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Liquid Waste Modeling: Incorporating Cost into the Model

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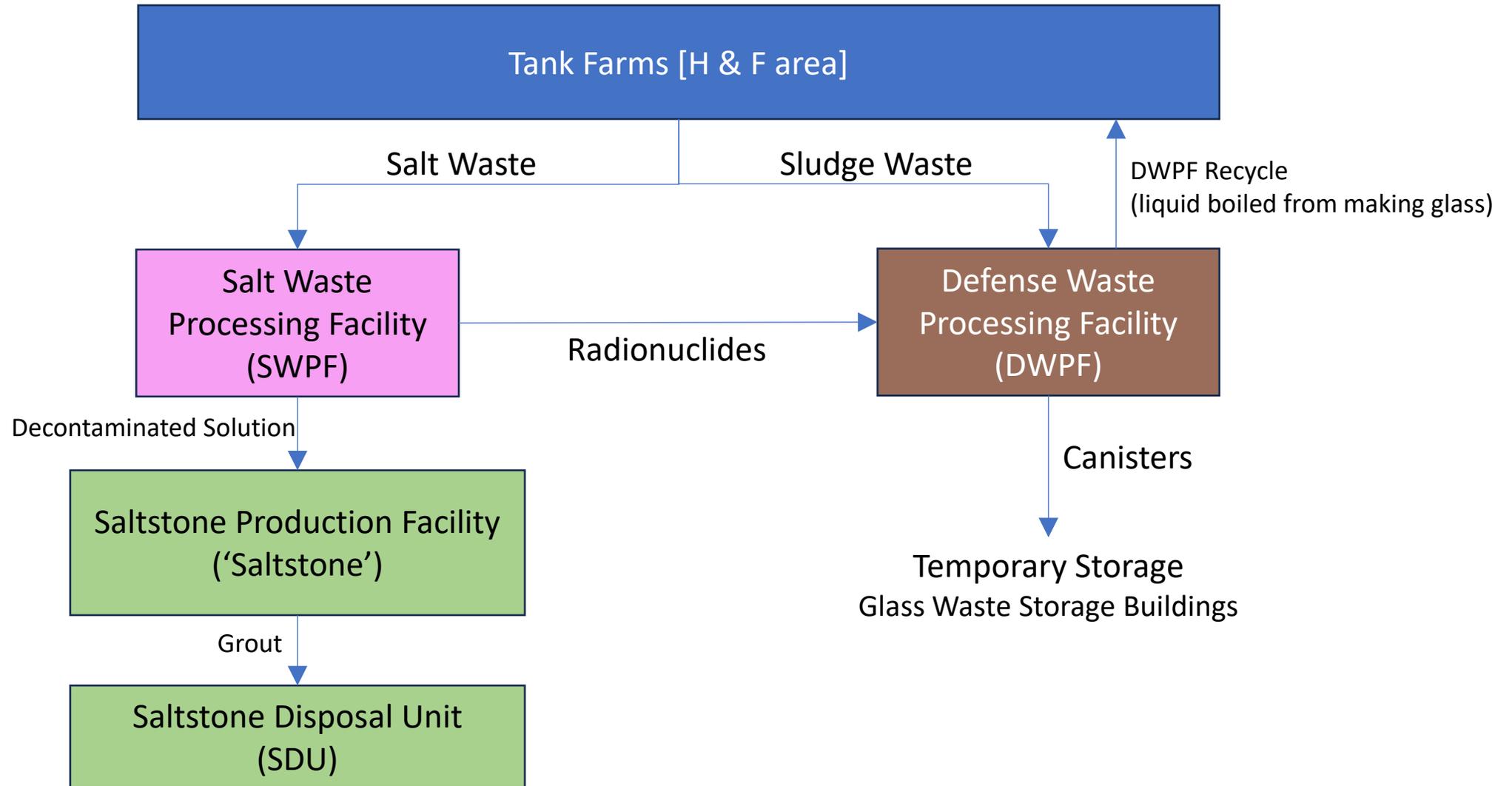
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Modeling – Digital Twin

- **Create a representation of a complex process to;**
 - *Consolidate constants, variables, and constraints*
 - *Evaluate the aggregate effects*
 - *Simulate ‘what-if’ scenarios*
- **Simulate & Anticipate ‘Emergent’ behaviors**
 - *Details that are relevant as a whole system, rather than looking at each part*
 - *Not necessarily always the sum of their parts*
 - e.g. Vibrations in the main device can cause screws in the handle attachment to come loose.
- **Liquid Waste Operation involves multiple complex facilities each with unique safety controls that send/receive feed between them.**

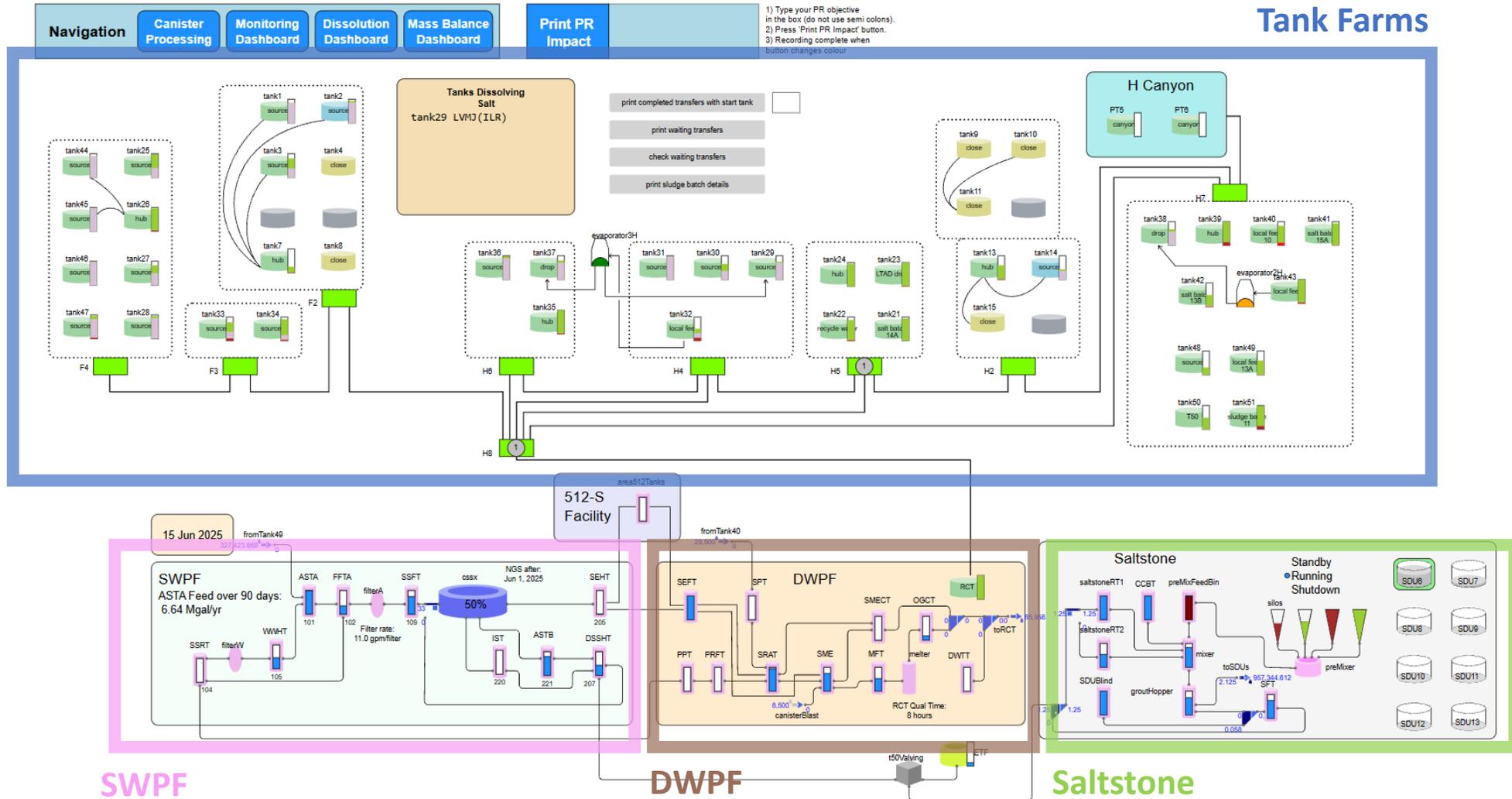
Liquid Waste Overview



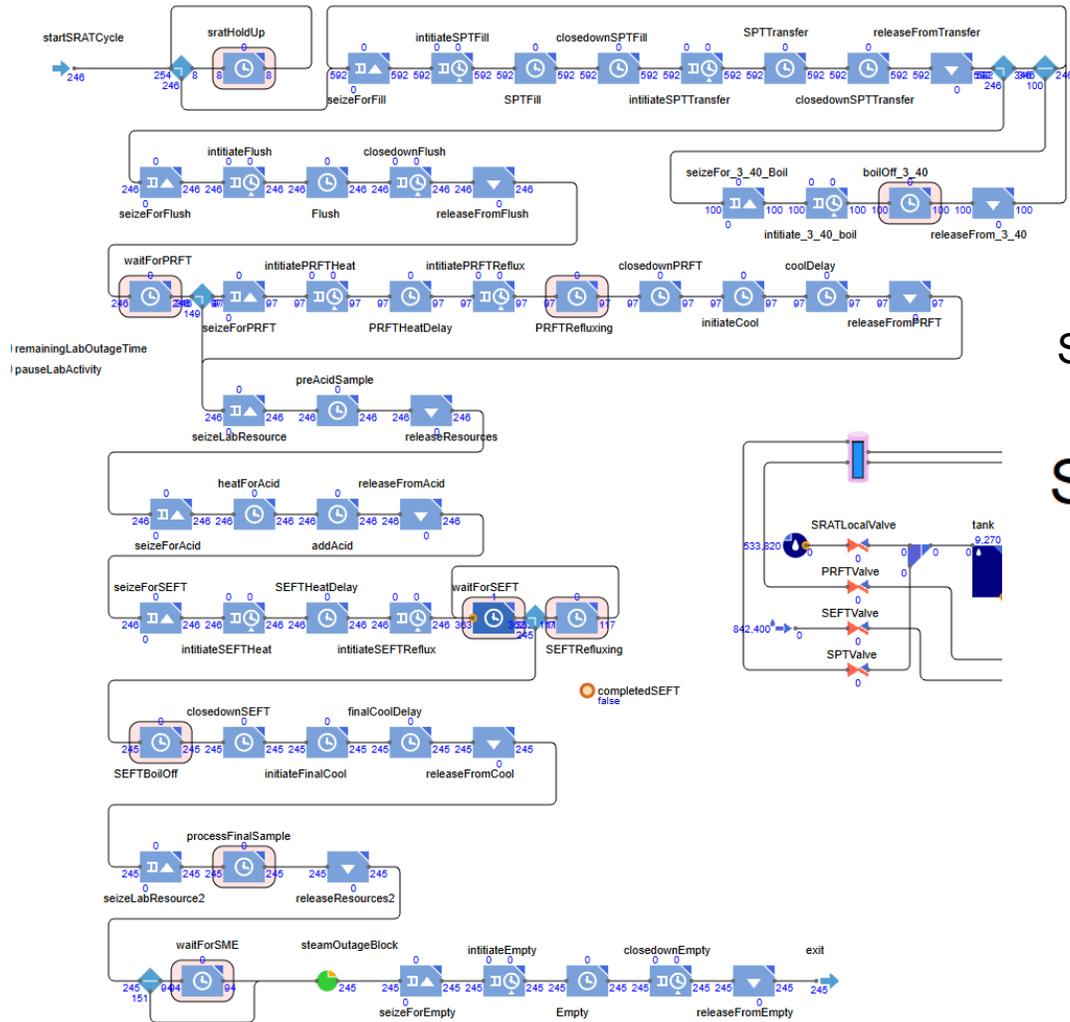
Liquid Waste Lifecycle Model

- **Combination of Logistical and Chemical controls**
- **Brings together;**
 - *Waste Removal Priorities (Water Table, F-Tank Farm)*
 - *Engineering Controls (Waste Acceptance Criteria, Safety Programs)*
 - *Engineering Improvements (SWPF Filters, DWPF Batch Additions)*
 - *Operational Strategies (Salt & Sludge Batching)*
- **Used in the LW System Plan**
 - *Developed with DBD (SRMC Subcontractor)*

Liquid Waste Lifecycle Model



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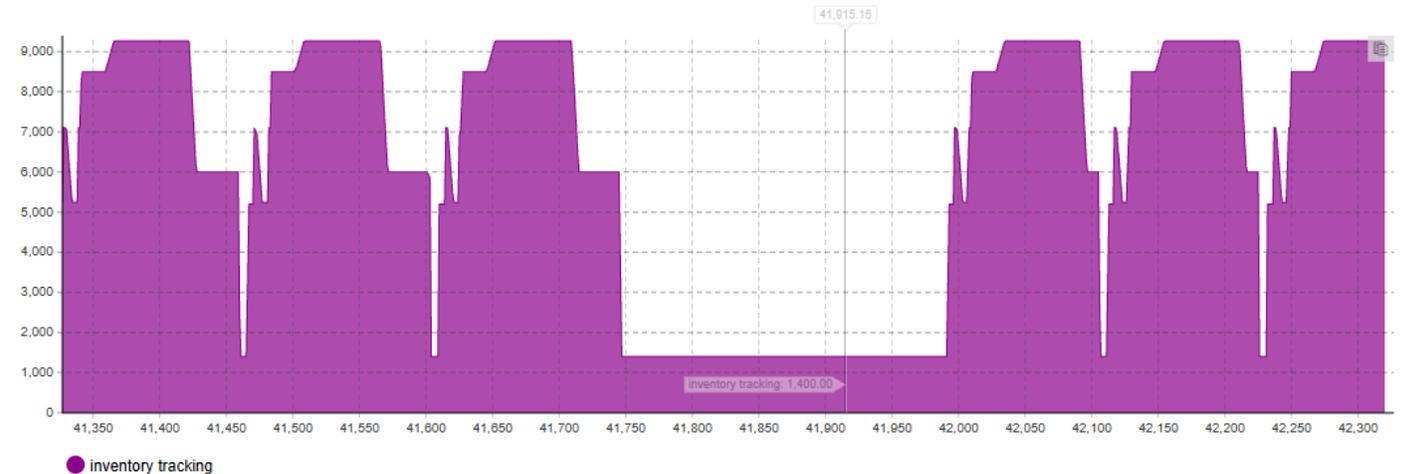


- Macro-behavior emerges from building up each processing step

Sludge Receipt and Adjustment Tank (SRAT)
Processing Vessel inside DWPF

SRAT Dashboard

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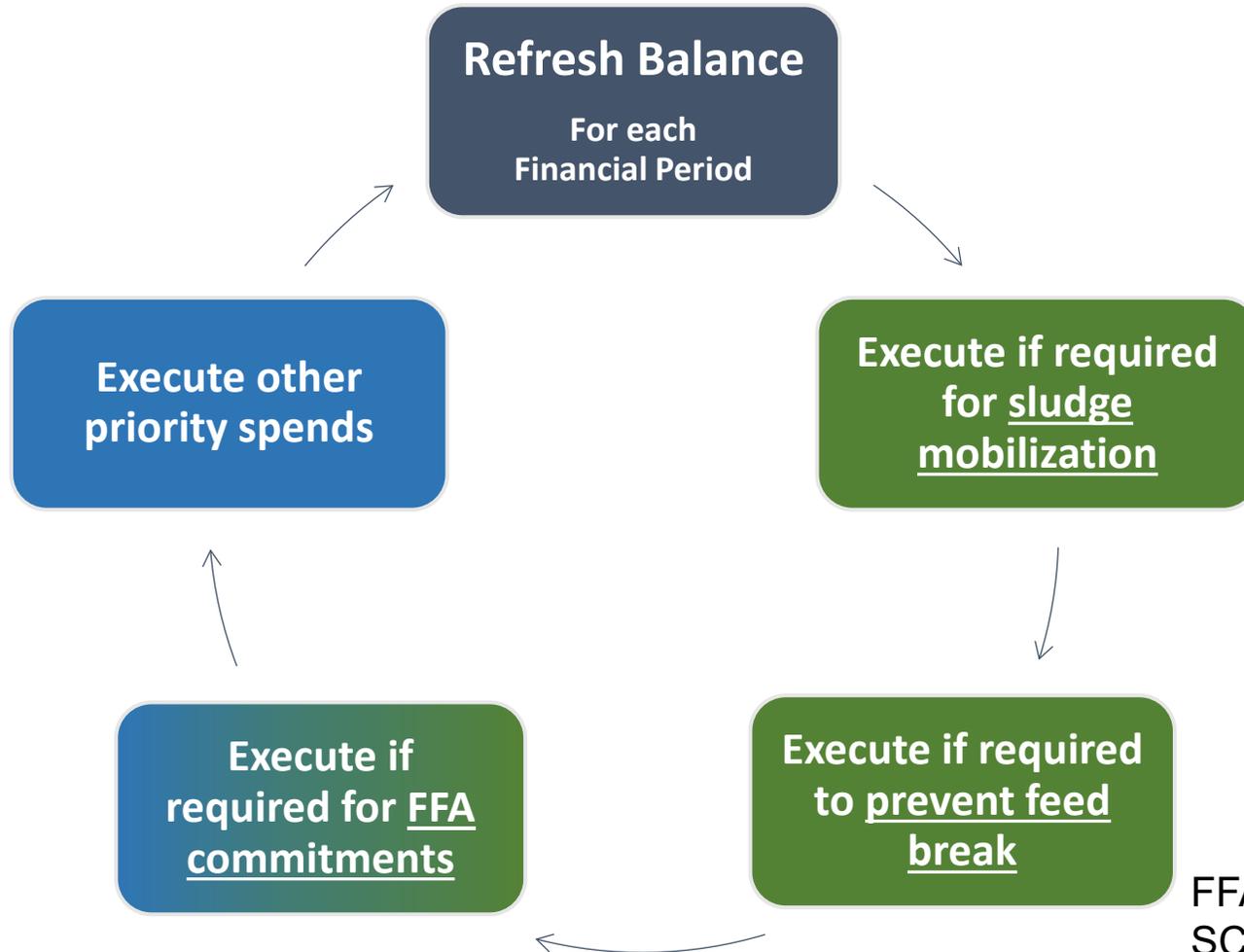
Liquid Waste Lifecycle Model

- **Allows for strategic evaluation of;**
 - *Operational Priorities*
 - *Engineering Innovation*
 - *Changes of External Factors (e.g. Pricing Profile)*
- **Quantifiable comparison of the lifecycle timeline**
 - *Transfers Subject Matter Expert process knowledge onto data & model outputs*

Types of Costs in the Model

- **Recurring Costs (Processing Facilities)**
 - *Accounts for facilities, regardless of waste processing or maintenance*
 - *DWPF, SWPF, Saltstone, Tank Farm (baseline upkeep)*
- **Intermittent Costs (Waste Removal, Closure Campaigns)**
 - *Accounts for installations & one-time costs*
 - *Waste Tank Mixing Device Installations, Closure Sampling, Grouting*
- **Model Prioritizes Recurring Costs over Intermittent Costs**
 - *Ensures processing outlet - prevents waste 'gridlock'*
 - *Recurring Costs adjusted through maintenance times*
 - Spare part availability

How the Model Executes Installations with Cost

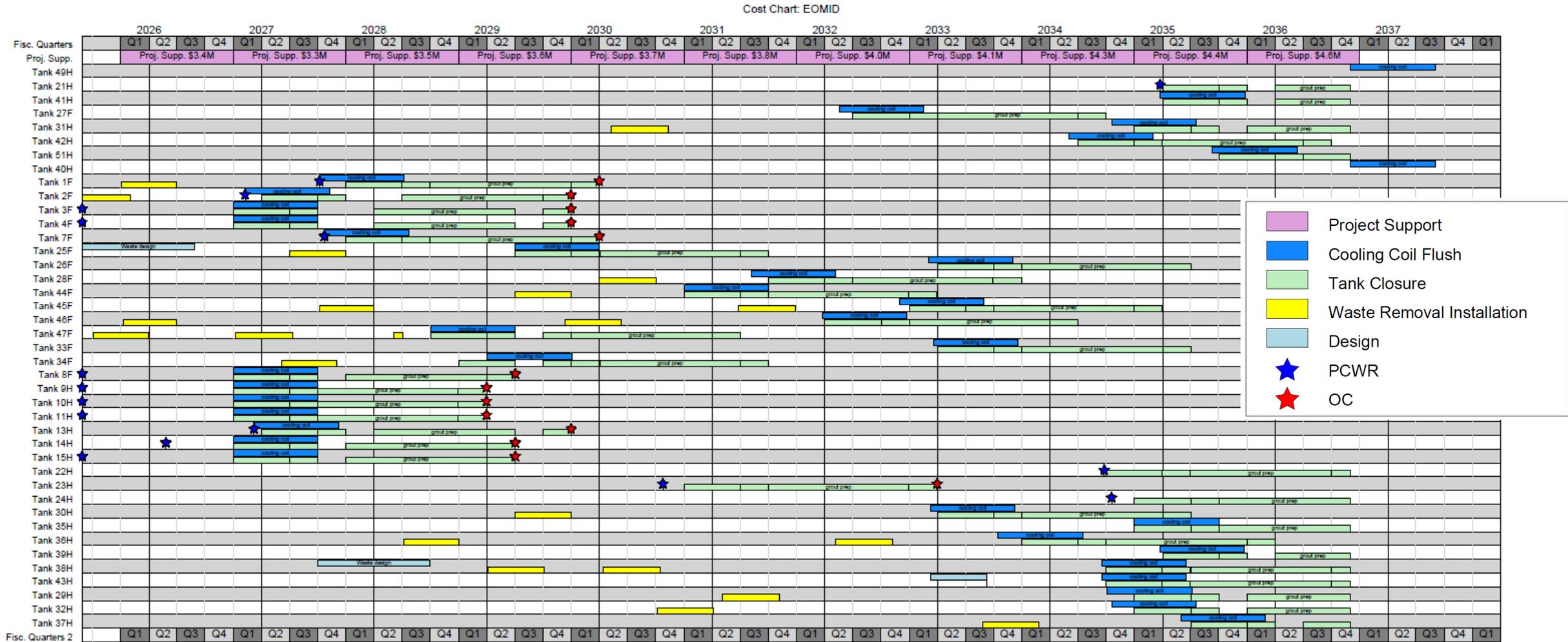


- **Reflects Risk Reduction Priority**

- *In agreement with SCDES and EPA, Risk Reduction from **waste processing** has priority over **tank closures** post waste removal*

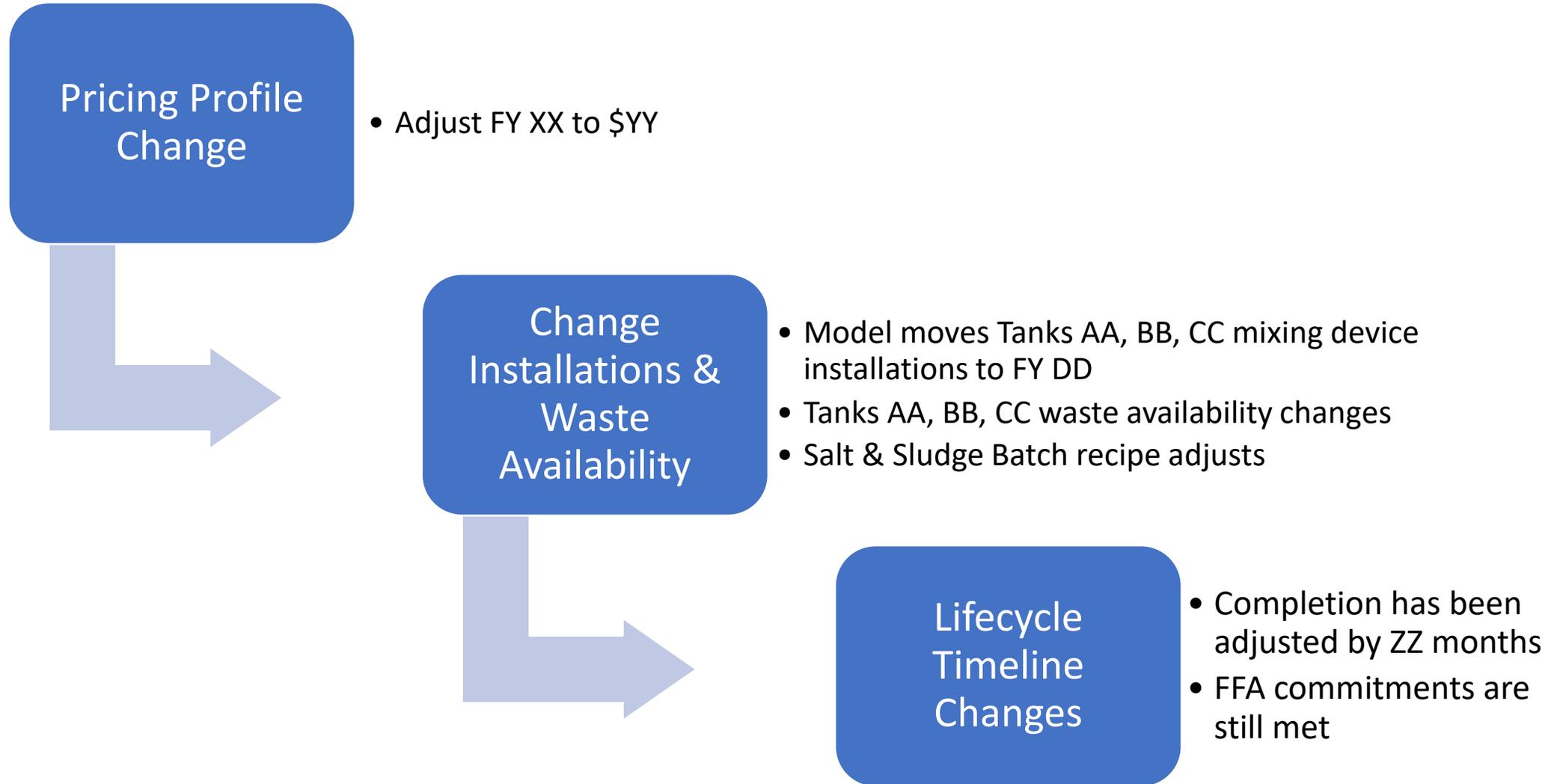
FFA: Federal Funding Agreement
SCDES: South Carolina Department of Environmental Services
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

Cost Chart Example

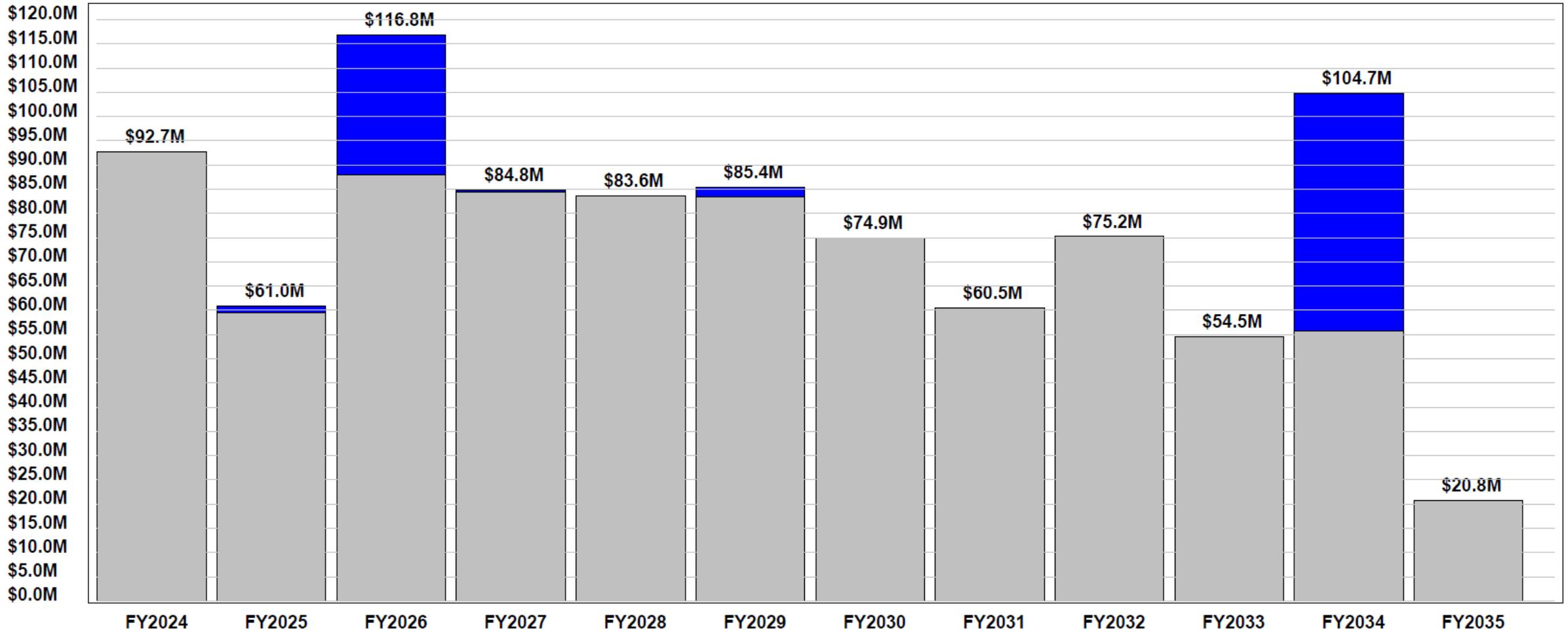


Example demonstrating modeling capability

How Cost Control is applied in the Model



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Costing Model Next Steps

- **Increased detail on Preventative Maintenance**
 - *Detailed differentiation between critical and support spares*
- **Deterministic Model → Probabilistic Model**
 - *Allows for 'hurricane charts' with Confidence Intervals*
 - *Greater magnitudes of runs (computing resources, analysis)*
- **Priority 'Goal Seeking'**
 - *Iterative model run strategy would allow for cost/sequencing optimization*
 - *Balancing cost benefit vs closure risk*

Conclusion

- **Cost modeling allows for a nuanced view combining;**
 - *Changes of External Factors (e.g. Pricing Profile)*
 - *Operational Strategies*
 - *Engineering Improvements*
- **When price profile changes, model prioritizes waste processing**
 - *Aligns with FFA agreed priorities between DOE, SCDES, and EPA.*
 - *Bulk Waste Removal reduces majority of risk*
- **Effective communication tool relating pricing profile & processing consequences**