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Nuclear Power Plant Waste Management -LLW Processor Issues

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A worldwide leader in the nuclear waste industry, providing innovative services and products to improve each client's operating efficiency.



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Studsvik's Markets



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Innovation Timeline





Waste Treatment Offerings



- Thermal Organic Reduction (THOR[®])
- Thermal Conversion Reformer
- T-Spray
- Large Component Processing
- Bulk Survey For Release (BSFR)
- Advanced Material Processing (AMP)

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THOR Process

Patented thermal technology

- Pyrolysis/steam reforming system —
- Reduces wet organic waste to a non-reactive waste form
- Waste streams processed
 - Bead resins, powdered resins, sludges
 - Activated charcoal —
 - Non-Metal Filter Cartridges _
 - Dry Active Waste (DAW) _
- **Benefits**
 - Volume reduction
 - Creates a safer, more stable, inorganic waste _ form
 - Controllable for specific waste classifications _





Large Component

- Process and recycle large components
- Turnkey services
- Waste streams processed
 - Nearly any component
 - Examples
 - Steam generators
 - Reactor heads
 - Feed water heaters
- Benefits
 - Volume reduction
 - Recycling
 - Up to 97% release





Bulk Survey For Release (BSFR)

- Process and dispose medium or high density solid waste materials
 - ISOCS gamma spectroscopy system used to survey waste
 - Controlled disposal to specific Subtitle-D disposal facilities
- Waste streams processed
 - Soils, rubbles, scrap metal, equipment
 - Dry Active Wastes (DAW)
 - Bulk liquids, oils, sludges (absorbed)
- Benefits
 - Cost effective alternative to direct LLRW disposal





Advanced Material Processing (AMP)

- Sort and process waste materials
 - Bulk Survey for Release (BSFR)
 - LLRW Disposal
 - Free Release
- Waste Streams Processed
 - Dry Active Waste (DAW)
 - Metals
- Benefits
 - Conservation of LLRW landfills
 - Recycling
 - Lower disposal costs





Engineering and Consultancy Services

- Custom solutions to problematic waste streams
 - Fluidized bed stream reforming
 - Other proprietary thermal treatment solutions
- Services
 - Testing
 - Design
 - Equipment supply
 - Start-up and technical assistance
 - Turn key solutions
- Example projects
 - DOE Idaho
 - DOE Savannah River
 - Multiple projects internationally
 - UK
 - France
 - Japan





DOE Idaho Sodium Bearing Waste (SBW)

- THOR treatment of 3.8 million liters of SBW generated from the spent nuclear fuel solvent extraction processes
- Status
 - Plant start-up
 - Online Fall 2011





DOE Savannah River Tank 48

- THOR treatment of 1 million liters of high-level radioactive liquid tank waste
- Status
 - Integrated pilot plant tests complete
 - Detailed design for full-scale plant underway





Risk-Informed, Performance-Based





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