

Nuclear Fuels Storage & Transportation Planning Project Office of Fuel Cycle Technologies

Nuclear Energy

Nuclear Fuels Storage and Transportation Planning Project (NFST) Program Updates and FY16 Planning

Erica Bickford, PhD DOE-NFST

CSG-MW MRMT Committee Meeting November 17-18, 2015 Des Moines, IA





Nuclear Energy

Background

- Leadership update
- **Consent-Based Siting**
- **FY16** Funding and Program Planning
- Action Updates
 - Railcar
 - NFST Reports





Waste Program Background

Nuclear Energy

- 1982 Nuclear Waste Policy Act is passed
- 1987 Amendments to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act
- 2002 H.J. Res. 87 Congress approved the site
- 2009 Administration withdraws the license application
- 2010 Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management is closed
 - Office of Used Fuel Disposition established in Office of Nuclear Energy
- 2010 President charters the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future
- 2012 Blue Ribbon Commission issues their final report to DOE
- 2012 DOE establishes the Nuclear Fuels Storage and Transportation Planning Project
- 2013 The Administration releases it's Strategy for the Management and Disposal of Used Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste
- Currently DOE is laying the groundwork





DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY



NRC



Consent-Based Siting

Nuclear Energy



On March 24, President Obama authorized the Energy Department to move forward with planning for a separate repository for high-level radioactive waste resulting from atomic energy defense activities.

Actions the Department will undertake

- Planning for a defense-only repository
- Moving forward with planning for interim storage of commercial spent fuel
- Moving forward with a consent-based siting process for both types of facilities





Nuclear Energy

Projected Volumes of Commercial SNF, DOE-Managed SNF, and DOE-Managed HLW, in m³







Waste Packages

Nuclear Energy



Source: Assessment of Disposal Options for DOE-Managed High-Level Radioactive Waste and Spent Nuclear Fuel, October 2014





Questions from Stakeholders

Nuclear Energy

- How will siting a defense only repository affect siting commercial storage and disposal?
- Will modifications to the standard contract be needed to pursue storage?
- How do proposals for private interim storage affect DOE's plans?





NFST FY16 Program Planning

Nuclear Energy

FY16 Budget Scenarios

Subprogram	(dollars in thousands)			
	FY 2015 Enacted	FY 2016		
		Request	House Mark	Senate Mark
Material Recovery & Waste Form Development	35,300	35,300	35,300	34,800
Advanced Fuels	60,100	48,700	60,100	60,100
Systems Analysis and Integration	16,900	11,200	11,200	11,100
MPACT	7,600	8,600	8,600	8,500
Fuel Resources	5,600	5,600	5,600	5,500
Used Nuclear Fuel Disposition				
Research & Development	49,000	75,360	55,000	64,000
Integrated Waste Mgmt. System	22,500	30,000	0	30,000
DOE-Managed HLW & SNF		3,000	0	3,000
Total	197,000	217,760	175,800	217,000





FY16 – Strategic Crosscuts

Nuclear Energy

Objective: Activities to broadly support Siting, Storage and Transportation objectives

Continued development of systems-oriented modeling tools and analysis

- UNF ST&DARDS database
- Transition from legacy tools
- System Integration and standardization
- Knowledge and Document Management







FY16 – Storage

Nuclear Energy

Objective: Plan for SNF storage

Generic Storage Facility Designs

• Pilot Interim Storage Facility

and topical safety analysis report (TSAR)

- Functional and Operational Requirements
 - ASME Acceptance criteria
- Environmental Considerations
- Regulatory Considerations









FY16 – Transportation

Nuclear Energy

Objective: Prepare for large-scale transport of SNF to commence within 10 years

Engagement with Tribes and states

- Cooperative Agreements, Transportation
 Core Group, NTSF, ad hoc Working Groups
- 180(c) Policy, SNF Rail/Routing, TPF

Transportation Operations

- Shutdown site visits
- START web-GIS tool

Hardware

• S-2043 Railcar – design



Vermont Yankee







Nuclear Energy

ATLAS Railcar



NUCLEAR FUELS STORAGE & TRANSPORTATIO

DOE is developing a railcar to comply with AAR S-2043

- August 2015 DOE signed a contract with AREVA Federal Services
 - Subcontractors KASGRO rail, TTCI
 - Navy S-2043 railcar team
- Contract covers design, analysis and prototype fabrication

Future solicitations for prototype testing and large-scale fabrication





NFST Reports

Nuclear Energy

- Updated Shutdown Sites Report, May 2015
- START v1.1 User Manual, May 2015
- Routing Paper, July 2015
- Performance Specification for STAD, July 2015
- Rationale for the Performance Specification for STAD, July 2015
- START v1.2 User Manual, July 2015
- Initial Standardized Canister System, Sep. 2015
- Generic Design Alternatives for Dry Cask Storage, Oct. 2015
- Generic Design for Small Size STAD, Oct. 2015
- Operational Requirements for STAD, Oct. 2015



NFST reports & documents available on CURIE Website http://curie.ornl.gov/







Questions?

Nuclear Energy

Erica Bickford

Transportation Program Manager

DOE Nuclear Fuels Storage and Transportation Planning Project

Erica.Bickford@nuclear.energy.gov

