



Legacy Transuranic Waste Update

Solid Waste and TRU Program Manager

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SRS Legacy Transuranic (TRU) Waste Topics

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SRS Legacy TRU Waste History

- 1999: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) opened
 - Over 30,000 containers of TRU Waste at SRS in storage
 - Waste stored in drums, large steel boxes, concrete culverts, other containers
 - Over 9,000 drums were buried
 - Remediation and Repackaging for compliance with WIPP Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC)
- 2001: SRS first shipment of TRU Waste to WIPP
 - Over 1,730 shipments completed from SRS to WIPP (Through End of CY24)
 - Over 35,900 legacy containers shipped from SRS to WIPP (Through End of CY24)







SRS TRU Waste Operations at SRS

- TRU waste is stored in E-area on Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permitted TRU Pads
- TRU Waste requires characterization and certification by WIPP before it can be shipped
- TRU waste mission at SRS can be divided into three distinct programs
 - 1) Legacy TRU waste
 - 2) New Gen TRU waste
 - 3) Surplus Pu Disposition
- Implementing new packaging and shipping process for legacy Remote-Handled TRU waste



SRS Legacy TRU Waste Recent Accomplishments

- Completed shipping Large Container Shipments in December of 2022
- Maintaining a High Shipping Rate
 - FY24 TRU waste shipments
 - Total: 24 Shipments
 - FY25 TRU Expectations:
 - Planned: 12 Shipments



SRS Legacy TRU Waste Challenges

• Updated WIPP Requirements

- Waste generated prior to current requirements
- Documentation not always available
- Prior characterization documentation not always viable

• Overpacks

- Previously overpacked drums not re-certified at same time
- Need for additional overpacking
- Repacking will be needed for specific containers
- Shipping Logistics
 - Competing with other Sites
 - Requires coordination with State Agencies
- Remote Handled (RH) Containers
 - Shielded Container Assemblies (SCAs)- delivery expected in 2025
 - Borehole Emplacement



SRS Legacy TRU Waste Inventory

- Remaining Legacy Inventory
 - 128 Contact Handled (CH) Drums (not overpacked)
 - 65 CH Standard Waste Boxes (SWBs) (includes overpacks)
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- Continue to make progress on disposition of SRS Legacy TRU Waste inventory
- Implementation of the new Remote Handling disposition strategy using Shielded Container Assemblies.



Summary

- Majority of SRS Legacy TRU Waste has been shipped to WIPP
- Significant progress to be made in FY25 on disposition of SRS TRU Waste
- SRS continues to maintain a safe and compliant TRU Waste Program

