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UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY WASTE MANAGE- Frank K. Pittman MENT PROGRAMS AND OBJECTIVES

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RADIOACTIVE WASTE

THE HIDDEN COMMITMENT OF NUCLEAR WASTES

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WASTE MANAGEMENT-LICENSING AND CRITERIA

S. H. Smiley

Sevmour H. Smiley (MS, chemistry, New York University), Deputy Director for Fuels and Materials in the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's Directorate of Licensing, is responsible for the Commission's licensing program for construction and operation of all fuel cycle plants including uranium mills, UF6 plants, uranium and plutonium processing and fabrication plants, fuel reprocessing plants, and waste disposal facilities.



MANAGEMENT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES-PROGRAMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

Donald G. Jacobs

Donald G. Jacobs (BS, agricultural science, 1954; MS, chemistry, 1956; PhD, agronomy, 1958, University of Illinois) is interested in management of radioactive wastes. environmental behavior of radionuclides, and assessment of radiological impacts of nuclear activities. From April 1971 until August 1973, Jacobs was the head of the Waste Management Section, Division of Nuclear Safety and Environmental Protection, International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna.



RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT IN SELECTED H. M. Parker FOREIGN COUNTRIES

H. M. Parker, a graduate in physics of the University of Manchester (MSc, F-Inst. P.), entered the then new field of radiological physics in 1932. In 1942, he joined the atomic energy project in Chicago and later headed the radiation protection activities at Oak Ridge and Hanford. He was manager of the Hanford Laboratories from 1956 to 1965. Currently, he serves as consultant with special interests in radiation standards, environmental sciences, and waste management.



COST/BENEFIT CONSIDERATIONS OF NUCLEAR POWER Richard L. Rudman

Richard Rudman (BS, 1966; MS, 1968, University of California, Los Angeles) has worked at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in the development of an experimental hightemperature gas-cooled nuclear reactor. A consultant on engineering computing, he is now Assistant to the President of the Electric Power Research Institute.



NUCLEAR RADIATION-SOURCES AND IMPACT

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NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE AND THE ISOTOPIC COMPOSITIONS

Joseph A. Angelo, Jr. Roy G. Post

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EVALUATION METHODOLOGY OF WASTE MANAGE- D. E. Deonigi MENT CONCEPTS

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HANDLING AND PACKAGING OF PLUTONIUM-CONTAM- J. INATED WASTE

J. B. Owen

J. B. Owen has 22 years of health physics, decontamination, and waste management experience at Rocky Flats, and one year at Karlsruhe, West Germany. He was appointed a certified health physicist in 1964 by the American Board of Health Physics.



TRANSPORTATION OF NUCLEAR FUEL AND WASTE

William Brobst

William A. Brobst (BS, Northwestern University, 1951), Chief of the Transportation Branch, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C., is responsible for the development of transportation policies, standards, and procedures for its operations and for functional direction of USAEC-wide activities related to transportation and traffic management. He is the author of a number of publications in health physics and transportation.



GEOHYDROLOGIC CONSIDERATIONS IN THE MANAGE-MENT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE

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METHODS FOR REMOVAL OF ACTINIDES FROM HIGH-LEVEL WASTES

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HIGH-LEVEL WASTE SOLIDIFICATION: APPLICABILITY OF FLUIDIZED-BED CALCINATION TO COMMERCIAL WASTES

B. R. Dickey
B. R. Wheeler
J. A. Buckham

B. R. Dickey (top) (PhD, chemical engineering, Texas A&M University) is manager of the fluid bed processing technology section of Allied Chemical's Idaho Operations Office. His experience and interests in the nuclear field include fuel reprocessing, waste management, and mathematical modeling. B. R. Wheeler (center) (MS, chemical engineering, Purdue University) is manager of the process support and technology branch of Allied Chemical's Idaho Operations Office. His experience covers all areas of the nuclear fuel cycle with emphasis on fuel reprocessing, waste management, and process economics. J. A. Buckham (bottom) (PhD, chemical engineering, University of Washington) is assistant general manager of Allied Chemical Corporation's Idaho chemical programs, operator of the Idaho chemical processing plant at the USAEC's National Reactor Testing Station. He has engaged in project research, project management, and program direction in the fields of nuclear fuel reprocessing, radioactive waste management, waste calcining and other fluidized bed processes. and use of nuclear poisons for process safety.







ITSA-ABOVE-GROUND RETRIEVABLE STORAGE METH-OD FOR LOW-LEVEL TRANSURANIC WASTES

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Paul J. Macbeth Winston W. Hickman





RETRIEVABLE SURFACE STORAGE FACILITY FOR COMMERCIAL HIGH-LEVEL WASTE

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DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE IN BEDDED SALT FORMATIONS

William C. McClain A. L. Boch

William C. McClain (left), a member of the Chemical Technology Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, is Assistant Director of the Salt Mine Repository Project. He received mining engineering degrees from Colorado School of Mines and University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, England. He has been engaged in research and development activities in radioactive waste disposal and related geological investigations including the Project Salt Vault experiment in Kansas, hydraulic fracturing of shales, seismology, and rapid excavation. A. L. Boch (BS, Northeastern University) is a member of the Director's Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Program Director of the Salt Mines Repository Project. Past activities include serving as Project Director of ORNL's Army Reactors Program, the N.S. Savannah program, the High Flux Isotope Reactor, and the Oak Ridge Electron Linear Accelerator projects.





THE MANAGEMENT OF SPENT CANDU FUEL

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EXTRATERRESTRIAL DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTES

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Kirk Drumheller

SEABED DISPOSAL-WHERE TO LOOK

William P. Bishop (left) (PhD, radiation chemistry, Ohio State University, 1967), with post-doctoral in pulsed radiolysis of gases at Sandia Laboratories, has performed diagnostics of the prompt radiation from underground nuclear tests. He joined the study of problems of reactor safety and nuclear waste management at its inception and is program manager for several activities including the study of the ocean environment and the technical feasibility of waste disposal there. Charles Davis Hollister (BS, Oregon State University, 1960; PhD, Columbia University, 1967) marine geologist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, has researched sediment dynamics in the deep sea, oceanographic factors that control sediment distribution, geologic effects of near-bottom currents, behavior of cohesive abyssal sediment in seawater flumes, and development of long piston coring devices.





CHEMICAL BEHAVIOR AND GROUND MOVEMENT OF SELECTED RADIONUCLIDES

Alvin E. Smith (top) (AB, chemistry, Whitman College; BS, chemical engineering, University of Colorado) is manager of research for Atlantic Richfield Hanford Company. He has spent 25 years at Hanford in plutonium fabrication. equipment development, advanced operational planning, and more recently, is directing research programs dealing with the short- and long-range management of radioactive waste resulting from Hanford operations since its inception. D. J. Brown (center) (BS, geography-geology, University of Utah, 1955), staff geologist for Atlantic Richfield Hanford Company, has conducted field tests and laboratory research on the movement of radionuclides through saturated and partially saturated sediments, groundwater monitoring systems, and logging techniques as applied to radiation monitoring wells from 1955 to 1970. He is currently involved in soil-chemistry, hydrogeology, and seismology research at Hanford. Raymond E. Isaacson (bottom) (BS, chemical engineering, University of Washington) is manager of physical and life science technology for Atlantic Richfield Hanford Company. He has spent 20 years at Hanford in fuel reprocessing, plutonium processing, nuclear materials management, nuclear criticality prevention, and, more recently, is directing research programs concerned with unplanned release prevention, public protection assurance, and site surveillance.

A. E. Smith
D. J. Brown
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MEASURING RADIOACTIVITY IN THE ENVIRONMENT— THE QUALITY OF THE DATA

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Arthur N. Jarvis David G. Easterly



