

# Used Fuel Disposition R&D Campaign

## Used Fuel Disposition R&D Campaign Working Group Meeting

### Introduction and Summary

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**Las Vegas, Nevada**

**June 7, 2016**

## ■ **What's different this year?**

- More emphasis on breakout sessions, fewer sessions as a group

## ■ **Summary of the UFD campaign**

- Mission and Objectives
- FY16 organization
- FY17 planning

## Meeting Outline

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### ■ Full-group presentations today

- Opportunity for campaign management to provide basic information and strategy
- Opportunity for questions and discussion; all topics are welcome
- Nuclear Fuel Storage and Transportation Planning Project (Mark Nutt)
- Quality Assurance Update (Ram Murthy)
- NE University Program Researchers (NEUP)
  - *Introduction by JC de la Garza*

### ■ Topical break-out sessions begin later today and continue through Thursday morning

- In-depth discussions
- Space is available for impromptu meetings: contact campaign management for help

### ■ Reconvene as a full group Thursday noon

- Closing comments

# **Used Fuel Disposition R&D Campaign**

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## **Mission, Objectives and Organization**

## DOE Office of Nuclear Energy Mission Statement

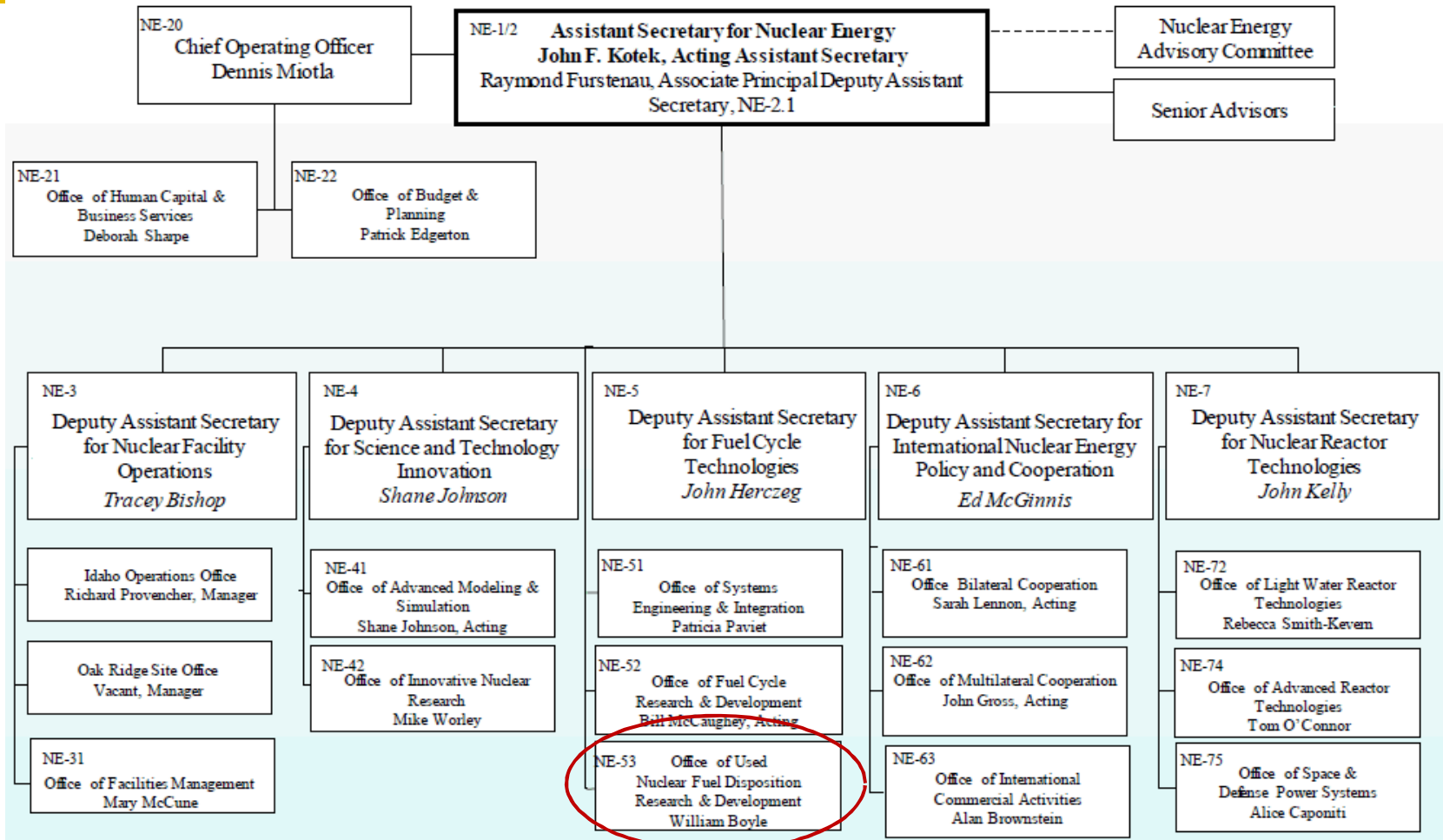
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- **The primary mission of the Office of Nuclear Energy is to advance nuclear power as a resource capable of meeting the Nation's energy, environmental, and national security needs by resolving technical, cost, safety, proliferation resistance, and security barriers through research, development, and demonstration as appropriate.**
  
- **NE's program is guided by the four research objectives detailed in its Nuclear Energy Research and Development Roadmap:**
  - Develop technologies and other solutions that can improve the reliability, sustain the safety, and extend the life of current reactors.
  - Develop improvements in the affordability of new reactors to enable nuclear energy to help meet the Administration's energy security and climate change goals.
  - Develop sustainable fuel cycles.
  - Understand and minimize the risks of nuclear proliferation and terrorism.

Source: <http://energy.gov/ne/mission>, downloaded 2 May 2016

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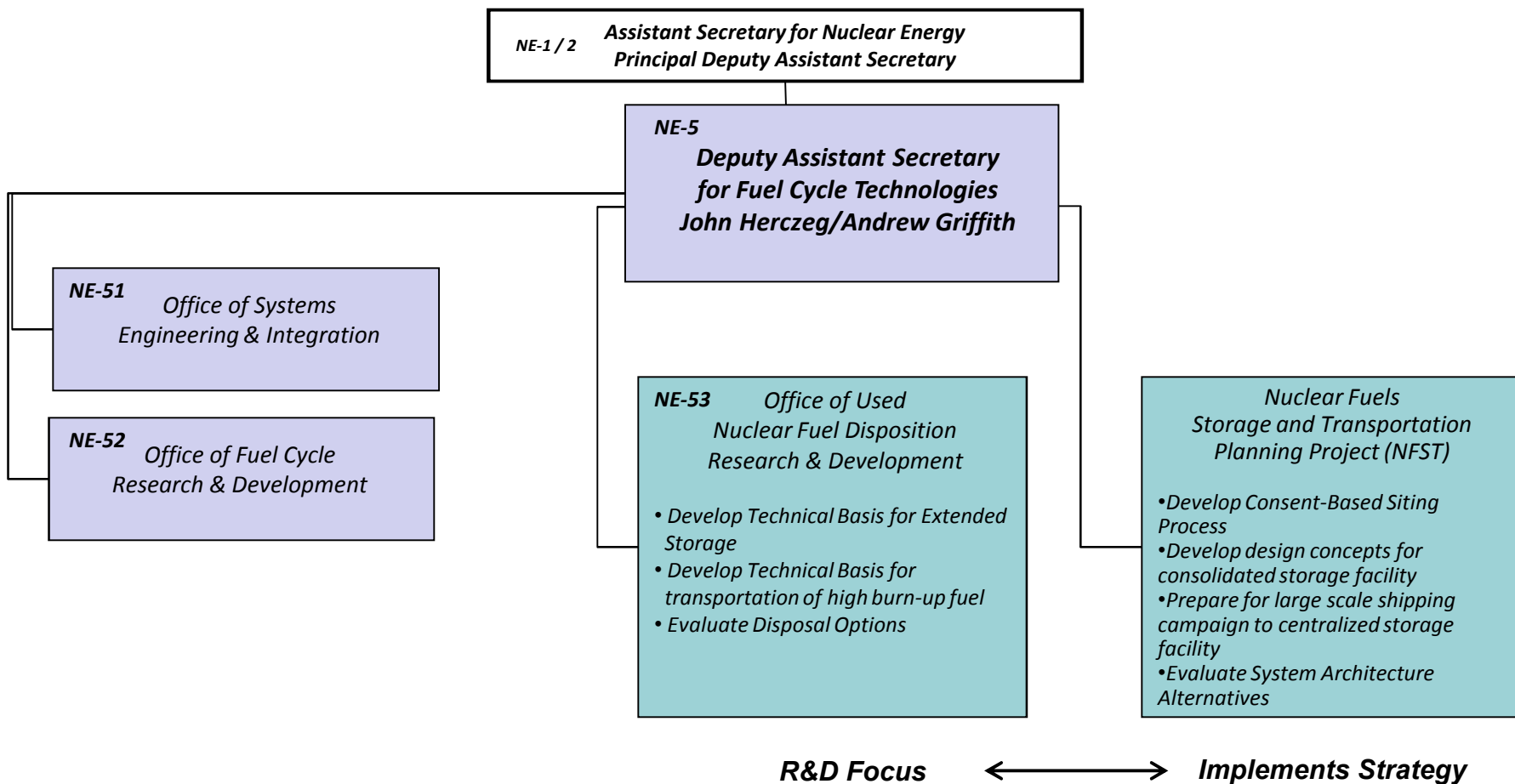
## DOE-NE Organization Chart



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# Used Fuel Disposition

## DOE Office of Nuclear Energy Office of Fuel Cycle Technologies (NE-5)



# Used Fuel Disposition

## Used Fuel Disposition R&D Campaign Mission

*The DOE Office of Used Nuclear Fuel Disposition Research and Development and nine national laboratories participate in the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy's "Used Fuel Disposition Campaign"*

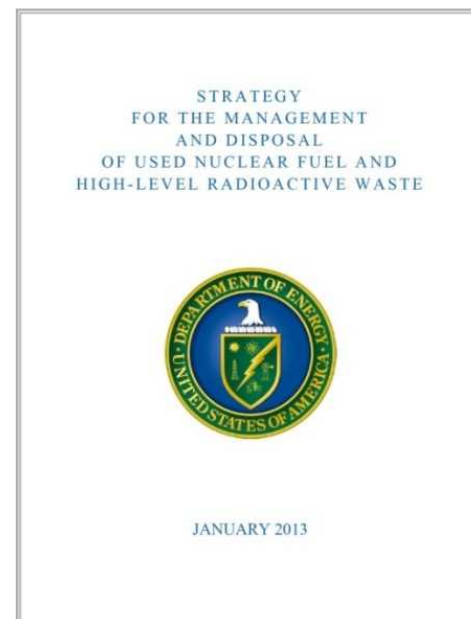
*Campaign Mission: to identify alternatives and conduct scientific research and technology development to enable storage, transportation and disposal of used nuclear fuel and wastes generated by existing and future nuclear fuel cycles*





- Support the implementation of a full-scale NRC-licensed confirmatory storage demonstration facility, in collaboration with industry
- Develop the technical basis necessary to support eventual transportation of used nuclear fuel, including high-burnup fuel
- Support the DOE's development of an Integrated Waste Management System that leads to implementation of integrated storage, transportation, and disposal concepts

***Support the Administration's 2013 Strategy for the Management and Disposal of Used Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste***



### Storage and Transportation R&D

- Support the high burn-up fuel full-scale storage demonstration project
- Develop understanding of how temperature and pressure affect cladding integrity in high-burnup UNF
  - *Predictive modeling*
  - *Experimentation*
- Develop understanding of how corrosion and stress corrosion cracking affect performance of stainless steel dry storage canisters
  - *Material and environmental data; predictive modeling*
- Characterize external loadings on UNF during normal conditions of transport

### Disposal R&D

- Field a deep borehole test
  - *Initiate drilling in 2016, complete testing in 2019*
- Complete evaluation of the direct disposal of dual-purpose canisters
- Develop experimental and modeling basis for understanding long-term performance of disposal systems in argillaceous rock, salt, crystalline rock, and deep boreholes
  - *Leverage international disposal R&D*
- Develop reference cases for generic disposal concepts

### DOE HLW and SNF R&D

- Initiate a repository program for disposal of defense HLW and some DOE-managed SNF

## ■ Collaboration among Fuel Cycle Technology Campaigns

- Full collaboration and shared resources with Nuclear Fuels Storage and Transportation Planning Project (NFST)
- Support for Fuel Cycle Options Campaign
- Close interactions with Material Recovery/Waste Form Campaign
  - *Waste form modeling work transitioning from MR/WF to UFD in FY14*

## ■ Collaboration with DOE-EM

- Canister concepts for deep borehole disposal

## ■ Industry (Advisory and Assistance Contracts)

- E.g., Areva; engineering services task for deep borehole field test

## ■ DOE/Industry Storage High-Burnup Data Project initiated FY13

- Dominion, Areva, Westinghouse

## ■ EPRI

- Extended Storage Collaboration Program (ESCP) (with NRC, utilities, vendors, and international organizations)

## ■ NEI

- Meetings to coordinate prioritization of funded activities

■ **Deep Borehole Field Test**

- Battelle-led team includes Schlumberger, Solexperts

■ **International Collaborations**

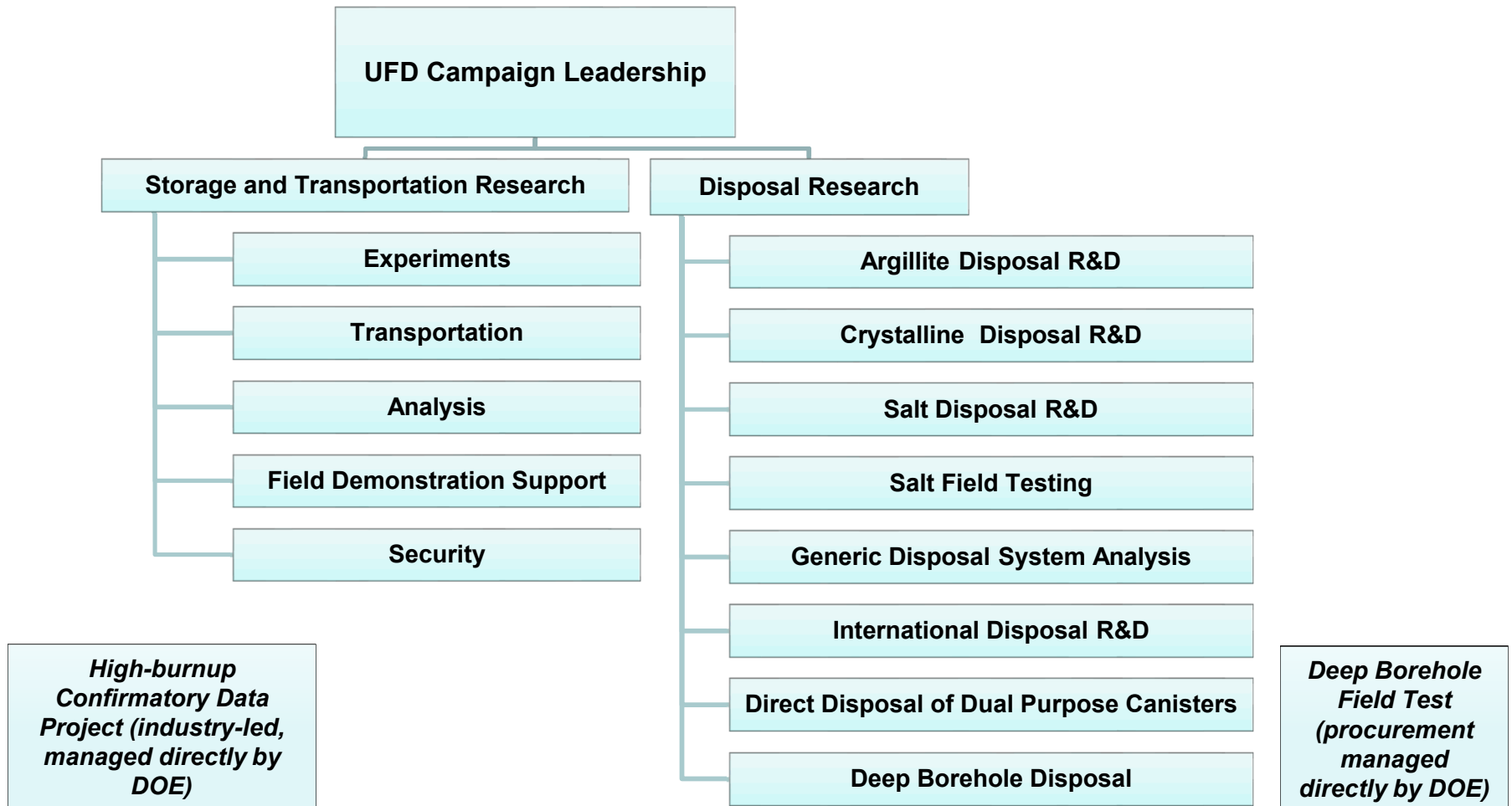
- Participation in international Underground Research Laboratories in Europe and Korea and in multi-national disposal research activities
- Bilateral agreements on storage and disposal R&D with Korea, Japan, China
- MOU for salt disposal R&D with Germany
- IAEA working groups in storage and transportation
- Collaboration with Germany and Japan on extended performance of bolts and seals for bolted storage casks and on SS canister stress corrosion cracking

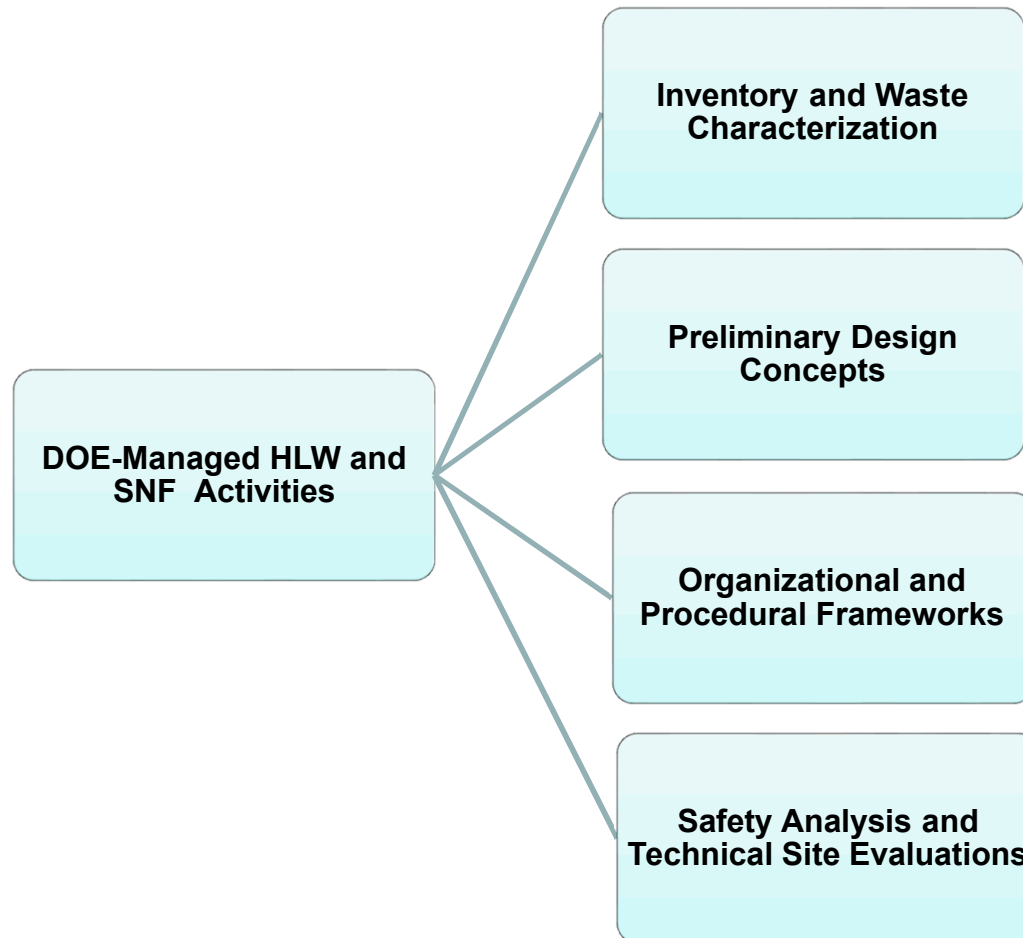
■ **DOE NE University Programs**

- UFD R&D is affiliated with 15 active NEUP research projects (not including FY16 awards)
  - *7 projects in Storage R&D*
  - *1 projects in Transportation R&D*
  - *3 projects in Disposal R&D*
  - *4 Integrated Research Projects in Storage R&D*

■ **Other university collaborations (MIT, U. of Oklahoma, University of Sheffield UK)**

# UFD R&D Campaign Structure

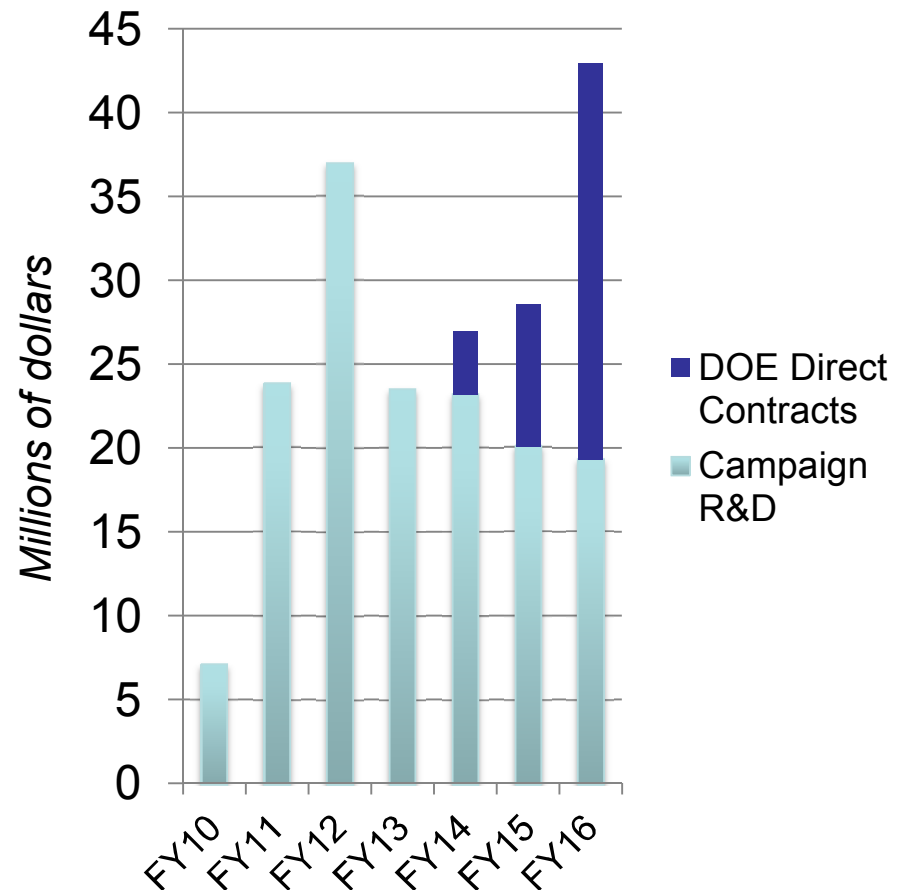




## UFD R&D Funding 2010-2016

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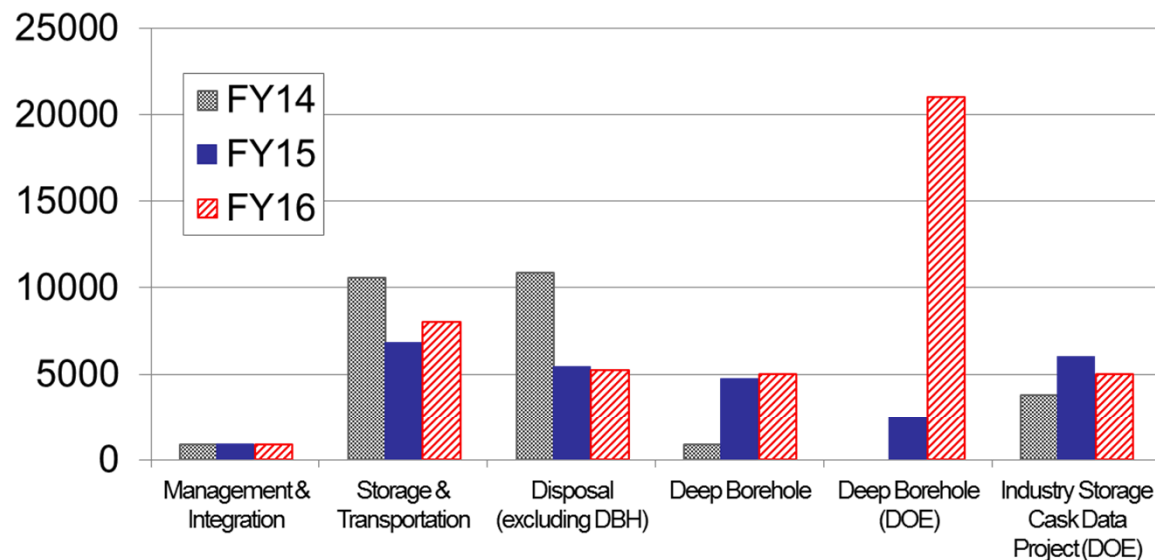
*Approximate total funding for UFD R&D  
(including DOE-managed HLW and SNF R&D in FY16)*



# Implementing UFD R&D Priorities from FY14 to FY16

**Overall campaign funding planned to increase from \$26.4M in FY15 to \$45.4M in FY16**

**Funding at National Laboratories was planned to increase from \$17.9M to \$19.2M**



*Does not include \$3M planned for DOE HLW and SNF R&D*

FY14*	900	10557	10845	860	0	3800
FY15*	900	6815	5455	4755	2500	6000
FY16**	900	8000	5225	5000	21000	5000

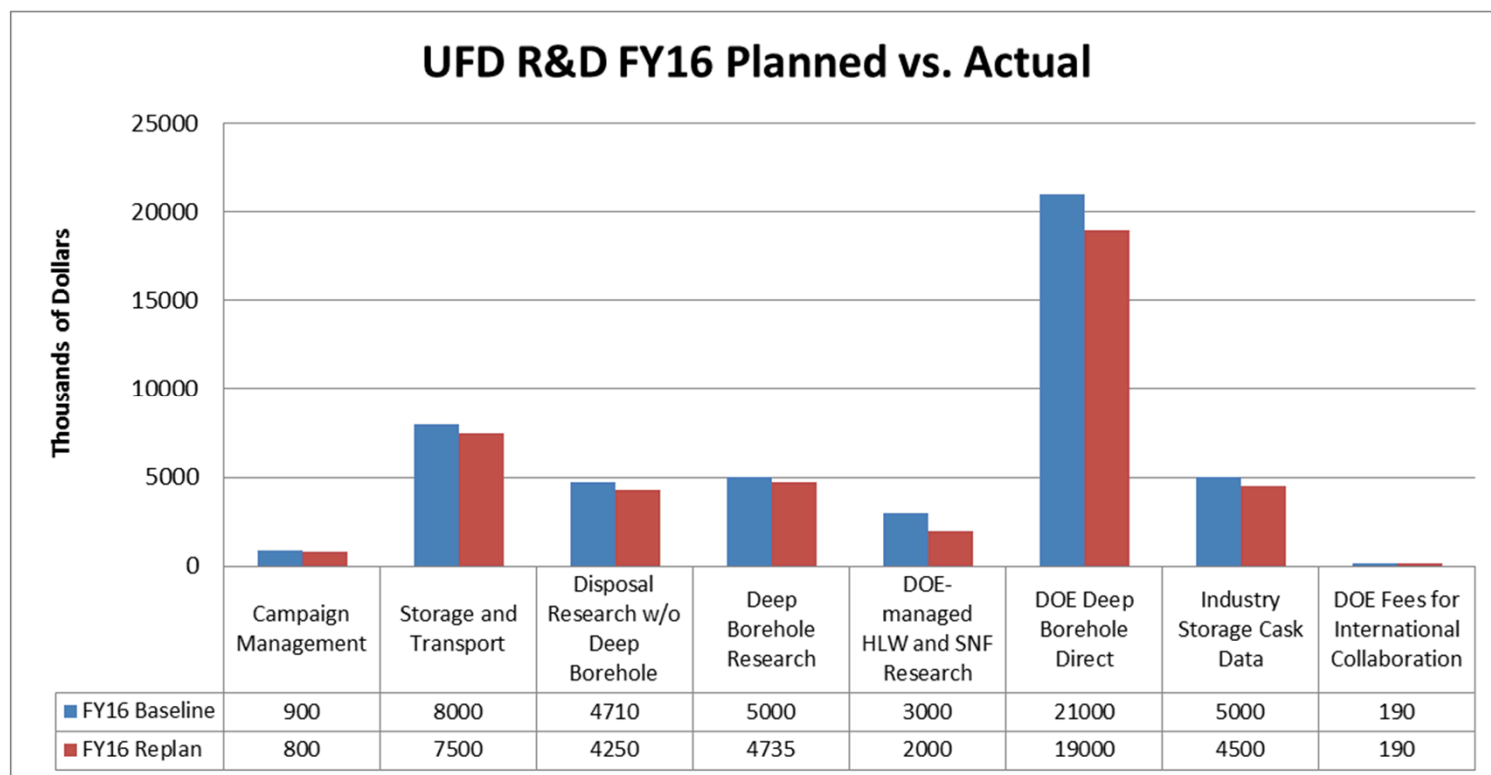
\* Based on FY actuals, PICSNE targets not including carryover

\*\* Based on FY16 US Senate Mark (7/13/15)

\*\*\* Does not include 275k in FY15 or 225k in FY16 held back by DOE NE to fund membership fees associated with international collaboration memberships.



***FY16 Omnibus Appropriation Bill cut the UFD R&D budget by ~\$4.8M  
(includes the DOE-managed HLW and SNF R&D Program)  
Cuts implemented in February 2016, mid-2Qtr***



# Used Fuel Disposition

## Used Fuel Disposition Cost Performance (\$k) (February 2016 data)

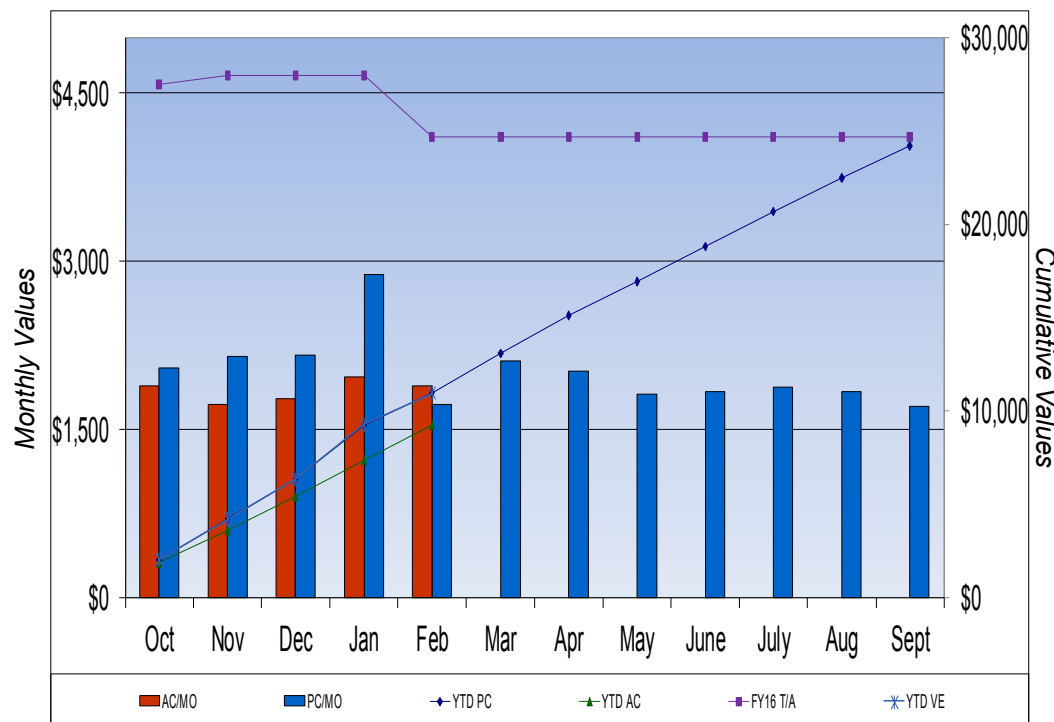
WBS	Title	Total Available	MONTHLY					CUMULATIVE					CHANGE (%)
			PC	VE	AC	Var (VE-AC)	Var (%)	PC	VE	AC	Var (VE-AC)	Var (%)	From Prior Month
1.02.08	UFD - PMB	24,657	1,723	1,692	1,894	(202)	-11.94%	10,973	10,940	9,255	1,685	15.40%	↑ 5.00%
1.02.08	UFD - Non PMB	23,690	0	0	0			0	0	0			

### ➤ Cost Variation

The cost underrun variation November through January is due to cautious spending associated with appropriation uncertainty; subsequent events have demonstrated that the cautious approach was justified. The February results have improved the underrun from the previous month (20.4% in January vs. 25.4% in February), and we expect to see continued improvements to the underrun as projects are fully funded (with respect to omnibus allocations) sometime in April.

### ➤ Open Commitments - \$664K

Open commitments have changed little (up slightly from \$625k in January), consistent with invoicing of contractor costs.



PC = Planned Cost; AC = Actual Cost; VE = Value Earned; TA = Total Available (FY16 Allotments plus PY Carryover)

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**FY17 Planning**

## **Schedule for FY17 Planning**

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- **June 2016: Campaign management works with NE-53 to prepare FY17 plan at the control account level**
- **June 28-29, 2016: NE-5 Budget Planning Review**
- **July-September 2016: Preparation of final FY17 planning packages**

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## Comparing the President's FY17 Budget Request with the House and Senate Bills

	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017					
	Current	Enacted	Request	House Subcommittee (4/13/16)	Delta		SAC (4/14/16)	Delta
Used Nuclear Fuel Disposition	70,224	85,000						
UNFD R&D	[47,724]	[62,500]	74,338	61,128	(13,210)	D/		(74,338) d/
Integrated Waste Management System	[22,500]	[22,500]	76,300	0	(76,300)	E/	61,050	(15,250)
Unallocated	0	0	0	8,000	8,000		89,290	89,290
Fuel Cycle R&D	191,242	203,800	249,938	177,228	(72,710)		219,730	(30,208)

### HOUSE NOTES

D/ \$6M for rail cars, \$12M for high burnup fuel  
E/ Hard Zero

### SENATE NOTES

d/ includes 14.25M for long term storage R&D (?)

### 050 - Defense Function Funding within Request

Dollars in Thousands

	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017					
	Current	Enacted	Request	House Subcommittee (4/13/16)	Delta		SAC (4/14/16)	Delta
050 Funding								
Fuel Cycle R&D - UNFD - IWMS	4,500	-	15,260	0	(15,260)		0	(15,260)

All amounts are "Pre-tax": historically, approx. 20% of the NE R&D budget has gone to University programs and 10% to other HQ programs

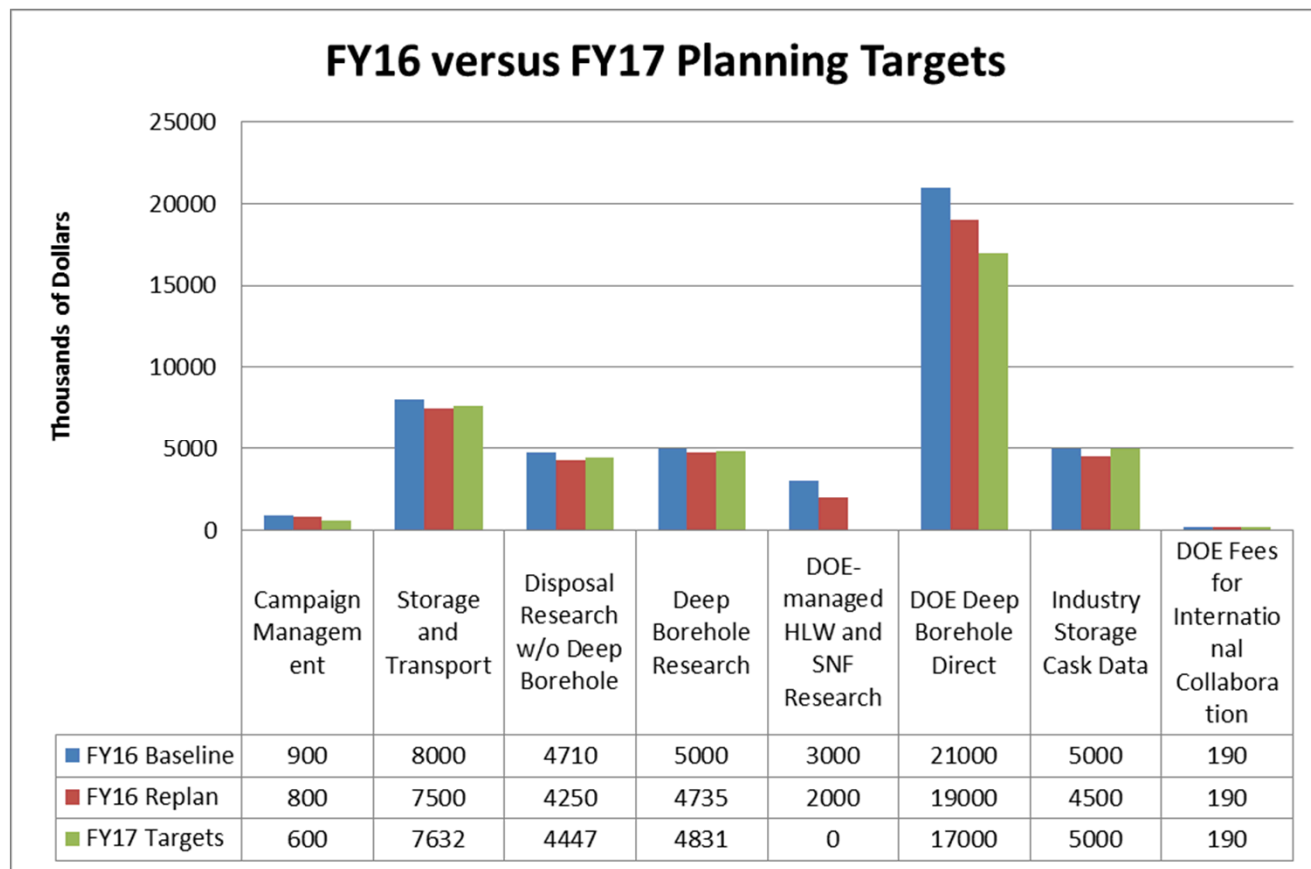
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## Possible FY17 Planning Targets

- **NE-5 Planning guidance for UFD R&D received 24 May 2016**

— Total for UFD R&D including industry contracts is \$39.7M

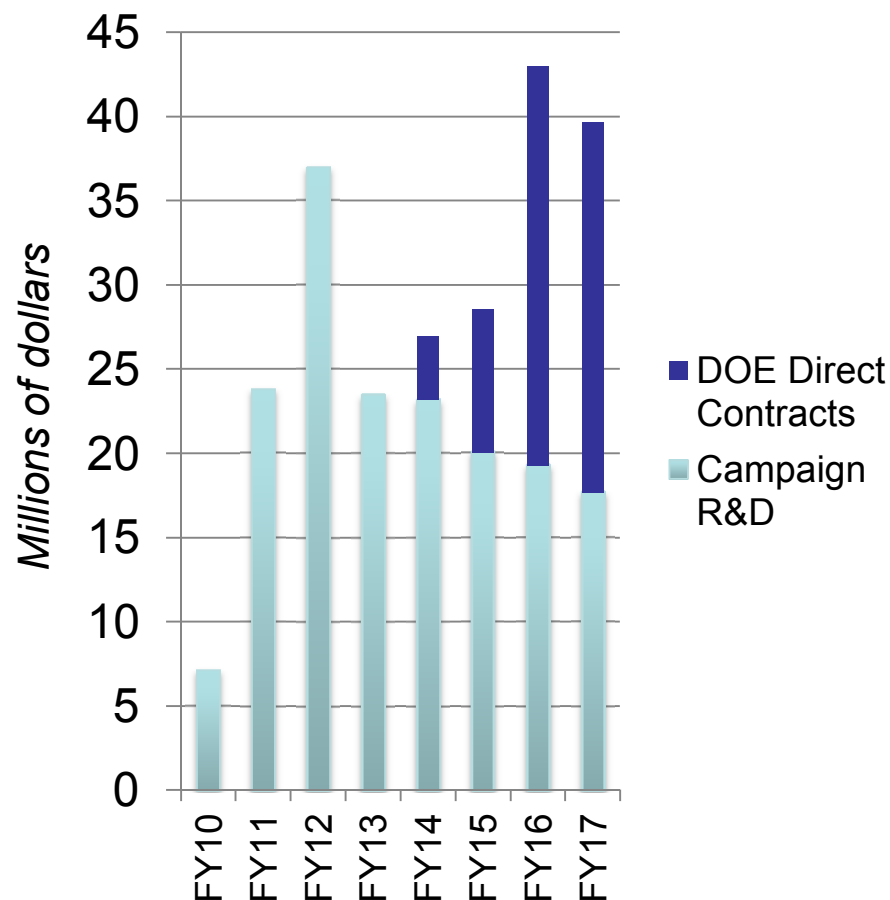
- **Guidance still pending for DOE-Managed HLW/SNF research**
- **Guidance at the work package level will come from control account managers**



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- FY17 (proposed, but without DOE HLW/SNF)

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## **What Does This Mean for FY17 Planning?**

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- **A continuing resolution seems likely until after the November election**
- **FY17 funding will be determined by Congressional appropriation**
- **Stay flexible**



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**Questions and Discussion?**