

# Construction of Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF) Charting the Course for Major EM Successes in 2016-2017

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## **SWPF Mission**



## **PARSONS**

Parsons is the contractor for the SWPF project (design, construct, commission and operate for one year)

#### This critical facility will:

- Reduce radioactive waste volume by safely separating high-activity fraction from low-activity fraction of the radioactive liquid salt waste stored in underground tanks at the Savannah River Site and returning high-activity waste fraction for vitrification at the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF)
- Utilize the same radioactive waste removal processes as Interim Salt Processing Facilities (Actinide Removal Process/ Modular Caustic Side Cesium Extraction Unit (ARP/MCU) – Pilot Facility)
- Process 90% of Tank Farm liquid radioactive waste
  - 97 million gallons after adding liquid to waste (dissolution) to facilitate processing
- Have a nominal capacity of 7.3 million gallons per year

### **SWPF** Poised for Success

- Under contract with DOE, Parsons must complete construction of SWPF by December 31, 2016, at a cost of \$530 million (January 2013 through Construction Complete)
- Construction is 90 percent complete and is currently projected to finish significantly ahead of schedule and below cost
- Startup and commissioning remains high priority and early involvement of Testing and Commissioning personnel to identify and mitigate risks has positioned the project for operational success

## **SWPF Construction Progression**







#### **Basemat Installed**

- Performance Category 3 (PC-3)
- 8-feet thick
- 32,943 square feet
- 10,032 cubic yards

#### **First Story Under Construction**

- Walls to 100 ft. elev. completed
- Began installation of process piping
- Wall placement to 139 ft. elev. in progress
- Successful installation of contactor modules
- Dark cells fabricated

#### **Vessel Placement**

- Successful installation of
- 10 large ASME Vessels
- 150,000 gal. of tank volume in Central Processing Area
- PC-1 support structures underway



#### **TODAY - 90% Physical Completion**

- Roof completed
- HVAC 93% complete
- Ventilation stack completed
- Fireproofing completed
- Transformers and switchgear in place
- All major process equipment in place

- Waste transfer line completed
- 108,000 LF of piping installed (97% complete)
- 82,241 welds made (98% complete)
- 154,000 LF of conduit installed (96% complete)
- 800,000 LF of wire and cable installed (96% complete)

Baseline Construction Completion Date 12/31/16
Current Execution Construction Completion Date 4/22/16

## First Contactors Installed at SWPF





## **Piping and Actuators in North Labyrinths**



# Challenges to First-of-a-Kind Nuclear Facilities

- Changing requirements
- NQA-1 vendor atrophy nationwide
- Competition for critical skilled workers
- Underestimating the baseline and contingency. Things rarely are "best case" in NQA-1 first-of-a-kind projects

## **Keys to Success on FOAK Projects**

- Early pilot testing of chosen technology
- Contract and project alignment
- Stable funding
- Strong project management
- Early identification of risk and mitigation
- Significant on-site presence (Engr and QC) for critical NQA-1 items
- Partnering common objectives and definition of success and issue resolution
- Constructive oversight culture

## **Key SWPF Successes**

- Design-Build contract structure
- Constructability review teams
- ARP/MCU and Parsons Technology Center
- Joint resolution of all technical and regulatory issues
- Construction mitigation in lieu of large ASME tank delay
- Contract/project alignment on construction complete
- Early involvement of Testing and Commissioning personnel
- Recent partnering between DOE and Parsons
- Focus on the objective achieve CD-4 and plant start-up