

## **3706** TRANSURANIC WASTE CAMPAIGN

# Path to Success

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## The Catalyst: Las Conchas Fire

- More than 150,000 acres burned in 2011
- Came to within 3.5 miles of TRU waste storage at LANL's Area G
- Heightened public concern and media attention on TRU waste
- New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez requested accelerated removal of above ground TRU waste from LANL

DOE/NNSA and New Mexico Environment Department agree above ground TRU waste removal is highest environmental priority at LANL





## **Framework Agreement**

Agreement between New Mexico Environment Department and DOE/NNSA for:

Complete removal of 3,706 cubic meters of noncemented above-grade by June 30, 2014

 Removal of all newly-generated TRU waste received at Area G during FY12 and FY13 by December 31, 2014

Development of a schedule that includes pacing milestones for disposition of below-grade TRU requiring retrieval at Area G by December 31, 2012 (submitted December 10, 2012)

Complete removal of above-grade cemented legacy TRU waste in an efficient and effective manner







## **Campaign Inventory**

- Total of 4,495 containers
- Total volume of 3,706 m<sup>3</sup>
- Total activity of 41,085 PE-Ci

#### **Number of Containers**

Boxes & SWBs (462)

#### **Volume of Container Types**

Drums (905 m<sup>3</sup>)

Boxes & SWBs (2,801 m<sup>3</sup>)

#### **Activity of Container Types**

Boxes & SWBs (6,352 PE-Ci)

Drums (4,033)





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# **Our Mission**

#### "Clearing the Deck" of TRU waste during FY s 2012, 2013 and 2014



- 3,706 cubic meters of legacy waste
- 4,495 containers
- Ship 41,085 cumulative plutonium-239 equivalent curies of MAR off site

#### 3,706 goal vs. progress thru 2/2/2014



# Status of 3,706 Campaign

MAR, Total 3,706 Campaign (Cumulative Goal 41,085 PE-Ci) Volume, Total 3,706 Campaign (Cumulative Goal 3,706 m<sup>3</sup>)



#### Status on 2/2/2014

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**Remediation Planned** 

In Characterization

In Certification

Approved in WDS

**Removed/Shipped** 



## **Key Factors in Achieving High Performance**

- Strong focus on safety and compliance
- Organizational changes to establish sub-projects for critical campaign elements and to integrate facility operations
- Development of integrated and detailed project management schedule
- Collaboration with stakeholders





## **Key Factors in Achieving High Performance**



- Upgraded remediation, characterization and shipping capabilities
- Extended work shifts for remediation
- Constant attention to potential issues and progress
- Constant communication with all organizations involved
- Innovative approaches to waste processing



### LANL 3706 Waste Disposition Project Lessons Learned and Innovations



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#### Inventory Driven Management Planning, Execution and Measurement



## Planning - Defining Project Scope

- Scope defined based on specific inventory
- Stakeholder agreement on scope
- Transparent communications on scope
- Plan with a vision of the end

3,706 Campaign Inventory (Oct. 1, 2011)				
	#Containers	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Activity (PE-Ci)	
Drums	4,035	909	35,421	
Oversize Containers	249	2,397	3,092	
SWBs	211	400	2,572	
TOTALS	4,495	3,706	41,085	



### **Planning for Execution**

- Simple inventory process steps established
- Organizational structure adjusted to align with process steps
- Waste organized into inventories with similar disposition paths Solution Packages
- Container management database organized by Solution Package and process steps
- Schedule developed based on processing waste through process steps
- Waste disposition output based on processing schedule



#### Execution – Commit to the Plan

- Critical path identified open container remediation
- Solution Packages logically ordered to minimize remediation facility downtime
- Waste physically organized in storage based on planned processing
- Facility modifications, safety basis changes and readiness needs identified early and planned early
- Actual waste processing rates compared to planned processing rates for feedback loop
  - Risk management redundant crane Installed for loading shipments



Solution Package Scope Definition Solution Package Identifier Rad Boxes <3.4 cubic meters (#9)				
Developed By:	Developer	Date		
CCP Review:	CCP [ Larry Porter]	Date		
Approved By:				
Planning & Tech Solutions	Davis Christensen	Date		
Disposition Project Owner	Mike Romero	Date		
Shipping and Safe Storage	Scottle Miller	Dute		
FOD	Cliff Kirkland	Date		
Projects / Services	Andy Baumer	Date		
TP Program	K Johns Hughes or 5 Clemenous	Date		





#### **Measurement – Metrics of Value**

- Actuals vs. planned
- Continuous validation of key assumptions
- Identification and understanding the leading indicators
- Transparent communication of good and bad news soon and often



#### **Lessons Learned**

Waste container processing is not an exact science

- Plan for the unknowns and plan to adjust
- Value of pre-screen NDA and NDE vs historical data
- Legacy data is never 100%
- Integrated planning with teaming partners
  - Teamwork between LANL, CCP, LASO and CBFO best ever
- Communication of waste processes to those that are experts in other fields. Enabling advocates
  - Community leaders
  - Elected officials
  - Neighboring pueblos
  - Regulators
- Empowering the workforce
  - Significant contributions and innovative solutions made by individuals working outside their comfort zone.

Waste Category	Solution Packages	
AG Any Solid Group	3,706 Goal Misc. Solids	
AG Any Waste Group	FY11 NNG AG Any Waste Group No Issues	
AG Cement Cans	AG Cement Cans No Issues	
AG Debris Boxes	Corrugated Metal Boxes 4x4x6	
	Boxes < 8.2 m3	
	AG Boxes 412 <8.2 m3	
	Haz Cat 3 Boxes 412 > 3.4 to < 8.2 m3	
	Haz Cat 3 Boxes 412 < 3.4 m3	
	Haz Cat 3 Boxes 375 > 8.2 m3	
	Inplace Processing Large Boxes	
	Metal Boxes > 4x4x6	
	Rad Boxes < 3.4 m3	
AG Debris Drums	>200 mR/Hr	
	Misc. Debris Drums	
	Container Issues	
	Misc Issues	
	Multiple Issues	
	NDA-Rad	
	NDA-Uncertain	
	No Issue	
	Overweight	
	PID in Matrix	
	Tritium	
	Unvented	
	WIPP WAC – Chem	
	Debris Drums > 300 PE-Ci	
	OSRP Issue Drums	
	Salt Waste	
AG Debris SWB DL	SWB-DL	
AG Debris SWB OP	SWB-OP Debris	
AG No Waste Stream	AG No Waste Stream No Issues	
	AG No Waste Stream Suspect TRU	
	AC No Waste Stream Unvented	



#### Innovations

- Solution package concept
- Measurement of waste disposition using parent container volume
- Database management of waste container lineage
- Use of Six Sigma modeling to validate processing strategy and key assumptions
- Processing of low MAR TRU inventory while demonstrating readiness to process higher MAR TRU inventory
- Use of DOE-STD-1027 supplemental guidance on HAZ Cat 2 vs HAZ Cat 3 processing for 425.1D readiness determination
- Use of Surface Contaminated Object rules to allow decon of waste items to less than TRU
- Process difficult waste early and throughout campaign
- Contracting LLW disposal through federal IDIQ







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