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3706 TRANSURANIC WASTE CAMPAIGN

April, 2013

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Risk

- Cerro Grande Fire in May 2000
- Began preliminary discussions with NMED shortly after New Mexico's administration change in January 2011
- Las Conchas Fire, which began June 26, 2011, highlighted the need to remove TRU waste from Area G
- Drought conditions continue

Letter to DOE Secretary Steven Chu*

- Governor Martinez urged DOE to provide sufficient funding for:
 - Cleanup of defense legacy wastes from LANL and
 - TRU waste disposal at WIPP



*April 19, 2011



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Regulatory Drivers

- **Compliance Order on Consent**
 - **2005 agreement between LANL and the New Mexico Environment Department**
 - **Includes requirements and schedules for cleaning up LANL**
 - **Final deliverable is December, 2015**

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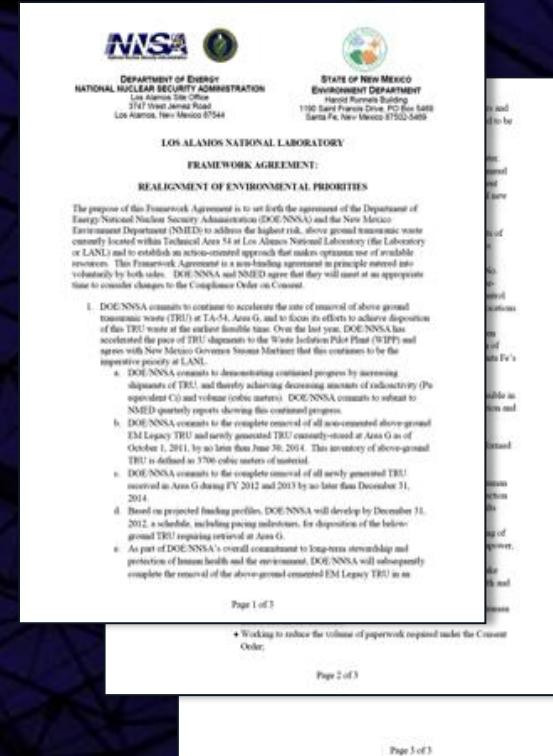
IN THE MATTER OF:

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT) COMPLIANCE ORDER
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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA)
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LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY) PROCEEDING UNDER
LOS ALAMOS COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,) THE NEW MEXICO
RESPONDENTS.) HAZARDOUS WASTE
) ACT § 74-4-10 AND THE
) NEW MEXICO SOLID
) WASTE ACT § 74-9-36(D)

MARCH 1, 2005
(Revised June 18, 2008)

Regulatory Drivers

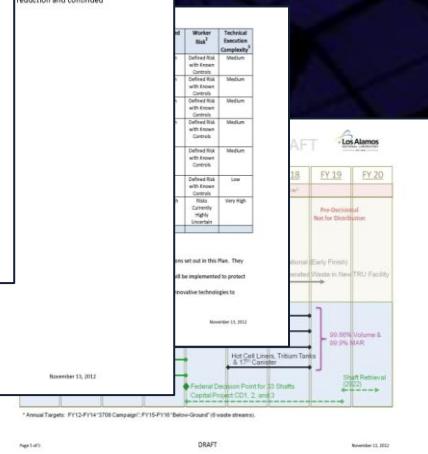
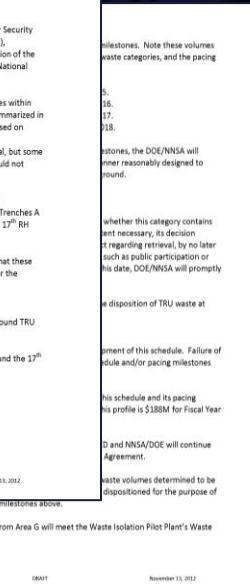
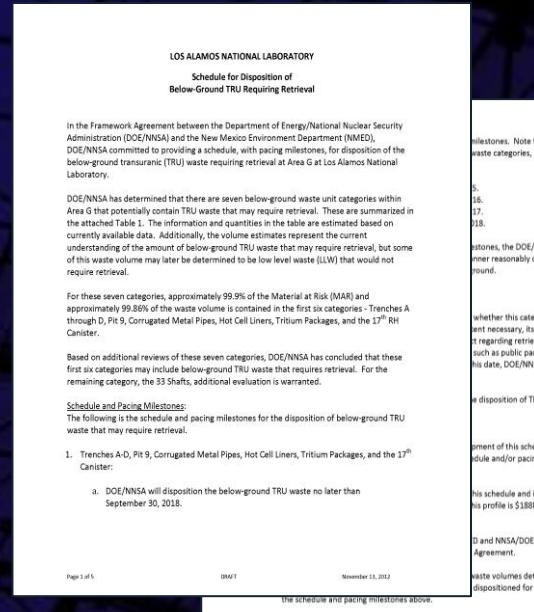
- Reschedule activities based on risk: focus on TRU
 - Combustible/dispersible waste (~3700 cubic meters)
 - New-gen waste
 - Below-grade waste
 - Stable-form waste
- 3706 campaign: Above-ground TRU waste to WIPP by June 30, 2014 and new-gen waste to WIPP by December 31, 2014
- Develop plan for below-ground TRU waste by December 31, 2012
- Milestones and quarterly progress review
- Annual evaluation of plans (six-month planning for FY 13)



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Regulatory Drivers

- Framework Agreement
 - December Deliverable
 - Below Ground Removal



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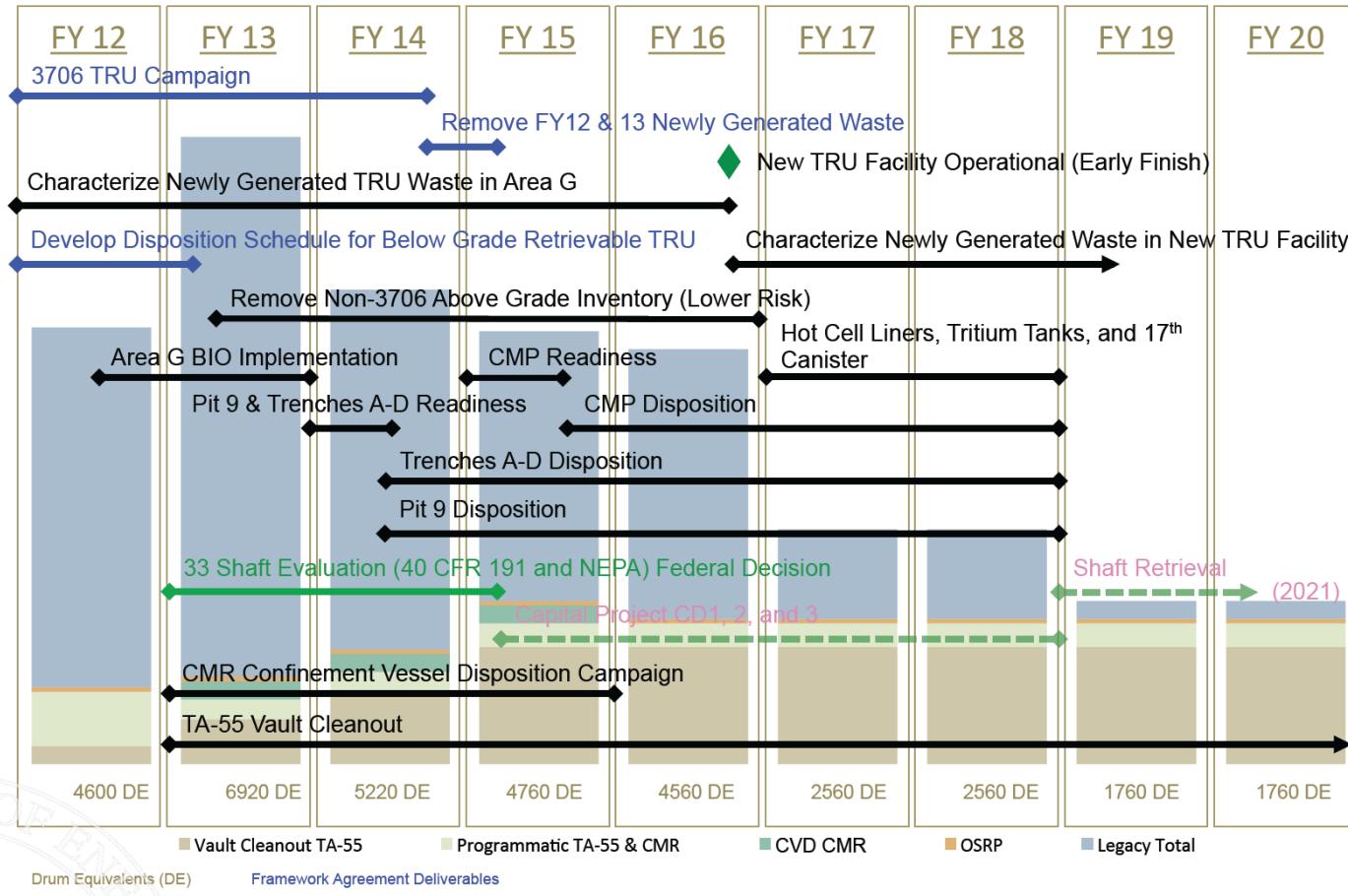
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Risk-Based Approach

Integrated LANL TRU Program Timeline

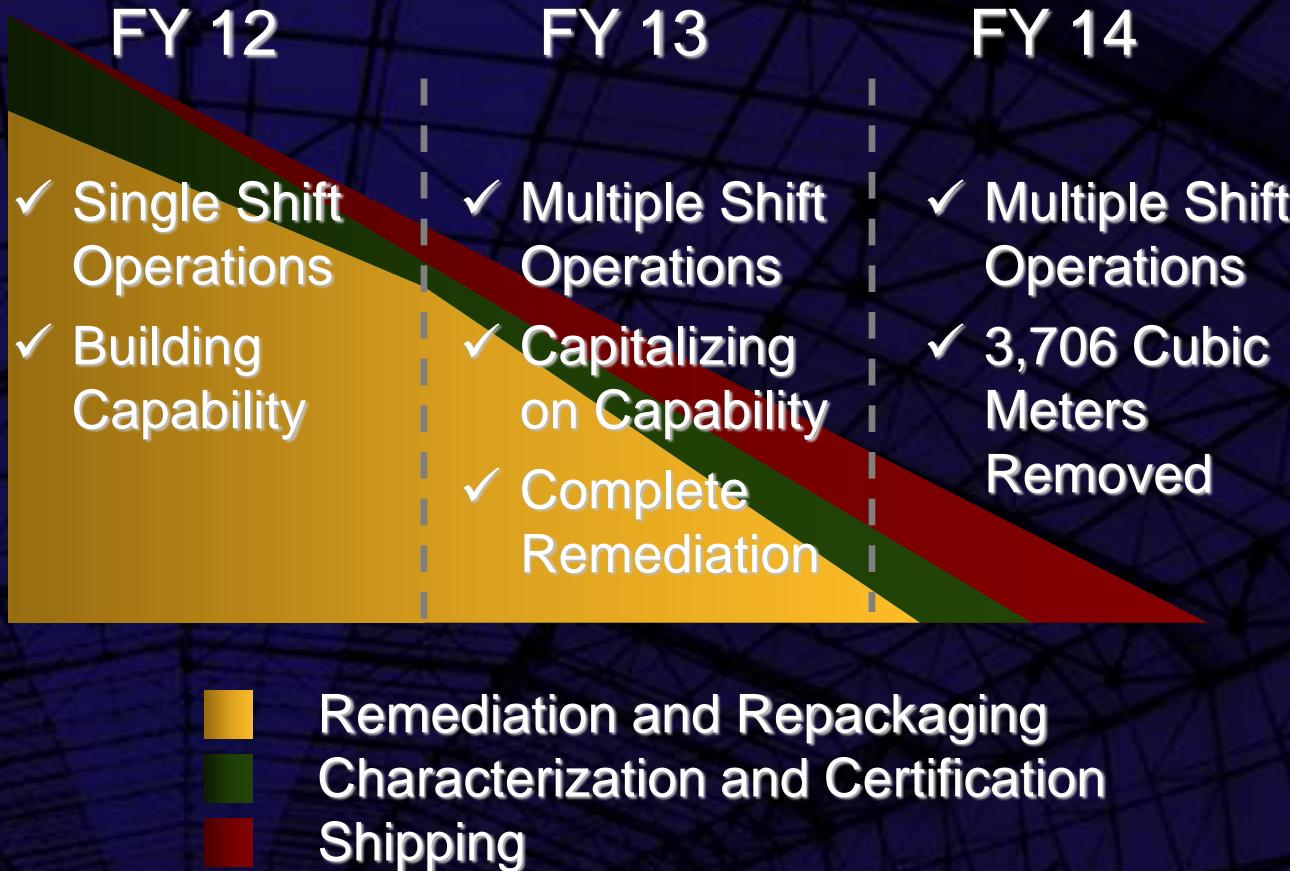
Draft R1 PROPOSED October 26, 2012 Preparation for December Deliverable includes 10-24-12
 DOE EM/NSA comments, April 17-19, 2012 LANL/WIPP Workshop comments, June 27, 2012 INP
 Workshop comments, and July 18, 2012 HQ Video Conference comments

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3706 Campaign Operational Plan



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Mid-Campaign Status

FY 12

- ✓ 1st Box line (bldg 412) / single shift (Radiological Operations)
- ✓ 1st Drum line (WCRRF) / single shift (Hazard Category 2 Operations)
- ✓ Single crane TRU Loading (RANT) (Hazard Category 2 Operations)

0 Cubic Meters Removed

Now

- ✓ 1st Box line (bldg 412) / double shifts (Hazard Category 3 Operations)
- ✓ 2nd Box line (Dome 231) three shifts (Hazard Category 3 Operations)
- ✓ 3rd Box line (Dome 375) single shift (Radiological Operations)
- ✓ 1st Drum line (WCRRF) / double shifts (Hazard Category 2 Operations)
- ✓ Drum Venting (Dome 33) / single shift (Hazard Category 2 Operations)
- ✓ Redundant crane TRU Loading (RANT) (Hazard Category 2 Operations)

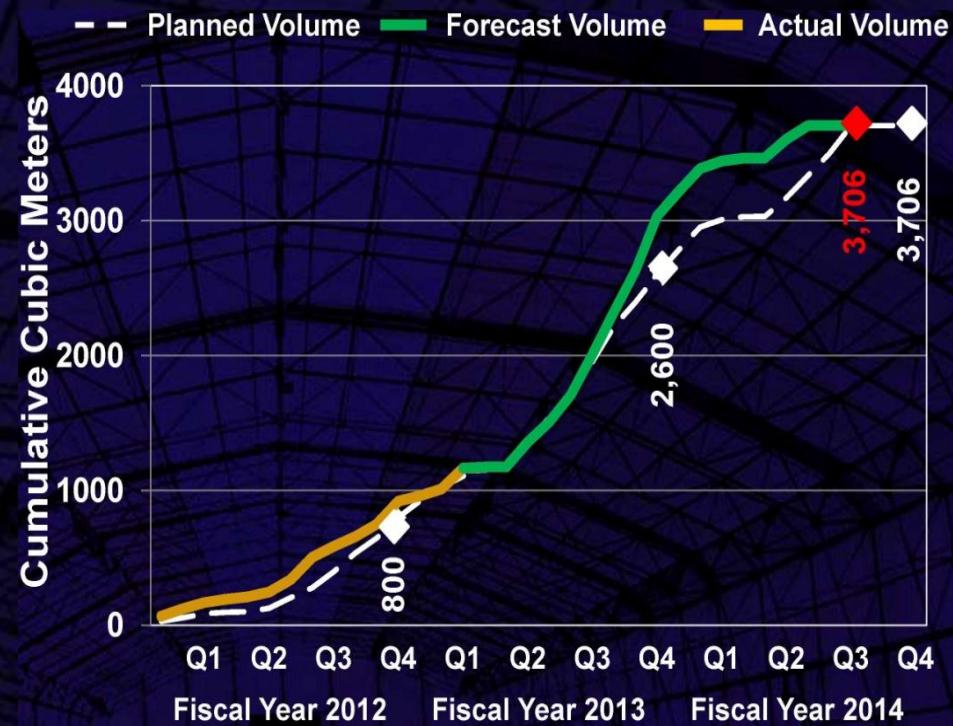
1478 Cubic Meters Removed

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3706 TRU Waste Plan

■ Commitment to NMED:

- 800 m^3 by end FY12
- 2600 m^3 by end FY13
- $3,706 \text{ m}^3$ by June 30, 2014



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Total Waste Removed

Current TRU Campaign Status

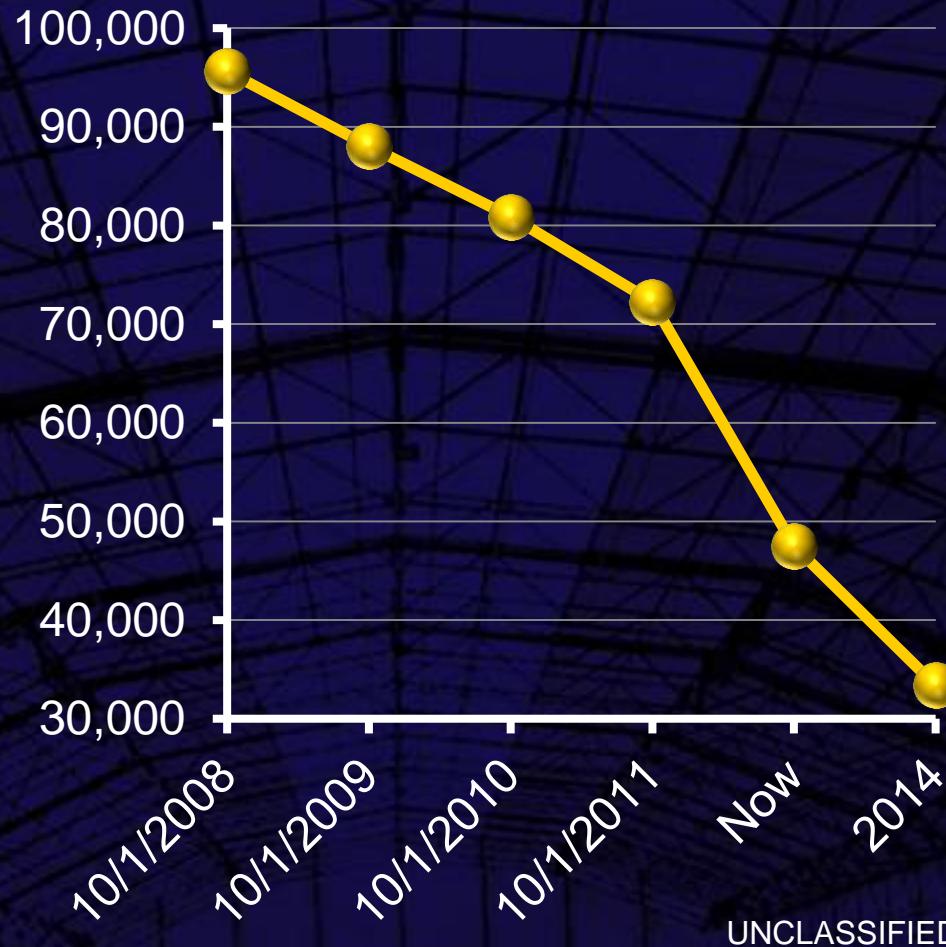
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Risk Reduction

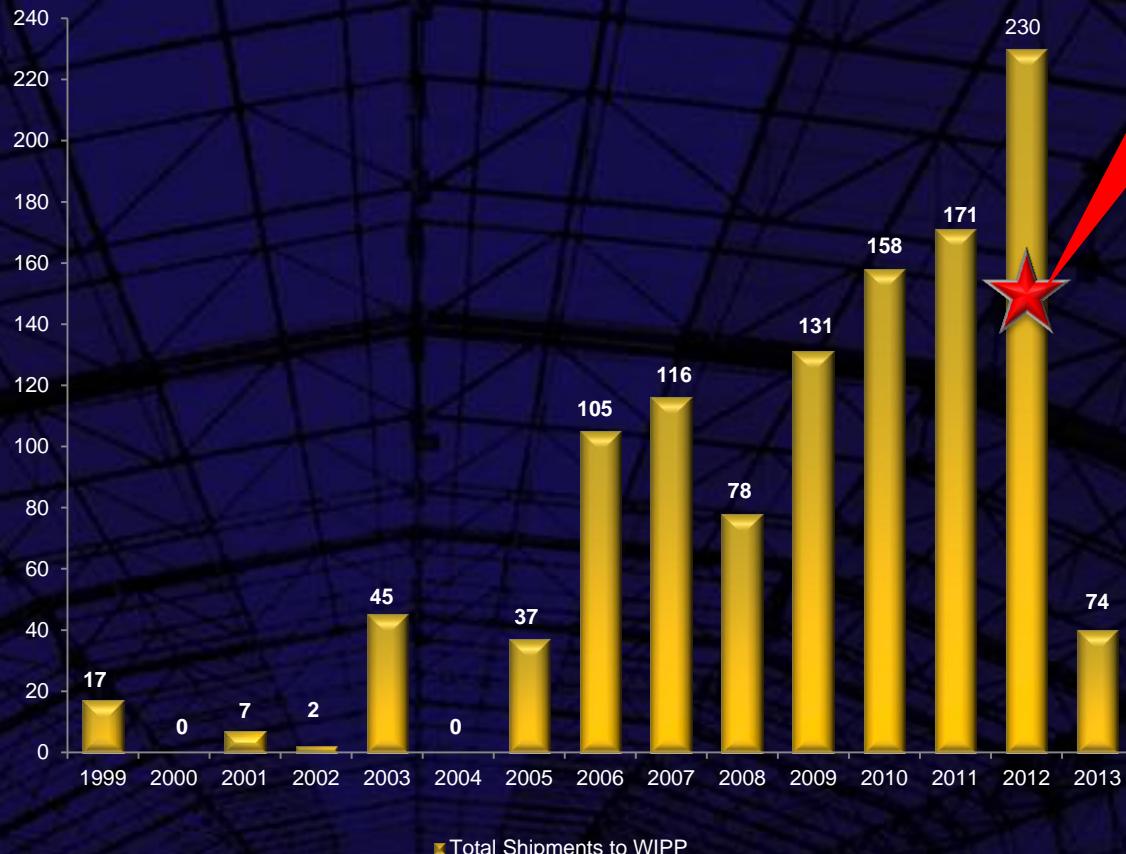
LANL Annual MAR Reduction through 6/30/14



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Shipping Performance

Total Shipments to WIPP



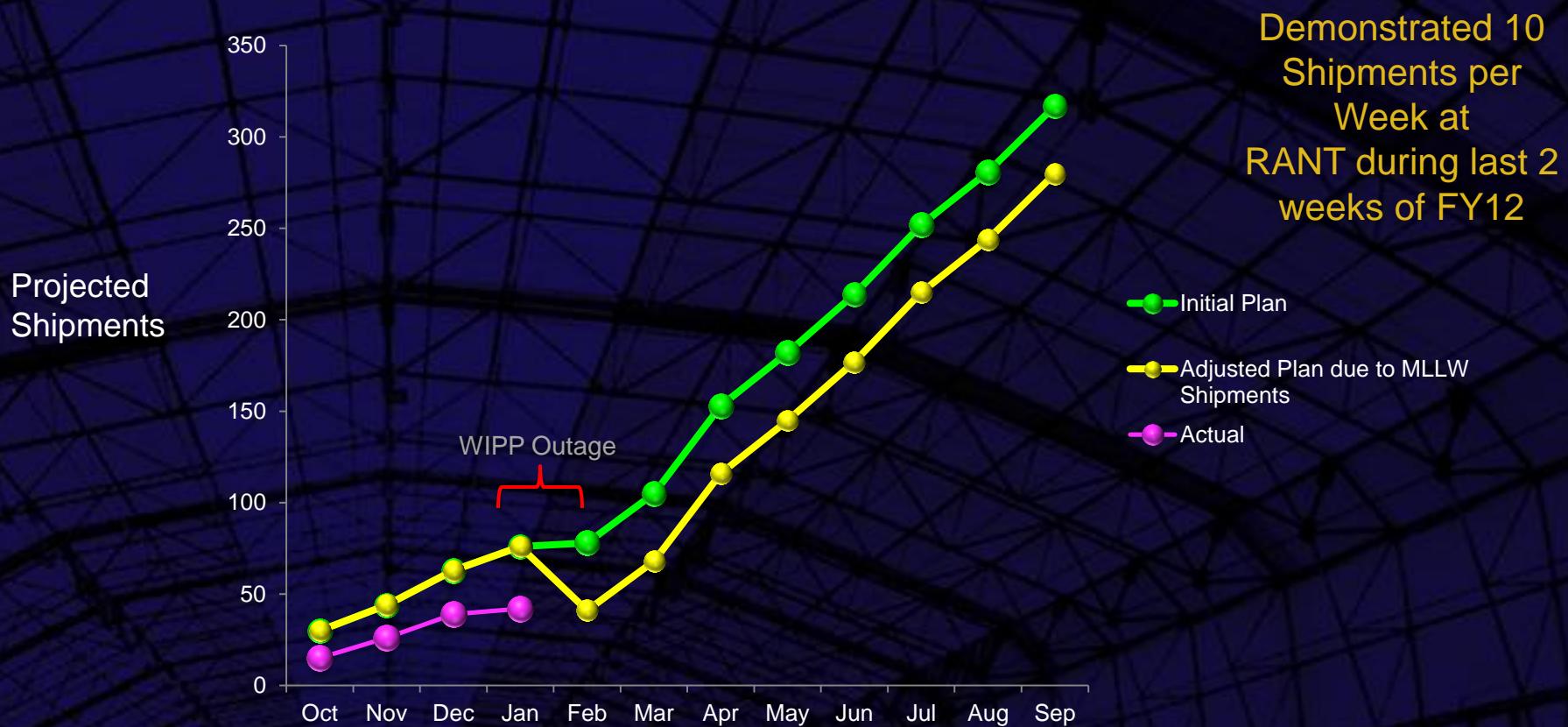
1,000th
shipment to
WIPP



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Increased Shipping

- Approximately 250 - 300 Shipments for 3706 Campaign in FY13



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Innovations

- Project approach
- Solution package concept
- Graded approach for readiness
- Production Modeling
- Multi-purpose facilities



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Opportunities and Successes

■ Successes

- **Keeping our Focus on Safety – 184 days without recordable injury**
- **Material at Risk within TA-54 is less than 50K PE Ci**
- **Completed the Federal Readiness Assessment for Drum Venting**
- **412 and 231 Box Lines now HC3 operations**
- **375 box line now radiological operations**
- **Developed a Technical Team for Box Line Innovation and Efficiencies**
- **Exceeding our Interim Shipping Goals**
- **Redundant Crane at RANT installed and operational**

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Summary

- DOE and NMED have defined an improved process to achieve effective cleanup at LANL while balancing risk with budget realities
- Transparency with stakeholders is a key element
- A focused “campaign” is delivering exceptional results
- Positive relationship with the regulator has been key





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