

CHAIRS ROUND ROBIN

Spring 2023





NORTHERN NEW MEXICO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Activities / Accomplishments

- NNM CAB subcommittees reorganized and developed annual work plans
- NNM CAB Members received updates on the EJ40 Pilot Initiative by the Site Manager
- Bi-monthly board meetings will be live-streamed on YouTube
- The NNM CAB is developing a new website this year; Board members will be involved in deciding on the content and format with the EM-LA contractor
- The NNM CAB is once again able to tour LANL EM sites and is now planning a tour of the WIPP Site in the fall.

Challenges

- The long appointment process for NNM CAB membership is a burden to the EM SSAB. Good members are difficult to find and the length of time it takes to be appointed adds to the challenge of recruiting new members.
- College students and High School Graduates are especially difficult to recruit because most work hourly jobs and cannot afford the time.
- The NNM CAB continues to meet in a hybrid format with members and staff in person and the public joining virtually, due to the prevalence of Covid-19, Influenza and RSV.



OAK RIDGE SITE-SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Hot Topics

- Ensuring sufficient waste disposal capacity to support future cleanup activities at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) and Y-12 National Security Complex (Y-12)
- Excess facilities risk reduction activities at ORNL and Y-12

Goals

- Facilitate decision-making regarding future groundwater-remediation activities at East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP) Main Plant Area
- Increase board visibility and outreach to attract new members



SAVANNAH RIVER SITE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Hot Topics

1. Landlord transition: EM → NNSA. What current CAB-reviewable EM activities will go behind NNSA veil of security?
2. Member recruitment and retention: Recruitment still a challenge, but so is retention.
 - 2011-2022: 52% of members quit within first term.
 - 2022: four of 11 remain (64% resigned).
3. Presentation evaluation survey:
 - a. The information is important for CAB members to know.
 - b. There were too many technical details in the presentation.
 - c. The presenter is an effective presenter.
 - d. I enjoyed the presentation.

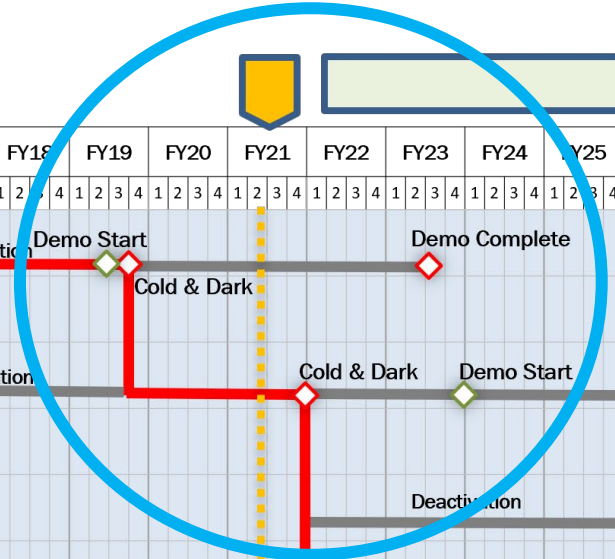
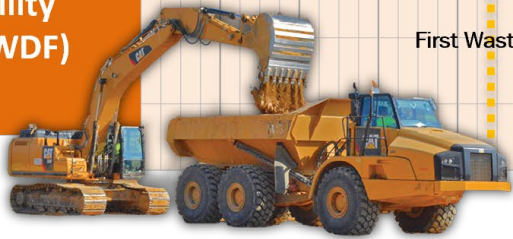
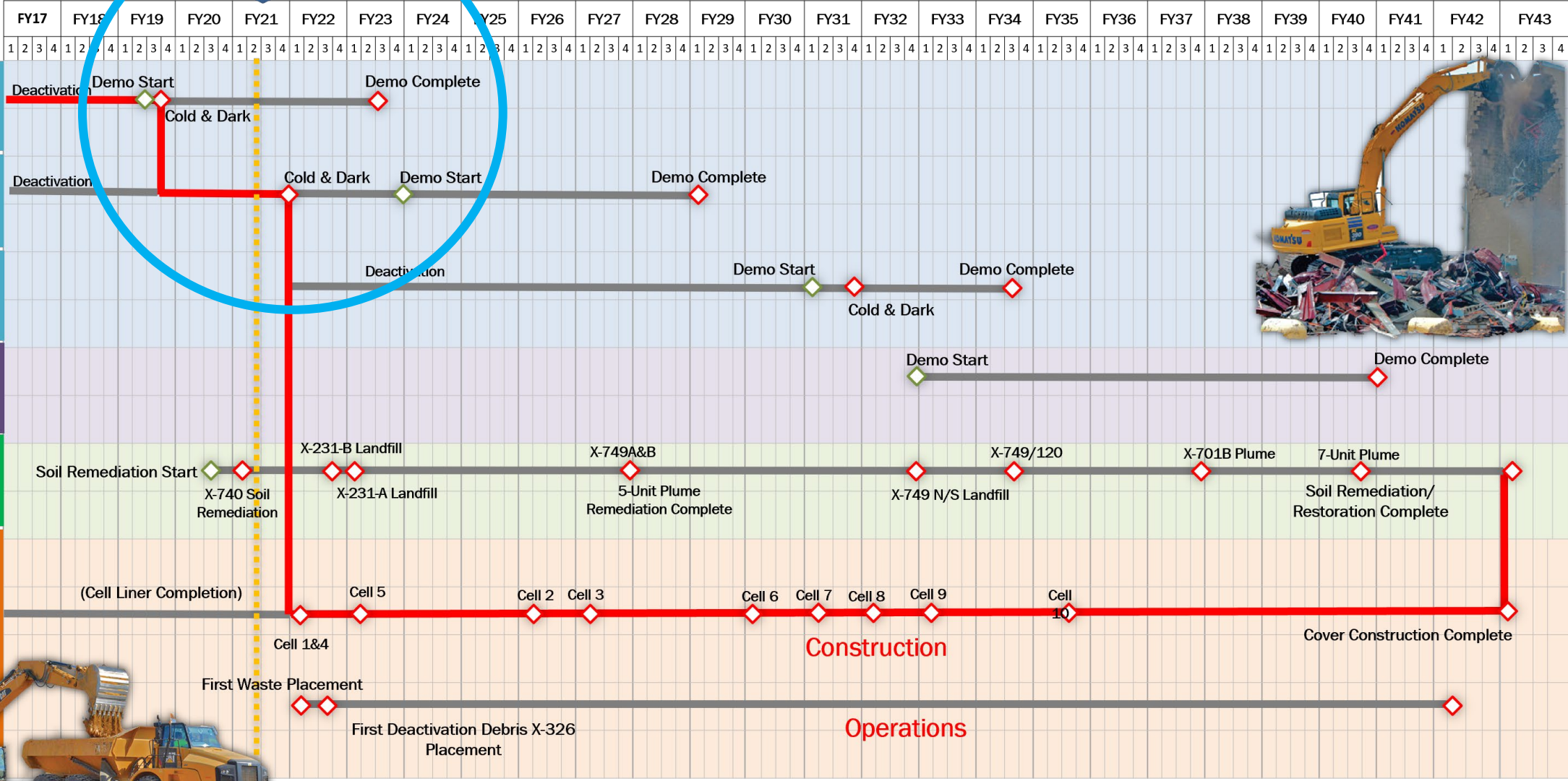
Appointment Year	Number of Appointments	First Term Resignations	Percentage of Group Resigned
2011	8	2	25%
2012	9	3	33%
2013	8	4	50%
2014	4	3	75%
2015	7	1	14%
2016	2	2	100%
2017	9	3	33%
2018	7	4	57%
2019	5	3	60%
2020	3	1	33%
2022	11	7	64%
2023	6	?	?%



PORTSMOUTH SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

- The PORTS EM SSAB is supportive and proud of the successful X-326 process building demolition
- Expedited progress of the X-326 process building demolition is a major success for DOE and the community
- Considering the recent success of the X-326 demolition, the end state of site has become a focal point to the community, allowing for a clear vision of site re-industrialization
- To turn this vision into a successful, actionable plan, it will require cooperation with multiple parties to define infrastructure and to determine property for transfer and reindustrialization

Out-years



Construction

Operations



HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB)

Activities / Accomplishments

- Issued 3 pieces of Advice
- Fully operational with hybrid meetings – In 2022 held 7 Board meetings and 14 Committee meetings, with 25 total presentations from the Agencies
 - Including holding part of the Board meeting in the evening hours to enable greater public engagement
- A very successful Fall 2022 orientation for new members (and interested current members) based on a newly designed orientation approach
- Improved collaboration between HAB and Tri-Party Agencies

Challenges

- Approval of the membership packages until mid-November 2022 impacted Board business and elections of Board leadership
- Holistic negotiations between DOE and the Washington State Department of Ecology limits topics that the Board can discuss
- Increase the active participation of members in committees and work groups



HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD (HAB)

Goals for 2023

- Revise the Operating Ground Rules (OGR) and submit to DOE HQ for approval
- Realign HAB subcommittee roles and responsibilities to better reflect the current and future nature of cleanup activities at Hanford
- Improve outreach and engagement activities between the Agencies, Board members and the represented constituencies and public
- Continue to work with the Agencies to understand near-term and long-term risks to the public and provide relevant advice



PADUCAH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

- Complete Removal of R-114 refrigerant
 - Listed on EM CY 2023 Mission and Priorities because it's an Ozone Depleting Chemical
 - Yearly goal is removal of 1M lbs; 3.8M of 8M lbs already removed
 - Shipped by truck to Texas where the refrigerant is incinerated
 - Respectfully request continued funding to complete the removal of this gas, a danger to both the ozone and Paducah site workers





IDAHO CLEANUP PROJECT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

ICP CAB Hot Topics:

- Protection of the Snake River Plain Aquifer by monitoring and tracking cleanup progress and milestones related to compliance with the Idaho Settlement Agreement (ISA) and other cleanup-related regulatory and legal agreements.
- Overseeing the safe startup of the steam-reforming technology at the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU) to begin processing 900,000 gallons of liquid sodium-bearing high-level waste. IWTU recently processed more than 22,900 gallons of liquid simulant and completed required emissions testing in its run-up to begin FY 2023 radiological operations.
- Member recruitment issues continue to affect the ICP CAB.



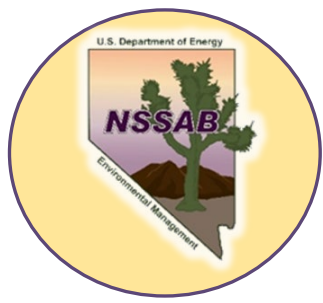
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ICP CAB Goals:

- Urge timely decision-making and funding to support activities related to SNF repackaging and calcine retrieval and packaging to meet 2035 ISA milestones.
- Encourage the development of a complex-wide plan and process to move forward and establish certainty on identifying, funding, and opening a long-term high-level waste repository.
- Continue to meet goals for TRU certification and shipments to WIPP.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Will finish the transfer of stored spent nuclear fuel (SNF) from wet-to-dry storage this month, completing a 1995 Idaho Settlement Agreement milestone 18 months ahead of schedule.
- ✓ DOE, in consultation with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) and EPA will remove the Submarine 1st Generation Westinghouse (S1W) and Aircraft Carrier 1st Generation Westinghouse (A1W) defueled naval nuclear propulsion plant prototypes, under a non-time-critical removal action under CERCLA.



NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

- **Board Accomplishments**

- Emphasizing community engagement: Meetings held in multiple counties across southern Nevada, including hybrid format
- Ongoing training/educating members: Members learned about mission work and history; site visits upon availability
- Strong collaborative relationship with EM Nevada Program: Past EM Nevada initiatives such as the Tribal Revegetation Project resulted from Board recommendations

- **Board Interests/Concerns**

- Long-term security of the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS): Looking generations into the future at the safety of the NNSS as it relates to the public
- Waste inspection: Improving inspection capability at the Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Complex at the NNSS



NSSAB Meeting
in Las Vegas, NV

NSSAB Meeting
in Pahrump, NV



Groundwater
Site Visit at the
NNSS

NSSAB Meeting
in Beatty, NV

