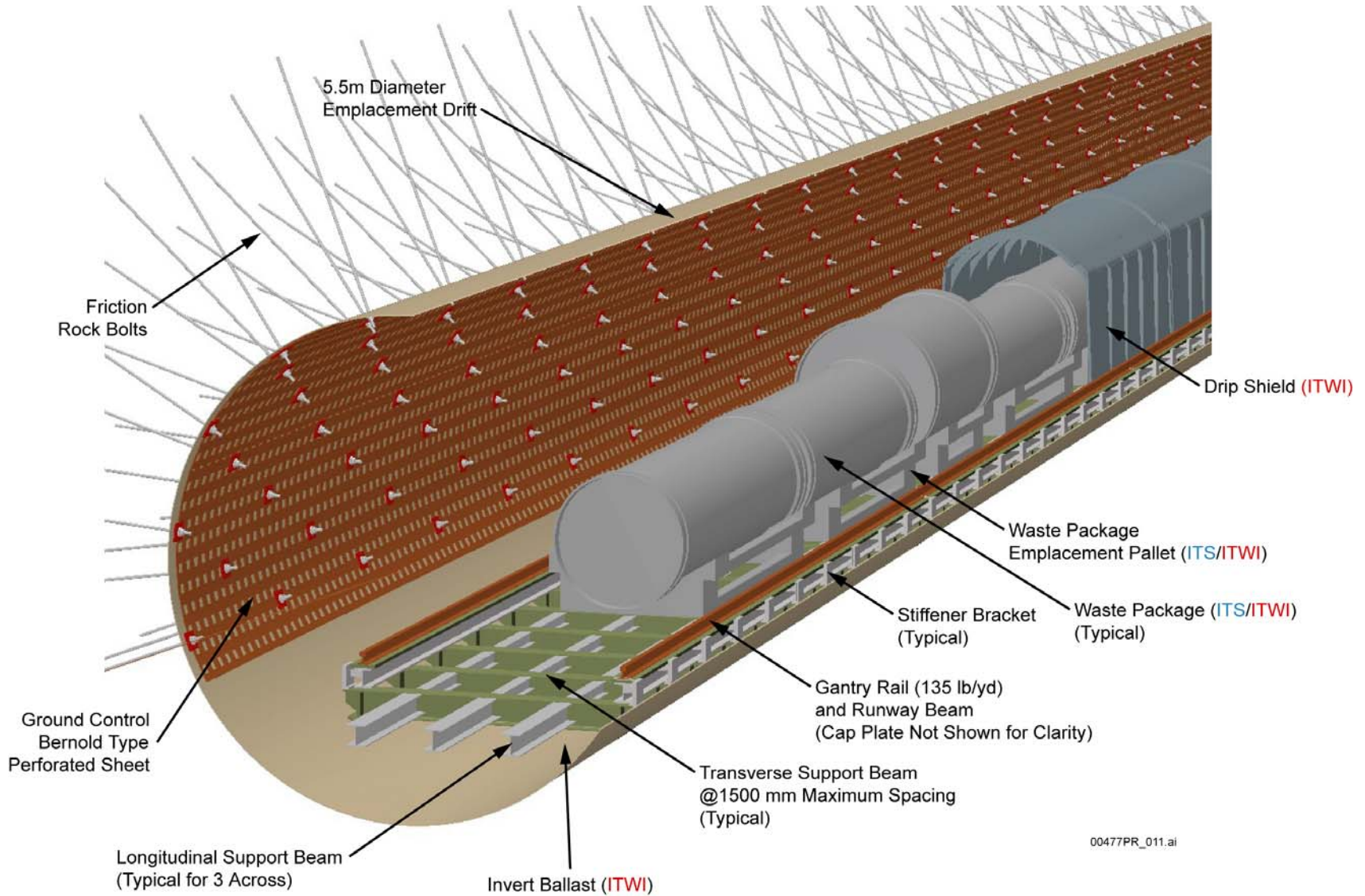
- Panel numbers represent the proposed emplacement sequence
- Sequence:
 - Panel 1, Phase 1 for 2010
 - ◆ Develop initial emplacement drifts
 - Panel 1, Phase 2
 - ◆ Complete panel 1 drifts (8 total)
 - Panel 2
 - ◆ 17 drifts total
- Total emplacement length available is approximately 41 miles (65 km)
- Available contingency of 11 - 13.5 % for the 70,000 MTHM case



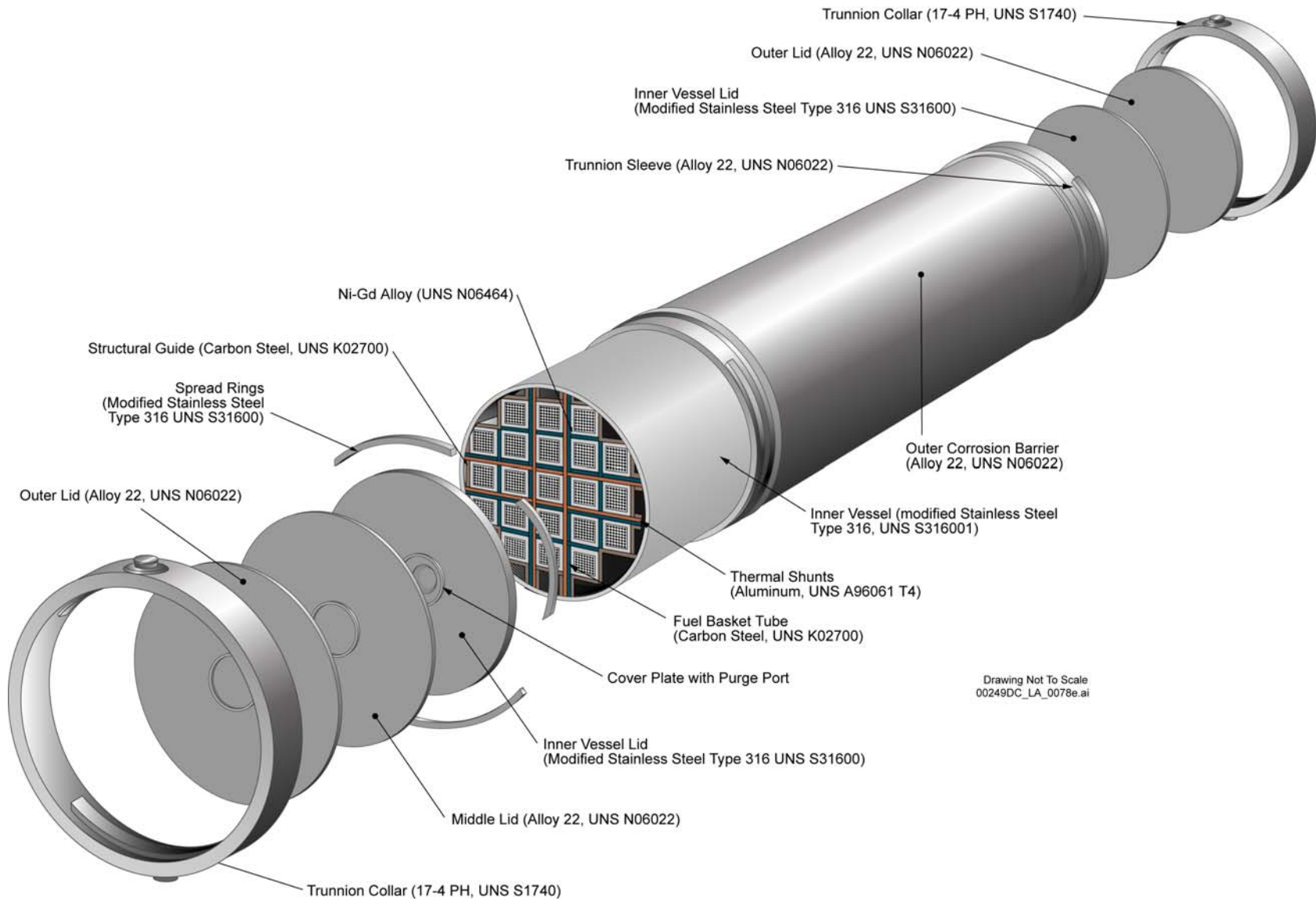
Emplacement Drift Transfer Dock Rail Based Transport



Emplacement Drift



Waste Package(ITS/ITWI)



Drip Shield (ITWI)

