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Tank Farms Project

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E Environmental Management M safety \Rightarrow performance \Rightarrow cleanup \Rightarrow closure



Hanford's Greatest Challenge

> 1943-1964: 149 single-shell tanks constructed

- Up to 67 assumed to have leaked
- Over 1 million gallons estimated to have leaked

1968-1986: 28 double-shell tanks constructed
1 leaking, waste contained within annulus

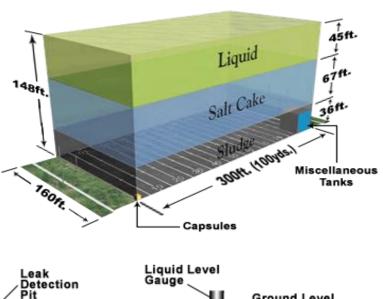
Disposition of 56 million gallons of radioactive and chemical waste

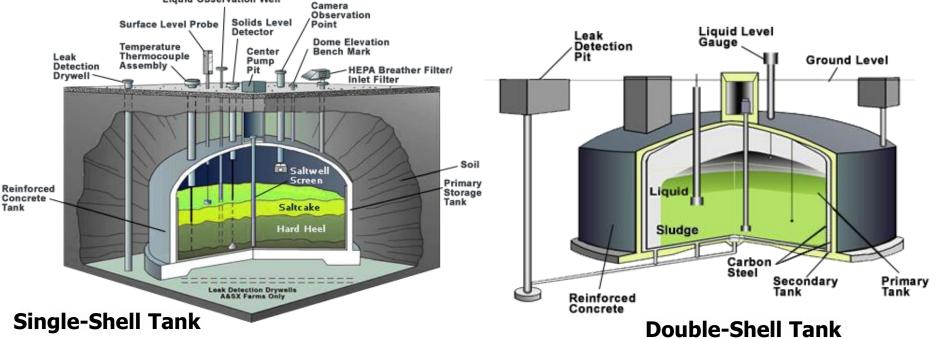


No Two Tanks are the Same

- Waste temperatures range from 60°F to 160°F
- Highly caustic
- Moderate-to-high radioactivity
- No two tanks have the same waste contents
- Most waste produces some hydrogen

Liquid Observation Well







Tank Farms – Complex, Accessible Only from the Surface





Interim Stabilization Completed

- Hanford's single-shell tanks first began leaking in 1959
- 28 double-shell tanks were constructed to address this problem
- Liquid waste was transferred to safer double-shell tanks from 1978-2005
- 2.7 million gallons of drainable liquid waste remains in Hanford's single-shell tanks

CRITERIA IS:

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- < 50,000 gallons interstitial liquid
- < 5,000 gallons free liquid
- < 0.05 gallons/minute pump rate



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Single-Shell Tank Waste Retrieval in C Farm

RETRIEVAL TECHNOLOGIES



Mobile Arm Retrieval System Sluicing (MARS-S)



Chemical Dissolution



Enhanced Reach Sluicing System (ERSS)



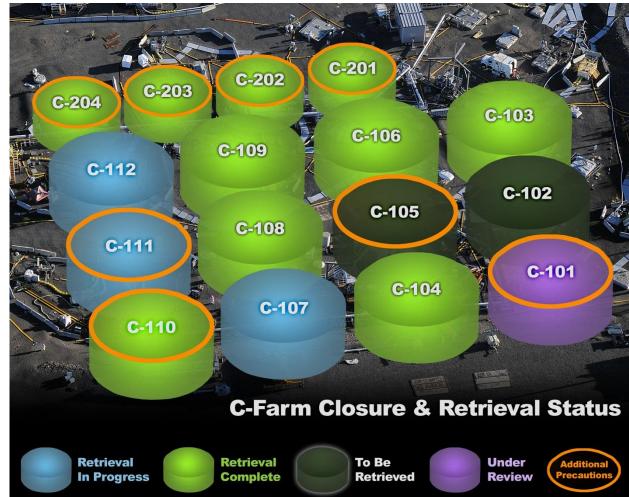
Modified Sluicing



In-Tank Vehicle (Foldtrack)



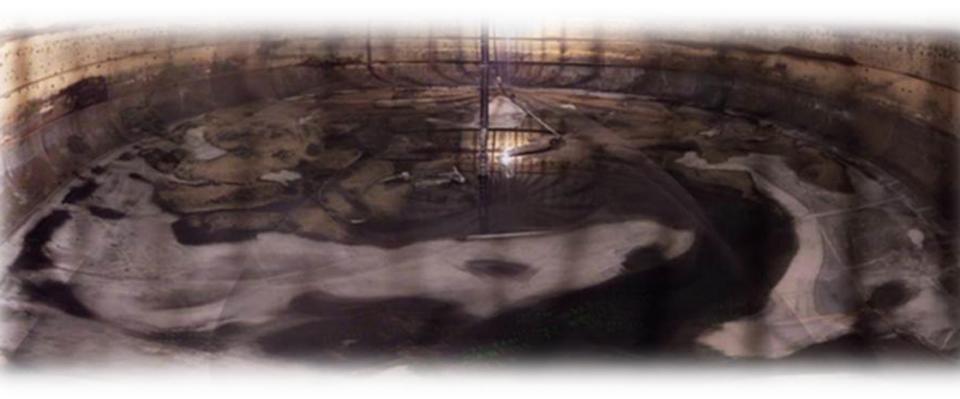
Mobile Arm Retrieval System Vacuum (MARS-V)



Aerial photograph of C-Farm with graphical overlay that depicts current status of each single-shell tank



Tank Farms Retrieval Progress – Inside Tank C-110



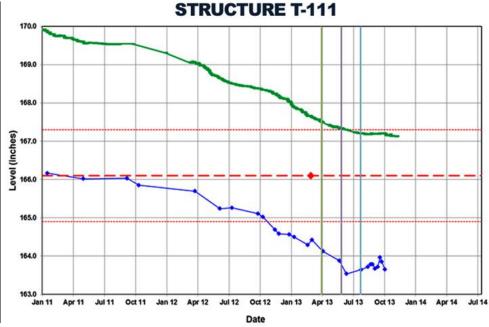
This composite image of dozens of individual-frame photos taken inside Tank C-110 provides a rare panoramic view of the tank interior



Single-Shell Tank Liquid Level Monitoring



View inside tank T-111 with ENRAF tank level gauge visible



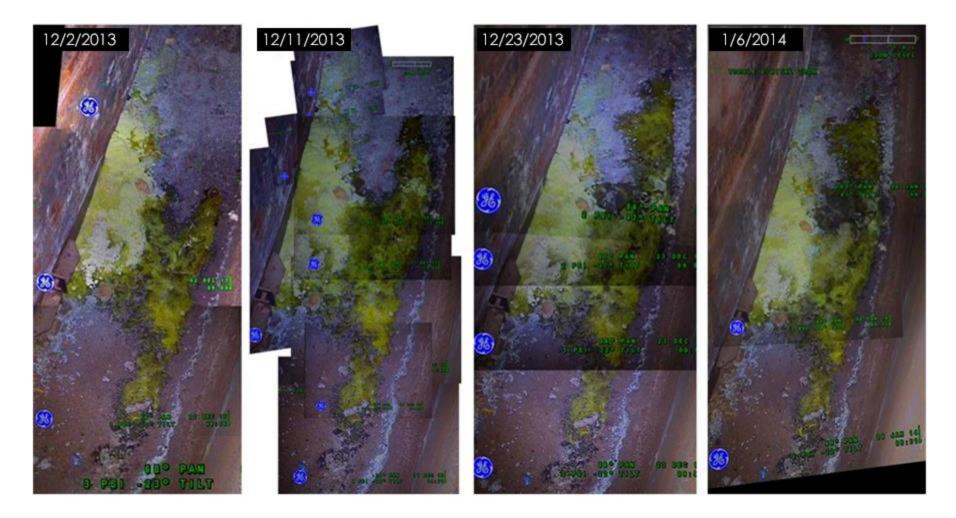


- ----- Increase Limit
- ------ Cutoff date for data for RPP-RPT-54964



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Tank AY-102 Changes Over Time





Tank AY-102 – Robotic Crawler



Robotic crawler was navigated through 60 feet of six-inch drain line underneath Tank AY-102



Operational Challenges Being Addressed

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- Maximize DST storage space
- Improve Tank Farms infrastructure
- Complete C Farm retrieval
- Commence next SST retrievals