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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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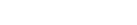
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- The staff does not disagree with the DOE policy decision to stabilize and immobilize (i.e., vitrify) the existing inventories of high-level liquid wastes currently housed in storage tanks at West Valley and Savannah River Plant prior to the completion of site characterization activities at Yucca Mountain and the finalization of the waste package design. The DOE recognizes that there is some element of risk associated with the commitment and schedule for glass making operations but indicated that, if necessary, special overpacks or canisters will be provided for the glass waste forms to address any identified problems.
- The end result or closure mechanism related to the staff's review of all the documents related to the WAP (i.e., WAPS, WCP, WQR and PCP) and resolution of identified open issues should be a letter (Division or Office level signature) which indicates that the NRC does not object to the initiation of waste glass production. The DOE, for their part, will have to demonstrate by the WAP that the waste glass they produce can be reasonably expected to satisfy the requirements of 10 CFR 60.135 (criteria for the waste package and its components) and perform in accordance with the allocation assigned to the waste form in the SCP.
- The staff indicated that on-site experiments with full scale prototypical waste packages, similar to experiments being conducted at DOE's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico, would be desirable. No such experiments are currently planned by the DOE.
- The staff advised the meeting participants that all high-level waste open issues, including those related to the glass waste form and the WAP, would be tracked in an "open item tracking system" pending satisfactory resolution. This "open item tracking system" would be made available to the DOE.

In addition to the above information, the schedule for start-up of hot (i.e., radioactive glass) operations at West Valley and Savannah River was discussed. West Valley is scheduled to start hot operations in October 1992 and Savannah River in October 1991. There will be more extensive discussions of the schedule and future document submittals for the Savannah River Project at the next technical exchange meeting scheduled for September 29 and 30, 1988 at the DOE Forrestal Building.

Based on the information presented and the tour of the West Valley facility, the staff was pleased with the progress made and feels the groundwork has been laid to ensure that future interactions with DOE on the WAP will be meaningful.

Enclosure 2 contains copies of the handouts provided by DOE at the meeting.

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Enclosures: As stated

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#### Revised Presentation Agenda for MRC Visitors Conference Room B Septembar 7, 1988

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10:15 - 11:30 p.m.		R. Humphre
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.	danistered glass quality	J. Pope
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on site	
	Vitrification test program	
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	HLW QA	P. Klanian
:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Ones	D. Shugars
	Open issues and future interaction and resolutions	W. Bixby/
00 - 4:30 p.m.	Tour - STS/Vitrification	R. Humphrey



# R.A. Humphrey Vitrification Project Manager

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1962 MFS Reached Agreement with AEC and New York State to Construct
1966 Construction Completed
1966-1972 MFS in Operation ( 640 Metric Tons of Spent Fuel Reprocessed)
1972 Plant Shut Down for Kindifications
1973-1975 Received Spent Fuel in Preparation for Resuming Production



1075	NFS Decided to Withdraw from Reprocessing Business and Yern Over
1976	The mane thinks to New York State
1978	DOE Study Resulted in Allocation of Responsibilities Edition New York
	State and DOE
1980	Congress authorized DOE to carry out High-Level Nuclear Waste
	Management Demonstration
1981	Westinghouse Selected as Operating Contractor of West Valley
	Demonstration Project DOE and WVNS Assumed Operational Control of the ਉਸ਼ੀਰ
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Demonstrate Solidification and Preparation of High-Level Wasts for Permanent Disposal

## Authority :

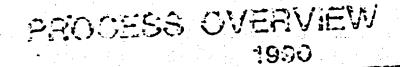
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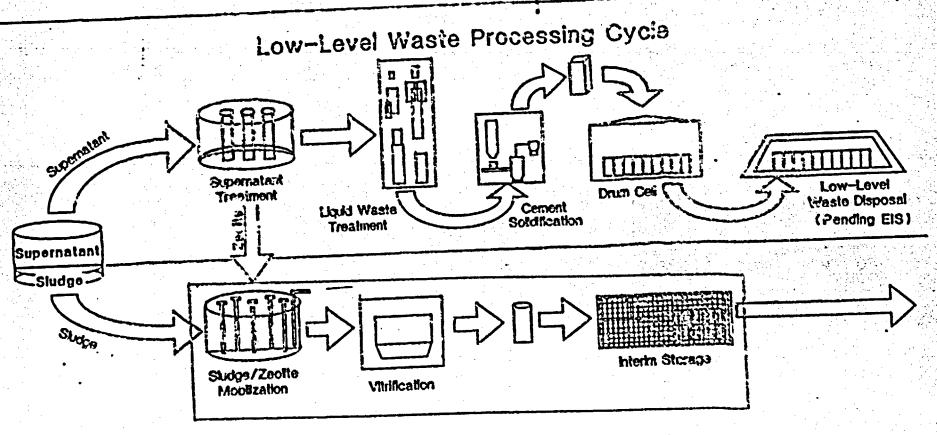
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- Dispose of Low-Level and Transuranic Waste
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# NRC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- Mandates by Public Lan No. 96-368
- DOEMRC Review and Consultation Informat
- To be of Assistance to DOE Concerning Public Health and Safety
- DOE-WV to Submit to NRC a Plan for
  - Solidification of the HLW
  - Removal of Waste
  - Decontamination of Facilities
- DOE-VIV to Provide a Description and Analysis of the Extent to which the Final Waste Form and Container Complies with any NRC Technical Regulations or Proposed Regulation(s) for HLRW in Geologic Repositories
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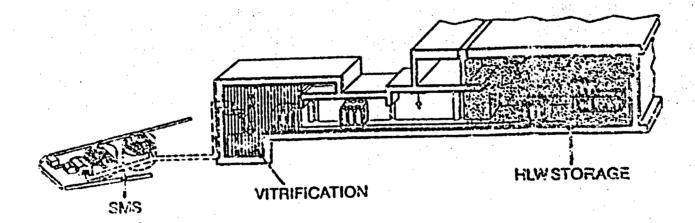


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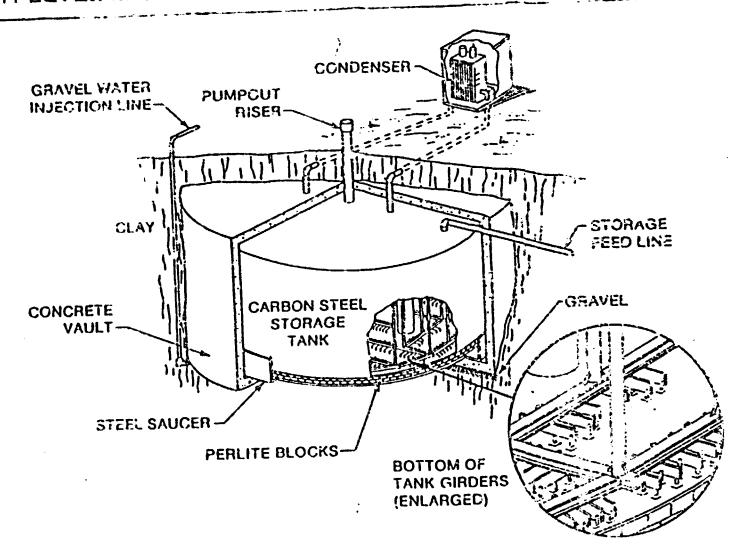
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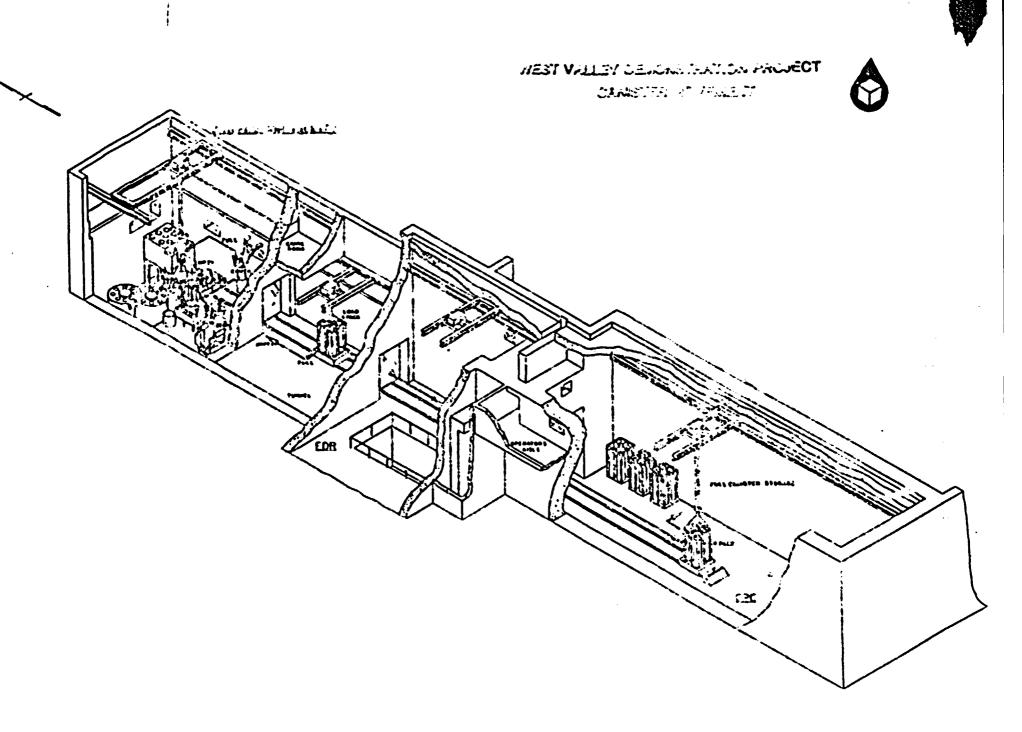


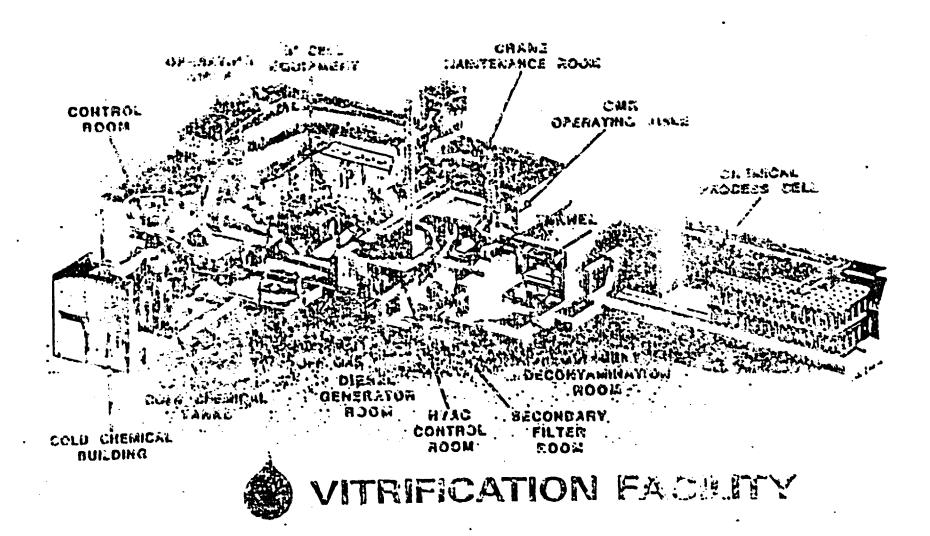


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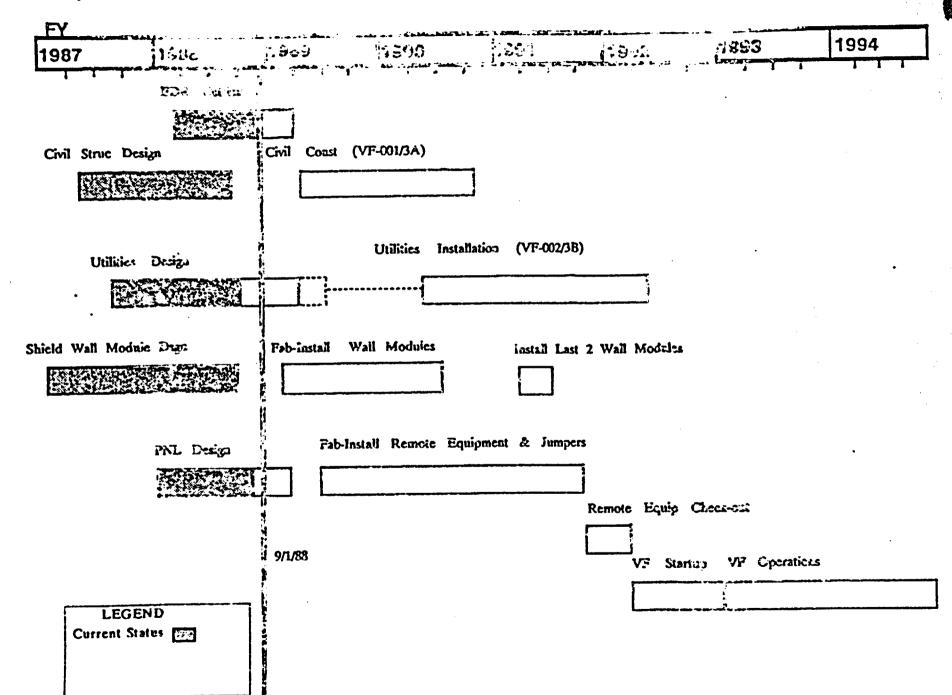


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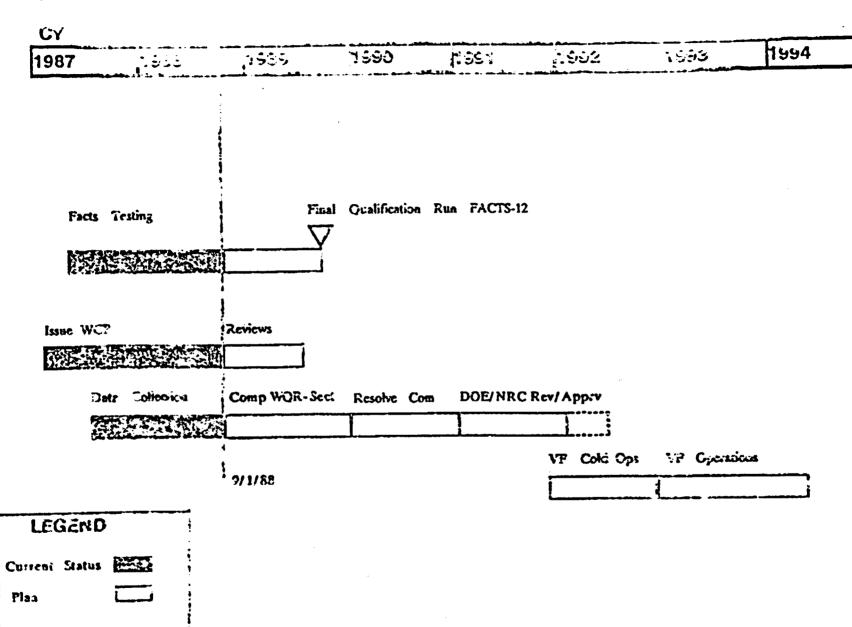




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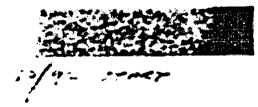
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- 2. Issue Draft FSAR for DOE comment E/FC.
- 3. Resolva commant 12/90.
- 4. Issue FSAR for use 11/91.
- 5. NRC to Issue SER 9/91.
- 3. Incorporate OSRs Into procedures 11/8%.

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- 1. Form and train ORR Team 12/90.
- 2 Develop Mort 11/91.
- 2. Develop and complete checklist present to CSHS 4/51.
- 4. Final presentation 5/92.
- 5. CRAB recommend Startup 7/92.
- 3. DOE-WV request approval for Startup 8/92.
- 7. DOE-ID approval to Startup 9/92.

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#### J. M. POPE

#### PROCESS TECHNOLOGY AND TESTING MANAGER

HLW CANISTERED GLASS QUALITY

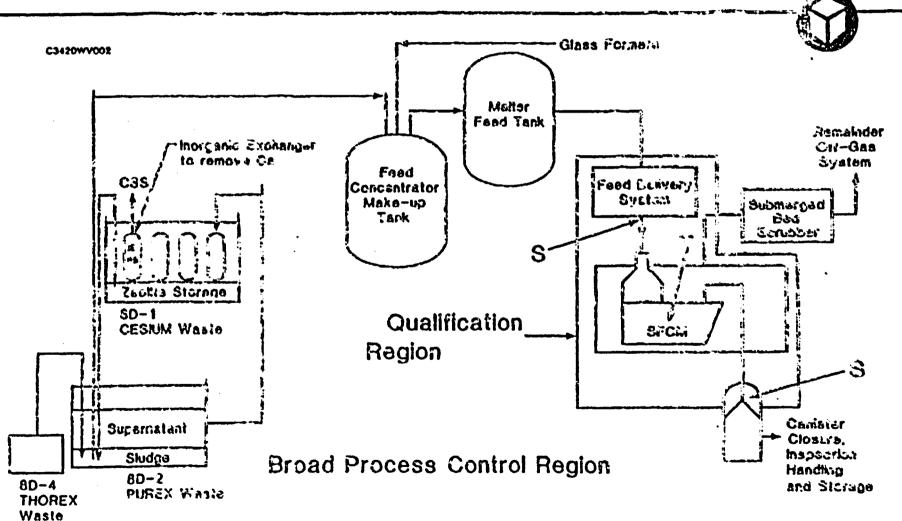
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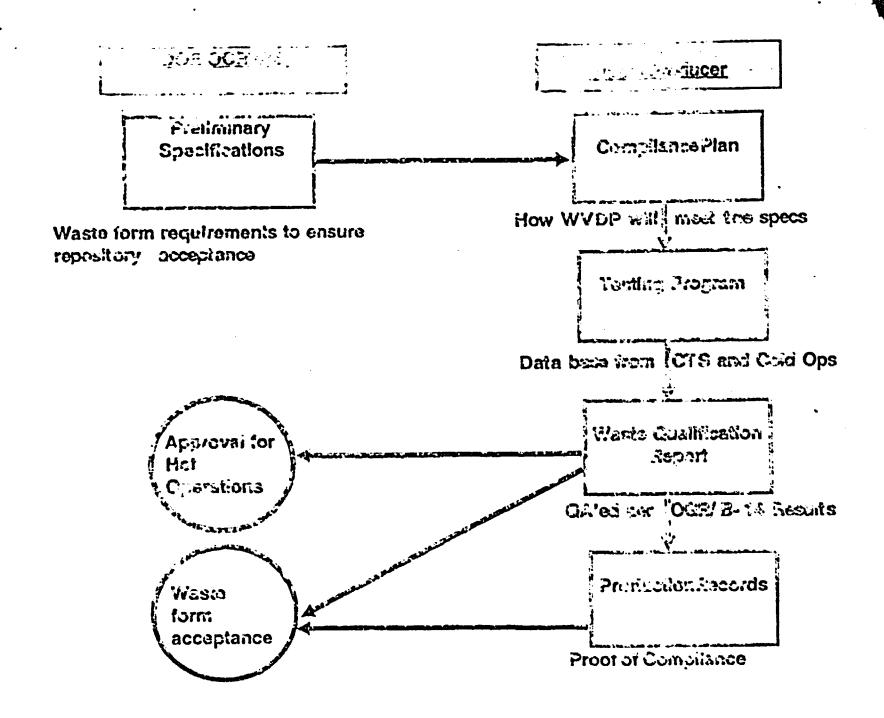
#### VITRIFICATION TECHNICAL APPROACH

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- 2 ADD INDIVIDUAL CHEMICALS TO OBTAIN TARGET COMPOSITION/ACCEPTABLE RANGE

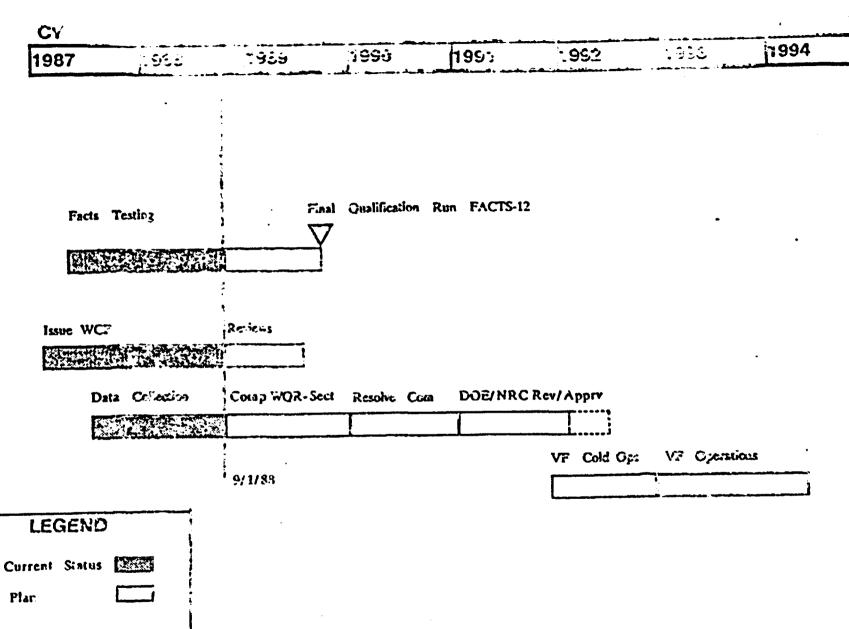
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#### MASTE ACCEPTANCE PROCESS



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#### WAP-PROPOSED SCHEDULES

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# COMPLIANCE PLAN

PRELIMINARY DRAFT ISSUED	5/37 (WAC) 4/38
wydp updates wop including ga	9/68
return to fiv	10/88
RW ISSUES WCP AS DRAFT FOR REVIEW WVDP/NE REVISES AND ISSUES WCP AS PRELIMINARY DRAFT FOR CONCURRENCE RW OBTAINS NRC REVIEW/COMMENT WVDP/NE ISSUES DRAFT FOR CONCURRENCE	12/23 2/39 4/89 6/89 {DWPF ABOUT

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INITIAL CHAPTERS COLD OPERATIONS DATA IN WQR 4/50 4/82

# WASTE ACCEPTANCE PRECIFICATIONS



Waste Form

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Composition
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Radionucide Release
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Quality Assurance No Liquids
No Gases
No Compusables
No Organics
Free Volume
Contamination
Heat Generation
Dose Rate
Chemical Compatibility
Subcritical
Dimensions
Drop Test
Grappie Design

## 1.3 RADIONUCLIDE RELEASE SPECIFICATION

- B, SI, Na, C3, U EACH LEVEL  $\leq$  1 g/m<sup>2</sup>-d Using MCC-1 Test for 28 days at 95°C in DI H2O
- Another Sampling Method or Leach Test acceptable if the? Can be related to the specified test
- CERTIFY TO 95-CONFIDENCE LEVEL THAT 95 PERCENT OF PRODUCT IS ACCEPTABLE\*
- \*SPECIFICATION 1.1 REQUIRES COMPOSITION ANALYSES

# WVDP APPROACH TO RADIONUCLIDE RELEASE ACCEPTANCE

- MCC-1 RESULTS DEPEND UNIQUELY ON COMPOSITION (EVERYTHING ELSE BEING EQUAL)
- DENTRAL AXIOM: GLASSES OF THE SAME COMPOSITION HAVE THE SAME RADIONUCLIDE RELEASE CHARACTERISTICS
- \* Thus, control of composition during hot operations will control radionuclide release

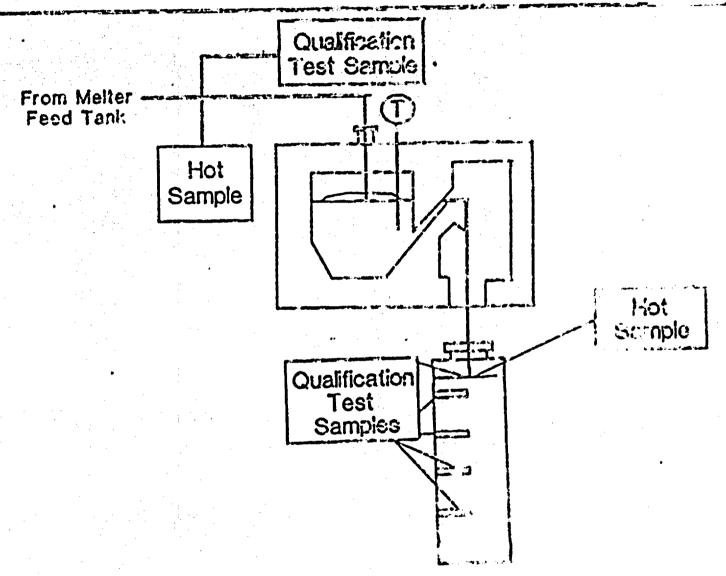
# WYDP APPROACH FOR PRODUCTION ACCEPTANCE

- SAMPLE MELTER SLURRY FEED;" IF NOT ON TARGET, RECYCLE
- MAINTAIN HULK GLASS TEMPERATURE GREATER THAN 50°C ABOVE THE LIQUIDUS TEMPESIATURE
- VERIFY PRODUCTION OF AN ACCEPTABLE, PREDICTED GLASS BY EXTRACTING GLASS SHARDS FROM THE CANISTERS?

(MASS BALANCE MODEL SHOWING MELTER IS WELL-MIXED YANK, ETC.)

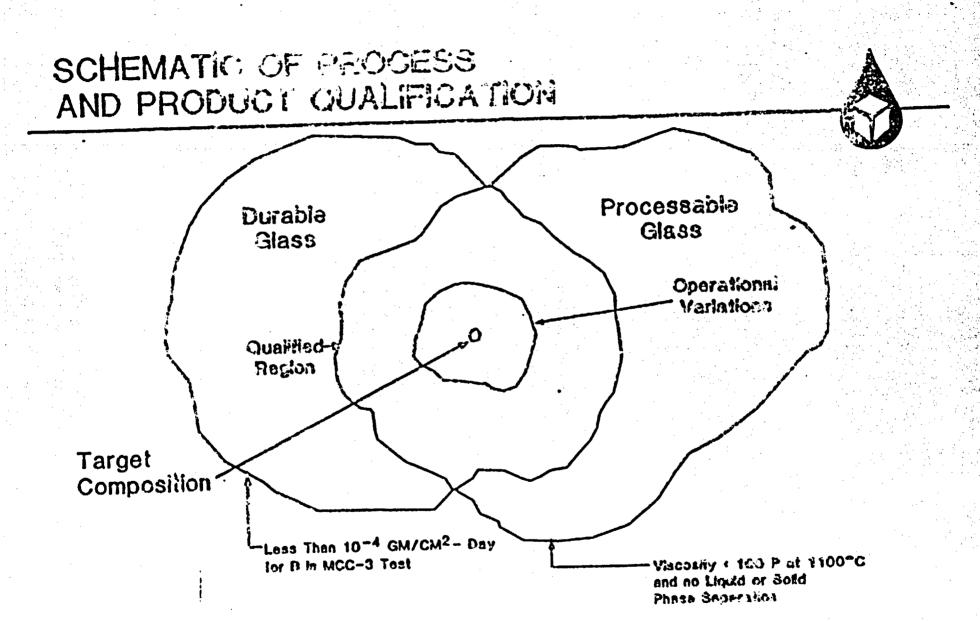
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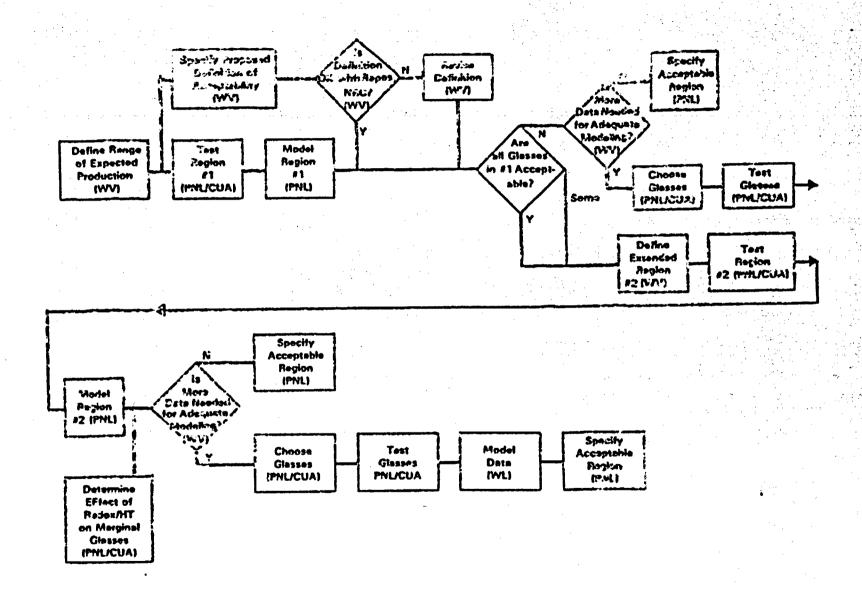
# PROPOSED QUALIFICATION AND HOT SAMPLING LOCATIONS

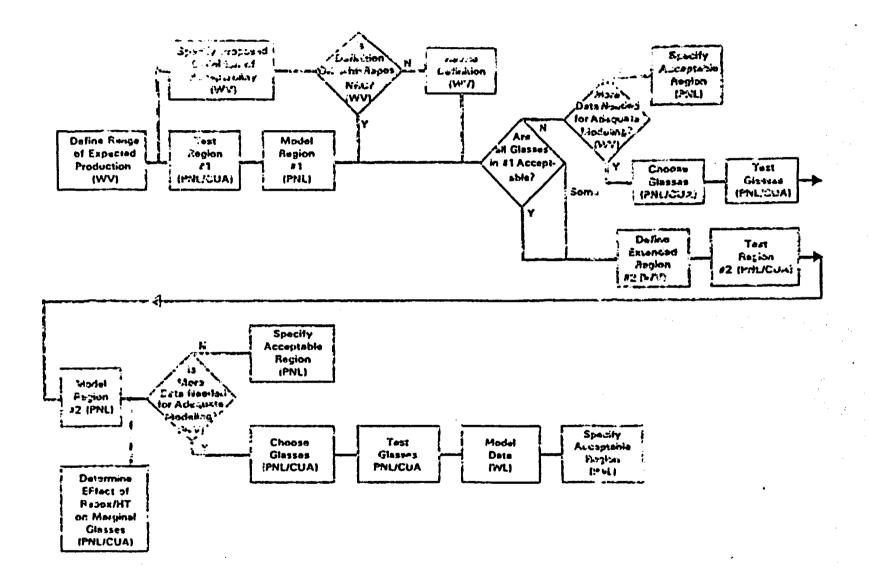


# WVDP APPROACH (CONTINUED)

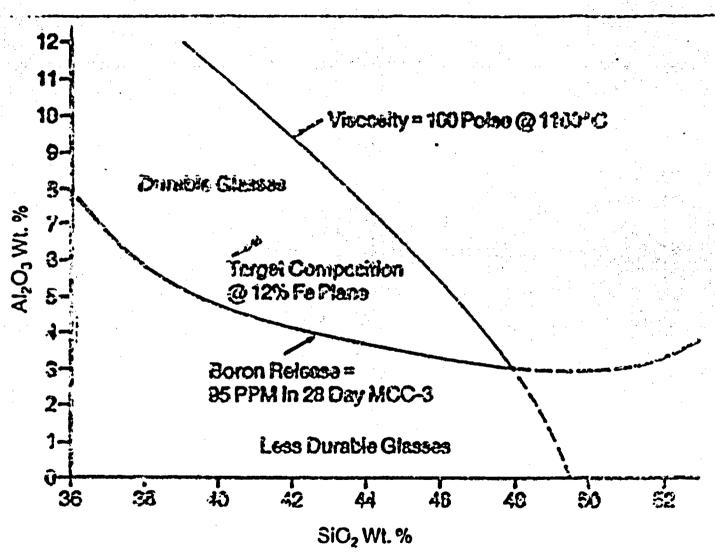
- TO ESTABLISH THE COMPOSITIONAL RANGE GIVING ACCEPTABLE DURABILITY, WHILE ADDRESSING EXTENDED TIME BEHAVIOR, A POWDER LEACH TEST (OR PRODUCT CONSISTENCY TEST) WAS BEEN EMPLOYED
- A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PCT AND MCC-1 IS BEING ESTABLISHED







# DURABLE PROCESSABLE GLASSES



# WV-8801 TESTING

# COMPOSITIONAL FIELD

	SINGLE COMPO	NENT CONSTRAINTS
COMPONENT	<b>LOWER EOUND</b>	UPPER ECUND
AL203	4.5	÷0.6
B2O3	6.0	13.6
BaO + CaO + MgC	0.5	2.5
Fe2C3	10.0	16.0
K20+L20+Na20	12.0	21.0
MnO2	0.1	
P205	0.5	는 이 시 <b>4.6</b> (학자)는 것, 살아
SiO2	38.0	(j - ) <b>45.0</b> ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
ThO2	2.0	19
UO2	0.1	2.6
Others	1.0	<b>3.C</b>

	MULTIPLE COMPONENT CONSTITAIN									
•	<b>LOWER BOUND</b>	UFFER BOUND								
Si02+A12O3	45.0	52.0								
Alkalis + B2O3	23.0	<b>29.</b> 3								
(SiO2+.412OS)/Alkaiis	2.6	4.8								
(SiO2+A:2O3)/E2O3	4.0	<b>う.5</b>								
SiO2/Ai2O3	3.8	3.0								

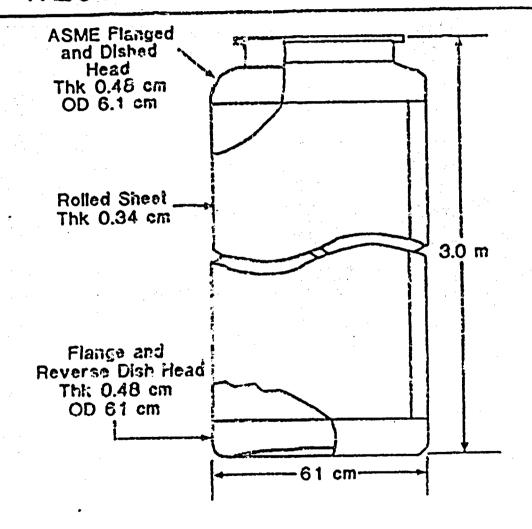
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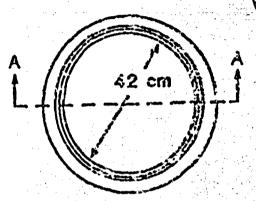
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  - WORE SCPHISTICATED ANALYTICAL METHODS
  - LEACH PRODUCTION GLASS

#### CAHISTER FABRICATION AND CLOSURE SPECIFICATION STATUS

- CLOSURE WELD LEAK TIGHTNESS OF 10-7 ATM/-CC/SEC
  - REFERENCE CASE IS TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOLLOWED BY
    DECONTAMINATION TO REMOVE OXIDIZED SURFACE; FINAL WELD
    TO SPECIFICATION PRIOR TO SHIPOUT; DEMONSTRATED LEAK
    TIGHTNESS IN CANISTERS DROP TESTS
  - INVESTIGATING ADVANCING FINAL WELD TO TIME OF OPERATIONS

# WEST VALLEY CANISTER





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Section A-A.

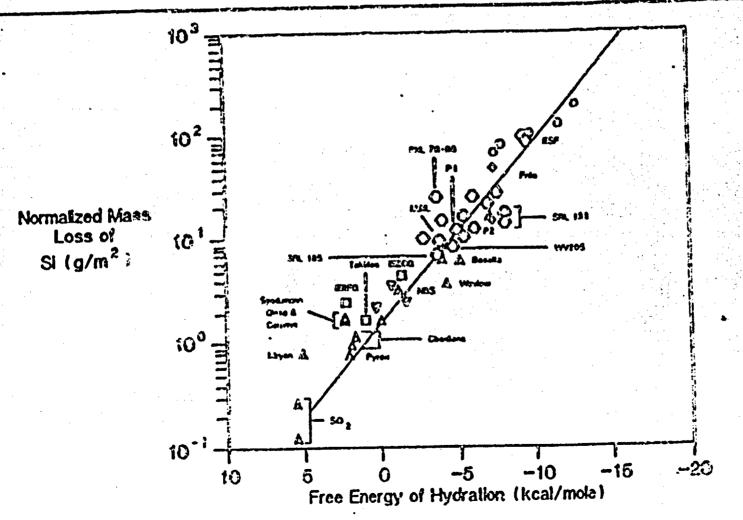
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#### PADIONUCLIDE RELEASE STATUS

- LONG-TERM BEHAVIOR
  - POWDER TESTS AS WELL AS REPLACEMENT FLOW TESTS
    REPRESENTING ACCELERATED AND REPOSITORY RELEVANT
    LEACHING ARE BEING PERFORMED AT INCREASING TIMES
  - SAMPLES UNDER TEST BY MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS (RCLUDING ANL FOR NAWS)
  - ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING WITH NEC IN ASTM MEETINGS
  - CORRELATING TO NATURAL ANALOGS
  - COUPLING TO SRL'S DATA BASE INCLUDING IN-SITU TESTS







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#### TECHNICAL SUPPORT PRIERAYS

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- DEFILE GLASS COMPOSITION FOR FULL-SIZE PROCESS
- ESTABLISH TEST SPECIMEN COMDITIONS: MEDOX, ETC.
- SPECIFY TEST: PCT, ETC.
- RELATE PRODUCT TEST RESULTS TO PROCESS

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- STATISTICAL CHEMICAL DURABILITY OF COMPOSITION REGION
- COMPLEMENTARY WITH VSL: GROUNDWATERS, REDOX, HEAT TREATMENTS, ETC.
- CANISTER IMPACT TESTING

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- ATM SAMPLE PREPARATIONS
- CHEMICAL DURABILITY TESTING
- COMPAZIENSIVE DATA BASE
- ANALYTICAL METHODS ROUND ROBIN
- ACTUAL HIGH-LEVEL WASTE SLUBGE/THONEX GLASS

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- EMPHASIZING SINGLE COMPONENT VARIATIONS
- YITRIFICATION PROCESS CHARACTERISTICS: VARIABILITY, ETC.
- PRODUCT LEACHING MODELS: MEROSITORY RELEVANT, ACCELERATED TESTS
- GLASS DURABILITY RELATIONSHIP IN PROCESS/PRODUCT MODEL

- o All
  - PHYSICAL PROPERTY TESTING: n, (, LIQUIDUS, TRANSITION TEXP.
  - PRASE STABILITY, MICRO-CHARACTERIZATION
  - 1-1-1
  - CO-OP PROGRAM
- o CPAC
  - COMPUTERS LINKED
  - DATA DRIVEN PROCESS MODEL
  - PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSES OF OPERATING DATA: VARIANCE ASSISTED
  - PLS, ETC-
- o VIII
  - PROCESS REDUX (SCHREIBER)
- O CASE HESTERN
  - VISCOSITY MODEL (HRMA/SRL)



- ON-SITE SAMPLING ASSISTANCE
- CHEMICAL AND REDOX ANALYSES
- STANDARD GLASSES PREPARATION
- VITRIFICATION REVIEW GROUP (RECENTLY ORGANIZED)
  - IN-DEPTH TECHNICAL REVIEW
  - CHARTER/MEMBER CURRENTLY BEING ESTABLISHED

### COMPREHENSIVE DATA BASE

**OBJECTIVE** 

# GENERAL

COMBINE ALL OF THE EXISTING DATA, BOTH U.S. AND FOREIGN. INTO ONE DATA RASE IN ORDER TO MAKE IT MORE ACCESSIBLE TO USERS

- e PROPERTY PREDICTIONS
- 6 MODELING OF DATA

# SPECIFIC

TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE PROPERTIES OF THE WEST VALLEY GLASS ARE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WOULD BE EXPECTED BASED ON EXISTING DATA FOR OTHER GLASSES - HEST VALLEY GLASS IN MOT "DIFFERENT":

# Properties That Are Being Included in the Data Base

- Leaching periormance
  - Radio-unlides/glass components
  - Radiation effects
- Thermal stability
  - Phase changes/devitrification
  - Volatility
- Chemical compatibility with canister/filler material
- Physical properties
  - Compressive strength
  - Density
- Thermal and processing properties
  - Thermal and electrical conductivity
  - Specific heat
  - Thermal expansion
  - Viscosity
- Canister corrosion

#### SUMMARY OF PNL ACTIVITIES PRODUCT QUALIFICATION

- GLASS QUALIFICATION TESTING
  - GLASS COMPOSITIONS STATISTICALLY SELECTED, YESTED, AND ANALYZED
  - ALL GLASSES LEACH AT RATES LESS THAN THE NAWS: PROPOSED LIMIT
  - STATISTICAL MODEL INDICATES ALL GLASSES WITHIN PROPOSED PROCESS RANGE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE
  - EMPHASIS IN FY 89 WILL BE ON CHARACTERIZATION OF GLASSES
    PRODUCED FROM WVDP ACTUAL HIGH-LEVEL WASTES
- iMPACT TESTING
  - FIVE POTENTIAL CANISTER DESIGNS IMPACTED AND ANALYZED
  - ALL MET CRITERIA FOR LEAK TIGHTNESS FOLLOWING IMPACT YESTING

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- FULL-SCALE WYOP VITRIFICATION PROCESS IS BEING CHARACTERIZED FOR PERFORMANCE TO WAPS
  - Performance being quantified for equipment, eproling, and analyses
- ACCEPTABLE COMPOSITION RANGE BEING ESTABLISHED AND APPEARS
  SUFFICIENTLY BROAD FOR PRODUCT RELEASE-RATE ACCEPTANCE BASED
  UPON PROCESS CONTROL OF COMPOSITION
- PLANNING CONTINUAL ACTIVE INTERCHANGES WITH CORWAL REPOSITORY,
   HRC, ETC.
  - CCMMENTS ON WYDP WCP TO SUPPORT TESTING (6/65) AND STARTUP SCHEDULES (10/92)
  - SAMPLES FOR LEACHING, ETC, PROVIDED
- MULTIPLE URGANIZATIONS INTEGRATED INTO WYDP TEST PLAN AND RESULTING DATA BASE FOR ACCEPTANCE

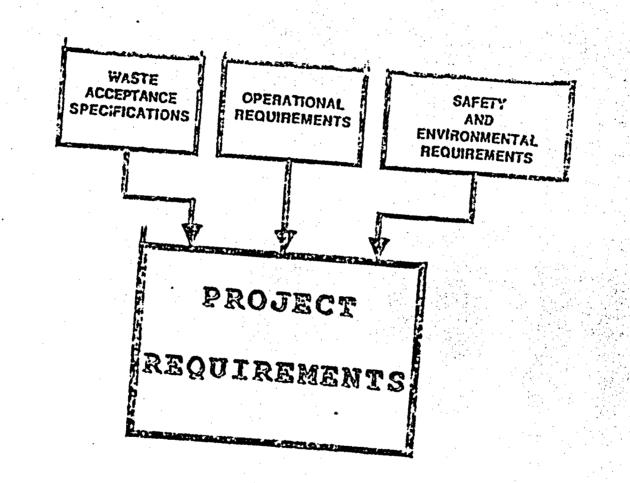
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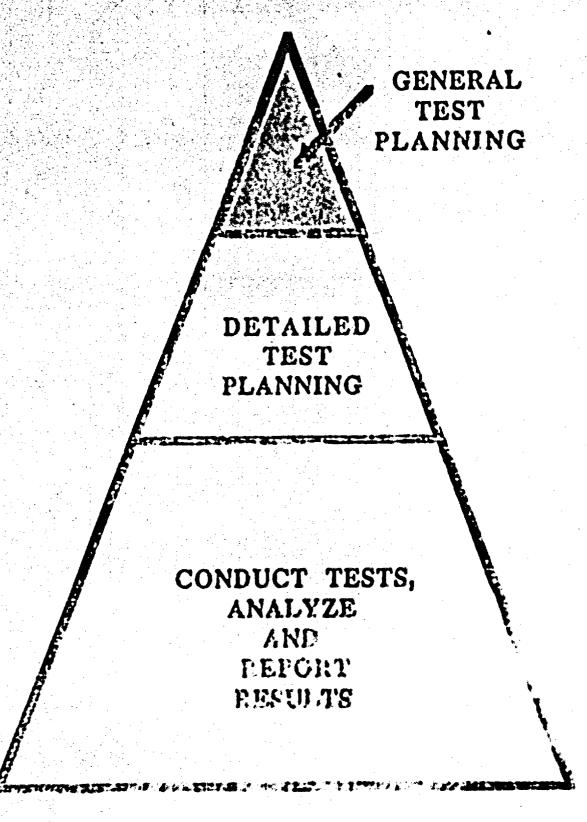
PROCESS TECHNOLOGY AND TESTING MANAGER

VITRIFICATION TEST PROGRAM

NRC PRESENTATION AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 7. 1988





TOTAL TESTING PROGRAM

### VITRIFICATION TEST GROUP

### TESTING METHODOLOGY

## CHARTER: SUPPORT PROCESS QUALIFICATION AND EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT

- L UTILIZATION OF APPROVED PROCEDURES
- IL DETAILED WORK PLANNING AND SCHEDULING
- . IIL TEST PERFORMANCE AND TRACKING

#### VITRIFICATION YEST GROUP YESTING METHOGOLOGY

#### I. UTILIZATION OF APPROVED PROCEDURES

- PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING FACTS TESTS
- TEST REQUESTS AND TEST PROCEDURES
- ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA SPECIFIED
- CONTROLLED DISTRIBUTION AND PEER REVIEW
- MANAGEMENT APPROVAL
- DETAILED TEST OBJECTIVES AND CPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
- CONTROL OF DATA AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT
- OA SURVEILLANCE AND REQUIRED HOLD POINTS
- FOLLOW-UP OF OPEN ACTION ITEMS

#### VITRIFICATION TEST GROUP

### TESTING METHODOLOGY

#### II. DETAILED WORK PLANNING AND SCHEDULING

- DEDICATED PLANNING STAFF ON-BOARD
- COMPUTERIZED SCHEDULING PROGRAM UTILIZED
- INTEGRATED ACTION ITEMS FOR EACH FACTS EVOLUTION
- RESCURCE LOADED
- PROVIDES FIRST-LEVEL MANAGEMENT WORKING TOOL

#### VITRIFICATION TEST GROUP TESTING METHODOLOGY

#### III. TEST PERFORMANCE AND TRACKING

- POST-RUN REPORTS REFLECT TEST RESULTS
- POST-RUN BRIEFING HELD AT ALL LEVELS
- OPEN ITEMS TRACKED
- FEEDBACK TO DESIGN GROUP

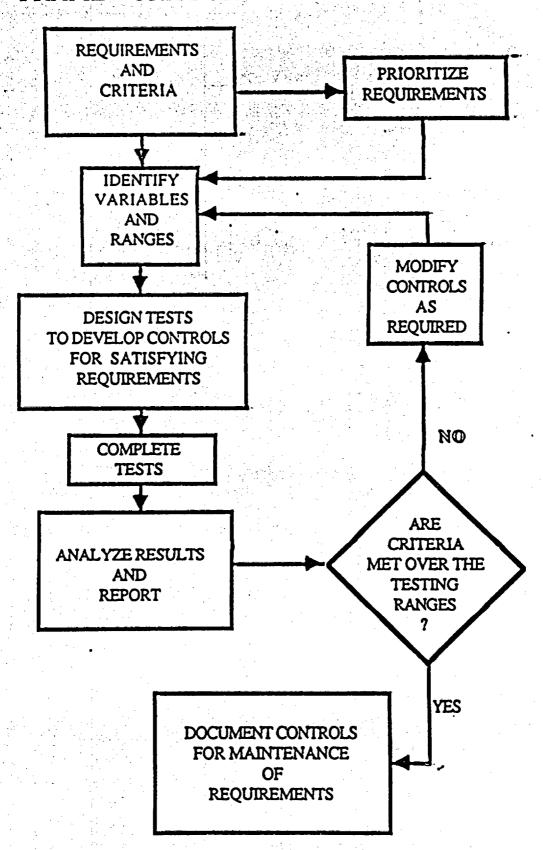
#### VITRIFICATION PROCESS SCHEDULE

#### HOT START OCTOBER 1992

- LEVEL I: CMS
- LEVEL II: VITRIFICATION PROCESS AND FACILITY
- LEVEL III: PROCESS TESTING (KLANIAN)
- LEVEL IV: EACH MELTER RUN: 10, 10A..., 12, ETC.
- LEVEL III: PROCESS DEVELOPMENT (BARNES)
- LEVEL IV:
  - MINI-MELTER AND GLASS LAB
  - WASTE QUALIFICATION EFFORT (WCP, WQR)
  - PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEM/MODELS

ALL ABOVE ARTEMIS GENERATED AND RESOURCE LOADED

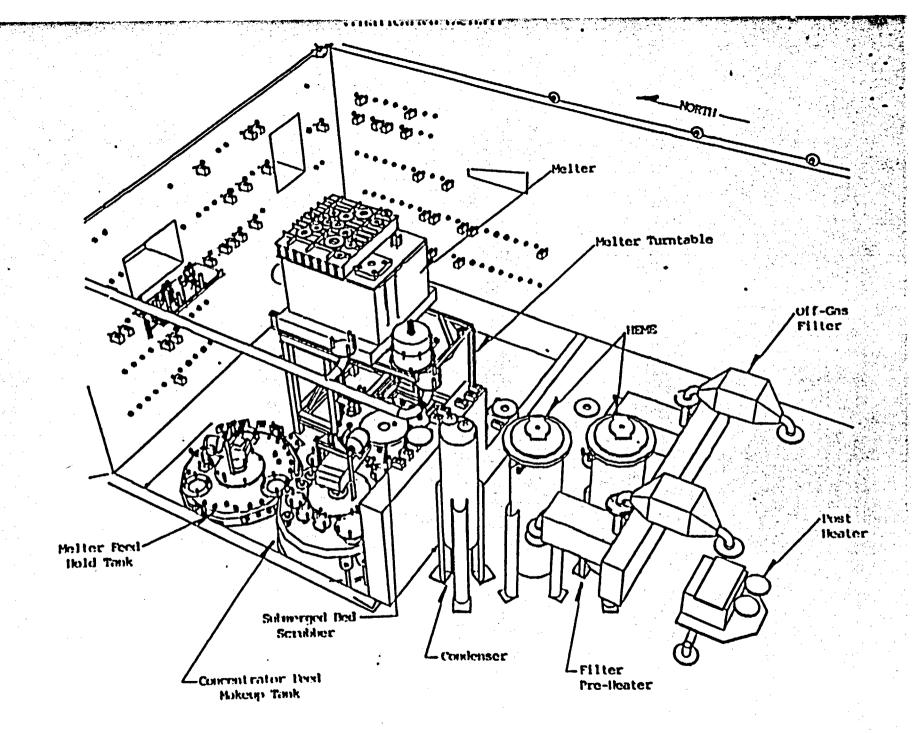
# FRAMEWORK FOR WEST VALLEY TESTING



# STRATEGIES FOR MINIMIZING REQUIRED TESTING

- USE PAST TESTING DATA AND EXPERIENCE
- APPLY STATISTICAL METHODS FOR MINIMIZING THE NUMBER OF TESTS
- USE COMPUTER SIMULATION AND PHYSICAL MODELING AND OTHER
   SCALED DOWN APPROACHES

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GLASS-FORMING SYSTEM MUST TOLERATE VARIATIONS

### PROCESS/PRODUCT QUALIFICATION

- VITRIFICATION PROCESS FLEXIBILITY
- CONSIDERABLE REGION OF ACCEPTABLE GLASS COMPOSITIONS
- MELTER TEMPERATURE, OPERATION, AND DESIGN
- COLD CHEMICAL SYSTEM
- GLASS FORMERS
- GRINDER FOR WASTE STREAM
- MULTIPLE RECYCLE STREAMS
- SYSTEM IS PRESENTLY OPERATING

#### INTEGRATED FACTS RUNS ACCEPTANCE ACTIVITIES

- DEMONSTRATE ABILITY TO SAMPLE AND ANALYZE MELTER FEED
- DEMONSTRATE GLASS SAMPLING TECHNIQUE
- VERIFY STRATEGY FOR DETERMINING GLASS COMPOSITION
- DEMONSTRATE ABILITY TO VERIFY CONTROL OF PRODUCT QUALITY
- VALIDATE PROCESS MODEL
- DETERMINE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GLASS SAMPLE AND CANISTER
  CONTENTS
- DEMONSTRATE ABILITY TO DETERMINE GLASS LEVEL
- DETERMINE GLASS TEMPERATURES DURING FILLING AND COOLDOWN

#### WASTE FEED SAMPLING SCENARIO

- TANK FARM BLENDING INCLUDING GRINDING
- TRANSFER WASTE TO CFMUT
- REMOVE SAMPLES AND ANALYZE
- CONCENTRATE SLURRY
- ADD GLASS FORMERS
- REMOVE ADDITIONAL SAMPLES AND ANALYZE
- ADJUST AS NECESSARY/SAMPLE
- TRANSFER TO MELTER FEED HOLD TANK/SAMPLE

NOTE: CAN RETURN TO TANK FARM OF UNACCEPTABLE

## MELTER FEED MAKE UP TIME CYCLE

## (8D-2 SLUDGE WASHED, COMBINED WITH ZEOLITE FROM 8D-1 AND THOREX FROM 8D-4)

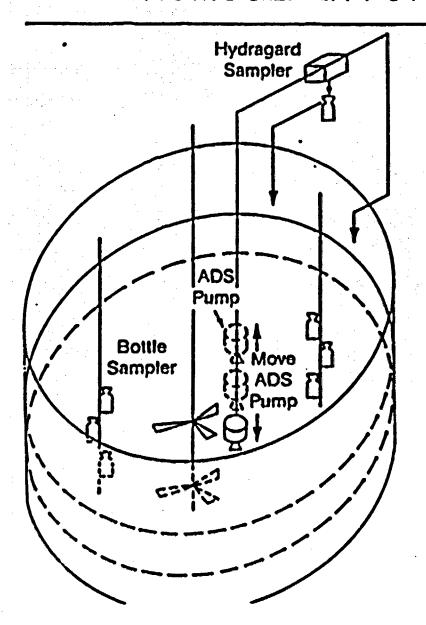
	PROCESS STEPS	TIME (MINUTES)	
•	PUMP 3675 GALLONS AT 60 GPM TO CFMUT	62	
•	JET ~840 GALLONS FROM SBS AT 50 GPM TO CFMUT	17	
•	SAMPLE/ANALYZE	1440	
•	HEAT CONTENTS PLUS 980 GALLON HEEL TO BOILING	86	
•	EVAPORATE 2957 GALLONS	706	
• ;	COOL CONTENTS TO 104°F	370	
•	COLD CHEMICAL FEED MAKEUP; SAMPLE/ANALYZE (4 HOURS); 10 HOURS ALLOHED FOR MISCELLANEOUS, E.G., RESAMPLING	1132	
•	TRANSFER TO CFMUT AT 100 GPM	13	
•	FINAL CHEMICAL ADJUSTMENTS; RESAMPLE/ANALYZE	120	
•	JET TO MFHT AT 60 GPM	54	
	LAG TIME	4720 MINUTES 279 HOURS 21 HOURS	

#### WVNS PROCESS CHARACTERIZATION AND VALIDATION

- SLURRY FEED SYSTEM CHARACTERIZATION
- CFMUT AND MFHT HOMOGENEITY ASSESSMENT
- R, THETA, AND Z
- REFERENCE SAMPLER SYSTEM
- CHEMICAL TRACER VERIFICATION

## TANK HOMOGENEITY STUDY





#### **Vertical Homogeneity**

Test Complete
Data Being
Analyzed

Move ADS Pump Vertically
Take 21 Samples Every 6" (Randomized)
for V = 1000 Gat — 84 Samples

V = 2000 Gal — 147 Samples

V=3000 Gal - 231 Samples

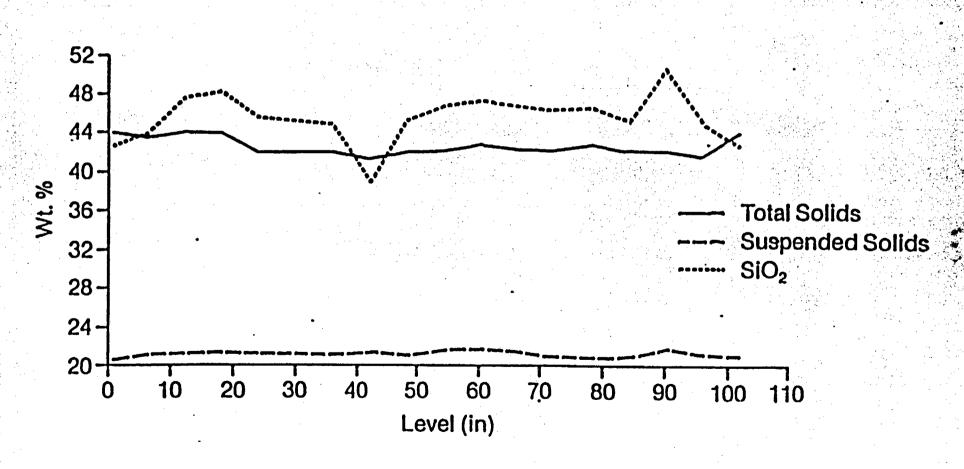
V = 4000 Gal - 294 Samples

V = 5000 Gnl - 378 Samples

1134 Samples

## SOLIDS IN 5000 GALLON VOLUME MFHT





# MFHT HOMOGENEITY TEST 1 RESULTS



	Maximum Standard			
Component	Deviation			
$Al_2O_3$	0.7%			
$B_2O_3$	0.6%			
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.7%			
Li <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.5%			
Suspended Sc	lids 0.5%			

#### PNL FINDINGS OF RECENT MFHT MIXING STUDY

- TANK IS HOMOGENEOUS FOR THE SLURRIES TESTED
- 15 HP AGITATION (155 rpm) IS ADEQUATE
- AFTER 4 DAYS OF SETTLING; LESS THAN 2 HOURS REQUIRED TO
   RESUSPEND AND UNIFORMLY MIX
- Re # WERE 10 100 TIMES GREATER THAN DEFINED VALUE FOR TURBULENT MIXING; THEREFORE, REDUCE AGITATOR SPEED
- MAJOR SOURCE AFFECTING ACCURACY OF RESULTS IN THE VARIABILITY (1.4 7.8%) IN REPLICATE ANALYTICAL MEASUREMENTS; DUE TO LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF CALIBRATION PROCEDURE, ETC.

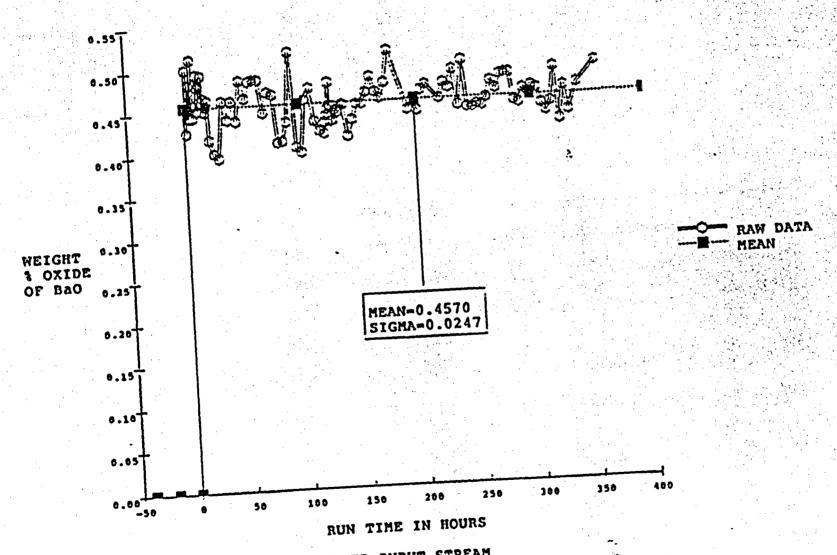


FIGURE 6.2-BaO TRACER IN THE MELTER INPUT STREAM

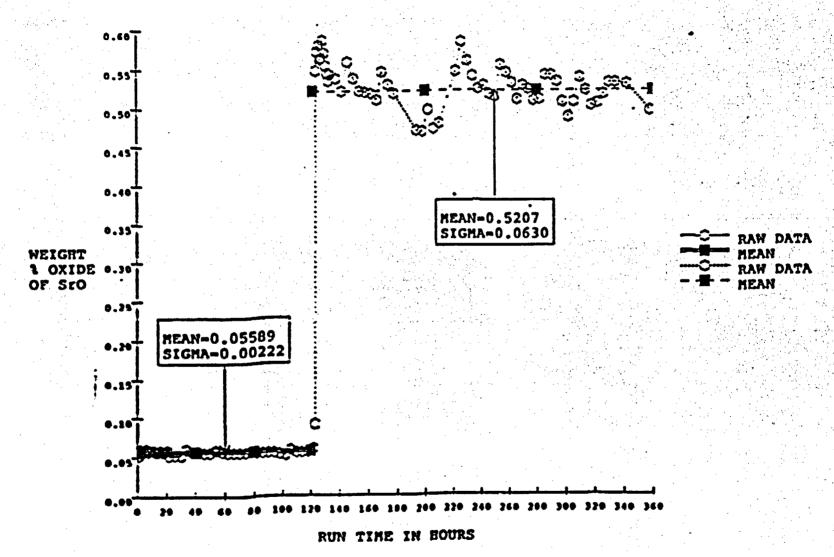
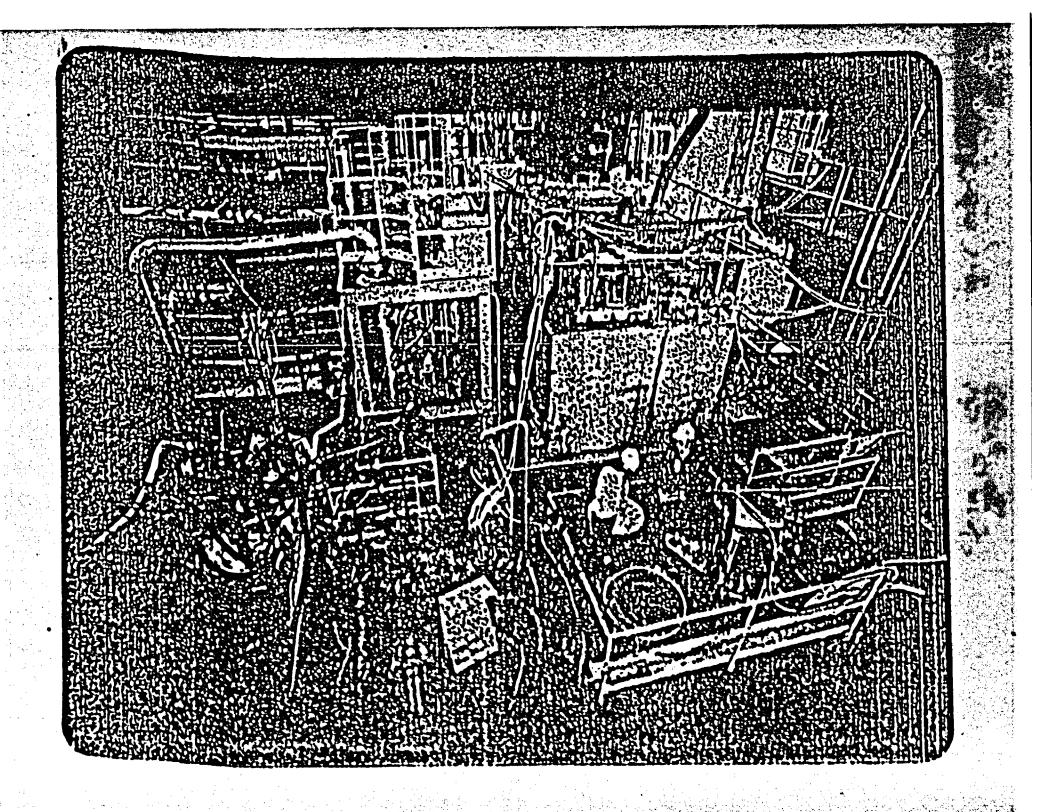


FIGURE 8.1-SEO TRACER IN THE HELTER INPUT STREAM

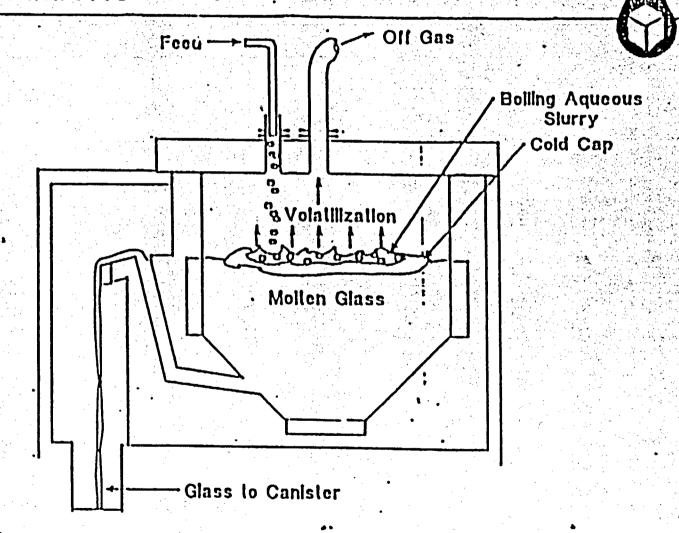
# VITRIFICATION SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MELTER AT TEMPERATURE CONTINUOUSLY (1150°C) SINCE DECEMBER 1984 ABOUT 150 DAYS OF FEEDING WHICH HAS YIELDED NEARLY 90,000 kg GLASS

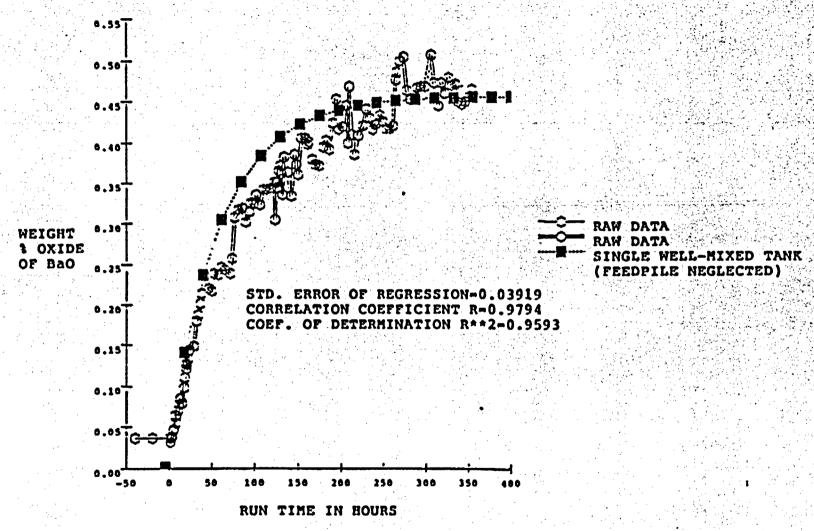
#### **FULL-SCALE MELTER AND PROCESS**

- GIVES PRODUCT QUALITY QUALIFICATION CONFIDENCE
  - HOMOGENEITY
  - COMPOSITION
  - CRYSTALLIZATION
- RESOLVES SCALE-UP ISSUES
- PROVIDES REAL-TIME PROCESS CHEMISTRY TO REDUCE FLOWSHEET RISK
  - AVOIDS MORE COSTLY SCHEDULE IMPACT LATER
- YIELDS REPRESENTATIVE OFF-GAS INFORMATION (E.G., DF) WITH REAL PLENUM FILM COOLER, ETC.
- VERIFIES DESIGN BASIS THROUGHPUT (SCHEDULE ATTAINMENT)
- ALLOW PRACTICAL TRAINING AND EARLY EQUIPMENT DEBUGGING

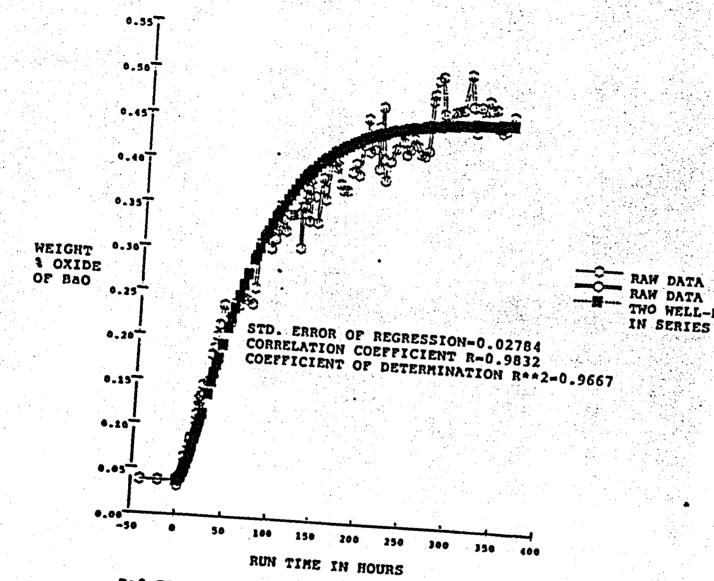


## SFCM SCHEMATIC

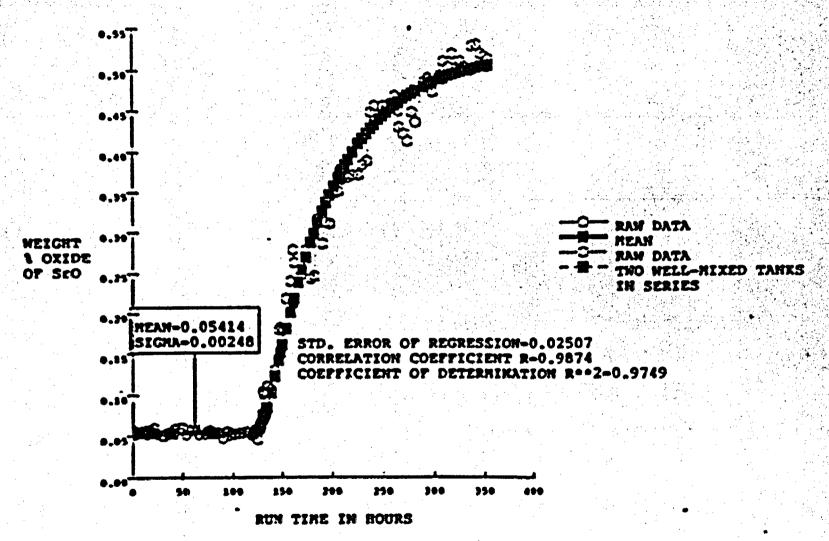




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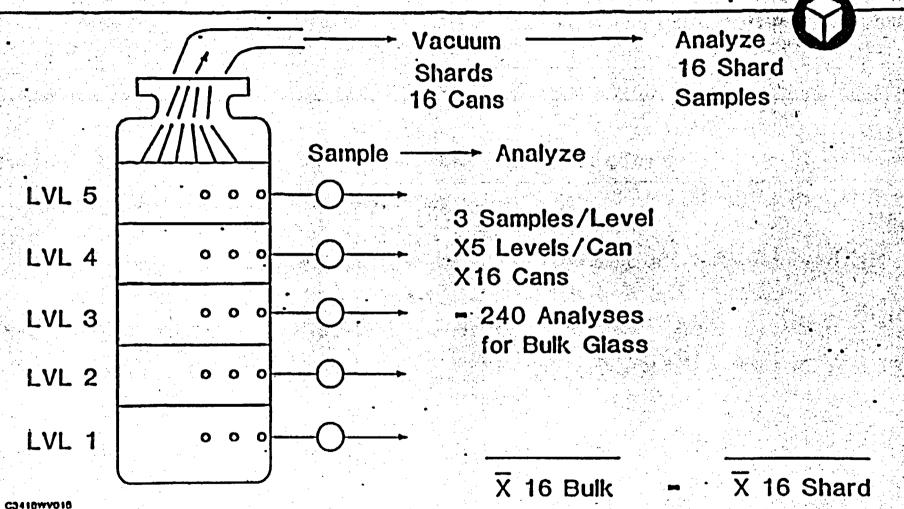


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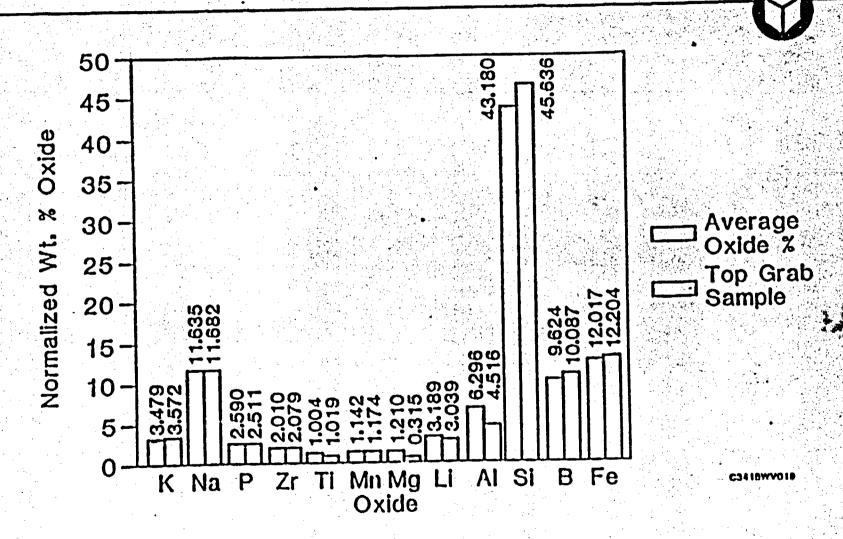
#### CONCLUSIONS

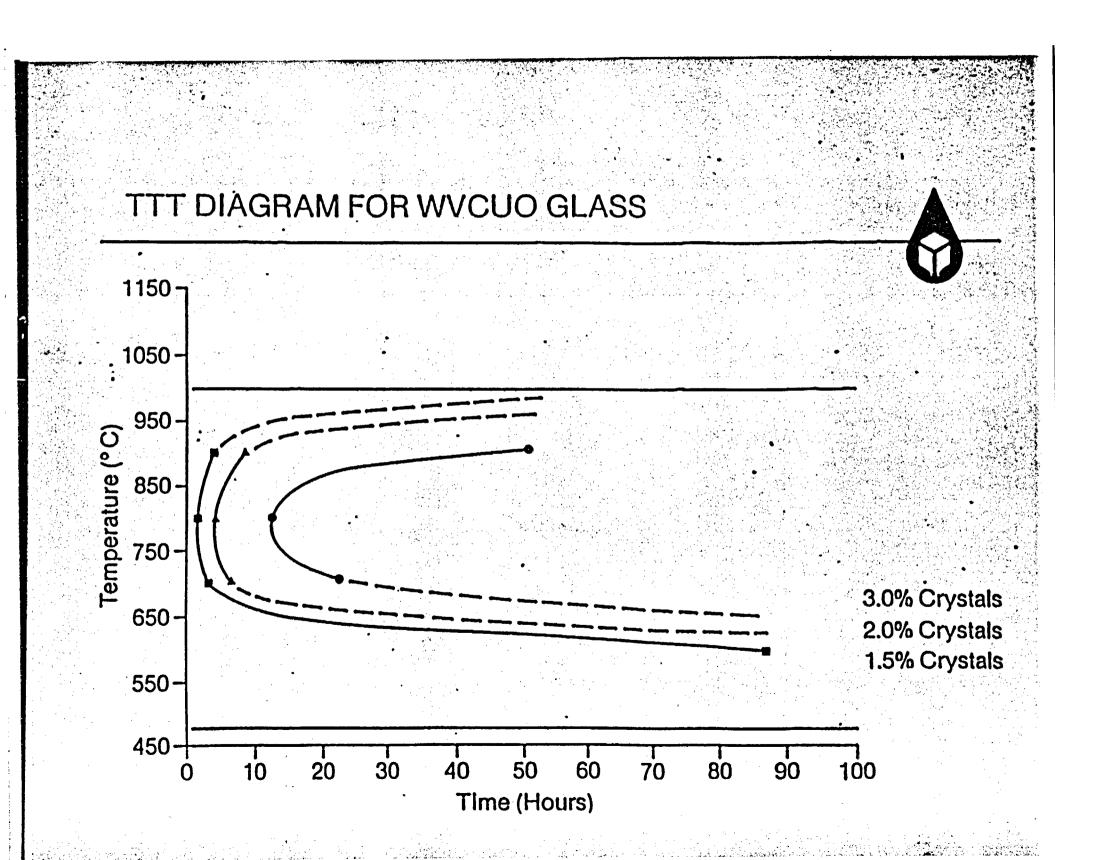
- SFCM CAN BE CLOSELY MODELED AS TWO, WELL-MIXED TANKS IN SERIES FOR THESE OPERATING CONDITIONS
- GLASS POOL IS A WELL-MIXED REGION WITH MASS OF 1786 KG
- CRUST LAYER OF THE FEEDPILE IS ROUGHLY WELL-MIXED WITH A MASS OF 354.1 KG
- GROWTH OF FEEDPILE FROM IDLING TO STEADY-STATE CANNOT BE
  DETECTED FROM THIS RUN
- TOTAL MEAN RESIDENCE TIME IN ALL MELTER REGIONS IS 74 HOURS
- MEAN RESIDENCE TIME IN CRUST LAYER OF FEEDPILE IS 12.1 HOURS
- MEAN RESIDENCE TIME IN THE GLASS POOL IS 61.5 HOURS

## SHARD VS. BULK GLASS STUDY



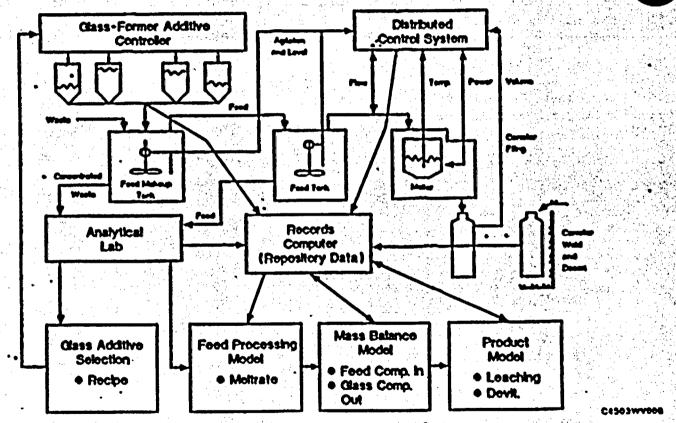
# COMPOSITIONAL COMPARISON BETWEEN THE AVERAGE OXIDE % OF THE CANISTERIZED GLASS TO A TOP GRAB SAMPLE FOR TEST CANISTER 27. RUN SF-9





# WEST VALLEY PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEM





### VITRIFICATION RUN SF-10 SUMMARY

- ACHIEVED STEADY-STATE OPERATION TO ESTABLISH:
  - MELTING RATE WITH FEED COMPOSITION MEETING WASTE ACCEPTANCE SPECIFICATIONS
  - PLENUM TEMPERATURE
- ADDED TRACERS (Ba, Sr) TO BEGIN VERIFICATION OF THE PROCESS MODELS IN TERMS OF:
  - MIXING BEHAVIOR OF THE MELTER
  - MEAN RESIDENCE TIME OF THE WASTE-GLASS CONSTITUENTS
  - MIXING BEHAVIOR OF THE MFHT WITH A FALLING LIQUID LEVEL WHEN COUPLED TO THE ADS PUMP AND HYDRAGARD SAMPLER

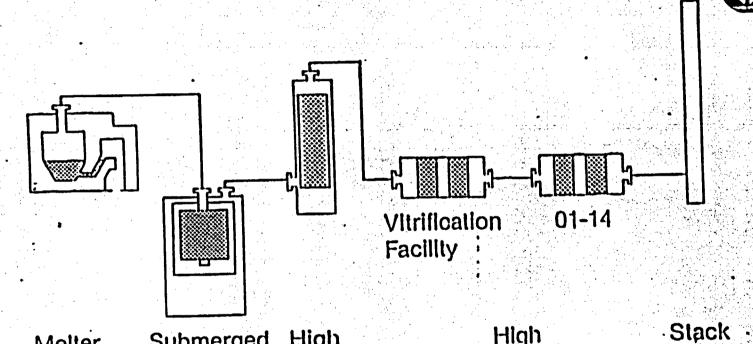


- COMPREHENSIVE MATERIAL BALANCE MEASUREMENTS INCLUDING FEED,
   MELTER, AND CANISTER LEVELS WERE OBTAINED CONTINUOUSLY TO
   FURTHER VALIDATE PROCESS MODELS
- CRYSTALLINITY DATA WAS FURTHER DETAILED TO SUPPORT WASTE
   ACCEPTANCE

# OFF-GAS SYSTEM EXPERIENCE

- Off-Gas System D.F. Performance, from a
   Mass Balance Standpoint, is Conservatively
   Exceeding the Site Requirements by an Order
   of Magnitude. Further, Element Specific,
   Testing is Continuing.
  - NOx Destruction by Reaction with Ammonia in a Catalyst Bed has Demonstrated Greater than 90% NOx Removal from the Melter Off-Gas.

## MELTER OFF-GAS SYSTEM



Melter Submerged High
Bed Efficiency
Scrubber Mist
Eliminator

High
Efficiency
Particulate
Air
Fillers

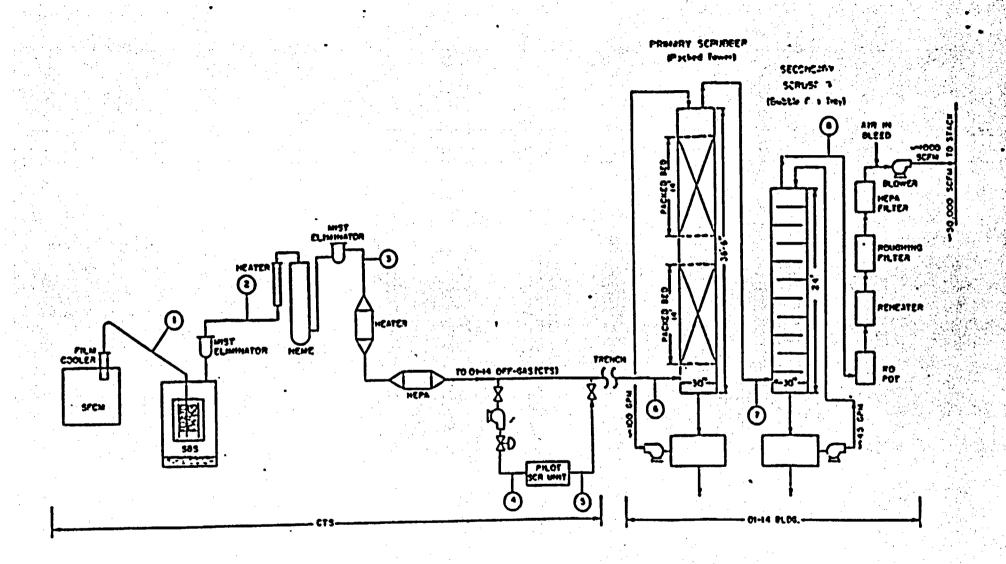
SF-10 Decontamination Factors (Total Mass Basis)

500 | 1000 | 1000 + 1 100 + ---> 5 x 10^10

Assumed Conservative HFPA Filter DF Performance Data

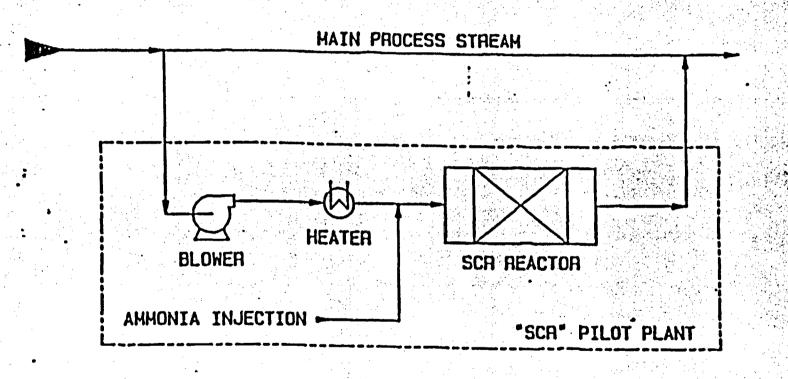
# WVDP SITE OFF-GAS DECONTAMINATION FACTOR REQUIREMENTS

Element	<u>DF</u>		Element	DE
Н	< 1		Sn	400
C	< 1			10
Fe	9		Ċs	2 x ·10^7
Ni	3 x 10^3		Ba	2 x 10 <sup>5</sup>
Co	2 x 10 <sup>3</sup>		Ce	
Se	4		Pr	
Sr ·	2 x 10 <sup>8</sup>		Pm	4 x 10 <sup>4</sup>
Y	2 x 10^6		Sm	1 x 10 <sup>5</sup>
Zr	60		Eu	9 x 10 <sup>5</sup>
Nb	60		Th	2 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
Tc	<b>8</b>		U	3 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
Ru	20		Np	1 x 10 <sup>5</sup>
Rh	< 1		Pu	4 x 10^8
Pd	10		Am	4 x 10^8
Sb	1 x 10^3		Cm	7 x 10^7
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	(10/92 B	ASIS; 50,000 \$	SCFM; 10,89	8 HR CAMPAIGN)



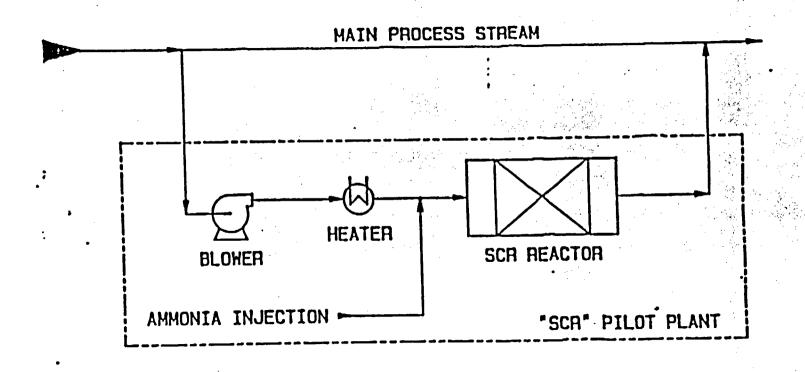
VITRIFICATION PROCESS OFF-GAS FLOWSHEET

# CATALYTIC NOx DESTRUCTION SYSTEM SCHEMATIC



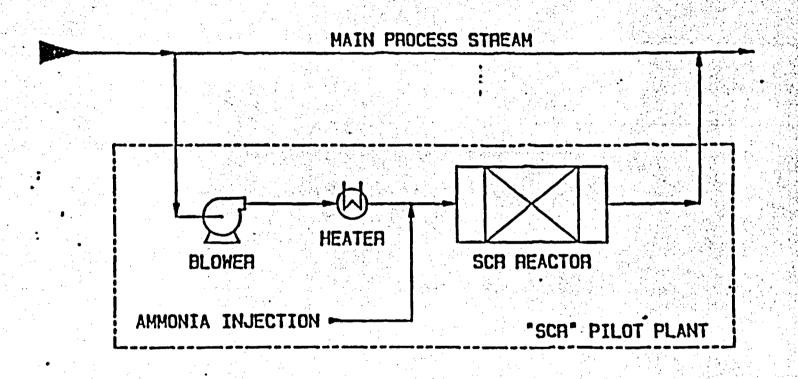
REACTION: NOx + NH3 + (O2) ---> N2 + H20 + (O2)

# CATALYTIC NOX DESTRUCTION SYSTEM SCHEMATIC



REACTION: NOx + NH3 + (O2) ---> N2 + H2O + (O2)

# CATALYTIC NOx DESTRUCTION SYSTEM SCHEMATIC



REACTION: NOx + NH3 + (O2) ---> N2 + H2O + (O2)

# NOx SCRUBBING SYSTEMS EFFICIENCY COMPARISON

Component .	Existing System  NOx Removal. %	Catalytic System NOx Removal. %
SBS	40	40
Aqueous Scrubbers		
Primary	60	
Secondary	10	
Catalytic Destructor		> 90
TOTAL SYSTEM NOX REMOVAL EFFICIENCY	78	> 94
	(> 91% R	EQUIRED BY NYSDEC)

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- FULL-SCALE INTEGRATED WVDP VITRIFICATION EQUIPMENT IS BEING
  CHARACTERIZED AND USED FOR QUALIFICATION TESTING
- HOMOGENEITY ASSESSMENT OF THE MFHT INDICATES SMALL STANDARD
  DEVIATIONS OF KEY FEED COMPONENTS
- THE PREPONDERANCE OF DATA INDICATES THE PRODUCT WILL MEET THE
  ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS; HOWEVER, QUANTIFICATION OF PROCESS
  "ERROR BARS" REMAINS THE CONTINUED EMPHASIS IN OUR TEST PROGRAM
- THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PROCESS WITH OUR MODEL IS EXCELLENT; VALIDATION IS CONTINUING
- TESTING IS DEFINING AN OPERATING COMPOSITION RANGE FOR VITRIFICATION PROCESS

## CONCLUSIONS

- PERFORMANCE OF VITRIFICATION FACILITY AND LABORATORY GLASSES
   OF THE SAME COMPOSITION ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE
- NO SIGNIFICANT MELTER DESIGN MODIFICATIONS ARE PLANNED FOR THE SECOND GENERATION MELTER
- COMPOSITION WILL BE CONFIRMED DURING HOT OPERATIONS BY FEED
  AND SHARD SAMPLING
- CANISTER COOLING TYPICALLY YIELDS 3 PERCENT CRYSTALS WHICH
  HAVE NOT AFFECTED THE PRODUCT QUALITY
- PRELIMINARY OFF-GAS PERFORMANCE DATA INDICATE THAT THE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ACHIEVED
- GLASS SHARDS REPRESENT THE BULK CANISTER GLASS
- OBTAINED PERFORMANCE DATA ON CATALYTIC NOX REMOVAL SYSTEM; GREATER THAN 90-PERCENT EFFICIENCY REALIZED



# Quality Assurance

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Quality Assurance Requirements

For

High—level Waste Form Production

# Quality Assurance Program

- DOE Order 5700.6B
- NQA-1
- 18 Point Program
- Selective Application

## Basic Requirements

OGR B-14, "Quality Assurance Requirements For High-Level Waste Form Production"

#### Includes

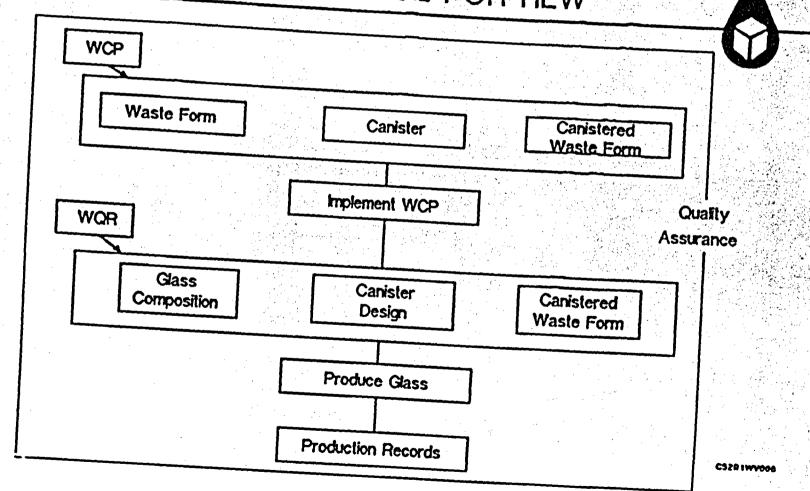
- NQA-1 Quality Assurance Program Requirements
   For Nuclear Facilities, Including Supplements
- DOE 5000.3, "Unusual Occurrence Reporting System"

- DOE 5700.6, "Quality Assurance"
- Guidelines For Application Of Readiness Reviews
   To Department Of Energy Activities

#### **Applicability**

- R&D For Waste Form Qualification
- Control of Materials, Equipment, and Facilities
   Essential For Certification of Canistered
   Waste Form
- Control of Processing Operations That Are Essential To The Certification of the Canistered Waste Form

# WVNS QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR HLW



# Supplemental Requirements

- Control of Software
- Peer Review
- Control of Development Activities
- Qualification of Data
- Archival Samples
- Process Control
- Product Certification
- Readiness Reviews
- Qualify Levels
- Training and Indoctrination
- Overview of Quality Assurance
- Quality Records
- Modification Control (Change Control)
- Effectiveness Evaluation

## Quality Assurance Program Description

- To Cover Basic and Supplementary Requirements
- Composite of All Major Participants
   in Waste Production
- Prepared Per NRC Type Instructions
- Made a Part of Waste Compliance Plan (WCP)
- Approved and Maintained Per DOE Requirements

# Logic of Quality Assurance Program For Waste Acceptance Activities

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- Purpose of Quality Assurance Program: To Provide Means To Insure That Quality of the Canistered Waste Form Delivered To the Repository is Controlled
- Scope:
  - All Waste Acceptance Task Laid Out In WCP or Its Revisions
  - All Other Activities Which Directly Support Those Tasks
     Examples Are Purchasing, Standards Labs
     Intend to Merely Reference Existing Quality Assurance
     Procedures For These Activities, As Appropriate
- Quality Assurance Program Describes Methods and Responcibilities For:
  - Defining Requirements For Tasks
  - Defining Programs To Meet Requirements
  - Assuring That Programs Can Meet Requirements
  - Assuring That Programs Have Been Carried Out Properly
  - Assuring That Results Meet Requirements
  - Changes

#### Current Status of High Level Waste Quality Assurance Program

- Now Have Quality Assurance Program For High Level Waste For NQA-1 Basic and Supplementary.
- Quality Assurance Program Description To Meet the Additional Requirements of Enhanced Quality Assurance is Complete
- The Quality Assurance Program and Procedures For Implementation
   for the WVPO is in the Review Cycle
- Current Work in the Areas of Testing and Development Are Controlled to High Level Waste Quality Assurance Program Requirements, Where Appropriate
  - Test Control
  - Laboratory Control

### Test Control

- Testing is Controlled By Engineering Procedure EP-11-003
- Requires Test Plans
- Requires Test Procedures
- Requires Test Reports
- Requires Quality Involvement, As Appropriate

## TEST PERFORMANCE



- Qualified Test Performers
- Qualified Operators
- Qualified and Independent Inspectors
- Documented Operating Procedures

## TEST REVIEW



• Peer/Team

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- Checklist
- Final Acceptance
- Record of Closeout

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## TEST REPORT



- Summary
- Data Results

- Evaluations
- Open Items

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## Quality Assurance Involvement in Facts Testing

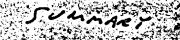
- Quality Engineering Reviews/Approves
   Test Procedures/Plans
- Inspection Services Performs Surveillance of Ongoing Test Activities
- Quality Engineering Reviews and Approves
   Test Reports

### Major Development Work

- At Alfred and Catholic Universities, PNL, MCC
- All Are Required to Have, and Work To, An Established
   Quality Assurance Program
- All Are Monitored By WVNS Quality Assurance
- All Are Audited By WVNS Quality Assurance
  - Qualification of Personnel
  - Documentation of Work
  - Results Reporting and Documentation
  - Log Books are Complete
  - Collection and Maintenance of Records
  - Procedure Performance

## Quality Assurance At Catholic University

- Quality Assurance Plan Approved
- Implementing Quality Assurance Procedures in Place
- Quality Assurance Training on Procedure
   Implementation in Place
- Analytical Work Done To Approved Procedures
- Hot (Radioactive) Melter Runs Done To
   Approved Procedures
- Quality Assurance Surveillances Are Being Performed By an Independent Catholic University Quality Assurance Representative
- WVNS Performing Periodic Surveillances of All Work
- WVNS Audits Annually



#### Vitrification System Design and Supporting Safety Analysis

- Proposed Time Tables
  - NRC to provide comments on VF PSAR (issued 1/87) by Nov/1988
  - Detailed working meeting on Facility Criteria and Barrier Identification including
     Design features, Safety features and Secondary Barrier, JAN '89
  - Working meeting on Confinement Barriers Analysis e.g., Failure Modes, Scenarios, safety factors and consequence of failure, MAY '89
  - Construction Review and Final Presentation on Selsmic Civil/Structural,
     Construction Tour, NOV '89

#### Review and Acceptance of Canistered HLW Glass Qualification

- Proposed timing to support both DOE-RW and NRC involvement prior to two final full scale qualification runs (July 1988)
  - WCP reissued by WVDP to DOE-RW for Review comment and resolution of comments and issuance to NRC Feb/1989
  - WVDP/DOE-RW/NRC HLW Glass Technical Exchange Feb /1989
  - Comment and Discussion of NRC comments May 1989