

ANDREWS, TEXAS

WCS Update for Waste Management March 2017



### WCS Safety and Quality Focus

- WCS maintains a strong, overarching commitment to safety and quality.
- WCS promotes a safety culture consistent with the best nuclear utilities and DOE sites:
  - Trust-based organization
  - Open communication free from concerns over reprisal
  - All workers have right and obligation to report safety and quality concerns



#### **WCS Current Facilities**

LSA Pad Federal Facility Byproduct Facility **Compact Facility Hazardous Waste** Landfill Administration Buildings and Treatment Facility



# Disposal and Service Capabilities

#### **Commercial Waste**

 In- and Out-of-Compact Class A, B, and C LLRW



#### **Federal Waste**

 Federal Class A, B, and C LLRW and MLLRW



#### **Low Activity**

 Certain low activity waste in Hazardous Waste Landfill



#### **Transportation**

- 3 state-of-the-art Type B Casks
- 2 Type A Casks



#### **Processing**

Dewatering, Stabilization, Repackaging







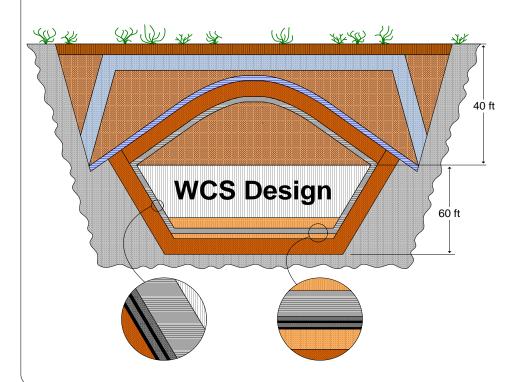


# CWF and FWF Landfill Disposal Design

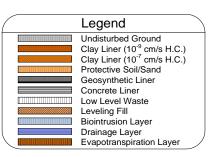


# WCS CWF and FWF Landfill Design Andrews, TX

#### **WCS Landfill Liner Design**



- Multi-layered cover system up to 45 feet thick
- Depth to waste at least 25 feet below surface
- 7 ft. liner system on top of red bed clay which is less permeable to water than concrete and 600 feet thick
- Closest measurable water
  225 feet



# WCS CWF – Native Clay







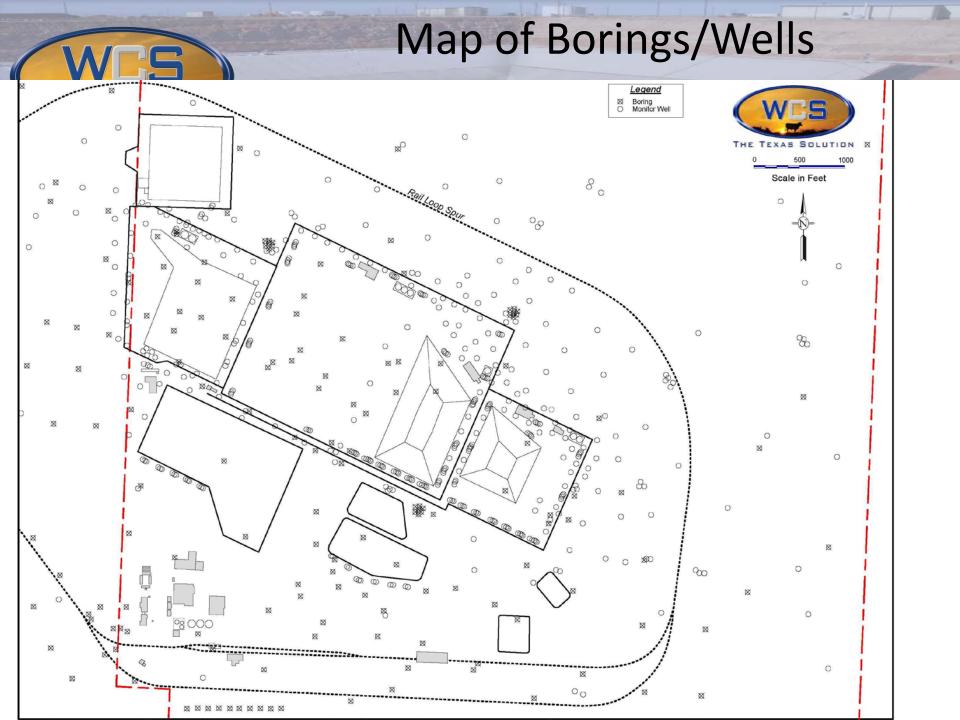
# WCS Compact Facility (New Industry Standard)





## **Groundwater Monitoring**

- Over 640 borings determined geologic characteristics and confirmed WCS is not over an aquifer
- Over 400 monitoring wells that are measured quarterly, many of which are dry
- Approximately 150 monitoring wells are laboratory sampled semi-annually, if there is enough water





#### **Groundwater Characteristics**

- WCS is not above or adjacent to any underground drinking water supply
- Texas Water Development Board map confirms site characteristics
- Hydraulic conductivity of clay is  $1x10^{-9}$  cm/sec and the 225-foot zone is  $1x10^{-8}$  cm/sec
- Horizontal groundwater travel is 4 feet (1.3 meters) per 1,000 years
- Groundwater is ~16,000 years old



# WCS License Status and Capacity



### Licensed LLW Disposal Capacity

#### TX Compact Waste Disposal Facility:

- 9,000,000 cubic feet and 3,890,000 curies
- TCEQ has taken ownership of Texas Compact Landfill and WCS leases it back for operations

#### Federal Waste Disposal Facility:

- 26,000,000 cubic feet and 5,600,000 curies total
- DOE signed Agreement to take ownership of the Federal Landfill after post-closure
- License Term through September 2024 with provision for 10-year renewals thereafter



## WCS RT-100 Type B Cask

- 3 RT-100 Type B casks commissioned in 2014
- RT-100 is 76,500 lbs; made of stainless steel with lead shielding and can transport containers up to 160 cubic feet with dose rates to 500R/hr.
- Hauled by team drivers on a specially designed trailer using EPA certified zero emissions tractors





# Potential Future WCS Operations



### **GTCC** Disposal

 Waste that was not generally suitable for near surface disposal in the 1980s can be demonstrated suitable in 2017 at WCS.

#### At WCS:

- Deeper depth of disposal
- Multiple intrusion barriers
- Minimal rainfall
- High rate of evapotranspiration
- Lack of potable water, etc.
- Historical scenarios at other facilities do not reflect modern disposal practices, especially in an arid environment like at WCS.

#### Barnwell



#### **WCS**





# Proposed Interim Storage Project Scope

- Environmental impacts analyzed with storage of 40,000 MTHM.
- 8 separate phases; storage of up to 5,000 MTHM in each phase.
- License for 40 years with multiple renewals of up to 20 years each.
- Initial SAR includes selected AREVA NUHOMS® and NAC International storage systems which prioritize shutdown sites.
  - Additional systems and sites to be added in future License Amendments.
  - Storage of used fuel from over 12 shutdown/decommissioned nuclear power plants will fit in Phase 1.
- Allows flexibility to transition beyond storage of fuel from currently decommissioned reactors.
- Ongoing discussions with DOE and the U.S. Congress on how to integrate the availability of an interim storage facility into the national strategy for used nuclear fuel management.



#### Location of CISF

POTENTIAL SITE OF CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STORAGE FACILITY (CISF)

- 1 Treatment & Storage
- 2 Hazardous Waste Landfill
- Byproduct Disposal Facility
- 4 Low Level Storage Pad 6 Compact Waste Facility

Federal Waste Facility

Project Scope: Store 40,000 metric tons heavy metal (MTHM) for 40 years or longer. There will be 8 separate phases of up to 5,000 MTHM in each phase. NEW RAIL SIDING PHASE 8 PHASE 7 PHASE 6 PHASE 5 EXISTING RAIL PHASE 4 CASK PHASE 3 HANDLING CONCEPTUAL PHASE 2 BUILDING DRAWING PHASE 1 SECURITY & **EMPLOYEE** -**ADMINISTRATION** PARKING & BUILDING ACCESS ROAD SIDING STATE LINE ROAD



## Proposed Pad Layout for CISF

PHASE 4 PHASE 8 PHASE 3 PHASE 7 PHASE 2 PHASE 6 PHASE 5 Conceptual Drawing





#### **Estimated Timeline**

- February 2015: filed the notice of intent
- April 2016: filed license application
- Late 2016: responding to NRC requests
- Late 2019: NRC issues license application
  - Assumes a three year review period
- Late 2019: Construction begins
- January 2021: Operations begin



# **Questions?**