

Update on OCRWM Transportation Activities

Linda Desell, Director

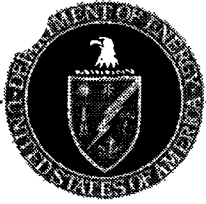
**Environmental and Operational Activities Division
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy**

**Presentation to the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board
Arlington, VA
June 14, 1995**



Overview

- **Routing**
- **Multi-Purpose Canister Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**
- **Full-scale cask testing**
- **Section 180(c), Nuclear Waste Policy Act**
- ***OCRWM Transportation Report***
- **Transportation planning**



Routing

- **Draft highway and rail routing discussion papers distributed at Transportation External Coordination Working Group (TEC/WG) meeting in January**
- **Proposed schedule**
 - **Received TEC/WG comments** **Apr 95**
 - **Revised guidance document to TEC/WG** **Jun 95**
 - ***Federal Register* notice** **Jun 95**
 - **Receive comments from all sources** **Nov 95**
 - **Issue guidance document** **Mid-96**



Multi-Purpose Canister Environmental Impact Statement

- **Public scoping period closed January 6, 1995**
- **DOE received 2,832 comments from 427 commenters**
- **Major issues**
 - **Transportation**
 - **Materials use and manufacturing**
 - **Regulatory**
 - **Public health and safety**



Multi-Purpose Canister EIS Schedule

- **Issue Implementation Plan** Jun 95
- **Issue draft EIS** Nov 95
- **Public comment period** Nov 95-Jan 96
- **Issue final EIS** Aug 96
- **Issue Record of Decision** Sep 96



Full-Scale Cask Testing

- **Not required for Nuclear Regulatory Commission certification**
 - **Some stakeholders have urged OCRWM to conduct testing**
- **OCRWM Program Plan directs policy option for resolving this issue by November 1995**
- **OCRWM management weighing costs, benefits, and possible approaches**



Section 180(c), Nuclear Waste Policy Act

- **On January 3, 1995, *Federal Register* Notice of Inquiry issued soliciting comments for implementation**
 - **Comment period extended to May 18, 1995**
- **Developing *Federal Register* Notice of Implementation Options for release in June 1995**
- **A *Federal Register* Notice of Proposed Policy and Procedures is planned for release in March 1996**
 - **Final notice in June 1997**



OCRWM Transportation Report

- **Provides description of OCRWM transportation system**
- **Distributed as preliminary draft at stakeholder meetings in June and July 1994**
- **Plan to update annually**



Transportation Planning

- ***Transportation Subsystem Operations Plan***
 - **Provides concept of operations for transportation of commercial spent fuel**
 - **Describes transportation in terms of mission and organization**
- ***Transportation Contingency Plan***
 - **Discusses activities that must be accomplished to ensure spent fuel transport before 2010**



MPC EIS Comments

- **Emergency preparedness and risk**
- **Costs and costs/benefits**
- **Fuel handling and transfer**
- **Monitored retrievable storage**
- **Nevada concerns**
- **Nuclear power industry**
- **Nuclear Waste Policy**
- **Occupational health and safety**
- **Public participation**
- **Scope of proposed action**
- **Spent fuel storage**
- **Accidents**
- **Alternatives**
- **Repository**
- **Site Specificity**