

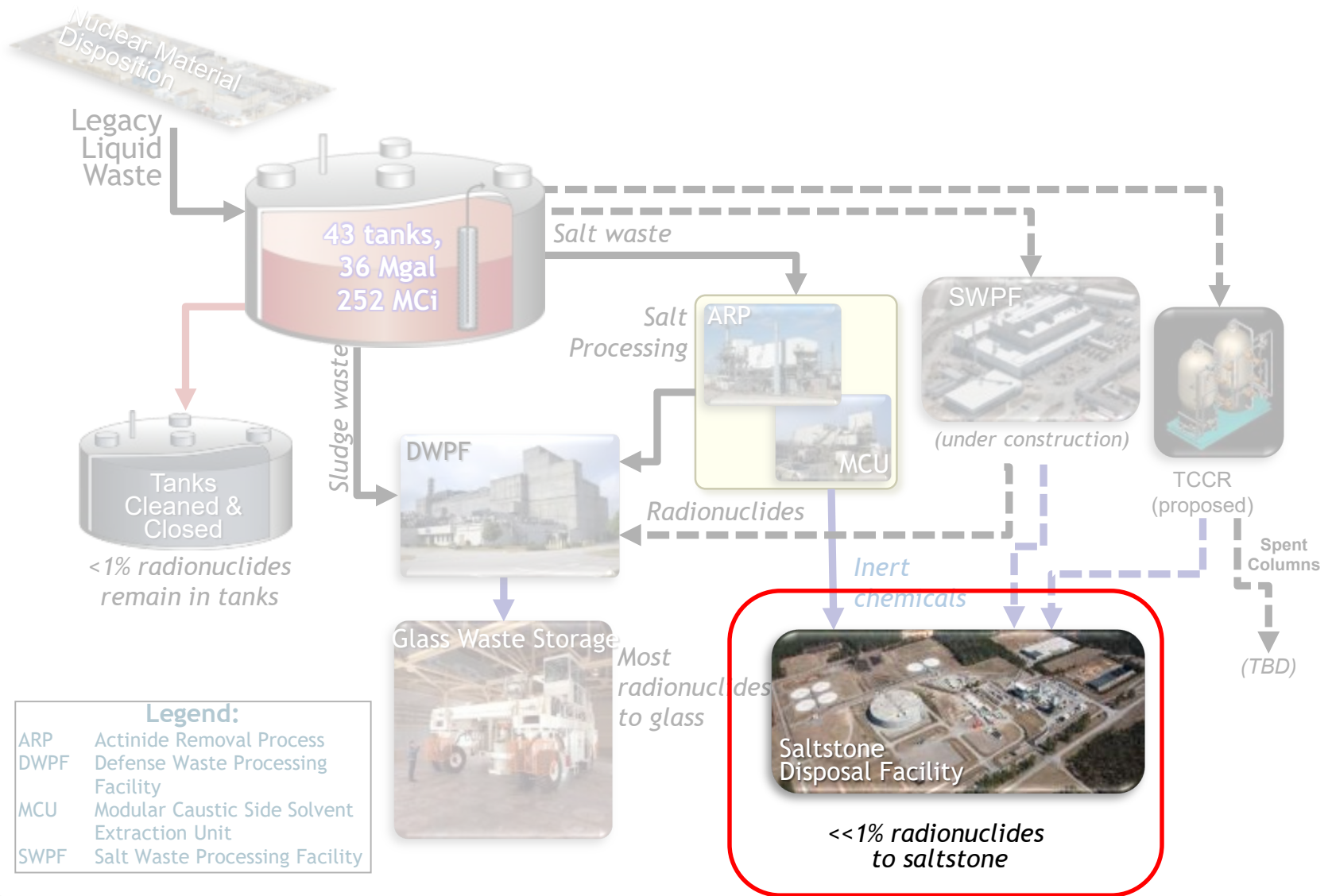


Saltstone Disposal Unit 6

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SRR Liquid Waste Program Operational Highlights



Saltstone and Saltstone Disposal Units (SDUs)

- **Salt treatment at SRS removes most of the radioactive material for vitrification at DWPF**
- **The decontaminated salt solution (low activity, large volume) is**
 - Mixed with dry cementitious material
 - Transferred to an SDU
 - Cures/hardens to form *saltstone*



- **SDU functions**

- **Short Term**

- Receives saltstone slurry
- Collects drainwater and ensures leak tightness during emplacement
- Provides shielding
- Minimizes rainwater intrusion prior to covering with final closure cap

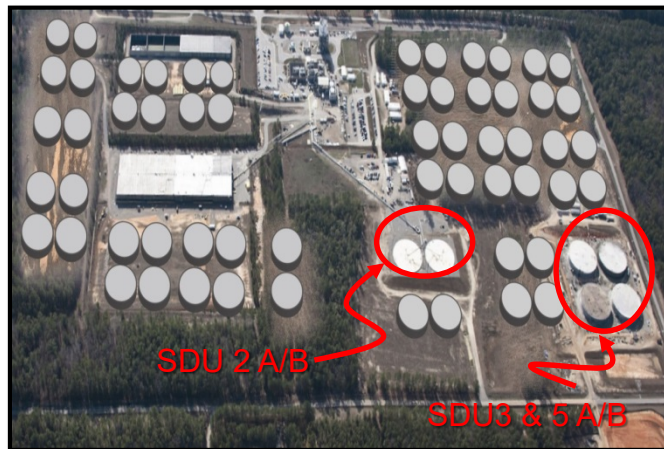
- **Long Term**

- Minimizes transport of water and contaminants
- Minimizes infiltration of oxygen



Saltstone Disposal Unit (SDU) Evolution

- SDUs 2, 3 & 5 — each have two reinforced concrete cells
 - 150' diameter • 22' side wall height • 23.5' center height • 2.9 million gallon capacity • **\$5.00/gallon**
 - SDU 2 placed into service in 2011; filled in 2013
 - SDUs 3&5 placed into service in 2013; expected to reach fill capacity in 2018



- Committed to continuously seek efficiencies and innovative approaches—**Mega-SDU is more economical**
 - 375' diameter • 43' high • 30 million gallon capacity • **\$2.50/gallon**
 - SDU6 ready to receive waste in 2017, well in advance of need



*DOE estimated life-cycle savings ~\$300M
(7 mega vs. 82 smaller SDUs)*

SDU6 Construction Progress



SDU 6 Leak Tightness Testing

- **Project Scope/Baseline**

- Included an interior coating system to protect SDU concrete from chemical degradation
- Unlike SDUs 2, 3, and 5, SDU6 was leak tested prior to the coating as an opportunity to remove the coating scope

- **Leak Tightness Testing**

- Initial testing filled tank to 41 feet; small amount of leakage identified
- Drained tank and pressure injected all construction joints with epoxy
- Partially filled tank; leakage observed

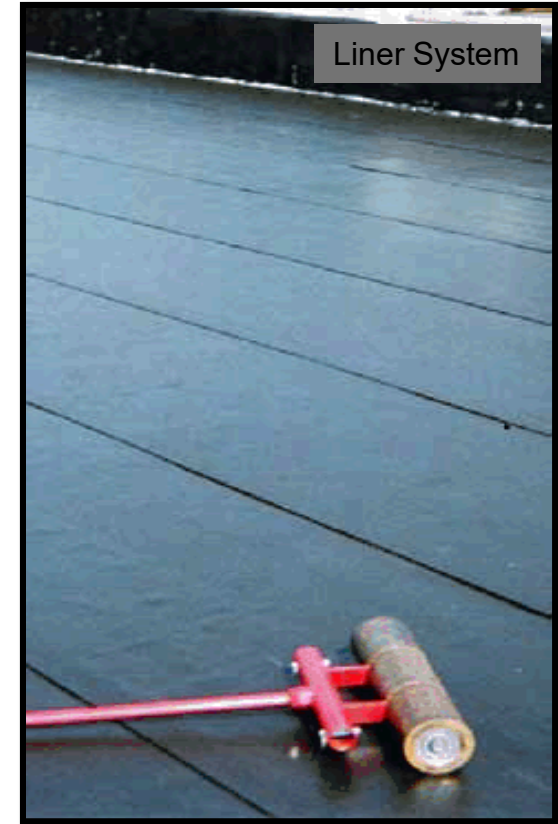
- **Expert Review Panel and Systems Engineering Evaluation held February 2016**

- Structural integrity – *met all structural requirements*
- Performance Assessment – *worse case modeling of cracking did not change results*
- Leak Tightness – *liner system recommended to ensure leak tightness*



Liner System

- **Selected liner system**
 - Liner systems available in the market were reviewed against functional/technical requirements (chemical resistance, temperature range, rad resistance, elongation properties)
- **Completed a 1,000 hour test to confirm chemical resistance**
- **Began installation this month (July 2016)**
- **Will conduct final hydrotest to validate SDU 6 meets leak tightness requirement**



Closing

- **SDU6 Project continues with positive performance in both cost and schedule**
- **SDU6 meets all structural and Performance Assessment requirements**
- **Liner installation followed by leak testing will ensure no leakage during SDU6 saltstone emplacement period**
- **SDU6 should be ready to receive waste in 2017, well in advance of 2018 need date**

