

Safely Delivering DOE's Vision for the East Tennessee Technology Park Mission

The Disposition of Former "No Path To Disposal" Wastes - A 2015 Update

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Agenda

- Initial "No Path To Disposal" (NPTD) Waste Inventory
- Regulatory Framework
- Contractual Requirements
- Disposition Approach
- Current Status
- Remaining Challenges



NPTD Waste Inventory

	Quantity		Reason for "No	
Waste Category	Volume (m³)	# Containers	Path" Designation	
Classified F027 Mixed LLW Debris	5.8	11	F027 Listing, Classified	
Classified PCB LLW Debris	9.4	4	PCBs, Classified	
Reactive Mixed LLW Returns	0.8	4	Reactivity Characteristic	
Classified Mixed LLW Liquids/Debris/Soils	18.3	27	Classified MLLW	
Mercury Mixed LLW Debris Returns	15.2	34	Mercury, Organics	
Dioxin/Furan Mixed LLW Liquids and Debris	15.8	61	Underlying Hazardous Constituents (UHCs)	

Regulatory Framework

- Two compliance agreements allowed continued storage of NPTD waste
 - Site Treatment Plan
 - PCB Federal Facility Compliance Agreement
- The agreements provide regulatory relief until disposal pathways can be identified
- The agreements include provisions requiring continuous progress

Contractual Requirements





Disposition Approach

- Revisit historical waste characterization Information; thoroughly understand the waste
 - Process knowledge circumstances and processes of generation and subsequent storage and handling
 - Available characterization data
 - Current condition of waste and waste container
- Review the regulatory framework what's allowed and what's not allowed
- Revisit current available treatment technologies and disposal options
- Fill data gaps
- Reclassify and re-characterize



Current Status

Waste Category	Reason for "No Path" Designation	Path Identified	Disposition Complete?
Classified F027 Mixed LLW Debris	F027 Listing, Classified	NNSS	
Classified PCB LLW Debris	PCBs, Classified	NNSS	
Reactive Mixed LLW Returns	Reactivity Characteristic	M&EC, NNSS	
Classified Mixed LLW Liquids/Debris/Soils	Classified MLLW	M&EC, NNSS	new from last year
Mercury Mixed LLW Debris Returns	Mercury, Organics	EnergySolutions	In process
Dioxin/Furan Mixed LLW Liquids and Debris	UHCs	Unknown	×
New from last year - Sodium and Lithium Hydride shields	Reactivity Characteristic	EnergySolutions	In process



Remaining Challenges

Mercury and Organic Contaminated Waste

- Problem:
 - LLW containing mercury, organics and PCBs
 - Treatment technology available, however could not meet Underlying Hazardous Constituent concentrations as well
- Solution:
 - Prepared Request for Proposal and released for bid
 - Allowed the marketplace to work for us
 - Competition motivated the development of treatment capability
- Result:
 - Treatment source has been identified
 - Awaiting scope and funding authorization
 - Disposition planning is in process



Remaining Challenges (cont.)

Dioxin & Furan Waste

- Problem:
 - LLW includes both solid phase and liquid phase dioxin/furan F and U hazardous waste codes
 - Treatment technology exists to treat the primary waste, however the secondary liquids have no treatment/disposal path
- Solution:
 - Storage for now



Remaining Challenges (cont.)

Sodium and Lithium Shields

- Problem:
 - Large, odd-shaped items containing bulk sodium metal or lithium hydride
- Solution:
 - Prepared Request for Expression of Interest
 - Allowed the marketplace to work for us
- Result:
 - Treatment source has been identified
 - Risk assessments underway and regulatory strategy being developed

