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This track includes overall policy and program planning, development, integration, implementation, and management issues. Other appropriate topics include regulatory issues, energy security, legal aspects, modeling, permitting and compliance activities, criteria and standards development, privatization issues, technology deployment, agency and state issues (including multiparty agreements), interface, security, and crosscutting issues that involve multiple waste types or programs. This topic particularly encourages the presentation of waste management programs and policies at the national, multi-national and international level. Similar topics that are specific to a single waste type (e.g., HLW, LLW, TRU, ILW, etc.) or program (e.g., ER, D&D, etc.) listed elsewhere in the Track set should be submitted for that waste type or program.

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The HLW/Spent Fuel track encompasses: (1) All HLW and spent nuclear fuel operations from generation and storage through characterization, treatment and disposal; (2) Associated technology development and deployment; (3) International and domestic reprocessing strategies and technology; (4) Periodic progress updates oriented to specific DOE achievements in waste remediation and disposal activities; and (5) Crosscutting issues including interim and final disposal strategies for HLW, Spent Fuel, including associated environmental permitting and monitoring of stored waste, waste processing alternatives, waste form, disposal and operating facility performance and risk assessment, and the impacts of directly associated regulations and standards.

3.0 LOW-LEVEL, INTERMEDIATE, MIXED AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

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This LLW/ILW/MW/HW track encompasses: (1) operations from generation through treatment and disposal; (2) technology development, demonstration, and deployment; and (3) crosscutting issues including waste minimization, waste characterization and analysis, effluent monitoring, waste form and facility performance assessment, regulations and standards.

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The Transportation and Packaging Track includes all activities and issues related to the safe, secure, and economical transportation and packaging of radioactive materials. High-level, transuranic, low-level, and mixed low-level waste; fresh and irradiated nuclear fuel; contaminated media and debris; isotopes and radioactive sources; and uranium hexafluoride are all of interest to this Track. Topic areas include: 1) domestic and international regulatory activities, issues, and initiatives; 2) packaging development and related issues; 3) logistics and transportation operations, including large items from decommissioning; 4) integrated planning and scheduling; 5) status and issues for large shipping campaigns; and 6) stakeholder and public interactions and issues.

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This track includes all activities associated with environmental contamination investigation, remedial design, cleanup, closure, and long-term site management. Specific topics of interest include: site characterization; sampling and analysis; data management; regulatory issues and their resolution; remedial design, especially new remedial technologies; remedial actions; construction and operation/implementation of cleanup activities; aquifer restoration; management of waste resulting from cleanup activities; remediation verification; and stewardship. Of particular interest for WM '03 are presentations on: remediation technology performance over the long term; worker safety; the results of transfer of site land or facilities to commercial entities for economic reuse; long term stewardship implementation; and innovative practices that have resulted in reduced costs or expedited release.

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This Nuclear Power Plant Waste Management Track encompasses characterization and minimization, treatment, packaging and management of liquid, wet dry LLW, and spent fuel storage and management in reference to NPP.

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This track includes a broad range of social, environmental, policy, communication, and educational issues associated with waste management decision-making. The focus is on potentially affected interests, or stakeholders, who are outside the waste management professional field. Topics have typically covered public participation issues, communication techniques, education and training, socioeconomic and environmental impact analysis and mitigation. More recently, this topic area has discussed cultural issues (including

tribal perspectives), equity (including environmental justice, intergenerational equity) risk perceptions and communications.

8.0 D&D

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This track includes all aspects of D&D from License Termination to Greenfield including Characterization, Decontamination, Dismantlement, Demolition, Waste Handling, Final Survey, and associated New Technology Development for both Government and Commercial Nuclear and Non-Nuclear Facilities in the US and internationally.

9.0 SPECIAL WASTES, MIGRATION, TENORM*, OR SPECIAL NON-TRACK ISSUES

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Waste types other than LLW, ILW, Mixed Waste, TRU or HLW; emerging recycling or disposal technologies and regulatory developments for management of uranium or thorium byproducts or tailings, or TENORM. Control of migration from and long term surveillance for remediated sites. This track continues to include hydrogeologic, geochemical, and other aspects of radioactive waste management. In addition, in recognition of the fact that restoration, cleanup, and remediation projects often include methods for addressing the presence of hazardous (as well as radioactive) materials. This track provides opportunities for presenting waste operations, technology development, demonstration, and deployment, waste characterization and analysis, regulations, and standards as they relate to hazardous wastes. *TENORM - Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material.

10.0 TRANSURANIC (TRU) AND LONG-LIVED RADIONUCLIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT

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The transuranic (TRU) and long-lived radionuclide waste track encompasses: (1) all contact (CH)-TRU, remote handled (RH)-TRU, and long-lived radionuclide waste types, including orphan wastes of these types, from generation and storage through characterization, treatment, transportation, and disposal; (2) associated technology development and deployment including mobile / modular characterization deployments at large quantity and small quantity sites; (3) operational safety and security aspects of managing long-lived radioactive / mixed wastes; (4) legacy versus newly generated waste issues of these waste types; (5) Periodic progress updates on achievement of milestones at TRU disposal facilities and waste generating sites (U.S. and International); (6) crosscutting issues at the WIPP and waste generating sites including the regulatory framework, e.g., WIPP permit modifications, EPA compliance recertification, oversight, and TRUPACT II SAR revisions; and (7) issues related to expansion of the waste transportation fleet.

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