



# Office of Storage & Transportation Update

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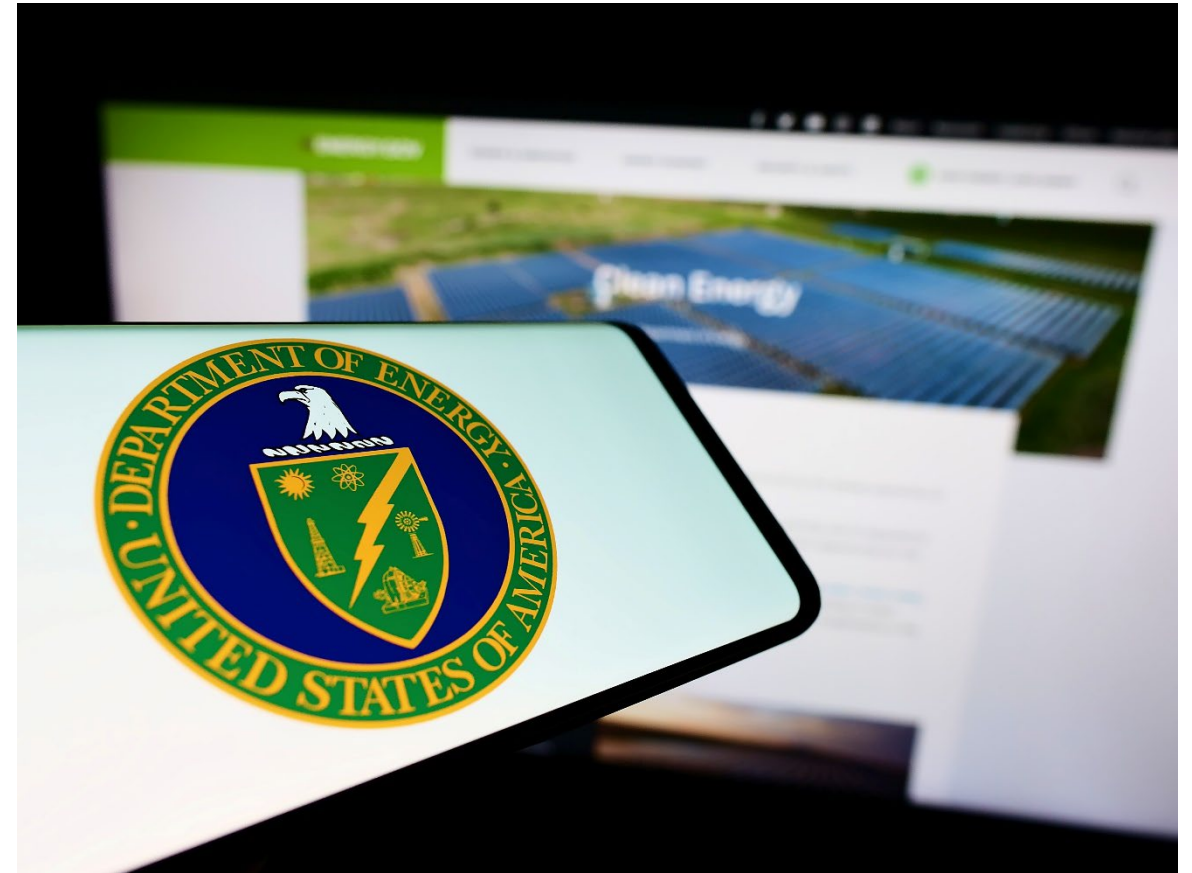
*Spent Fuel and High-Level Waste Disposition*

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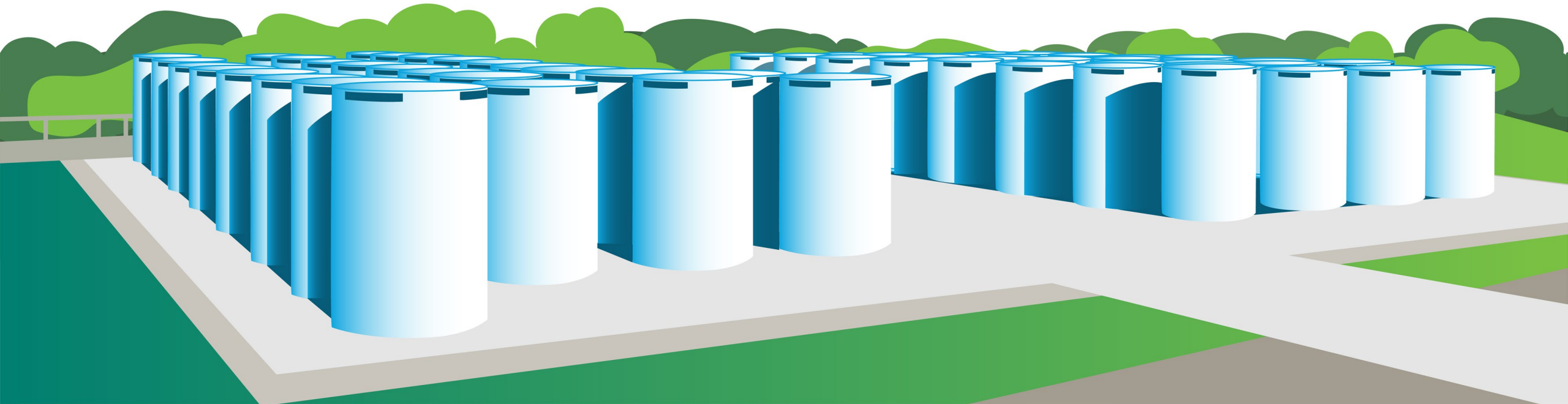
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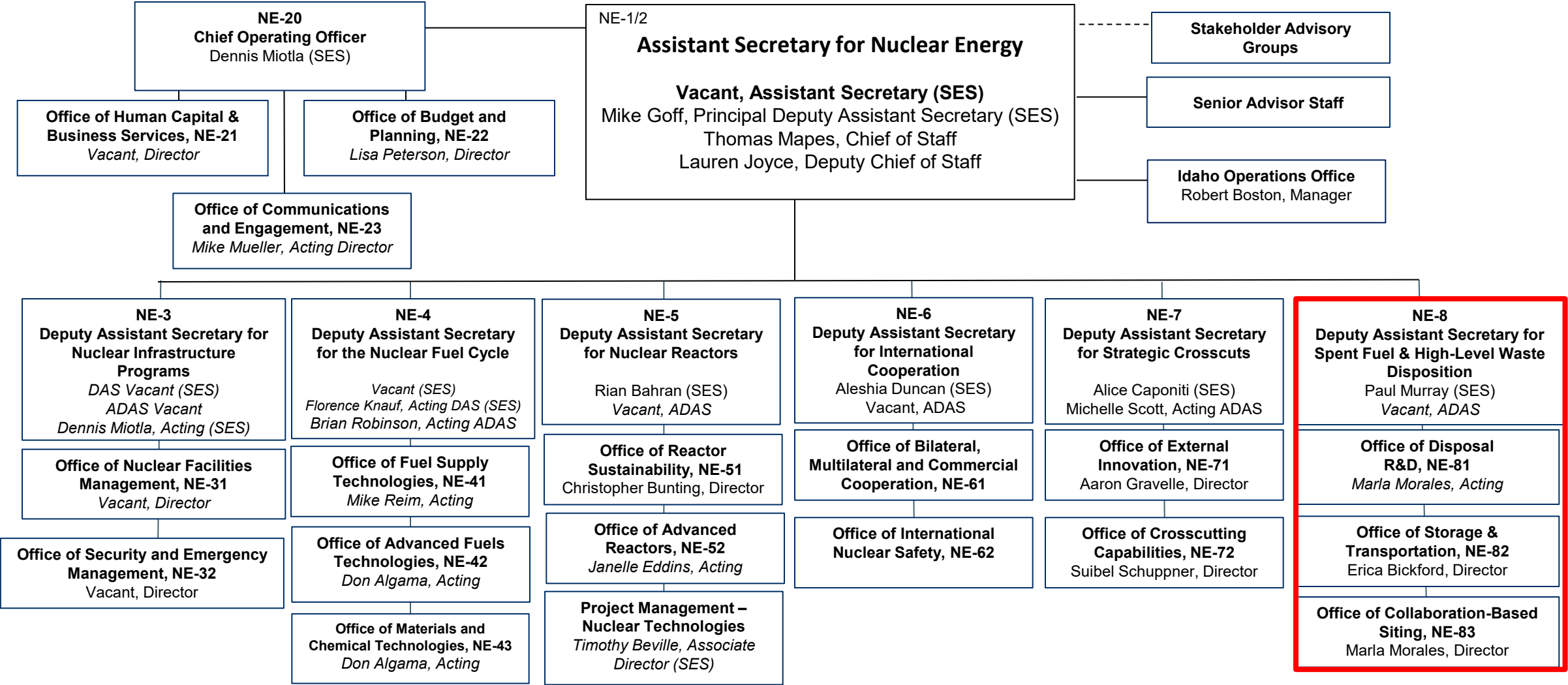
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# *Office of Spent Fuel & High-Level Waste Disposition*

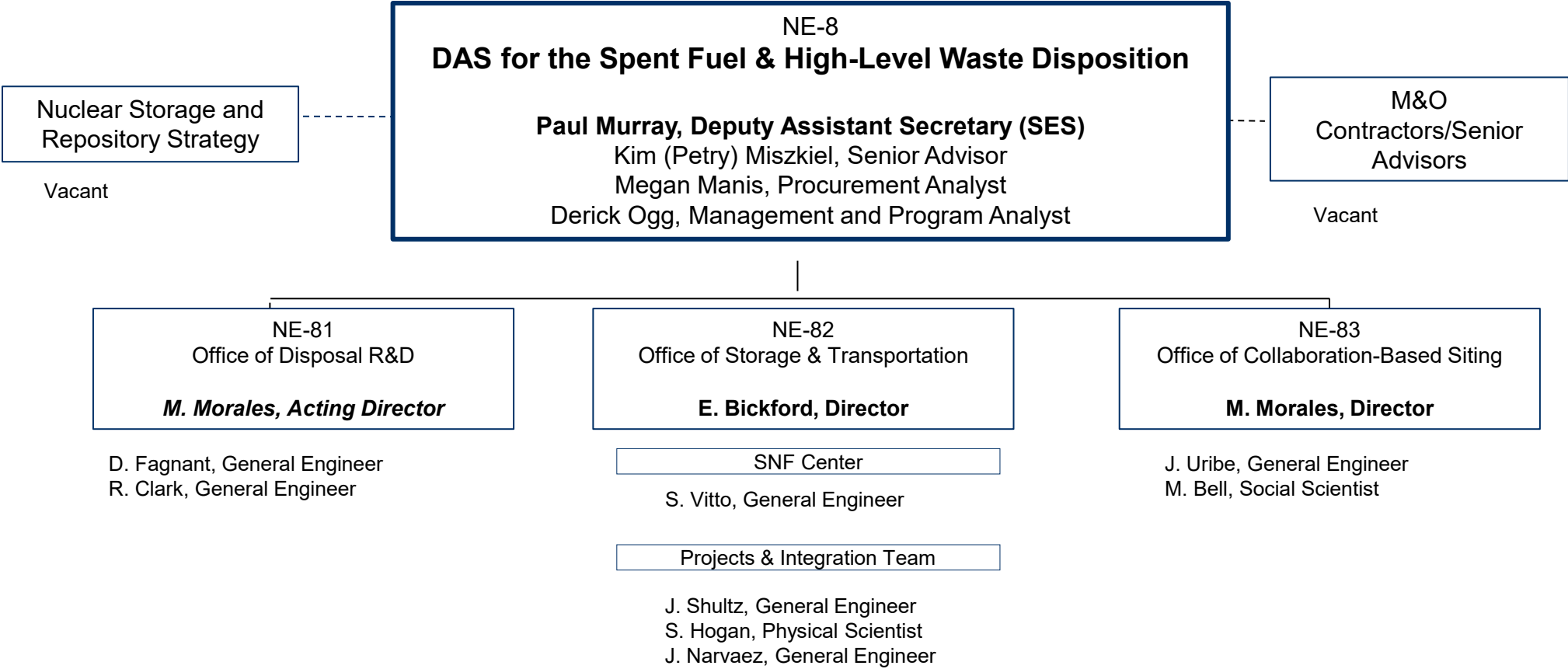
***Mission: Develop and implement a plan for the safe and secure long-term management of the Nation's spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and high-level radioactive waste (HLW).***





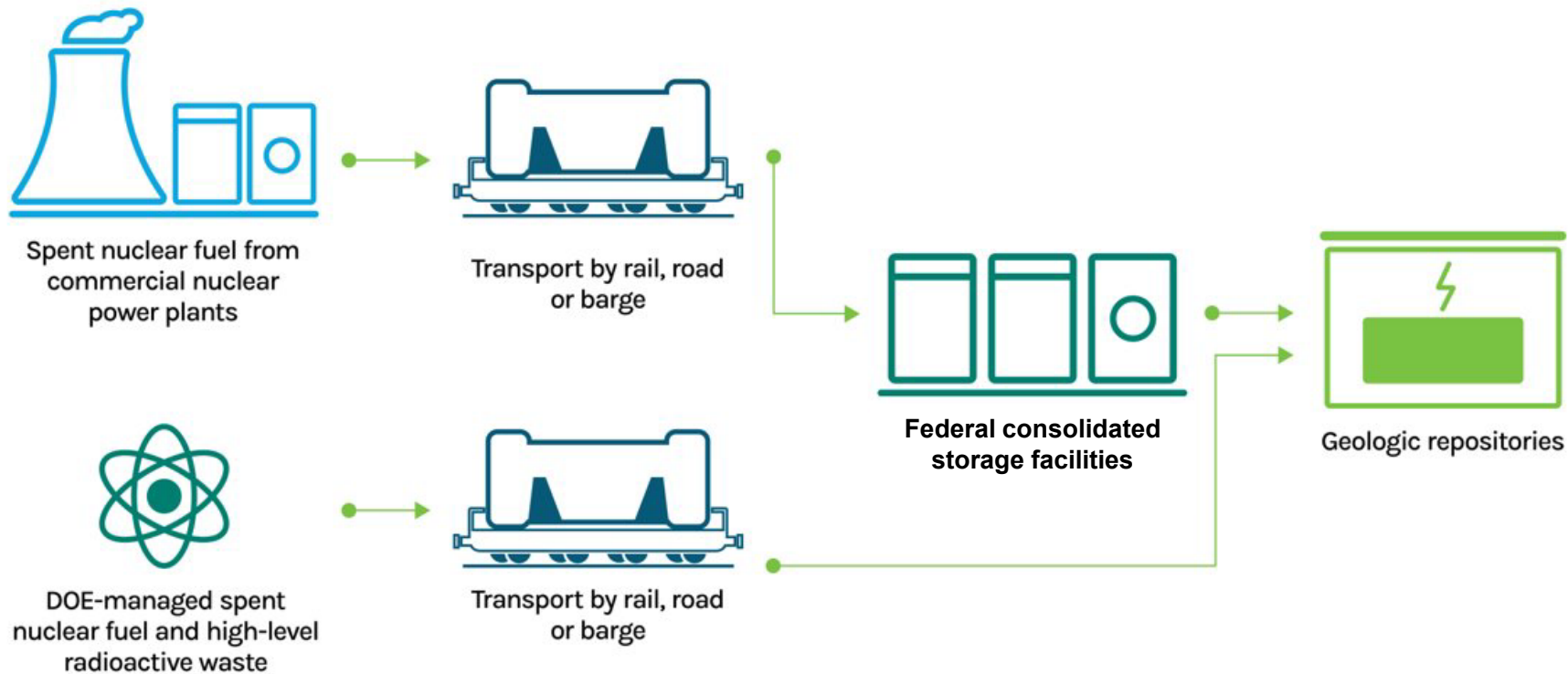


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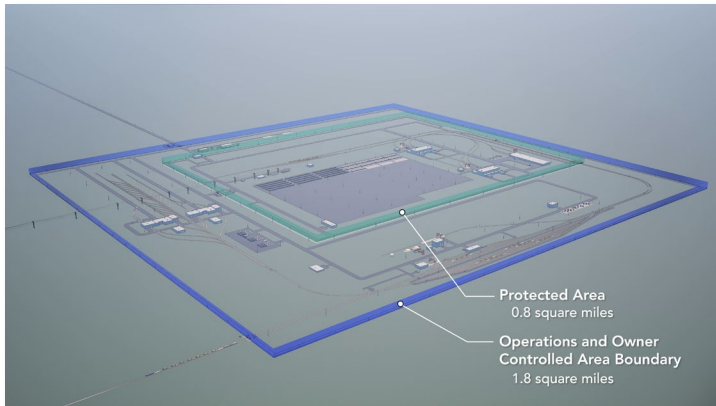


# Integrated Waste Management System for SNF & HLW



- Storage Facility(ies)
- Transportation Capability
- Disposal Facility(ies)
- Interfaces

# Office of Storage & Transportation Priorities



Federal consolidated storage facility (CSF)/capital acquisition CD-1 and supporting activities



The High Burnup Research Cask (HBURC) Project and supporting activities



SNF Center for Applied Research in Storage and Transportation

# FY26 Draft Authorizing Language

## House

- **Used Nuclear Fuels Disposition R&D.**—The Committee supports the Department’s efforts to launch a Spent Nuclear Fuel Center for Applied Research in Storage and Transportation to collaborate with the nuclear industry to address challenges related to long-term storage of spent nuclear fuel, conduct research that supports near-term regulatory compliance, and ensure public confidence for storage and transportation of commercial and DOE-managed spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste. The Department is encouraged to demonstrate the safe transportation of spent nuclear fuel in large dual-purpose storage and transportation containers.
- No **Integrated Waste Management System** language.

## Senate

- **Used Nuclear Fuel Disposition R&D.**—The Committee provides \$10,000,000 for the development of a Spent Nuclear Fuel Center for Applied Research in Storage and Transportation.
- **Integrated Waste Management System.**—The Department is directed to move forward under existing authority to identify a site for a Federal interim storage facility. The Committee was pleased to see the Mission Need Statement [CD–0] for the Federal Consolidated Interim Storage Facility, initiating the major acquisition project process for the Department. The Department is further directed to use a consent-based approach when undertaking these activities. The Department is reminded that the Nuclear Waste Policy Act provides for a wide variety of activities that may take place prior to the limitation in that act.



# FY25 Key Activities – HBURC and Transportation Hardware

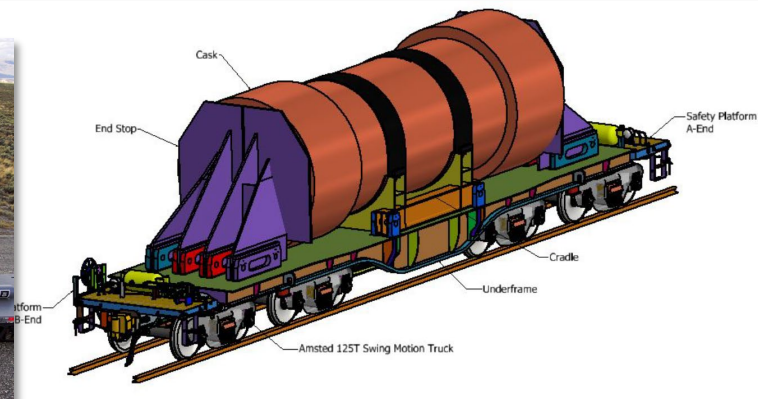
- **HBURC Shipment:**

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation development
- Integrated Safety and Security Monitoring System (ISSMS)
- Impact limiter and cradle fabrication



- **Transportation Hardware:**

- Atlas rail car supplemental testing
- Fortis rail car – continued fabrication
- FY26 plan to start procuring 4 more Atlas railcars



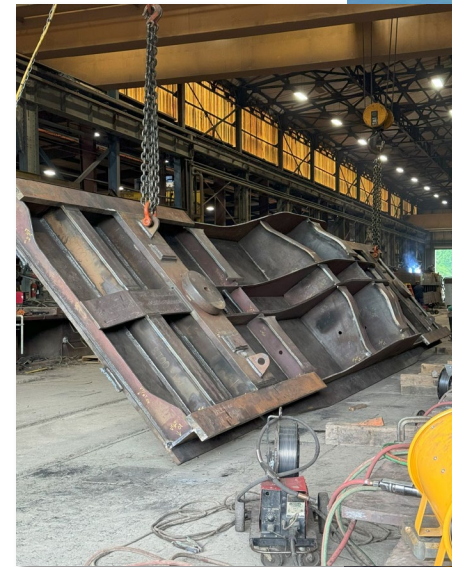
# Tribal & State Engagement

- **National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (NTSF)**  
**Ad Hoc Working Groups:**
  - Section 180(c)
  - HBURC Shipment
- **Transportation Core Group**
  - March 18-19, 2025, Washington, DC
  - August 20-21, 2025, Crystal City, VA



# FY26 Priority Activities

- Federal CSF:
  - Conducting engineering design work for the reference concept facility
  - Preparing documentation for Critical Decision-1 Conceptual Design approval next year
- Transportation hardware:
  - Fortis – car body fabricated
  - Plan to procure 4 more Atlas railcars
- HBURC Shipment
  - Coordinate with Tribal, State, and Federal Partners
  - Finalize approach for providing armed escorts
  - NEPA Documentation
  - Begin Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (TEPP) training with Tribes and States
  - Consider options for transportation exercises



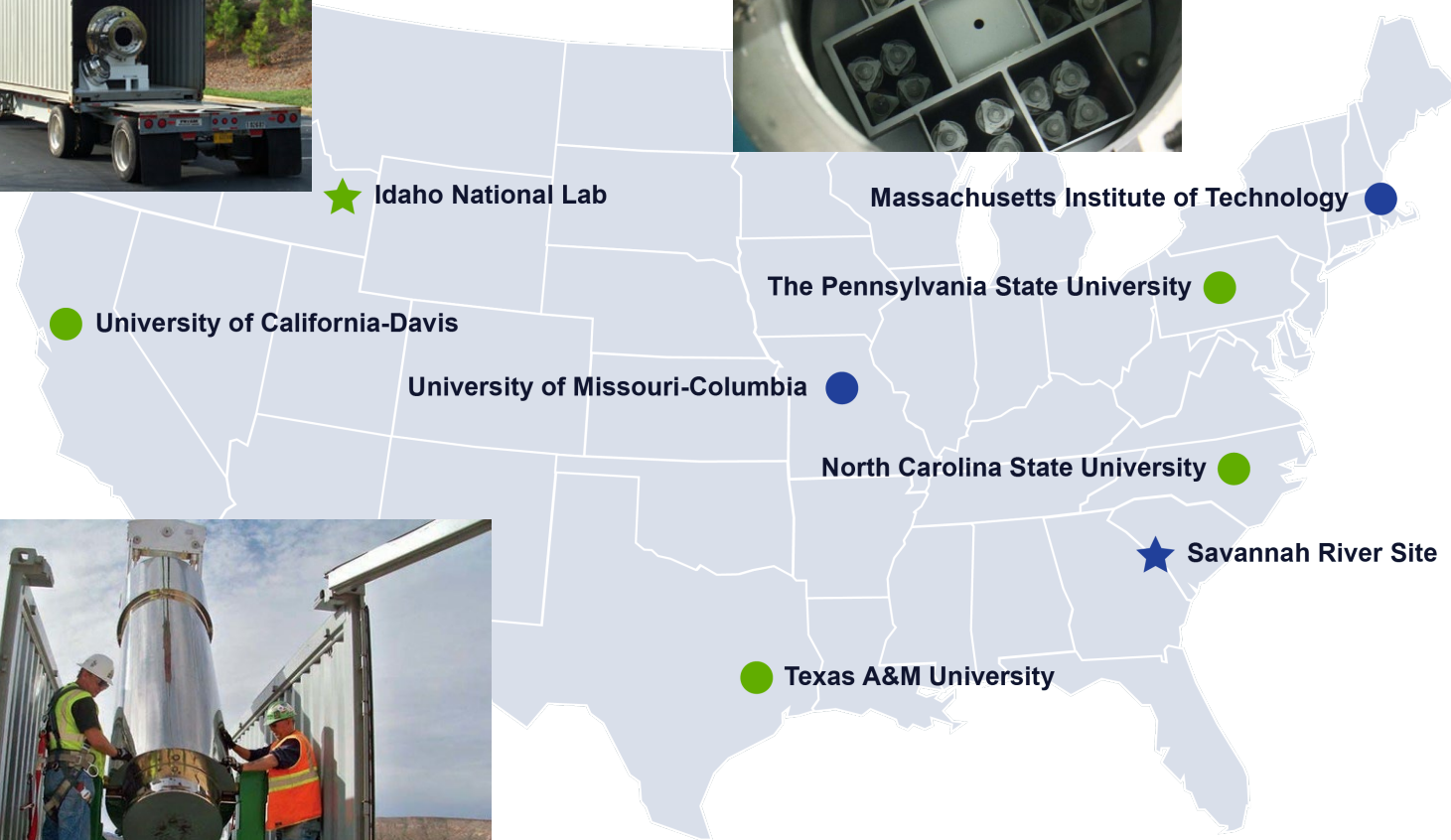


# ***Path Forward for Office of Disposal and Collaboration-Based Siting***

- Office of Disposal Research:
  - Looking to investigate generic site characterization
  - Planning to release an RPF FY26 to evaluate generic geologies
- Office Collaboration-Based Siting:
  - Continue to work with communities and collaborate with Offices of Disposal Research and Storage & Transportation

# University Research Reactor SNF Shipments, 2026-2030

- 24 U.S. universities have low-power research reactors
- SNF from U.S. university research reactors is sent to Idaho National Laboratory (INL) or the Savannah River Site (SRS) for storage, depending on the type of fuel
- MIT and University of Missouri-Columbia regularly ship to SRS
- UC Davis, Penn State, Texas A&M, and NC State will ship SNF to INL between 2026 and 2030.
- Each SNF shipment is 1-2 trucks using a NAC-LWT transportation package (or “cask”)







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