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***AREVA TA Experience in Decommissioning
and Waste Management and the International
Decommissioning network***

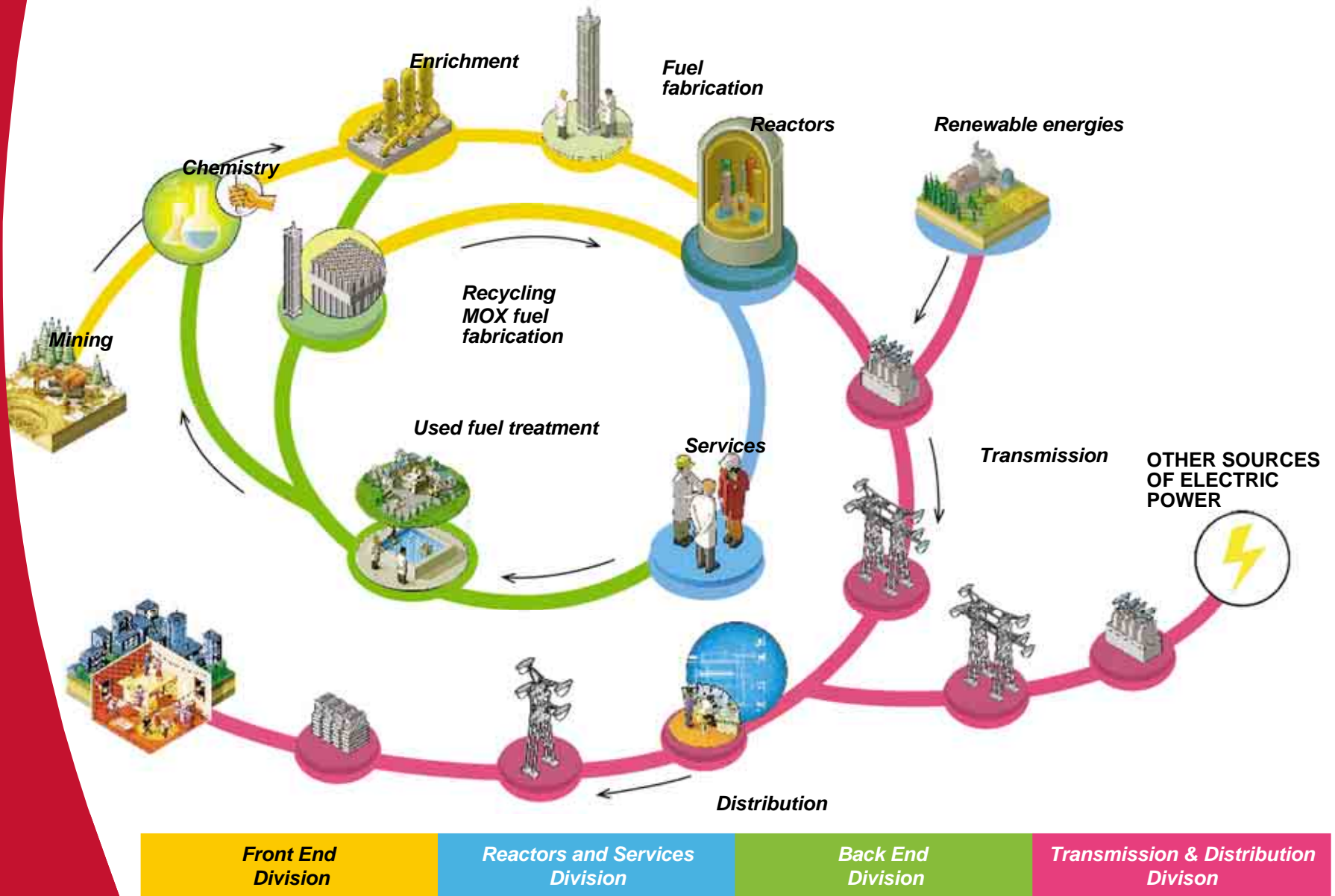
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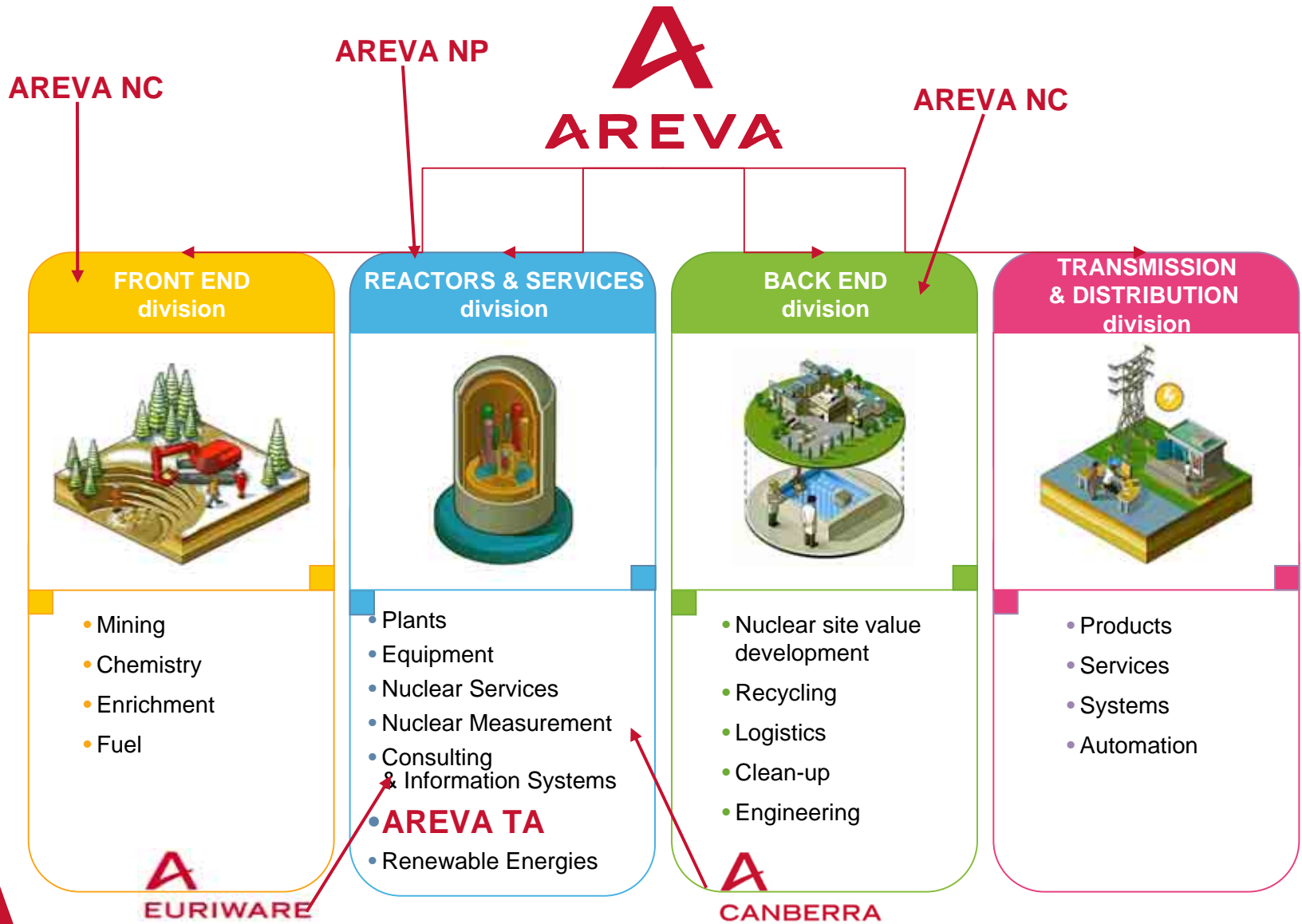
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Presentation of AREVA and AREVA TA

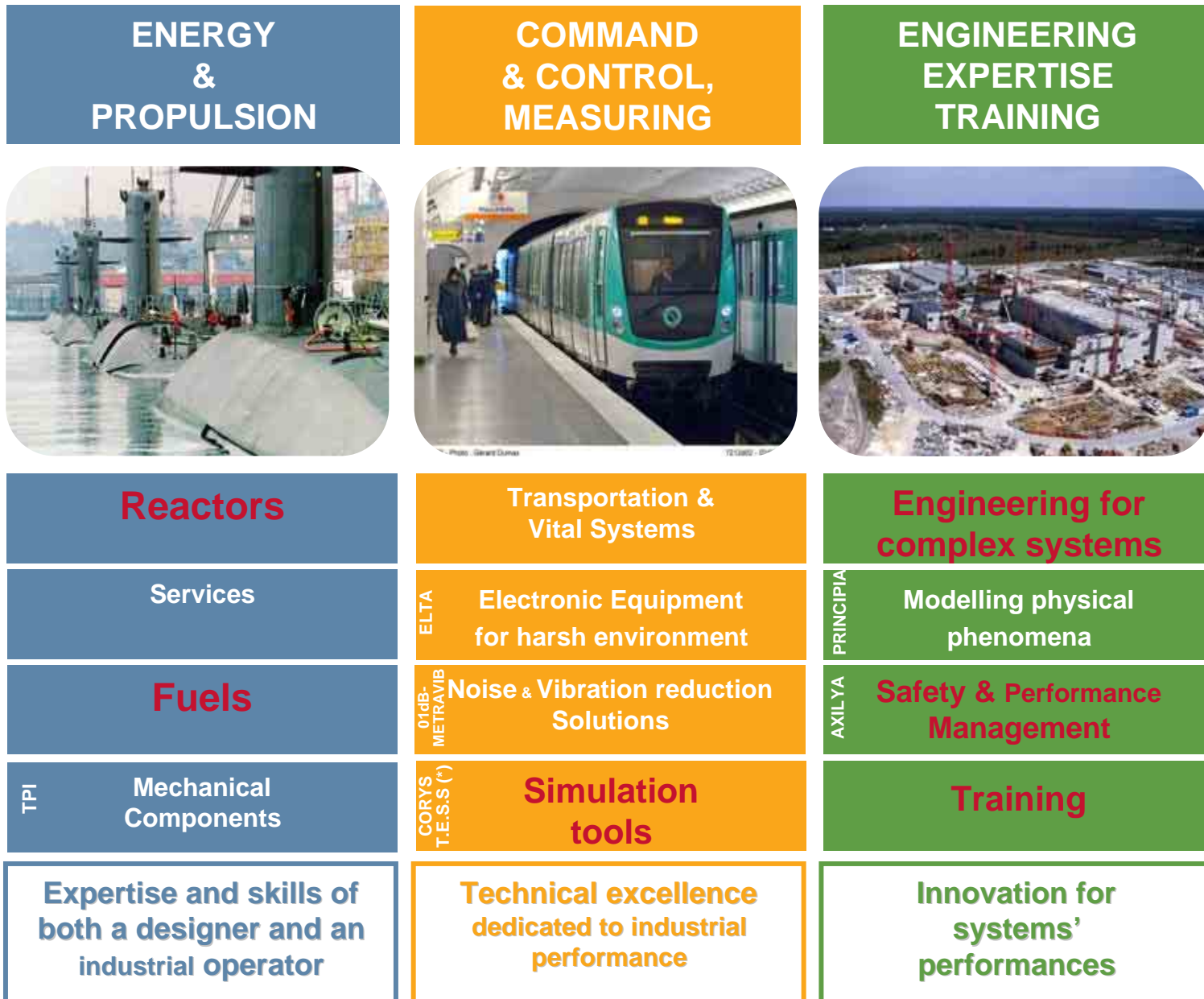
An integrated offer serving energy professionals



Organization of the group



AREVA TA: Three main sectors



Large Synergies in AREVA for Decommissioning and Waste Management

AREVA NC

» *Engineering, decommissioning projects,*

AREVA NP

waste management, development of

AREVA TA

specific tools


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» *Cleanup, decommissioning work*


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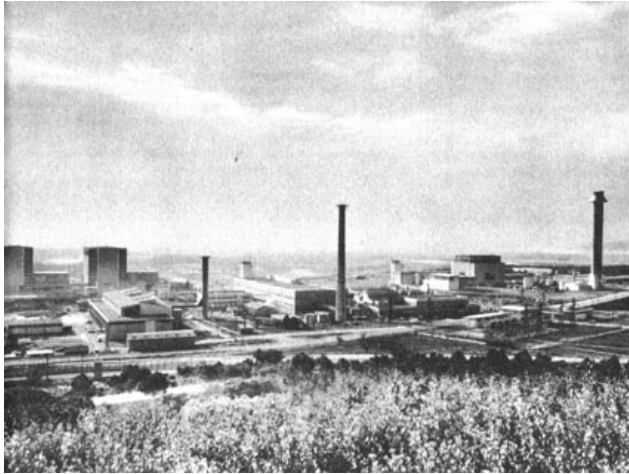
» *Nuclear measurements for facility and waste characterization*


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» *Development and industrialization of softwares, Services*

***AREVA Key Experience
in Decommissioning
and Waste Management***

AREVA Experience in Decommissioning / Waste Management : National Experience



***Marcoule UP1 reprocessing plant
Cleanup and dismantling of hot cells
Retrieval of radwaste (bituminized),...
AREVA NC, AREVA TA,..***

***Decommissioning of parts of Brennilis NPP
(heavy water reactor)
(AREVA NP, AREVA NC, AREVA TA,..)***

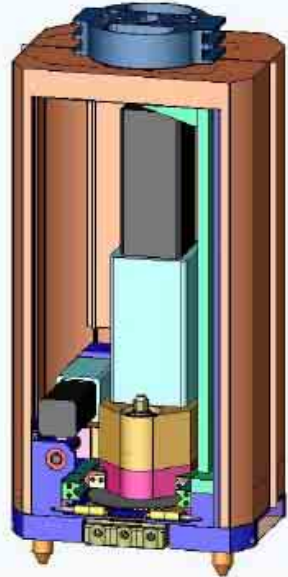


- » G2-G3 GC reactors in Marcoule,***
 - » Hot cells for TRU metallurgy in Fontenay-Aux-Roses CEA Centre***
 - » Liquid Treatment Station in CEA Grenoble Center***
 - » SILOE research reactor in Grenoble CEA Center***
- and ...***

AREVA Experience in Decommissioning/ Waste management: International Experience

Decommissioning of Dounreay FBR (UK) **AREVA NP was in charge of:**

- ◆ *The fuel retrieval facility installed on the reactor*
- ◆ *The tools deployed in the reactor vessel*
- ◆ *The flasks for fuel and tool transfer in the DFR sphere*



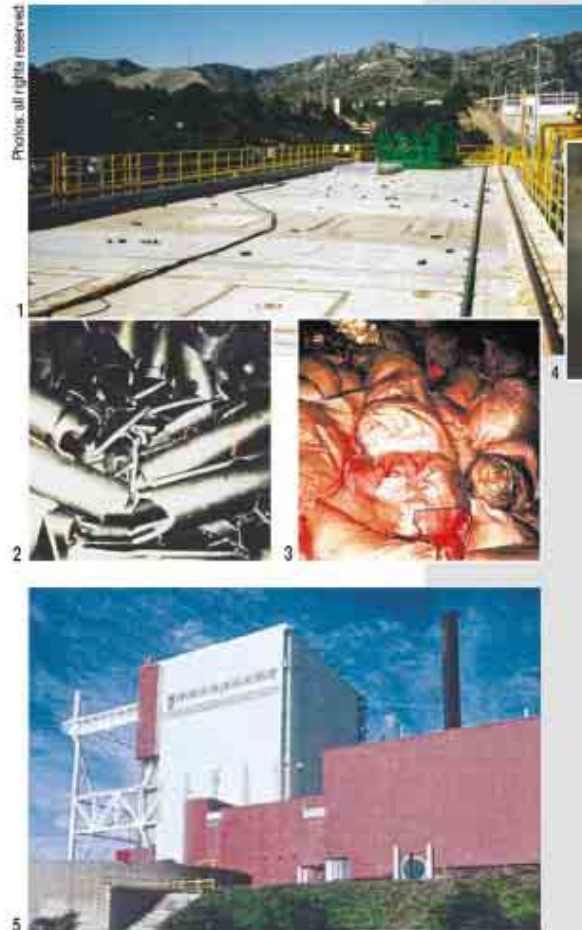
Sawing tool : design, testing, realisation



AREVA Experience in Decommissioning/ Waste Management: International Experience

AREVA NP:

Cleanup of Vandellos-1 (Spain) GCR Waste Storage Silos



1 - Silos upper slab
 2/3 - Silos before clean-up
 4 - Silos after clean-up
 5 - Vandellos 1 GCR Spain

- 3 x 1500 m³ concrete silos
- 1120 tonnes of mixed waste
- Total activity 3000 TBq
 - 200 000 graphite sleeves
 - 492 metallic absorbers
 - 2 irradiated fuel elements
 - 180 m³ plastic and metallic waste

Leader in this major turnkey project (1993-1997)

- Waste retrieval
- Waste processing
- On-site interim storage

AREVA Experience in Decommissioning/ Waste Management: International Experience

- ▶ **Hanford (USA) : (Project Hanford Management Contract)**
- ▶ **Sellafield (UK)**
- ▶ **Dounreay (UK), Waste retrieval process for the Shaft and Wet Silo**
- ▶ **Institute for Radioelements , Fleurus (Belgium) Cleanup of hot cells C1 & C2**
- ▶ **Etc.**

AREVA TA international Experience in Decommissioning and Waste Management

Paldiski (Estonia) training facility:

2 submarine reactors

Cleanup, sarcophagus strengthening



Chernobyl (Ukraina)

Cleanup, sarcophagus strengthening

AREVA TA international Experience in Decommissioning and Waste Management

▶ **BATAN (Indonesia) LLRW incineration plant**



▶ **Ongoing project: LLW incineration unit at Severodvinsk, Russia**

AREVA TA international Experience in Decommissioning and Waste Management

► Waste Conditioning and Disposal Facility of El Cabril (Spain)

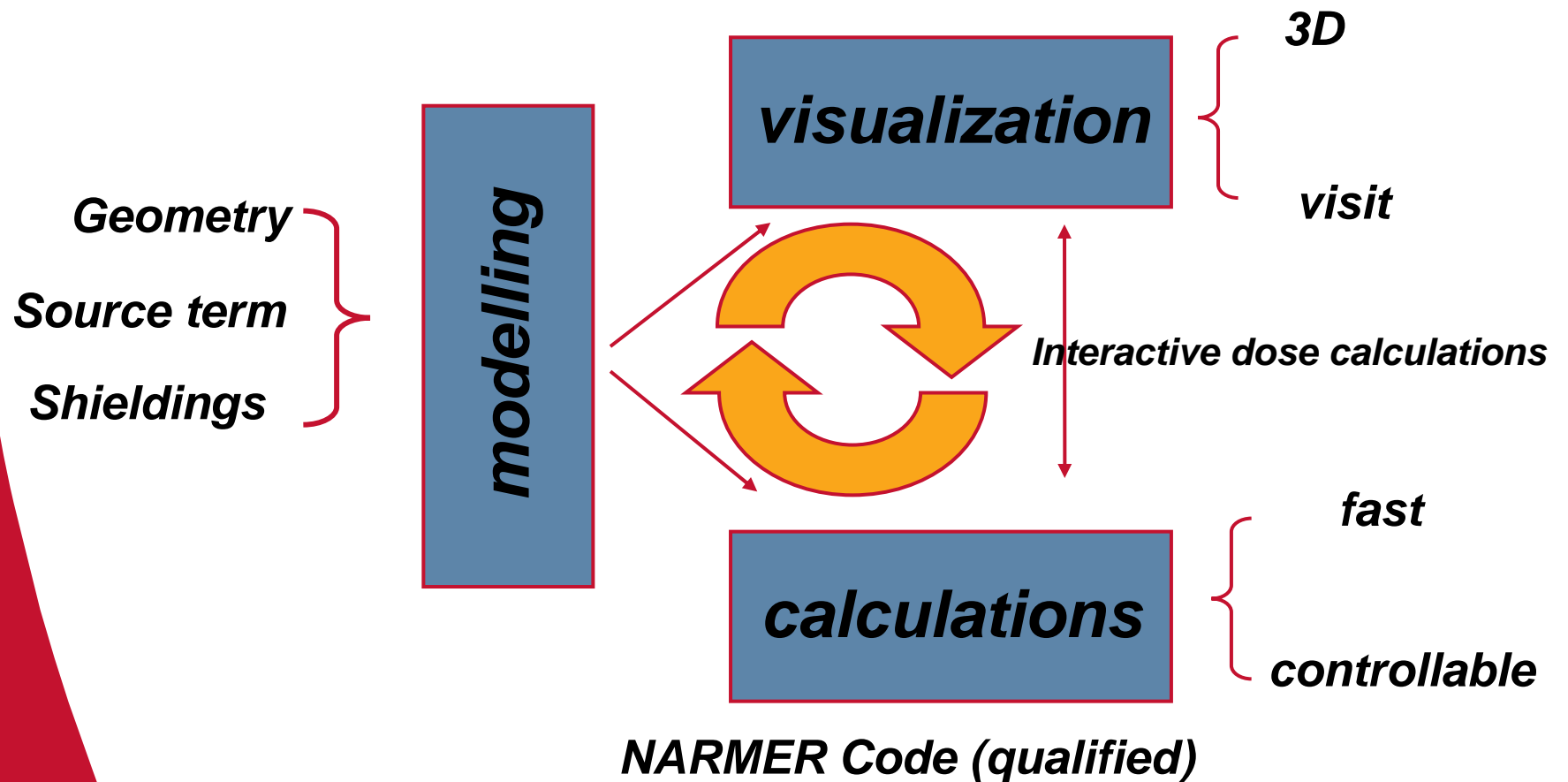


***LILW disposal facility
Centre de l'Aube***

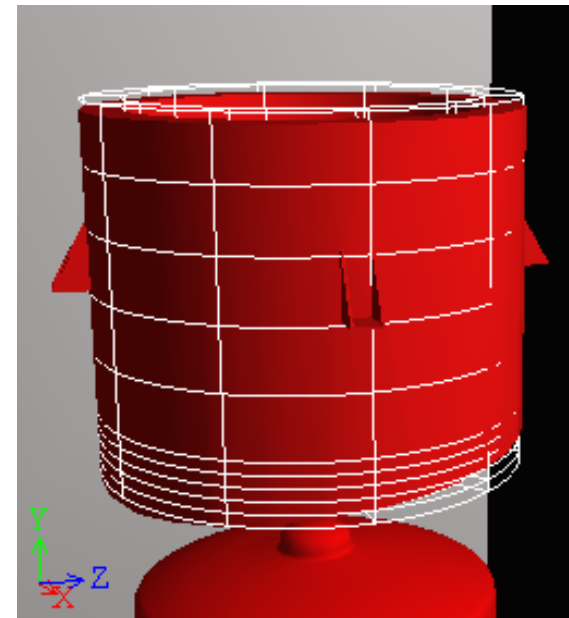
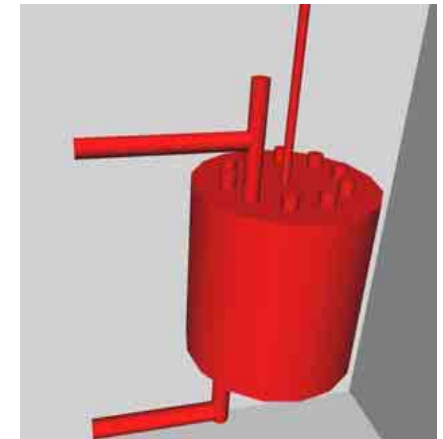
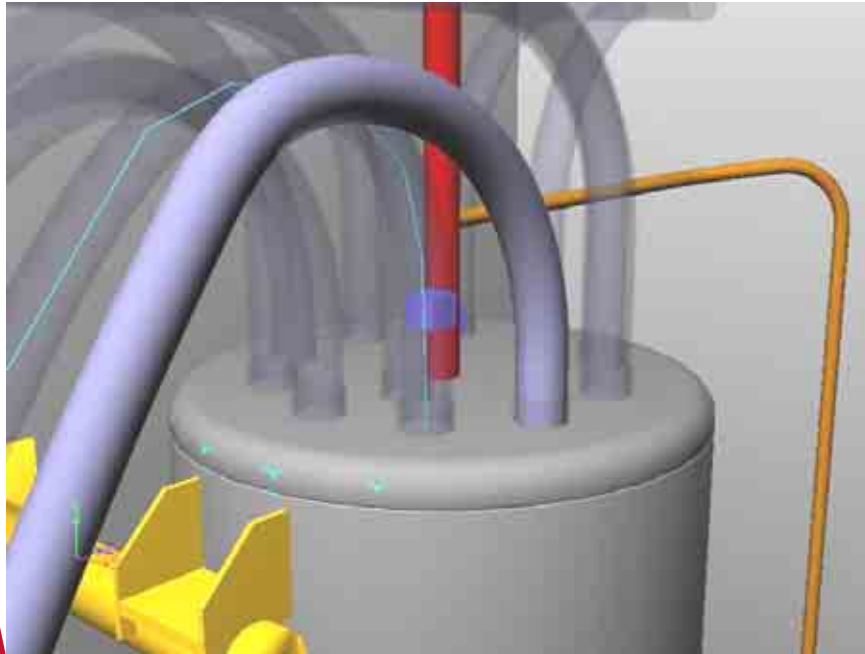


NARVEOS
A Solution for Dismantling
Screenwriting and Dose Optimization

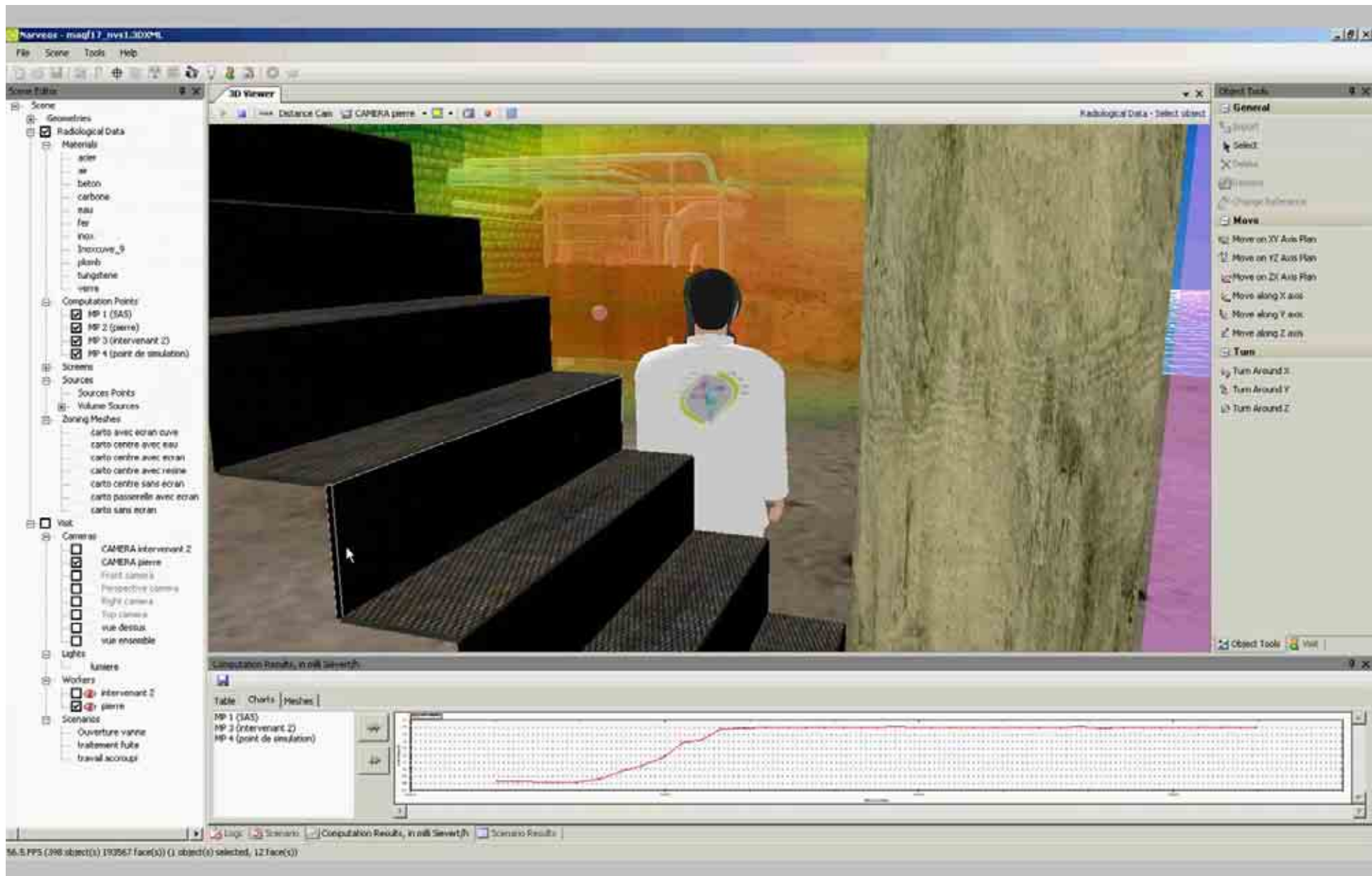
- ▶ Definition of dismantling scenarios and dose optimization (gamma)



► Modelling of objects to be dismantled



- Visualization of modelled work conditions and scenarios
and
Interactive dose calculations



- ▶ **NARVEOS (based on CHAVIR software) aims to:**
 - ◆ Define dismantling work conditions and to elaborate and select scenarios
 - ◆ Consider radiation protection constraints at the beginning of the studies
 - ◆ Valorize available data such as computerized models
- ▶ **NARVEOS is also a tool for follow-up of work**
 - ◆ Refit numerical models for better dose predictions
- ▶ **Communication tool (Subcontractors , Regulatory Body)**



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***Example of AREVA TA Activities in
Decommissioning:
the Gremikha Remediation Project***



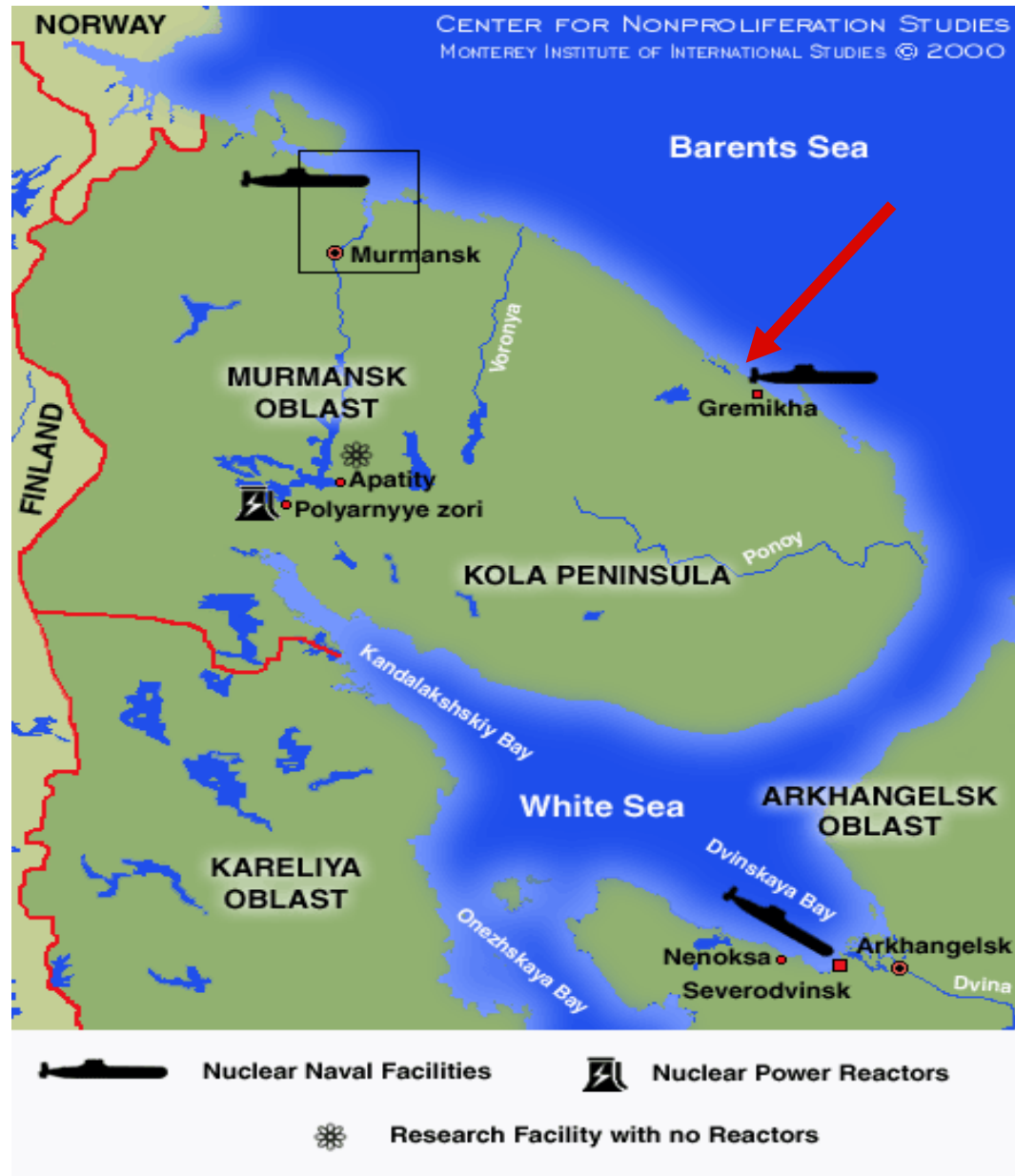
» *IAEA Decommissioning activities*

» *International Projects*

» *Contact Expert Group (CEG)*

- ▶ **to promote international cooperation and assistance in the field of resolving problems caused by radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel left as a Cold War legacy. The Global Partnership Programme against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction launched at the G-8 Summit in 2002, which was later joined by a number of other nations,**
- ▶ **Remediation of the naval maintenance base of Gremikha**
 - Management of radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, decommissioning of facilities and site remediation**

The Gremikha Coastal Maintenance Base



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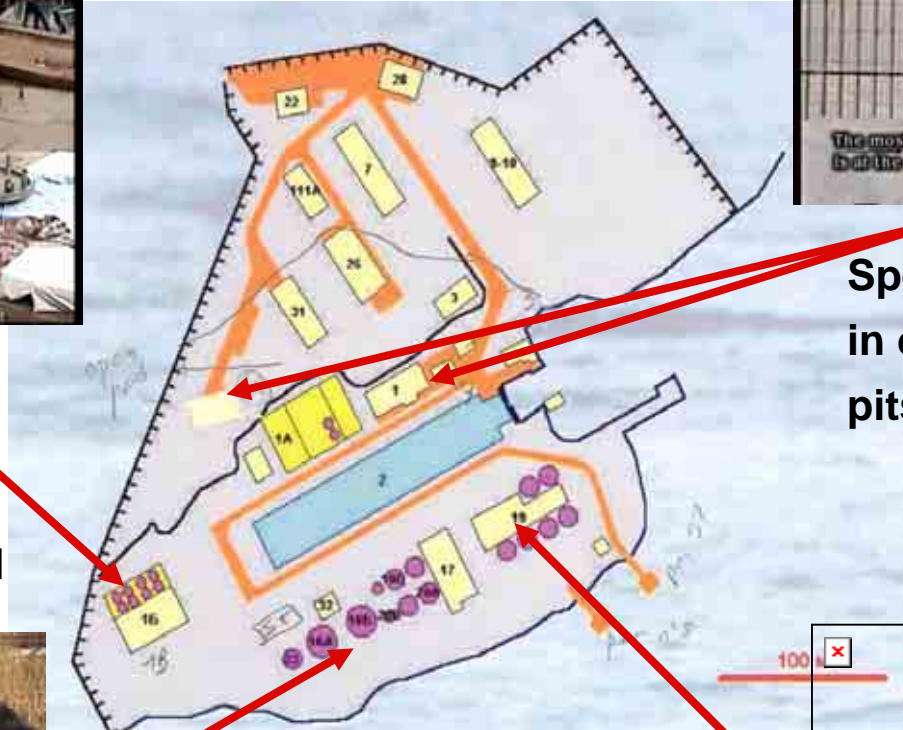


Spent cores from Alpha Class submarines in solid Pb-Bi eutectic



The most difficult situation in terms of radioactivity is at the interim pad for solid radioactive waste...

Spent nuclear VVR fuel in open air pad and in pits in building 1



Liquid radwaste (L-ILW) in underground tanks



Solid radwaste (L-ILW, HLW) In building 19



Framework and Objectives of the Gremikha Project

- » **Project implemented in the framework of the G8 Global Partnership**
- » **French Representative: CEA/PMG8 (Atomic Energy Commission)**
- » **French Engineering Company AREVA TA (AREVA NP, AREVA RMC)**

- » **Russian Representative: ROSATOM**
- » **Main Russian contractors :**
 - » **Kurtchatov Institute**
 - » **SevRAO (operator of Gremikha site)**
 - » **Sub-contractors: VNIPIET, NIKIET, IPPE, NIIAR**

Objectives of the overall Project:

- => Evacuation of all spent nuclear fuel (VVR fuel, spent 'Alpha' cores') and of liquid and solid radioactive waste (except VLLW)
- => Dismantling of facilities and site cleanup

Engineering Work performed by AREVA TA for the GREMIKHA Project

Since 2005 :

- ▶ Comprehensive radiological and engineering survey of the site**
 - ◆ Definition of survey programme, appraisal of results**

- ▶ Conceptual design studies for evacuation of nuclear and radioactive materials and site remediation**
 - ◆ Appraisal of Russian studies (focus on technical feasibility, nuclear safety and radiation protection)**

- ▶ Detailed studies related to spent nuclear fuel inventory and characterization, detailed studies for evacuation of undamaged fuel assemblies**
 - ◆ Appraisal of Russian technical solutions (focus on technical feasibility, nuclear safety and radiation protection)**

Comprehensive Engineering and Radiological Survey



Comprehensive Engineering and Radiological Survey



Management of SNF from 'Alpha' spent cores



- » Removal of spent core from submarine
- » Handling spent core in its eutectic reservoir to its storage position

Evacuation of undamaged SNF assemblies



SNF type 6 containers prepared in July 2008, before transfer of SNF assemblies on the SEREBRIANKA service ship (October to December 2008)

Evacuation of undamaged SNF assemblies



Conclusions

Conclusions: AREVA TA and the International Decommissioning Network

- ▶ **AREVA Group offers the world nuclear industry and IAEA members a unique combination of skills for dismantling, cleanup and waste management projects, drawing on the combined experiences of all AREVA units**
- ▶ **It is the interest of the community and for the Nuclear Renaissance that DECOM Project would be achieved satisfactorily throughout the world**
- ▶ **Main objectives of AREVA decommissioning strategy are to :**
 - ◆ **enhance the feed back**
 - ◆ **contribute to performance improvements**
 - ◆ **value professionals**
 - ◆ **put innovation forward**
 - **to remain a centre of excellence**

Conclusions: AREVA TA and the International Decommissioning Network (2)

- ▶ **AREVA TA joined the IDN in November 2008 at the meeting in Vienna.**
- ▶ **AREVA TA wants to commit as a member in IDN activities such as :**
 - ◆ **participating consistently in Technical and Advisory meetings**
 - ◆ **Providing qualified and experienced individuals for expert missions to support participants**
 - ◆ **Providing qualified peers to support the IAEA's efforts on peer reviews**
 - ◆ **Hosting and participating to training courses, fellowship and scientific visits for participants.**

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