6. Designing a package specific to the waste shipment campaign can add value to the project. Having the right package can save time (schedule) and budget. Allowing lead time for the construction and delivery of custom packages and of off-the-shelf packages is critical to keeping the overall project on schedule.

7. Engineering the space and equipment needed for a successful shipping campaign is critical to both schedule and budget. Rail spurs, loading docks, truck routes including turnarounds, survey areas, lift areas, and package closure areas may all be critical elements of a cost-effective and efficient campaign.

8. Scheduling trucks, trains, cars, packages, and other elements needed for shipping is critical. Often, train routes and access are limiting and should be considered immediately if train transportation is part of the plan.

9. Weather can impact all aspects of the packaging, loading, and shipping of waste.

10. The availability of qualified waste certifiers and an experienced waste manager cannot be underestimated.

11. It is critical to coordinate waste shipping with the overall site decommissioning schedule to avoid bottlenecks. The critical steps and schedule may be driven by the availability of space on-site for the temporary storage of waste, both before and after on-site packaging.

All these factors may be considered and incorporated into the DP, work plans, and procedures, and still unforeseen circumstances will likely arise during the project. Building contingency into your schedule, as well as into all the processes involved in transportation and disposal, is a necessary and important element of a successful decommissioning project. Now that you have all your waste streams identified and a good plan for packaging and transportation off-site, you can begin planning how to decontaminate and deconstruct your site. Good luck!

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