

# **Savannah River Site Waste Disposition Project**

## **F Tank Farm Closure and Performance Assessment**

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# Purpose & Presentation Overview

**Purpose:** Describe the process, decision points and public participation for closing tanks, status of activities including publication of the F Tank Farm Performance Assessment and path forward.

## **Presentation Overview:**

- Tank Closure Process
- Status of Closure Activities
- F Tank Farm Performance Assessment
- Path Forward

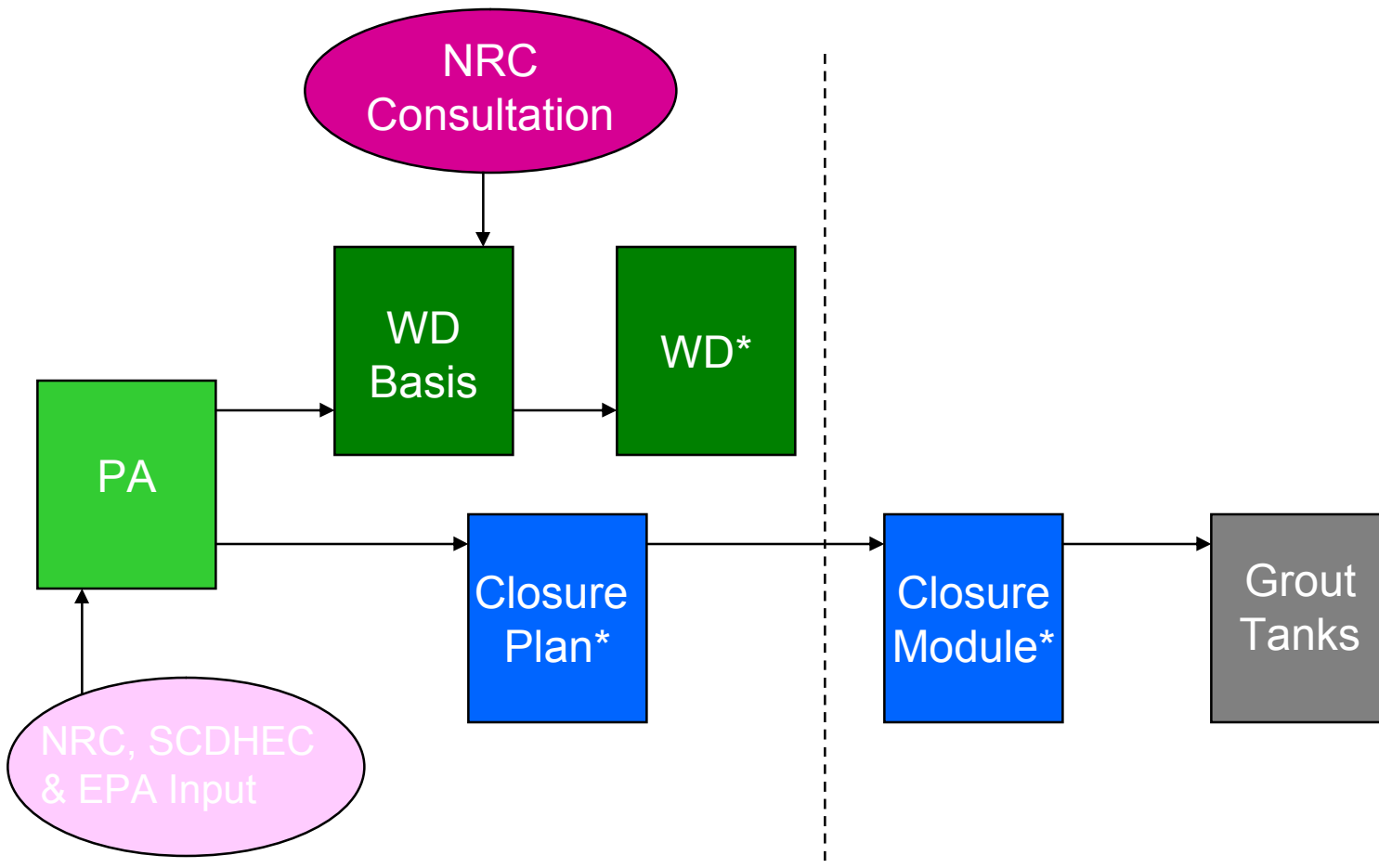


# Acronyms

EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FTF	F Tank Farm
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
PA	Performance Assessment
SCDHEC	South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
WD	Waste Determination



# Tank Closure Process, Decision Points\*, & Public Participation Opportunities



# Status of Tank Closure Activities

- Issued the FTF PA to NRC, SCDHEC and EPA in August 2008.
- FTF PA available for public information
  - <http://sro.srs.gov/ftfpa.html>
  - <http://emdev.apps.em.doe.gov/EMDEV/stakepages/wmdi.swd.aspx?PAGEID=WMDI>
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# F-Tank Farm

## Performance Assessment

### An Overview

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# What is a PA?

- PA = Performance Assessment
- Performance Assessment = a key risk assessment tool used to inform closure and disposal decisions
  - Models fate and transport of materials over long periods of time to determine potential consequences
  - Utilizes informed assumptions
  - Provides most likely consequences of planned actions



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# How does a PA inform?

- PA provides best estimation of what the dose consequences will be, both chemical and radiological, over time
  - Focused on determining “**peak dose**” - worst one-year period – or “**peak concentration**”
  - Reflects **uncertainty** and identifies key parameters for which the model has the greatest **sensitivity** (importance)



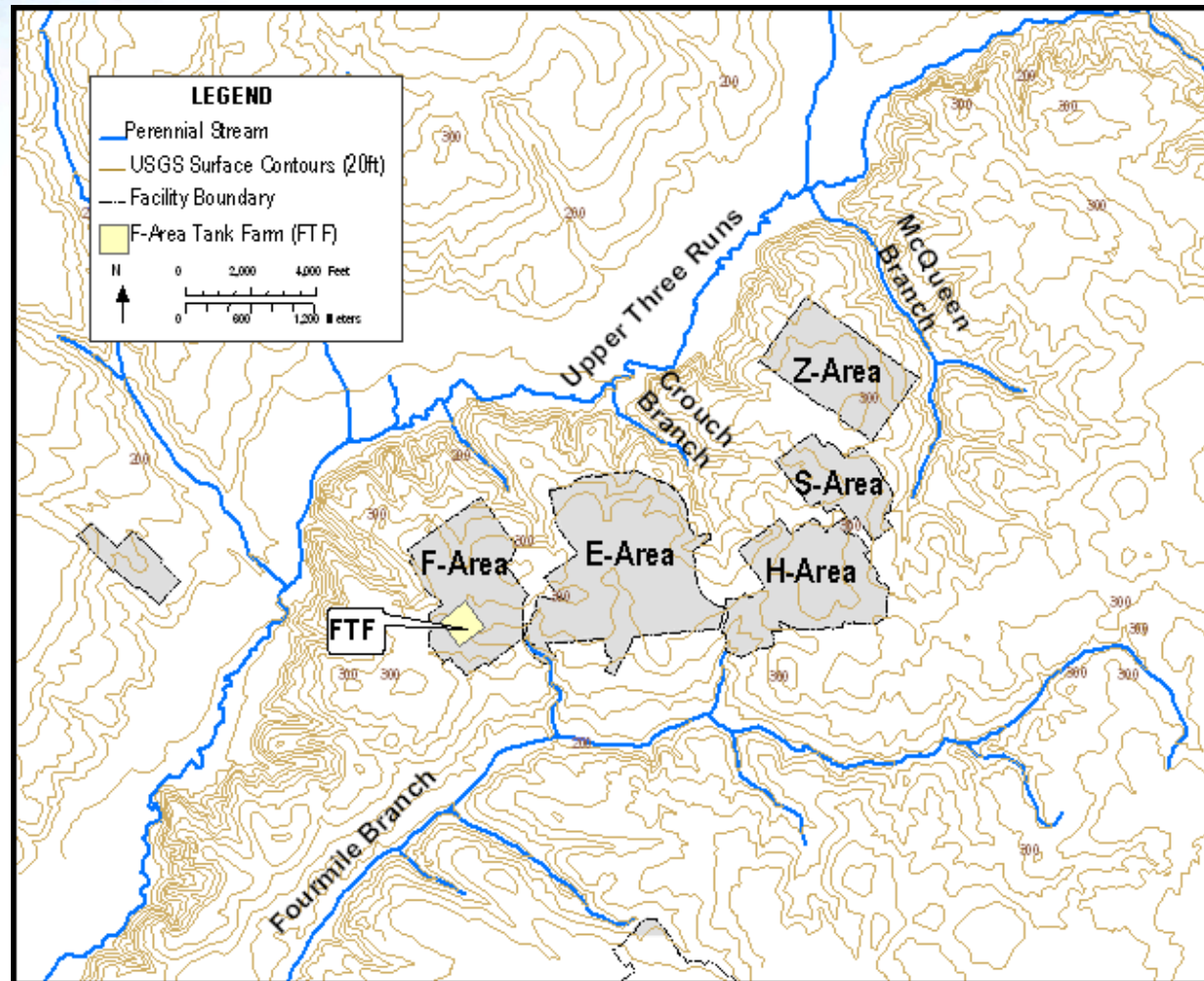
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# Layout of the General Separations Area



# What is the scope of the FTF PA?

- The PA covers all ~ 22 acres of FTF
- Includes 22 carbon steel waste tanks ranging in capacity from 750,000 to 1,300,000 gallons
- Also includes ancillary equipment:
  - 2 evaporator buildings
  - Catch tank
  - Diversion boxes
  - Pump pits
  - Transfer lines



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# FTF PA Development Process

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- 9/2006 Organized PA Development Team
- 2/2007 Initiated **Scoping Meetings** w/ DHEC, EPA, NRC
- 1/2008 Concluded Scoping Meetings
- 12/2007 Issued Revision A for DOE-SR review
- 3/2008 Issued Revision B for **LFRG** review
- 8/2008 Issued Revision 0 for external review/comment



# FTF PA Contents Overview

- Eleven chapters in the main body and ten appendices
- More than 260 figures and 150 tables of information in the body of the PA
- Over 2600 total pages between the PA body (736 pages) and the appendices
- ~ 260 direct references utilized in the development



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# FTF PA Contents Overview

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- Introduction and Executive Summary
- Disposal Facility Characteristics
  - Site geography, hydrogeology, ecology, design features, etc.
- Performance Analysis
  - Integrated conceptual model, modeling codes, air analysis, biotic pathways, RCRA/CERLA risk evaluation, etc.
- Analysis Results
  - Transport, Pathways, Dose and Sensitivity / Uncertainty
- Inadvertent Intruder Analysis
- Results Interpretation
- Performance Evaluation (forward looking)



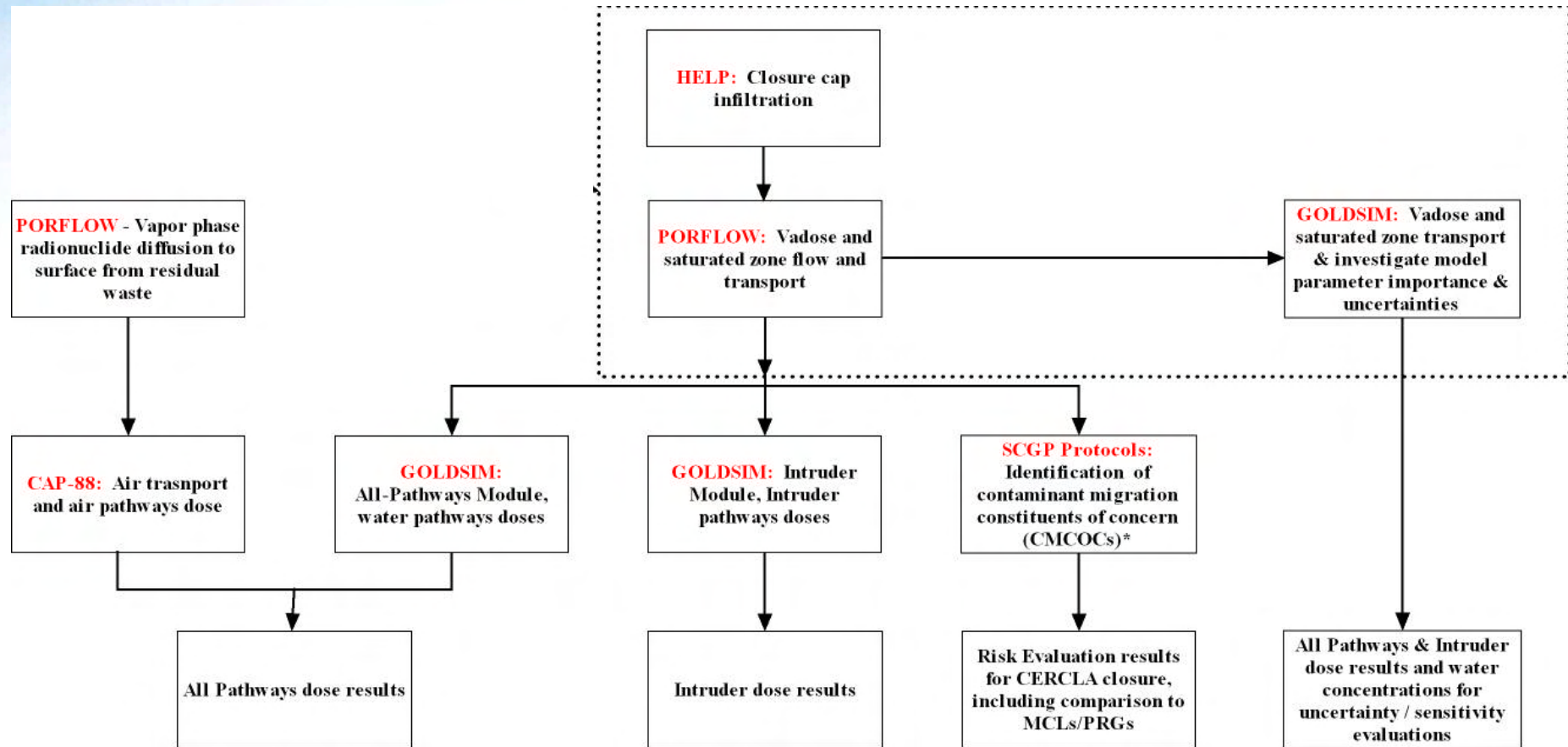
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# FTF PA Modeling Code Integration



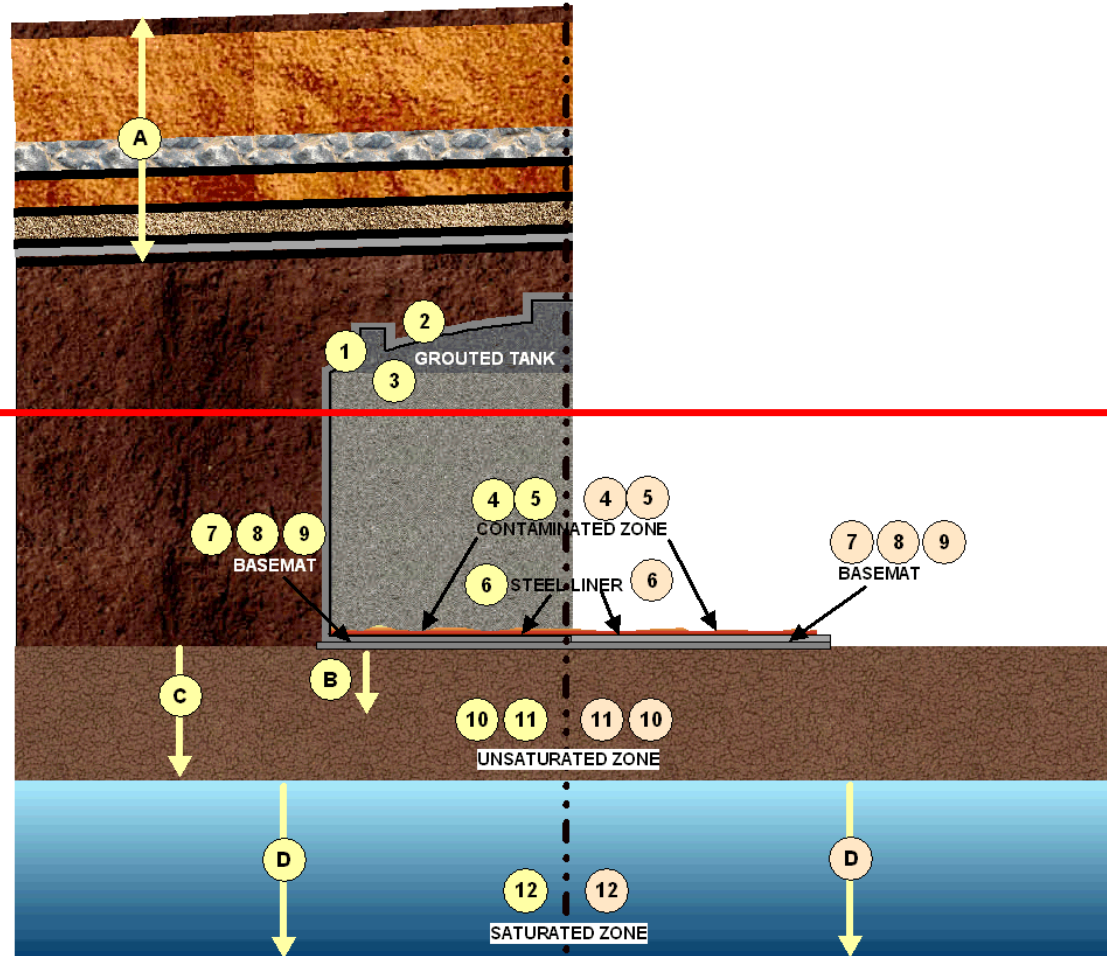
\*The SGCP protocols are not a specific computer code.



# Conceptual Model Inputs

## PORFLOW

- A** Infiltration Rate Through Cap (From HELP Code)
- 1** Tank Design/Location
- 2** Tank Top/Grout Cementitious Properties
- 3** Concrete/Grout Hydraulic Conductivities
- B** Flowrate Results from Contamination Zone
- 4** Waste Release Formula per Porewater Volume
- 5** Waste Inventory
- 6** Liner Failure Analysis
- 7** Basemat Design
- 8** Basemat Kd Values
- 9** Cementitious Basemat Properties
- 10** Soil Properties
- 11** Soil Kd Values
- 12** GSA Database Parameters
- C** Flowrate through Unsaturated Zone
- D** PORFLOW Flowrate through Saturated Zone

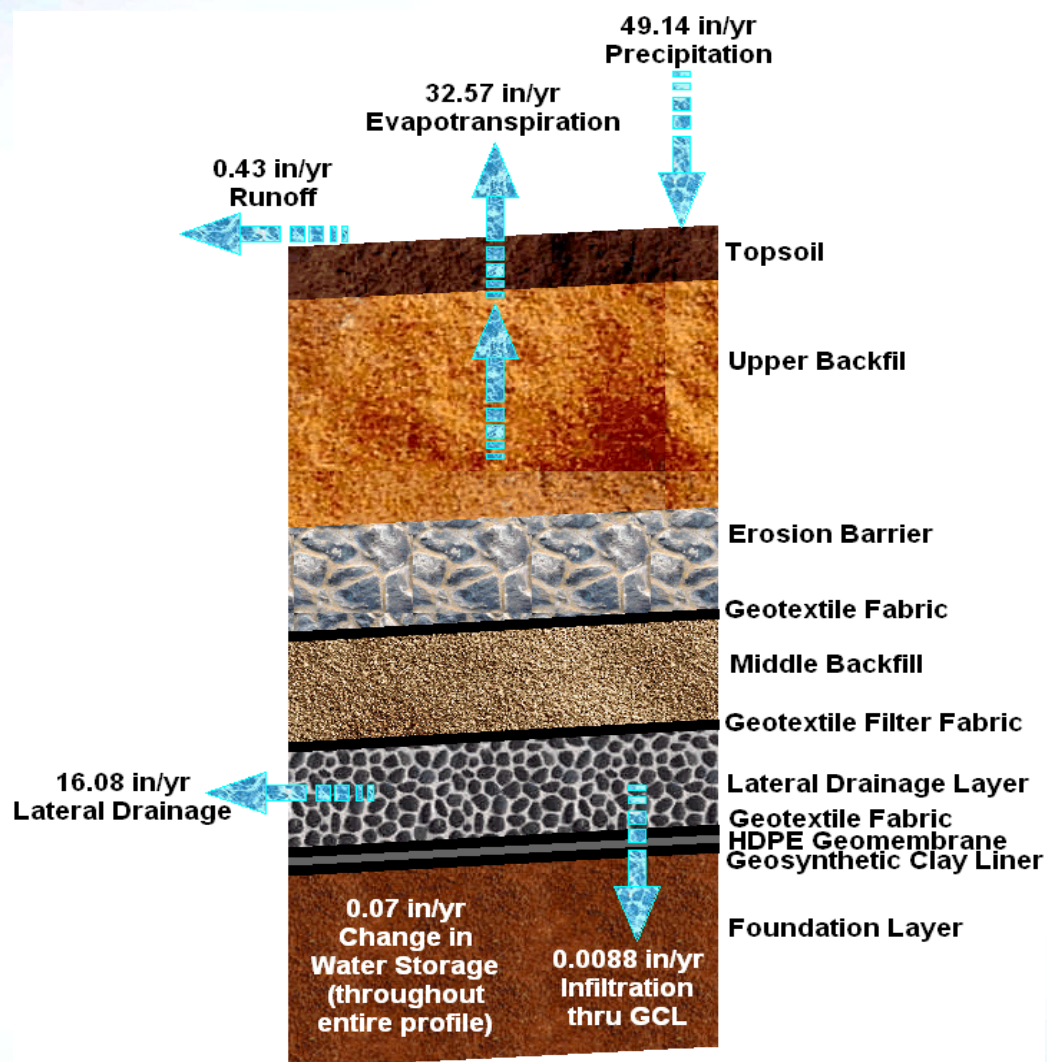


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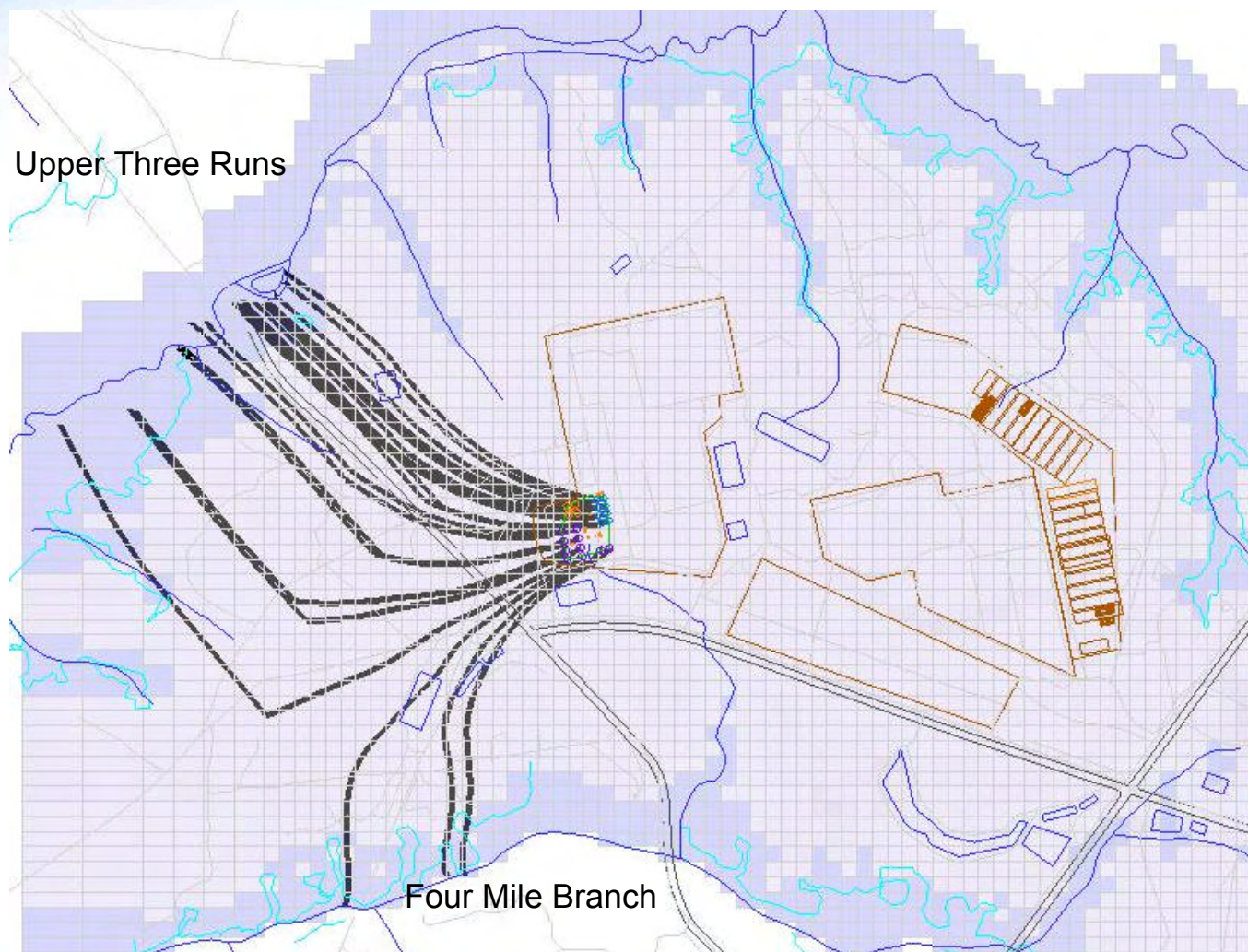
- Flowrate Through Grout/Waste **B**
- Waste Release Formula per Porewater Volume **4**
- Waste Inventory **5**
- Liner Failure Analysis **6**
- Basemat Design **7**
- Basemat Kd Values **8**
- Cementitious Basemat Properties **9**
- Soil Properties **10**
- Soil Kd Values **11**
- GSA Database Parameters **12**
- Flowrate Through Aquifer **D**

# Model Example: Closure Cap Configuration



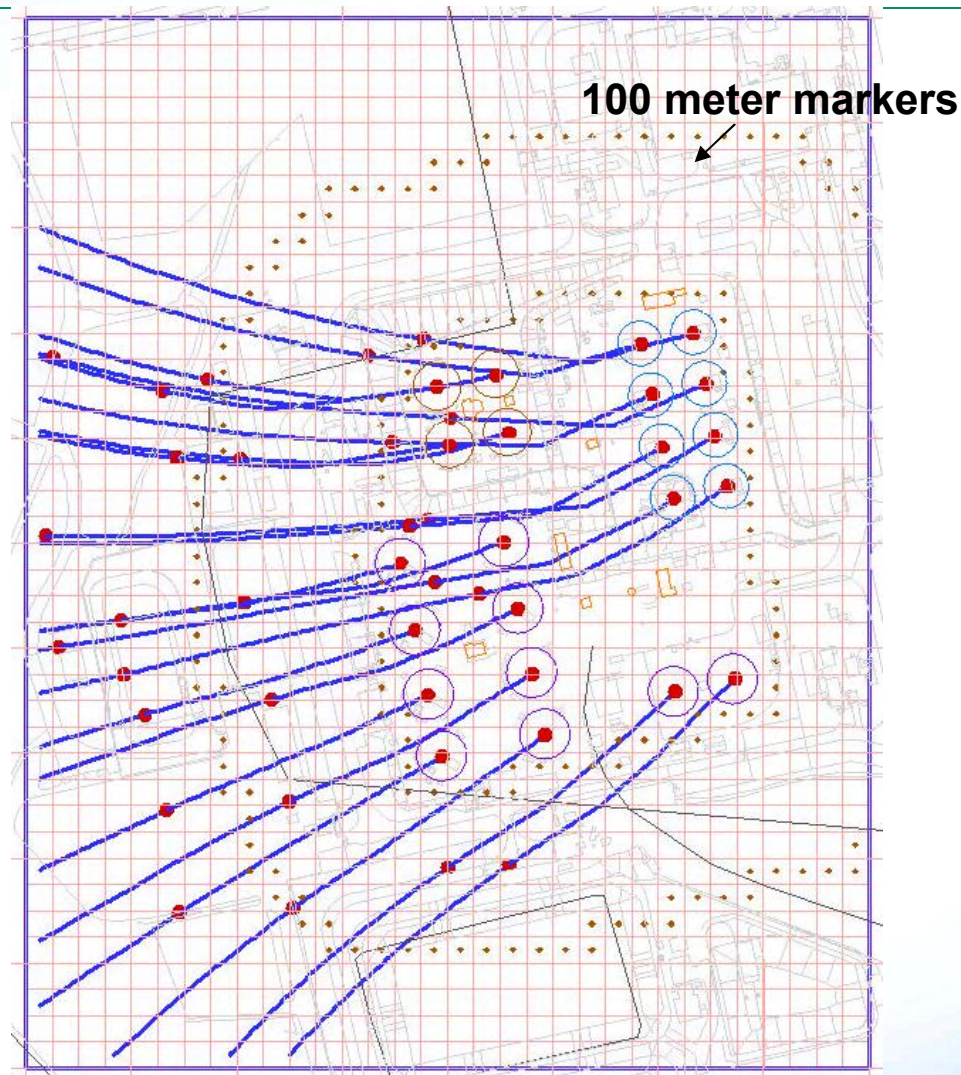


# Stream Tracers for FTF





# Stream Tracers from FTF – Closer View



# What are the requirement drivers?

- The PA development process is regulated by DOE Order 435.1
- Closure requirements are based on:
  - DOE Order 435.1
  - Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2005
  - SCDHEC “Standards for Wastewater Facility Construction” [SCDHEC R.61-67]



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# What are the requirement drivers?

Requirement	All-Pathway Dose	Intruder Dose	Air Pathway Dose	Radon Flux	Groundwater Protection
NDA Section 3116	25 mrem/yr	500 mrem/yr	N/A	N/A	N/A
DOE O 435.1	25 mrem/yr	500 mrem – acute 100 mrem/yr – chronic	10 mrem/yr	20 pCi/m <sup>2</sup> /s at ground surface	<MCL
Wastewater Permit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<MCL

N/A = Not applicable

MCL = Maximum Contamination Limit



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# Summary

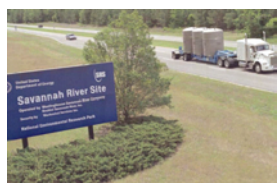
- The FTF PA has been completed and is currently undergoing external review:
  - SCDHEC
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - Nuclear Regulatory Commission
  - Public
- Provides important information to inform closure decisions
- Planned FTF closure activities results in peak year doses/concentrations well below regulatory requirements







# Where Do We Go from Here



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**EM** *Environmental Management*  
safety ♦ performance ♦ cleanup ♦ closure

# Using the PA in Decision-Making

- **PA will be used to inform development of the Waste Determination Basis and the Closure Plan**
  - Only addresses the Performance Objectives requirement
- **PA does not establish goal at which tank cleaning stops**
- **Tanks will be cleaned to the Maximum Extent Practical**
- **Residuals will then be characterized and evaluated using the PA to assure the Performance Objectives are met**



# Path Forward

- **Waste removal on-going for Tanks 18, 19, 5 and 6 in F Tank Farm**
- **Residual source term characterization in Spring 2009**
- **Documentation development to support closure decisions on-going**
  - F Tank Farm Waste Determination Basis
  - F Tank Farm Closure Plan

