NRC's Activities Related to GTCC and Transuranic Waste Disposal

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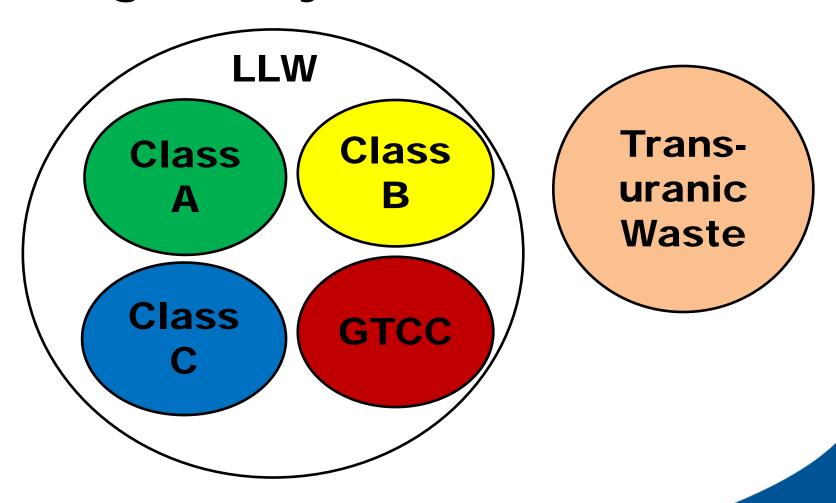
Disposal of GTCC: What Happens Next

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LLW Regulatory Framework





Regulatory Responsibilities for GTCC Waste Management



Federal Government



- NRC
- DOE



What is Transuranic Waste?

"material contaminated with elements that have an atomic number >92...concentrations >10 [nCi/gm], or...as the [NRC] may prescribe"



Activities Related to GTCC and Transuranic Waste Disposal

January 30, 2015 - Texas Letter July 17, 2015 -SECY-15-0094 December 23, 2015 -Commission's Direction in SRM-SECY-15-0094 February 25, 2016 -Final EIS for the Disposal of GTCC and GTCC-Like Waste

February 18, 2011 - Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Disposal of GTCC and GTCC-Like Waste



Commission Direction in SRM-SECY-15-0094

- Within six months of the completion of the 10 CFR Part 61 rulemaking, prepare a regulatory basis for the disposal of GTCC waste through means other than deep geologic disposal, including near-surface disposal, and provide this regulatory basis to OCM for information
- Commission approved 'staff's recommendation to address transuranic waste in 10 CFR section 61.2'



Activities Related to GTCC and Transuranic Waste Disposal

- WM 2015 Paper, "Not All Greater-Than-Class C (GTCC) Waste Streams are Created Equal"
- IAEA 2016 Conference on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management Paper, "Greater-Than-Class C Low-Level Radioactive Waste Characteristics and Disposal Aspects"



Next Steps

Complete
Ongoing
Part 61
Rulemaking

Prepare Regulatory Basis with Public Workshops Possible
Part 61 Rule
for GTCC
and
Transuranic
Waste
Disposal



Questions?



