

# Dual-Purpose Canister Direct Disposal Technical Feasibility Evaluation: Introduction and Summary

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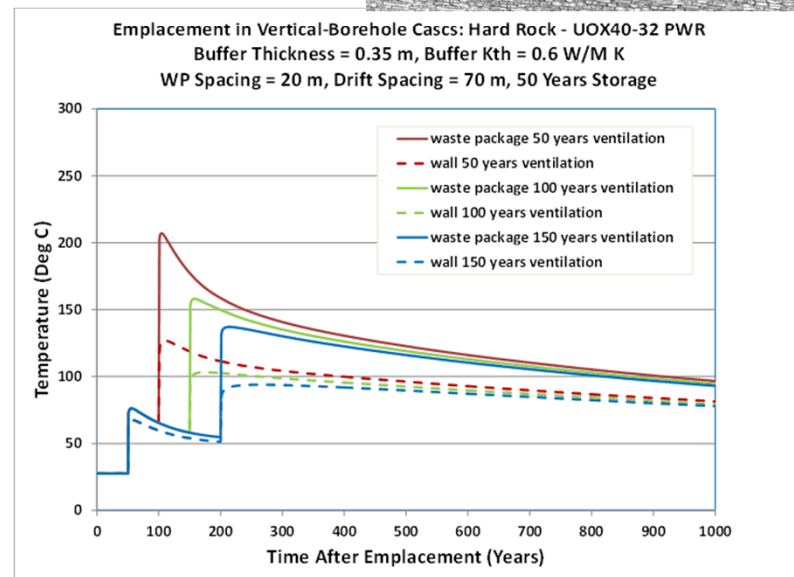
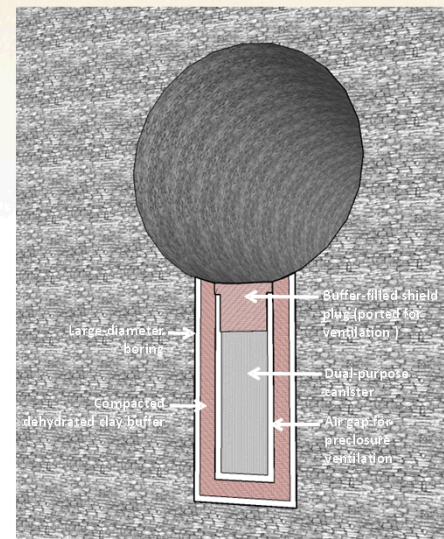
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# DPC Direct Disposal Technical Feasibility Multi-year Budget by Lab and Topic (FY12-15)

		Planning, assumptions, regulatory, reporting, peer review	Nuclear criticality	Concepts, available tech.	FEPs, safety strategy	Logistics	Thermal mgmt.	DPC matl. perf., over-pack matl. selection, environments	Ground-water salinity	Fillers	Argilla- ceous THM	Overpack reliability	Costing
FY12	SNL	165											
	ORNL	45	45										
	ANL	20		80									
	LLNL	51		34									
<b>Total</b>	<b>440</b>												
FY13	SNL	175			75								
	ORNL	65	165	75	20								
	ANL	48		30		40							
	LLNL	45					120						
	SRNL	30		70									
<b>Total</b>	<b>958</b>												
FY14	SNL	212	28			181		89					
	ORNL	121	267					35					
	INL		25										
	LBNL										100		
	SRNL	30		30						60			
	LANL								100				
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,456</b>												
FY15	SNL	145		50			35					150	35
	ORNL	33	197										
	SRNL	21											127
<b>Total</b>	<b>793</b>												
<b>By Topic</b>	<b>3,647</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>162</b>

# DPC Direct Disposal Technical Feasibility Evaluation FY15 Accomplishments

- Vault concept and thermal calculations
- 37-PWR thermal analysis
- Criticality validation study
- Add DPCs to UNF-ST&DARDS
- Overpack reliability (early failure) study
- Multi-year summary report
- Conference presentations



# **DPC Direct Disposal Technical Feasibility Evaluation Papers and Publications**

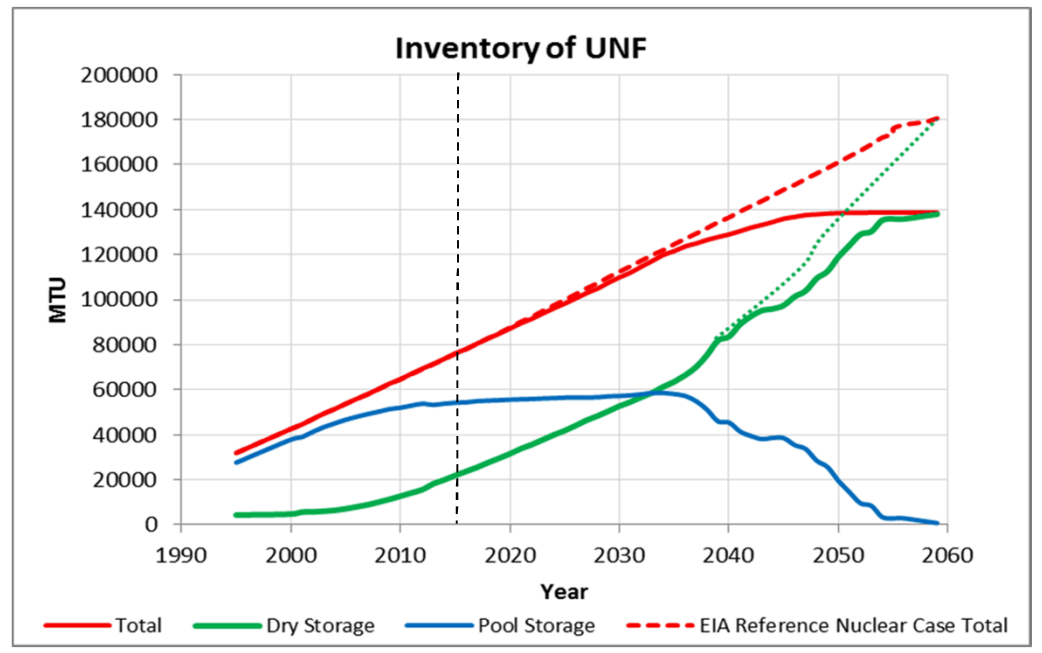
- **Waste Management: 2014 and 2015 (multiple papers)**
- **NEI Used Fuel Management: 2013, 2014 and 2015 (multiple papers)**
- **ANS IHLRWMC 2015 Topical: Session on DPC direct disposal**
- **INMM 2014 Annual Meeting**
- **ICNC 2015 Annual Meeting**
- **ORACS Albuquerque Workshop (2015)**
- **RadWaste Solutions cover article, Spring 2014 issue**
- **ACS 247<sup>th</sup> National Meeting (2014)**
- **NWTRB November, 2013 workshop**
- **Summary paper FY15??**

# DPC Cost Perspective (ROM)

- Sunk cost to procure/load/store DPCs ~\$100,000 /MTU  
Cost to continue through >2055: ~\$10B
- Future costs for all fuel, current fleet:
  - Unload >\$10,000 /MTU
  - Transport and dispose of hull >\$150,000 each
  - Re-canister for disposal ~\$100,000 /MTUTotal for 140,000 MTU >\$36B\*

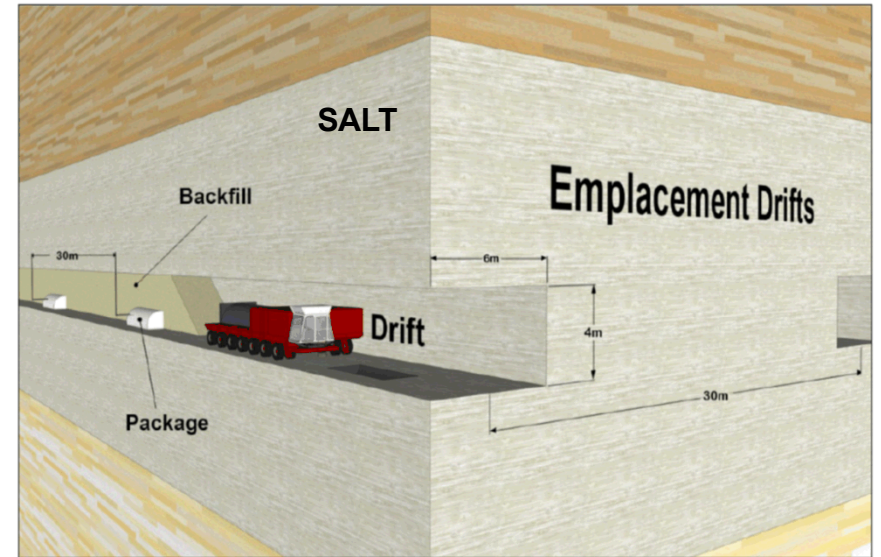
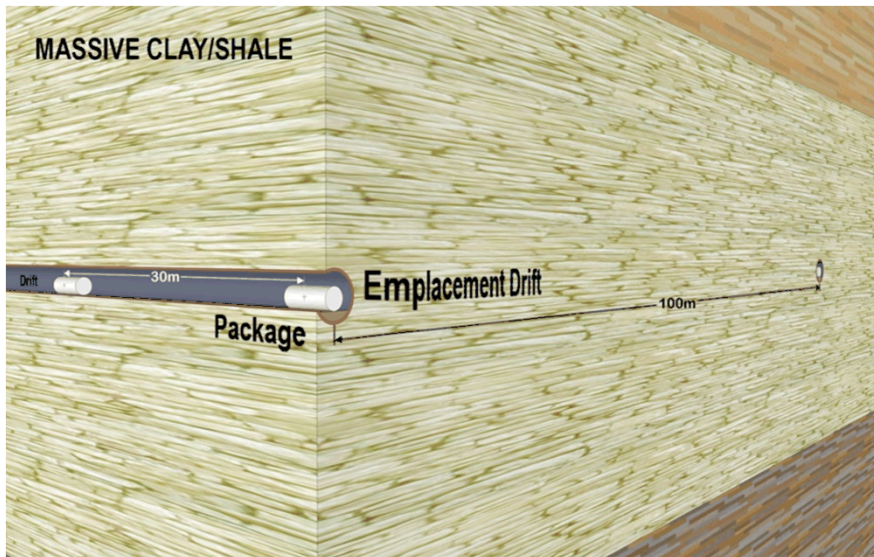
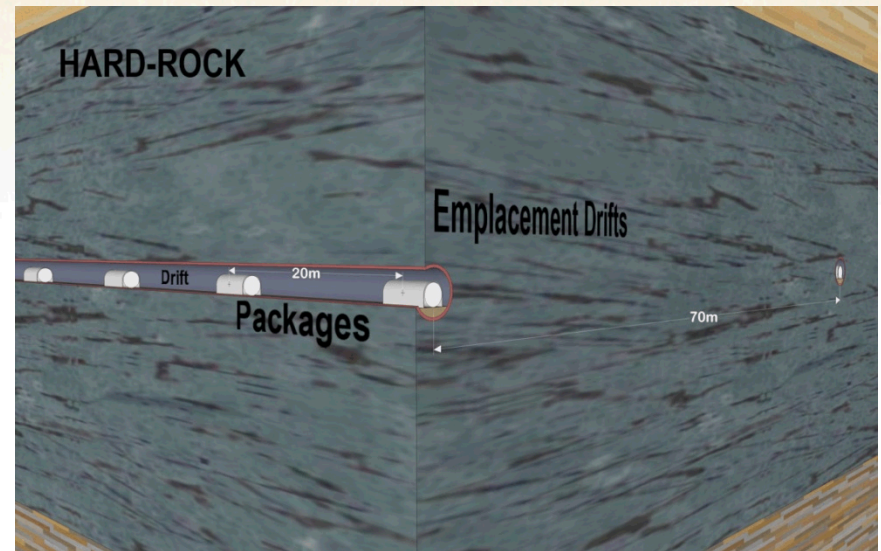
\* *Substantial cost savings could be achieved by:*

- 1) *Direct disposal of all DPCs; or*
- 2) *Direct disposal of existing DPCs, and transition to purpose-built and licensed multi-purpose canisters (storage-transport-disposal).*



# DPC Direct Disposal Concepts

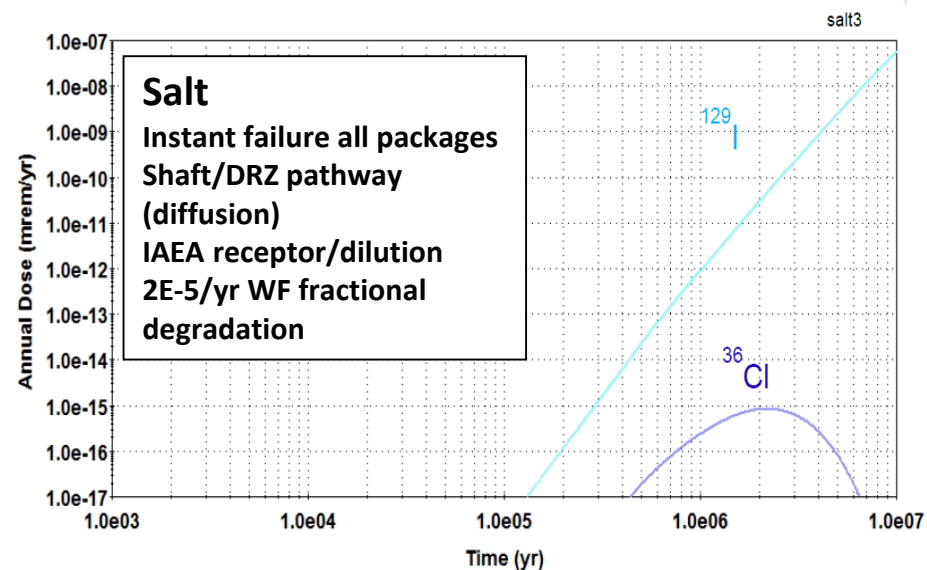
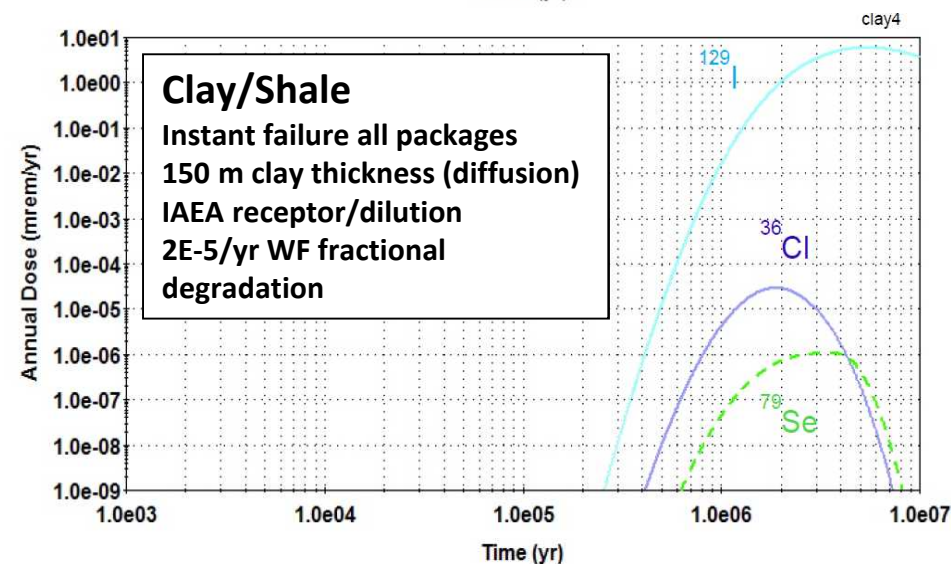
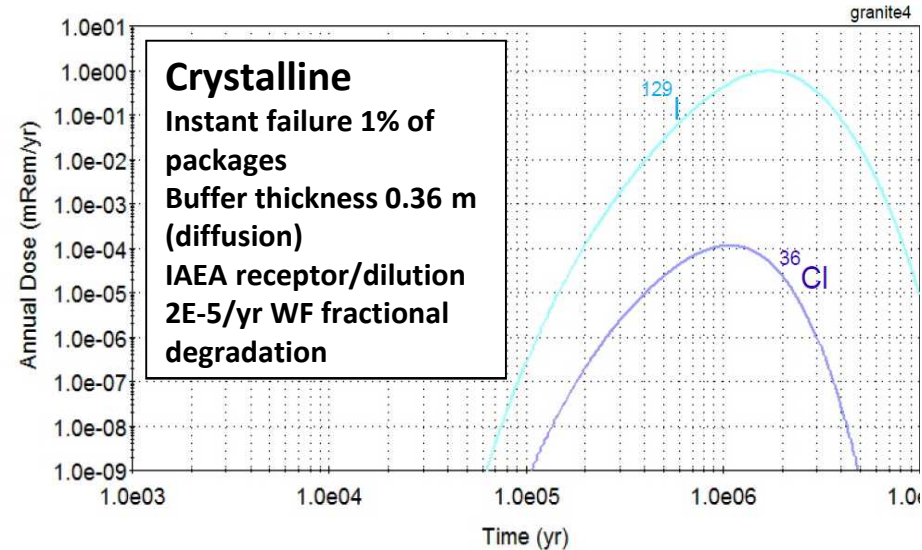
- Engineering challenges are technically feasible
- Shaft or ramp transport
- In-drift emplacement
- Repository ventilation (except salt)
- Backfill at emplacement or prior to closure (except unsaturated)



(Hardin et al. 2013. FCRD-UFD-2013-000171 Rev. 1)

# Generic Performance Assessment

- Nominal performance, 1-D transport
- Diffusion-dominated barrier (natural and/or engineered)
- Response proportional to inventory (package size → granularity)
- DPC effects (nominal scenario) limited to thermal



(Freeze et al. 2012, FCRD-UFD-2012-000146 Rev. 1)

# Safety of Workers and the Public – Summary

## Preclosure operational safety:

- Handling/packaging of large DPCs is within the state of practice
  - Operations would be similar for any DPC direct disposal concept
- ***No significant technical questions concerning operational safety until the waste is transported underground***

## Postclosure waste isolation:

- Containment would be assigned to the disposal overpack
  - As for any geologic repository, waste isolation is enhanced with *diffusion-dominated transport*, and properties that are insensitive to the expected temperature history
- ***No significant generic technical concerns for waste isolation with multiple engineered and natural barriers***

# “Hallway” Engineering Rumors

- “DPCs are much heavier than YM TADs.”  
*Loaded Magnastor (47 MT) vs. loaded TAD (< 49.3 MT)*
- “DPCs are much larger than YM TADs.”  
*Magnastor canister (1.80 m D x 4.87 m L → 12.4 m<sup>3</sup>) vs. TAD dimensional envelope (1.69 m D x 5.39 m L → 12.1 m<sup>3</sup>)*
- “DPC-based waste packages would be too heavy to lower down a shaft.”  
*Not necessarily, e.g., DPC package (70 MT) with shield (80 MT) + carriage < 175 MT (DBE TEC DIREGT conceptual hoist design)*
- “DPC-based packages would be too big/hot/heavy for a salt repository.”  
*Package bearing stress is small (< 50 kPa) and even creep models calibrated to recent low-stress data produce < 0.5 m of sinking in 10<sup>4</sup> years, without interbeds. Heating/cooling displaces packages up/down due to expansion.*

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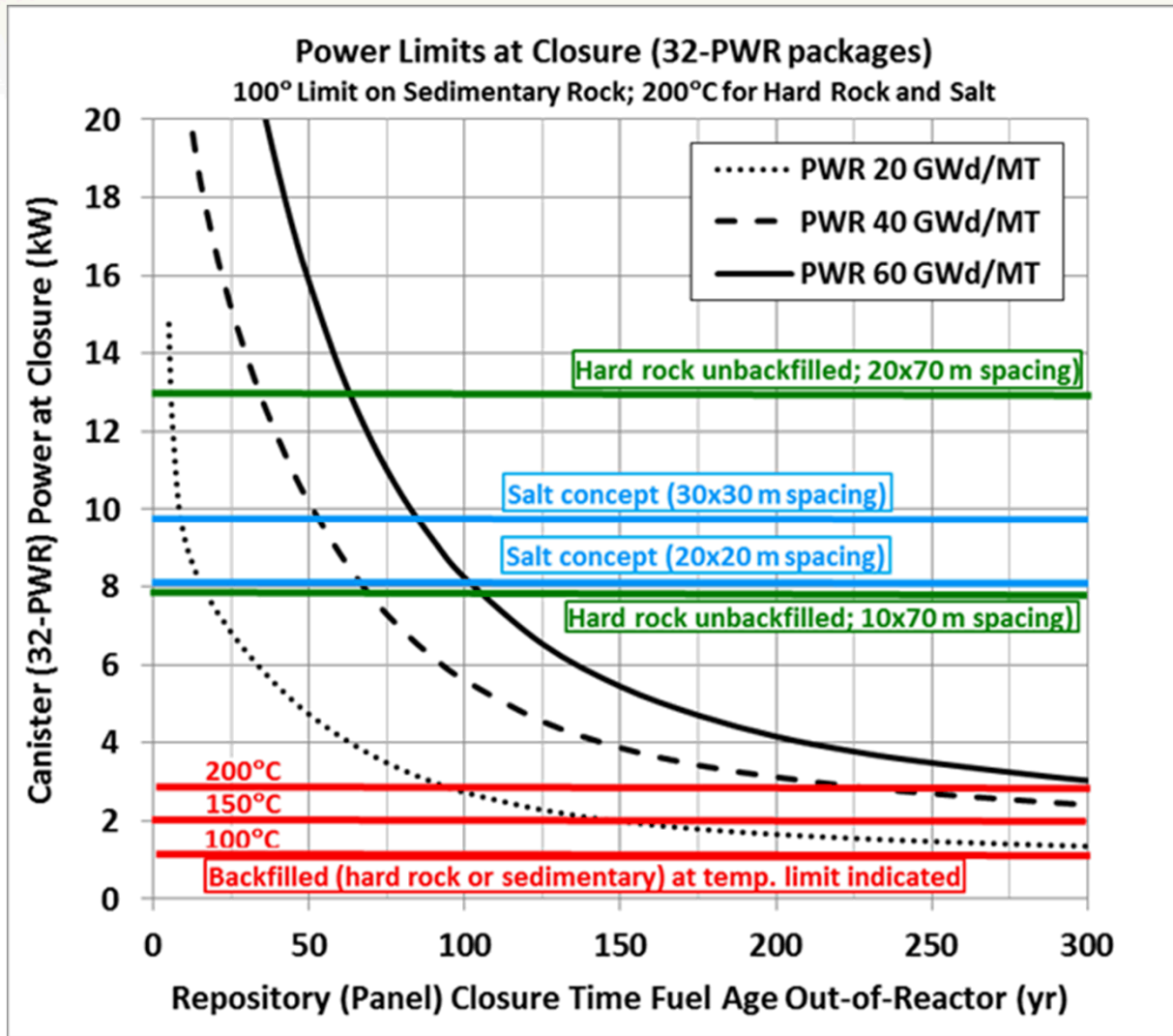
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# Engineering Feasibility – Summary

## Engineering feasibility position:

- Solutions are available for transporting and emplacing DPC-packages underground, although some could be largest of kind
  - Repository construction costs would be manageable
  - Openings could be stable for >50 years in many rock types
  - Improved overpack containment reliability is possible
- ***No significant technical concept questions concerning engineering feasibility of DPC direct disposal***

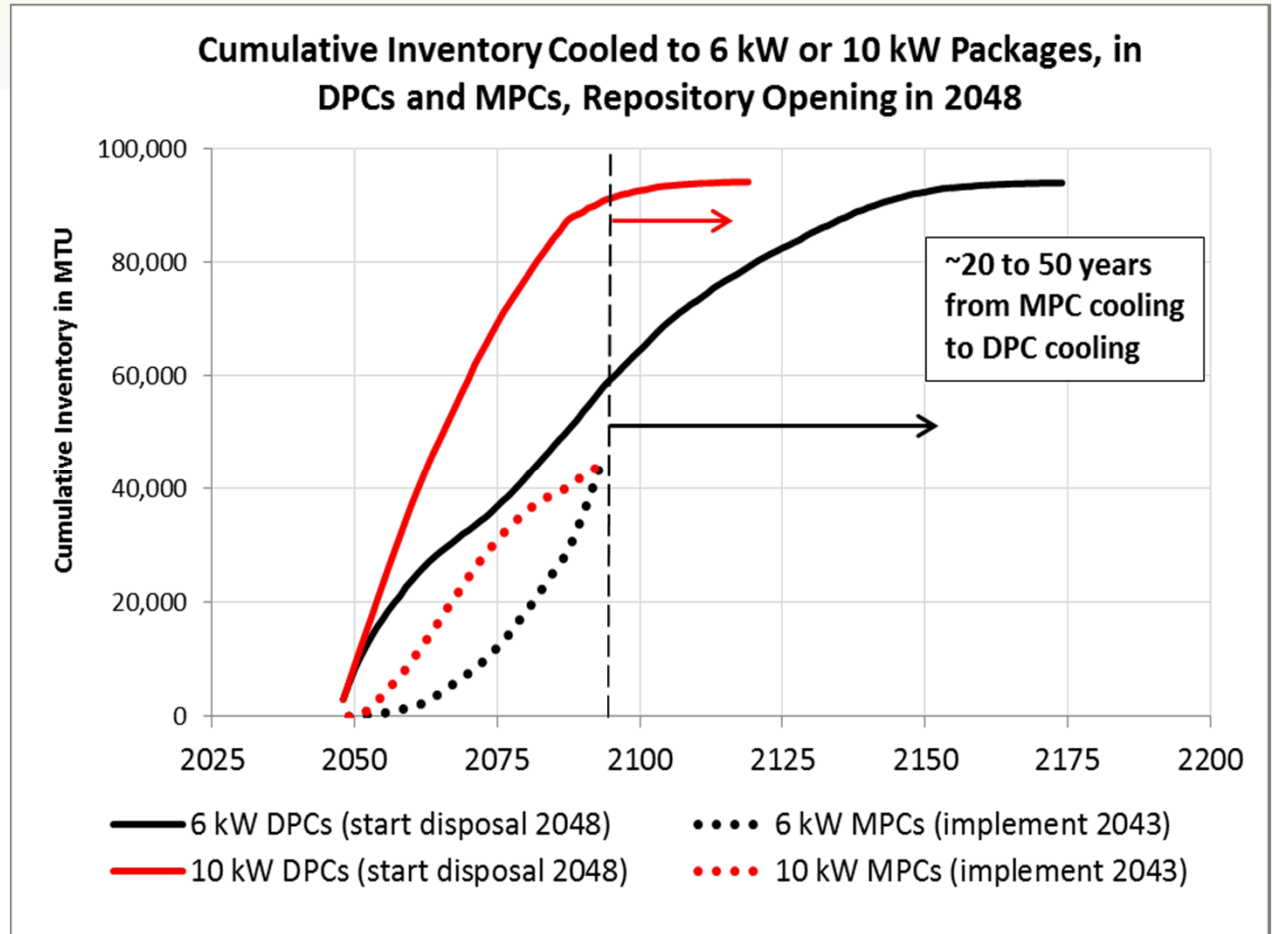
# Fuel Burnup-Aging Thermal Requirements for Disposal Concepts



- For SNF burnup (black curves) crossing points give minimum aging time to meet peak temperature targets, for 32-PWR size packages
- Heat dissipation is best for salt and unsaturated/unbackfilled disposal concepts
- Where backfill is used, backfill constraints dominate

# Cooling Time With Transition from DPCs to Small MPCs (Storage-Transport-Disposal)

- Repository start in 2048
- 4-PWR size MPCs implemented 5 yrs prior
- MPCs meet cooling targets 20 to 50 yrs before DPCs (with higher burnup fuel)
- Other start dates (2036 and 2060):
  - Change ratio of MPCs vs. DPCs
  - Earlier start (2036) → Cooling to 6 kW < 2100
  - Later start (2060) → Cooling to 6 kW > 2150



TSL-CALVIN simulation of existing reactor fleet with 20-yr life extensions and gradual burnup increase.

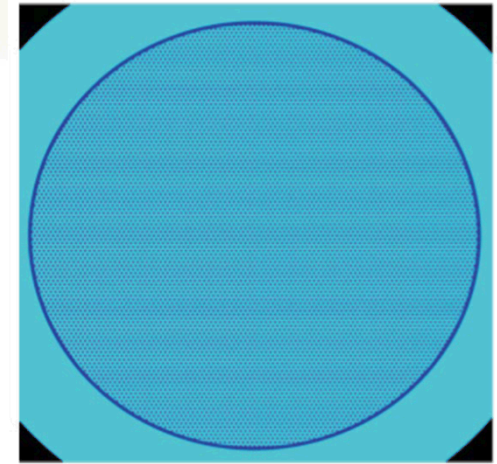
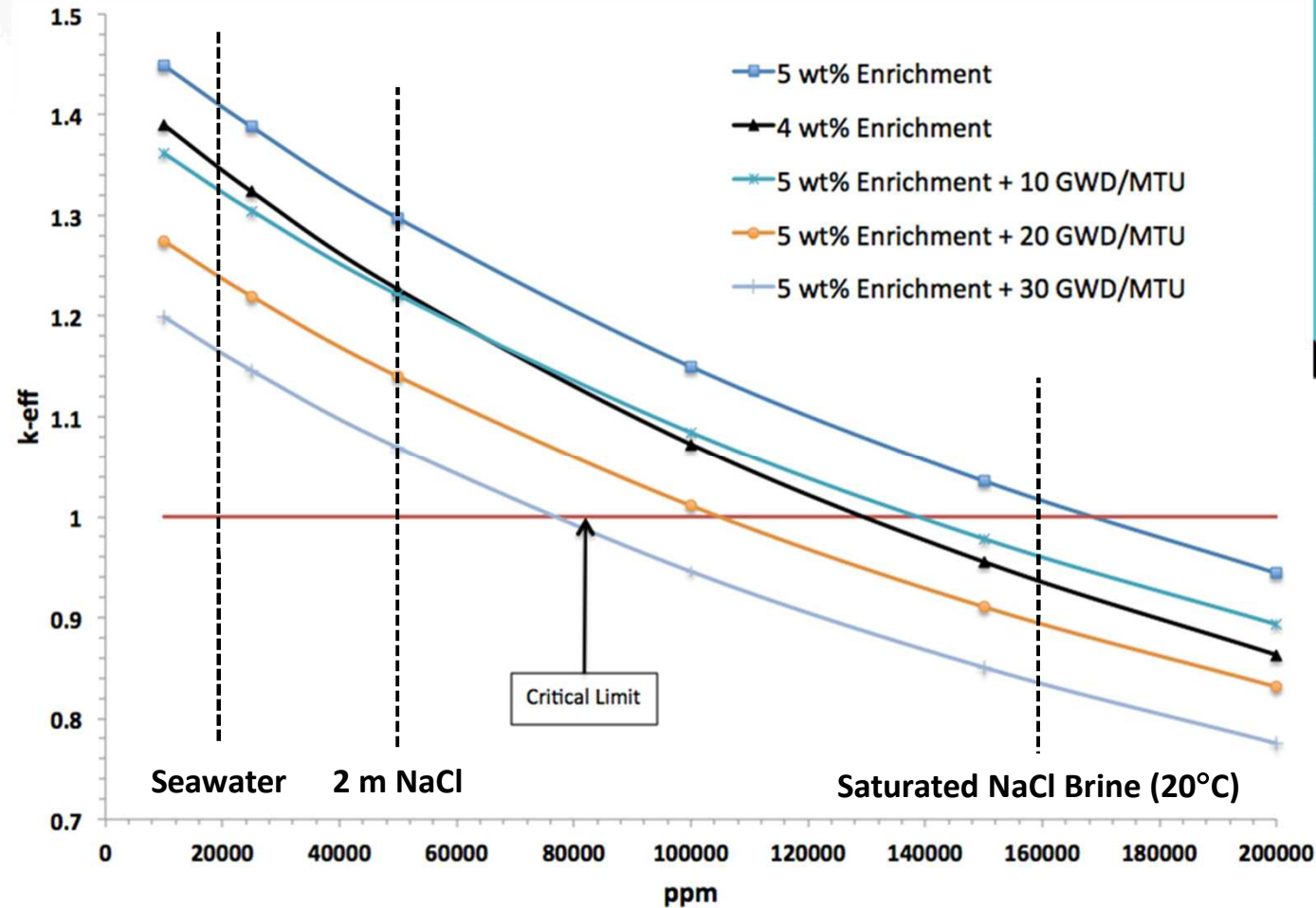
# Thermal Management – Summary

## Thermal management position:

- Repository host media exist (salt, unsaturated hard rock) with high conductivity and high temperature tolerance (200°C)
- Concepts that call for clay-based backfill could require much longer decay storage/aging time and larger repository layouts

→ ***Thermal management is not a generic technical concern, at least for salt and unsaturated hard rock.***

# Criticality Analysis for High-Reactivity Stylized Case

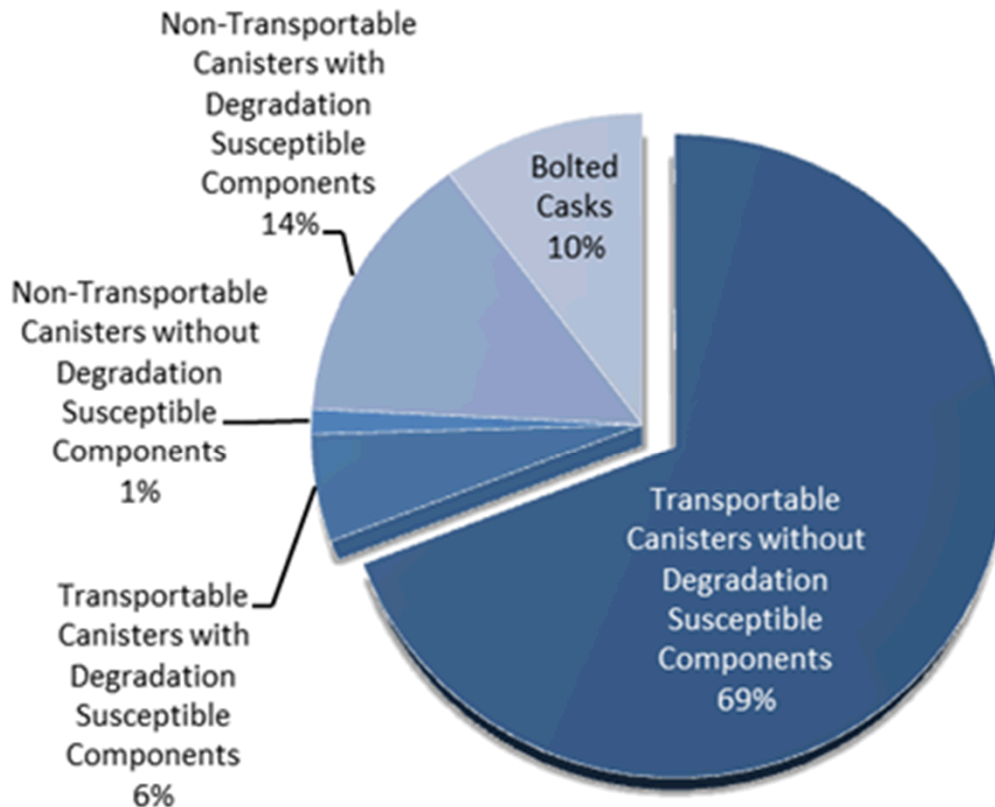


High-reactivity case:

- Hexagonal array of 8617 PWR fuel rods (W17x17WL)
- Rods from slightly more than 32 assemblies, in a 32-PWR DPC

(Banerjee et al. 2014. Dual Purpose Canister Reactivity and Groundwater Absorption AnalysesFCRD-UFD-2014-000520)

# DPC Construction Affects Potential for Postclosure Criticality and Thus, Disposability



- Fresh-water disposal environment, flooding possible
- Reliance on uncredited margin (as-loaded, full burnup credit)
- After package breach, degradation of neutron absorbers
- Basket structural integrity maintains assembly fuel rod pitch
- Stainless steel has the longest corrosion lifetime

# Postclosure Criticality – Summary

## Postclosure criticality position:

- Without flooding criticality potential is negligible
  - Once flooded, Al-based neutron absorber materials will degrade
  - Reactivity increase can be offset by:
    - High-reliability overpacks (limit manufacturing defects)
    - Minimal impact of disruptive events on overpack containment
    - Available uncredited margin (for analyzed configurations)
    - Natural chloride in ground water (e.g., salt repository)
    - Fillers implemented after closure
- *Postclosure criticality is not a generic technical concern, at least for salt and unsaturated hard rock media*

# Technical Feasibility Study Summary

- **Technical feasibility evaluation results for:**

- Safety of workers and the public
- Engineering feasibility
- Thermal management
- Postclosure criticality control

*No generic or conceptual concerns*

- **Most favorable disposal concepts: salt and hard rock unsaturated/unbackfilled**

- **Transition to MPCs facilitates repository loading/closure**

- Begin disposal with MPCs; DPCs cool 20 to 50 years later

- **Other considerations important for DPC disposability:**

- Basket structural longevity
- Disposal overpack reliability (better than  $4.5 \times 10^{-5}$  /each)
- UNF-ST&DARDS unified database (ORNL) capabilities

## Path Forward – Stakeholder Actions

**Suggested collaborative stakeholder actions (utilities, vendors, government):**

- **Develop a generic disposability standard and licensing basis for DPCs and MPCs (storage-transport-disposal)**
  - Mainly for postclosure criticality
  - Generic disposability case will be similar for DPCs and MPCs
- **Perform as-loaded, burnup credit analysis (e.g., loss of absorber) when DPCs are loaded**
- **Ensure DPC lifetime in storage to allow sufficient cooling for direct disposal (e.g., up to 150 yr)**
- **Collect data and analyze existing DPCs (e.g., GC-859)**

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**Session Agenda**

- Introduction (E. Hardin)
- **Disposal Concepts for Costing Study (E. Hardin)**
- **Costing (T. Severynse/J. Carter)**
- **Criticality (K. Banerjee/J. Scaglione)**
- **Logistical Simulations (E. Kalinina)**
- **Summary and Recommendations (L. Price)**



# **Disposal Concepts for Repository Costing, Including DPC Direct Disposal**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost estimated previously		4-PWR/9- or 12-BWR	12-PWR/ 24-BWR <sup>1</sup>	21-PWR/ 44-BWR	DPC Direct
<b>“Enclosed”</b>					
<b>Crystalline</b>	Based on KBS-3V (SKB 2011)	✓ 1	(Note 2)	(Note 3)	(Note 3)
<b>Argillaceous</b>	Based on ANDRA (2005) (for SNF in horiz. boreholes)	✓ 2	(Note 2)	(Note 3)	(Note 3)
	Based on NAGRA (2002, 2003) (for in-drift, self-shielded pkgs, with immediate backfilling)	(Note 4)	3	(Note 5)	(Note 5)
<b>Salt</b>	U.S. reference (in-drift)	4	✓ 5	6	7
<b>“Open”</b>					
<b>Hard Rock (e.g., Crystalline)</b>	Unsaturated, unbackfilled, open (YM concept, DOE 2008a)	(Note 6)	8	✓ 9	10
	Saturated, backfilled, open	(Note 6)	11	12	13
<b>Argillaceous</b>	Backfilled, open	(Note 6)	14	✓ 15	16

Notes:

1. The BWR equivalent to 12-PWR assemblies could be 32, and because thermal limits in this report are based on instantaneous package power, the only impact of such a change would be on Appendix A which calculates decay storage time and repository throughput.
2.  $T_{peak} > 100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; canister handling problematic for borehole emplacement.
3.  $T_{peak} \gg 100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; canister handling problematic.
4. Can assume cost would not be significantly different from the concept based on ANDRA (2005).
5.  $T_{peak} \gg 100^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
6. Open-mode ventilation not needed to meet thermal goals (use enclosed concepts above).

- Cost estimated previously for a similar arrangement (Hardin et al. 2012).
- Cost estimated previously for YM TSLCC analysis (DOE 2008b)

# Disposal Concept Description (1/5)

## Waste Package Capacity, Count and Overpack Material

Table I-2. Summary of waste package capacity, numbers, and materials.

#	Concept	Package Capacity (PWR/BWR)	140,000 MT Repository		Disposal Overpack Material
			Total Waste Packages	Annual Waste Packages <sup>A</sup>	
1.	Crystalline (enclosed)	4/9	82,583	1,667	Copper
2.	Argillaceous (enclosed)	4/9	82,583	1,667	Low-alloy steel
3.		12/21	28,792	556	
4.	Salt (enclosed)	4/9	82,583	1,667	Low-alloy steel
5.		12/21	28,792	556	
6.		21/44	16,157	318	
7.		DPC	~10,000	209 <sup>B</sup>	
8.	Hard rock unsaturated (open)	12/21	28,792	556	Corrosion resistant
9.		21/44	16,157	318	
10.		DPC	~10,000	209	
11.	Hard rock saturated (open)	12/21	28,792	556	Corrosion resistant
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Notes:

A. Figures shown for 3,000 MT per year throughput.

B. Dual-purpose canister (DPC) values are based on average capacity of 32 PWR assemblies (or BWR equivalent).

# Disposal Concept Description (2/5)

## Drift Diameter

Table I-3. Diameters for mined openings for access, disposal and service drifts.

#	Concept	Diameter (m)			Comment
		Access Drifts	Disposal Drifts/ Borings	Service Drifts	
1.	Crystalline (enclosed, 4-PWR)	6.5	1.6	6.5	Vertical borehole emplacement
2.	Argillaceous (enclosed, 4-PWR)	7.2	1.8	7.2	Horizontal boring emplacement
3.	Argillaceous (enclosed, 12-PWR)	7.2	4.5	7.2	In-drift emplacement
4.	Salt (enclosed, 4-PWR)	4H x 6W	4H x 6W	5H x 7.5W	Service drifts have 50% larger area
5.	Salt (enclosed, 12-PWR)	4H x 6W	4H x 6W	5H x 7.5W	
6.	Salt (enclosed, 21-PWR)	4H x 6W	4H x 6W	5H x 7.5W	
7.	Salt (enclosed, DPC)	4H x 6W	4H x 6W	5H x 7.5W	
8.	Hard rock unsaturated (open, 12-PWR)	8.0	5.5	8.0	8-m diameters for ventilation; 5.5 m or 6.5 m for drip shield clearance
9.	Hard rock unsaturated (open, 21-PWR)	8.0	5.5	8.0	
10.	Hard rock unsaturated (open, DPC)	8.0	6.5	8.0	
11.	Hard rock saturated (open, 12-PWR)	8.0	4.5	8.0	Use same layout as unsaturated case, but smaller (4.5 m) diameter for DPCs since no drip shields
12.	Hard rock saturated (open, 21-PWR)	8.0	4.5	8.0	
13.	Hard rock saturated (open, DPC)	8.0	4.5	8.0	
14.	Argillaceous (open, 12-PWR)	7.2	4.5	8.0	
15.	Argillaceous (open, 21-PWR)	7.2	4.5	8.0	
16.	Argillaceous (open, DPC)	7.2	4.5	8.0	

# Disposal Concept Description (3/5)

## Waste Package and Drift Spacings

Table I-4. Waste package and drift spacings for disposal concepts.

		Package Spacing (m)	Drift/Boring Spacing (m)	Comment
1.	Crystalline (enclosed, 4-PWR)	10	20	Access drift spacing is 20 m.
2.	Argillaceous (enclosed, 4-PWR)	10	30	
3.	Argillaceous (enclosed, 12-PWR)	10	60	
4.	Salt (enclosed, 4-PWR)	10	20	
5.	Salt (enclosed, 12-PWR)	20	25	
6.	Salt (enclosed, 21-PWR)	30	30	
7.	Salt (enclosed, DPC)	30	35	
8.	Hard rock unsaturated (open, 12-PWR)	5	81	12- and 21-PWR size packages are line-loaded under continuous drip shields
9.	Hard rock unsaturated (open, 21-PWR)	5	81	
10.	Hard rock unsaturated (open, DPC)	10	81	
11.	Hard rock saturated (open, 12-PWR)	10	81	Use same spacings as unsaturated concepts
12.	Hard rock saturated (open, 21-PWR)	10	81	
13.	Hard rock saturated (open, DPC)	20	81	
14.	Argillaceous (open, 12-PWR)	10	70	
15.	Argillaceous (open, 21-PWR)	10	70	
16.	Argillaceous (open, DPC)	20	70	

# Disposal Concept Description (4/5)

## Drift Length and Excavated Volume

Table I-5. Access, disposal and service drift length and volume for disposal concepts.

#	Concept	Access Drifts <sup>A</sup>		Disposal Drifts/ Borings <sup>A</sup>		Service/ Ventilation Drifts <sup>A</sup>		Repository Total	
		Length (m)	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Length (m)	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Length (m)	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Length (m)	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )
1.	Crystalline (enclosed, 4-PWR)	7.8E5	2.6E7	6.2E5	1.3E6	2.3E5	7.7E6	1.6E6	3.5E7
2.	Argillaceous (enclosed, 4-PWR)	1.4E5	1.6E7	7.8E5	2.1E6	3.7E5	1.5E7	1.3E6	3.3E7
3.	Argillaceous (enclosed, 12-PWR)	3.9E5	1.6E7	2.9E5	4.6E6	3.7E5	1.5E7	1.1E6	3.6E7
4.	Salt (enclosed, 4-PWR)	5.6E4	1.3E6	8.5E5	2.0E7	4.2E4	1.5E6	9.5E5	2.3E7
5.	Salt (enclosed, 12-PWR)	5.6E4	1.3E6	6.0E5	1.4E7	4.2E4	1.5E6	7.0E5	1.7E7
6.	Salt (enclosed, 21-PWR)	5.6E4	1.3E6	3.4E5	8.2E6	4.2E4	1.5E6	4.4E5	1.1E7
7.	Salt (enclosed, DPC)	5.6E4	1.3E6	3.0E5	7.2E6	4.2E4	1.5E6	4.0E5	1.0E7
8.	Hard rock unsaturated (open, 12-PWR)	8.0E3	4.0E5	1.7E5	4.0E6	8.0E3	4.0E5	1.9E5	5.0E6
9.	Hard rock unsaturated (open, 21-PWR)	8.0E3	4.0E5	9.7E4	2.3E6	8.0E3	4.0E5	1.1E5	3.1E6
10.	Hard rock unsaturated (open, DPC)	8.0E3	4.0E5	1.2E5	4.0E6	8.0E3	4.0E5	1.4E5	5.0E6
11.	Hard rock saturated (open, 12-PWR)	8.0E3	4.0E5	1.7E5	4.0E6	8.0E3	4.0E5	1.9E5	5.0E6
12.	Hard rock saturated (open, 21-PWR)	8.0E3	4.0E5	9.7E4	2.3E6	8.0E3	4.0E5	1.1E5	3.1E6
13.	Hard rock saturated (open, DPC)	8.0E3	4.0E5	1.2E5	2.8E6	8.0E3	4.0E5	1.4E5	3.6E6
14.	Argillaceous (open, 12-PWR)	8.5E4	3.5E6	3.5E5	5.6E6	5.8E4	2.4E6	4.9E5	1.2E7
15.	Argillaceous (open, 21-PWR)	8.5E4	3.5E6	3.9E5	6.2E6	5.8E4	2.4E6	5.3E5	1.2E7
16.	Argillaceous (open, DPC)	8.5E4	3.5E6	3.6E5	5.7E6	5.8E4	2.4E6	5.0E5	1.2E7

Notes:

- A. Access, emplacement and service drift estimates include a 10 to 20% contingency to account for unsuitable ground conditions and inefficiencies in the layout of successive panels.

# Disposal Concept Description (5/5)

## Numbers of Ramps and/or Shafts for 140,000 MTU Repository

Table I-6. Numbers of shafts and ramps for disposal concepts.

#	Concept	Ventilation Intake	Waste Rock	Ventilation Exhaust	Waste Transport	
					Shaft	Ramp (5 km)
1.	Crystalline (enclosed, 4-PWR)	1	1	2	1	0
2.	Argillaceous (enclosed, 4-PWR)	1	1	2	1	0
3.	Argillaceous (enclosed, 12-PWR)	1	1	2	1	0
4.	Salt (enclosed, 4-PWR)	1	1	2	1	0
5.	Salt (enclosed, 12-PWR)	1	1	2	1	0
6.	Salt (enclosed, 21-PWR)	1	1	2	1	0
7.	Salt (enclosed, DPC)	1	1	2	1	0
8.	Hard rock unsaturated (open, 12-PWR)	10 <sup>A</sup>	1	5 <sup>A</sup>	1 <sup>B</sup>	0
9.	Hard rock unsaturated (open, 21-PWR)	10 <sup>A</sup>	1	5 <sup>A</sup>	0	1
10.	Hard rock unsaturated (open, DPC)	10 <sup>A</sup>	1	5 <sup>A</sup>	0	1
11.	Hard rock saturated (open, 12-PWR)	10 <sup>A</sup>	1	5 <sup>A</sup>	1 <sup>B</sup>	0
12.	Hard rock saturated (open, 21-PWR)	10 <sup>A</sup>	1	5 <sup>A</sup>	0	1
13.	Hard rock saturated (open, DPC)	10 <sup>A</sup>	1	5 <sup>A</sup>	0	1
14.	Argillaceous (open, 12-PWR)	10 <sup>A</sup>	1	5 <sup>A</sup>	1 <sup>B</sup>	0
15.	Argillaceous (open, 21-PWR)	10 <sup>A</sup>	1	5 <sup>A</sup>	0	1
16.	Argillaceous (open, DPC)	10 <sup>A</sup>	1	5 <sup>A</sup>	0	1

Notes:

- A. Based on the sedimentary backfilled open concept estimated previously for disposal of 140,000 MT spent fuel in 21-PWR size packages (Hardin et al. 2012).
- B. Based on availability of a friction-winder shaft hoist with 85 MT or greater capacity.

# Disposal Concept Details (1/2)

## Emplacement power and timing, package dimensions

- Salt Repository Concepts**

Table 4-1. SNF package size, emplacement power limits, and repository spacings for salt repositories

Areal power loading limit: 11 W/m <sup>2</sup> Drift dimensions: 6 m W x 4 m H								
#	Package Capacity (PWR assemblies)	Emplacement Power Limit (kW)	Time to Emplacement (yr)	Center-Center Drift Spacing (m)	Center-Center Package Spacing (m)	Package OD (m)	Loaded Canister Weight (kg)	Total Pkg. Weight (kg)
4.	4	2.2	<10	20	10	0.82	7,000	13,000
5.	12	5.5	40	25	20	1.17	20,000	28,000
6.	21	10.0	70	30	30	1.53	33,000	45,000
7.	32 (DPC)	11.5	70 <sup>A</sup>	35	30	1.9	50,000	65,000

Note: <sup>A</sup> Using semi-cylindrical cavities in the floor to receive waste packages (Hardin et al. 2013b).

- Hard-Rock Unsaturated, Unbackfilled Concepts**

Table 8-2. Repository emplacement drift and waste package package dimensions and emplacement power limits for hard-rock unsaturated, unbackfilled (open-mode) repositories.

Line loading power limit at closure: 0.8 kW/m										
#	Package Size (PWR assemblies)	Emplacement Power Limit (kW)	Closure Power Limit (kW)	Time to Closure (yr) <sup>D</sup>	Drift Dia. (m)	Center-Center Drift Spacing (m)	Center-Center Pkg. Spacing, Nominal (m)	Pkg. OD (m)	Loaded Canister Weight (kg)	Total Pkg. Weight (kg)
8.	12 <sup>A</sup>	10	4	75	5.5	81	5	1.17	20,000	28,000
9.	21 <sup>B</sup>	18	7	75	5.5	81	5	1.57	33,000	50,000
10.	32 (DPC) <sup>C</sup>	18	7	100	6.5	81	10	1.94	50,000	70,000

Notes:

- A. Emplacement and closure power limits are scaled to 21-PWR concept. Higher limits may be possible with extended aging or ventilation.
- B. Similar to YM thermal analyses which showed that rock wall (200°C) and cladding temperature (350°C) limits would be met (SNL 2008).
- C. Based on the 21-PWR concept. The DPC case with a 5.5-m diameter drift and 150-year fuel age at closure was analyzed by Hardin et al. (2013, Section 4.6.1).
- D. Approximate years since reactor discharge, based on high-burnup (60 GW-d/MT).

# Disposal Concept Details (2/2)

## Emplacement power and timing, package dimensions

### • Hard-Rock Backfilled Concepts

Table 11-2. Repository emplacement drift and waste package package dimensions and emplacement power limits for hard-rock saturated, backfilled (open-mode) repositories.

#	Package Size (PWR assemblies)	Emplacement Power Limit (kW)	Closure Power <sup>D</sup> Limit (kW)	Time to Closure (yr) <sup>E</sup>	Drift Diameter (m)	Center-Center Drift Spacing (m)	Center-Center Package Spacing (m)	Package OD (m)	Loaded Canister Weight (kg)	Total Pkg. Weight (kg)
11.	12 <sup>A</sup>	10	2	150	4.5	70	20	1.17	20,000	28,000
12.	21 <sup>B</sup>	18	3	200	4.5	70	20	1.57	33,000	50,000
13.	32 (DPC) <sup>C</sup>	18	3	300	4.5	70	25	1.94	50,000	70,000

Notes:

- A. Emplacement power limit scaled to 21-PWR concept.
- B. Similar to YM thermal analyses which showed that rock wall (200°C) and cladding temperature (350°C) limits would be met (SNL 2008).
- C. The case with 5.5-m drift diameter and 150-yr age at closure was analyzed by Hardin et al. (2013, Section 4.6.1).
- D. Closure power of 3 kW produces peak backfill temperature of approximately 200°C, while 2 kW produces 150°C (backfill thermal conductivity 0.6 W/m-K).
- E. Approximate years since reactor discharge, based on high-burnup (60 GW-d/MT).

### • Argillaceous Backfilled Concepts

Table 14-2. Repository emplacement drift and waste package package dimensions and emplacement power limits for argillaceous, saturated, backfilled (open-mode) repositories.

#	Pkg. Size (PWR assemblies)	Emplacement Power Limit (kW)	Closure Power <sup>B</sup> Limit (kW)	Time to Closure (yr) <sup>C</sup>	Drift Dia. (m)	Center-Center Drift Spacing (m)	Center-Center Pkg. Spacing (m)	Pkg. OD (m)	Loaded Canister Weight (kg)	Total Pkg. Weight (kg)
14.	12 <sup>A</sup>	10	2	150	4.5	70	20	1.17	20,000	28,000
15.	21	18	3	200	4.5	70	20	1.57	33,000	50,000
16.	32 (DPC)	18	3	300	4.5	70	25	1.94	50,000	70,000

Notes:

- A. Emplacement power limit scaled to 21-PWR concept.
- B. Closure power of 3 kW produces peak backfill temperature of approximately 200°C, while 2 kW produces 150°C (backfill thermal conductivity 0.6 W/m-K).
- C. Approximate years since reactor discharge, based on high-burnup (60 GW-d/MT).