# DOE-FIU Cooperative Agreement Annual Research Review – FIU Year 1

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| **September 14, 2021** | | |
| 9:00 - 9:05 am EDT | Kick-Off | Kurt Gerdes (Director, Technology Development) – DOE EM-3.2 |
| 9:05 - 9:10 am EDT | Welcoming Remarks (DOE-EM) | Nicole Nelson-Jean (Assoc. Principal Deputy Asst. Secretary for Field Ops) – DOE EM-3 |
| 9:10 - 9:15 am EDT | Welcoming Remarks (DOE-LM) | Carmelo Melendez (Director, Office of Legacy Management) – DOE LM-1 |
| 9:15 - 10:30 am EDT | Projects 4 & 5: STEM Workforce Development and Training | FIU, DOE HQ (EM & LM), SRNL, PNNL, WIPP, SRS, ORP, LBNL, WRPS, INL, Grand Junction |
| 10:30 am - 12:00 pm EDT | Project 1: Chemical Process Alternatives for Radioactive Waste | FIU, DOE HQ, PNNL, WRPS, SRNL, SRS |
| 1:30 - 3:00 pm EDT | Project 3: Waste and D&D Engineering & Technology Development | FIU, DOE HQ, SRNL, PNNL, LBNL, INL, ANL |
| 3:00 - 4:30 pm EDT | Project 2: Environmental Remediation Science & Technology | FIU, DOE HQ, SRNL, PNNL, LANL, ORNL |
| **September 15, 2021** | | |
| 9:30 - 11:00 am EDT | Wrap Up (FIU Projects 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5) | FIU, DOE HQ (EM & LM) |

## PROJECT 3

# Waste and D&D Engineering & Technology Development

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# Project Tasks and Scope

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| **TASK 1: WASTE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (WIMS) (HQ)** | |
| **Subtask 1.1** | WIMS System Administration - Database Management, Application Maintenance & Performance Tuning |
| **Subtask 1.2** | Waste Stream Annual Data Integration |
| **Subtask 1.3** | Upgrade GIS module with Google Map API |
| **Subtask 1.4** | Deploy Power BI Reporting Server for Waste Stream Reports |
| **Subtask 1.5** | Cyber Security of WIMS Infrastructure |
| **TASK 2: D&D SUPPORT TO DOE EM FOR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, EVALUATION AND DEPLOYMENT** | |
| **Subtask 2.1** | Development of Uniform Testing Protocols and Standard Specifications for D&D Technologies |
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| **Subtask 2.5** | Multi-functional 3D Polymer Framework for Mercury Abatement **(NEW)** |

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| **TASK 3: D&D KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION TOOL (KM-IT) (HQ, SRNL, INL, ANL)** | |
| **Subtask 3.1** | D&D KM-IT Enhancements |
| **Subtask 3.2** | KM-IT Development – Enhance D&D Research Module for Multiple DOE EM Sites and National Laboratories |
| **Subtask 3.3** | Software Upgrades (Database and .NET Framework) |
| **Subtask 3.4** | Content Management |
| **Subtask 3.5** | Marketing and Outreach |
| **Subtask 3.6** | D&D KM-IT System Administration |
| **Subtask 3.7** | Cyber Security of D&D KM-IT Infrastructure |
| **TASK 6: AI FOR EM PROBLEM SET (D&D): STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING OF D&D FACILITY TO IDENTIFY CRACKS AND STRUCTURAL DEFECTS FOR SURVEILLANCE AND MAINTENANCE (SRNL)** | |
| **Subtask 6.1** | Design & Development of Convolutional AutoEncoder Algorithm to Identify Cracks in D&D Mockup Facility |
| **Subtask 6.2** | Use LiDAR technology to scan the walls of the hot cell testbed to establish a baseline model using AI/deep learning technologies |
| **Subtask 6.3** | Object Detection (2D Space) (NEW) |
| **Subtask 6.4** | Object Detection (3D Space) (NEW) |

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| **TASK 7: AI FOR EM PROBLEM SET (SOIL AND GROUNDWATER) - EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS AND MACHINE LEARNING MODEL FOR HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM (CR [VI]) CONCENTRATION IN 100-H AREA (PNNL) (NEW)** | |
| **Subtask 7.1** | Identification of Data Sources and Datasets from the Soil and Ground Water Repositories |
| **Subtask 7.2** | Data Pre-processing and Exploratory Data Analysis to Evaluate the Chromium Concentration in the Samples |
| **Subtask 7.3** | Machine-Learning and Deep-Learning Model Development for Anomaly Detection |
| **TASK 8: AI FOR EM PROBLEM SET (SOIL AND GROUNDWATER) - DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION OF SENSOR DATA FROM WELLS AT THE SRS F-AREA USING MACHINE LEARNING (LBNL, SRNL) (NEW)** | |
| **Subtask 8.1** | Exploratory Data Analysis |
| **Subtask 8.2** | Identify the Master/Proxy Variables |
| **Subtask 8.3** | Machine Learning Model Development & Optimization for Sensor Placement in Groundwater Wells |

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# Task 2

## D&D Support to DOE EM for Technology Innovation, Development, Evaluation and Deployment

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# Subtask 2.3: Support to SRNL and SRS 235-F to Complete Final Data Collection and Technical Report for Onsite Hot Demonstration of Intumescent Fixative at SRS 235-F PUFF Facility

## Site Needs:

- DOE EM complex-wide requirement for fire retardant / incombustible fixatives to immobilize residual contamination and mitigate risk of release when exposed to thermal stressors such as fire and extreme heat

## Objectives:

- Investigate potential for down-selected COTS intumescent coating to function as a fire-retardant fixative to mitigate BIO contingency scenarios
- Validate technology development model designed to expedite lab to end user deployment
- Highlight and address critical enablers to facilitate adoption of technology solution

**Table 1. Types of Accidents (and Frequencies) Summarized**

| DOE Site/Facility | Fire Events | Explosion Events | Loss of Confinement (Spill) Events | Natural Phenomena Hazards | Other Events |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RFETS Bldg 440 | • ***1,200 Drum Fire (EU)***<br>• ***15 Crate Fire (U)***<br>• Truck Fire (EU) | | • LLW Repack Spill (U)<br>• Drum Spill (A) | • ***Earthquake Collapse (U)*** | • ***Aircraft Crash (EU)*** |
| RFETS Bldg 664 | • ***3 Drum Fire (U)***<br>• ***15 Crate Fire (U)***<br>• ***336 Drums + 72 Crates Fire (EU)***<br>• Truck Fire (EU) | | • *Multi-Container Drop* | • ***Earthquake Collapse (U)*** | • ***Aircraft Crash (worst-case) (EU)***<br>• ***Aircraft Crash (realistic case) (EU)*** |
| SRS APSF | • *Accountability Msmt. Room Fire (U)* | • *Explosion in Repackaging Area (A)* | | • *Seismic Induced Full Facility Fire (U)* | |
| SRS HB-Line | • Full Facility Fire (EU)<br>• Full Facility Fire & Secondary Events (EU)<br>• ***Intermediate Fire (U)***<br>• ***Intermediate Facility Fire & Secondary Events (EU)*** | | • Spill (A) | • Earthquake with Secondary Events (EU) | |
| SRS Bldg 235-F | • Fire – Best Case (U)<br>• Fire – Worst Case (U) | | | • Design Basis Earthquake (EU) | |
| SRS SWMF | • ***TRU Pads - Internal Culvert Drum Fire (U)*** | • ***TRU Pads - Culvert Explosion (U)*** | • TRU Pads - High Energy Vehicle Impact (EU)<br>• ***TRU Pads - Dropped Steel Box (A)*** | • TRU Pads -Tornado (EU) | • 634-7E Buried Waste Helicopter Crash (EU) |
| Hanford WRAP Facility | • *4 Drum Fire (U)*<br>• *Single Drum Fire in Glovebox (U)* | • ***Drum Explosion with 4 Drum Fire (U)***<br>• *Single Drum Explosion in Glovebox (U)* | • Solid Waste Box Failure (A) | • ***Design Basis Earthquake (U)***<br>• Beyond DBE (EU) | |
| INEEL RWMC | • ***Vehicle Fire (U)*** | • *Drum Explosion (A)* | • *Box Spill (A)* | • Design Basis Earthquake (U) | |
| LANL RAMROD Facility | • Small Fire (A)<br>• Medium Fire (EU)<br>• Large Fire (EU) | • Small Natural Gas Explosion (A)<br>• Large Natural Gas Explosion (EU) | • Coring Glovebox Spill (A) | • Design Basis Earthquake (U) | • Aircraft Crash (EU) |

Note: Scenarios in *Italics* are risk dominant events, based on Risk Class I or II for the collocated worker. ***Bold Italics*** denotes that it is also risk dominant for the public.

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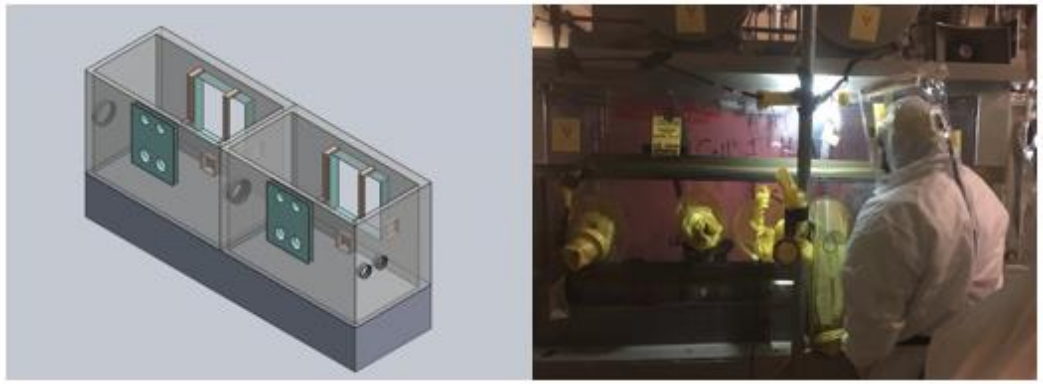
# Subtask 2.3: Support to SRNL and SRS 235-F to Complete Final Data Collection and Technical Report for Onsite Hot Demonstration of Intumescent Fixative at SRS 235-F PUFF Facility

## Research Highlights & Accomplishments:

- Proof-of-concept to onsite test and evaluation at SRS 235-F PUFF Facility in 3 years
  - Lab testing across major functional areas completed at FIU and SRNL (Oct 2015 - Nov 2016)
  - Cold demo (application procedures and tooling list) completed at FIU (Jan - Dec 2017)
  - SRNL incorporates FIU cold demo results and prepares Hot Test Plan (Jan 2017 - June 2018)
  - SRNL conducts Fixative Hot Test/Demo at SRS 235-F PuFF Facility (Fall 2018 – March 2021)

- Final results disseminated across DOE EM complex
  - FIU-SRNL Tech Talk presented on Jan 24, 2021
    - 556 views as of 8/23/2021
    - Top 5 countries include: US, United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Italy
  - SRNL-STI-2021-00115, “A Novel Approach to Mitigating the Potential Release of Radioisotopes Under Fire Conditions - Enhancing Fire Resiliency of Radiological Contamination Fixatives During Deactivation & Decommissioning Activities” published on OSTI, Mar 2021



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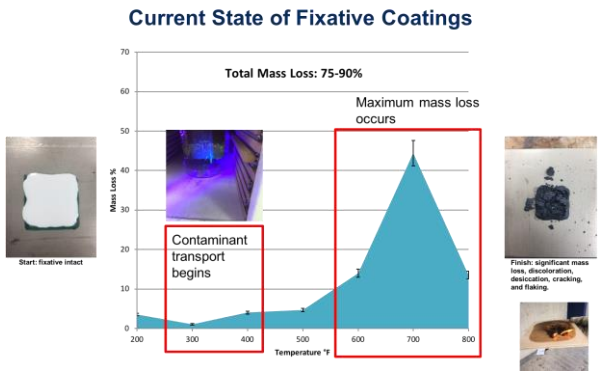
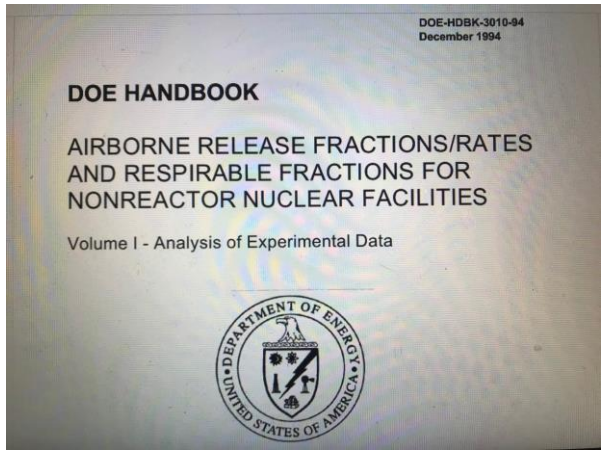
## Executive Highlights and Lessons Learned:

- Current fixatives used to support D&D have vulnerabilities when exposed to thermal, impact and environmental stressors
- High potential for certain COTS intumescent coating technologies to function as fire retardant fixatives in support of D&D activities
- Need to address critical enablers
  - Development of uniform standard specifications and testing protocols through standards organizations such as ASTM International to methodically certify fixatives and mitigate risk
  - Update of DOE-HDBK-3010 to account for positive impacts of fixative technologies
- Validated holistic technology development, testing, and evaluation model

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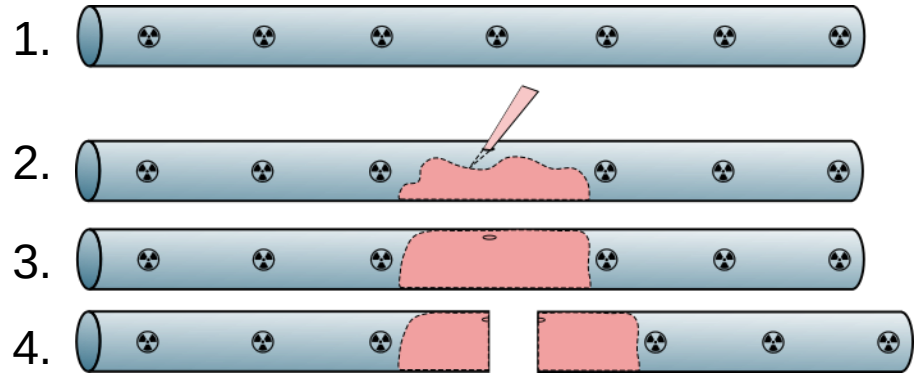
# Subtask 2.2: Applications of Intumescent Foams and Other Fire-Retardant Materials to Mitigate Contaminate Release during Nuclear Pipe Dismantling and other D&D Activities

## Site Needs:

- A durable, lightweight foaming fixative capable of immobilizing residual contamination in 3D, irregularly-shaped void spaces such as hot cells, pipes, etc. when exposed to a variety of stressors (thermal, impact, environmental) to mitigate the risk of worker / environmental exposure during D&D activities




## Objectives:

- Identify COTS technologies with potential to address operational requirement
- Down-select specific product after lab-scale testing against stressors
- Cold demo aligned with operational deployment and safety basis requirements
- Onsite demo in radioactive environment

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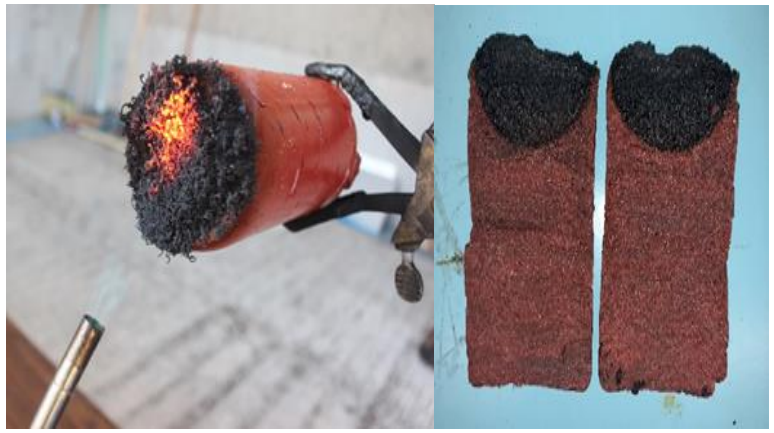
## Research Highlights & Accomplishments:

Fire Testing



Conducting initial baseline test and evaluation of down-selected Hilti foam against a variety of stressors (thermal, impact, environmental, mechanical)

NRC 10 CFR 71.83
Model 9977 Safety Analysis (SRNL) / NRC 10 CFR 71.83
ASTM E 3191-18

Tensile Adhesion Testing

Water Immersion

Drop Test

Plug Strength Testing

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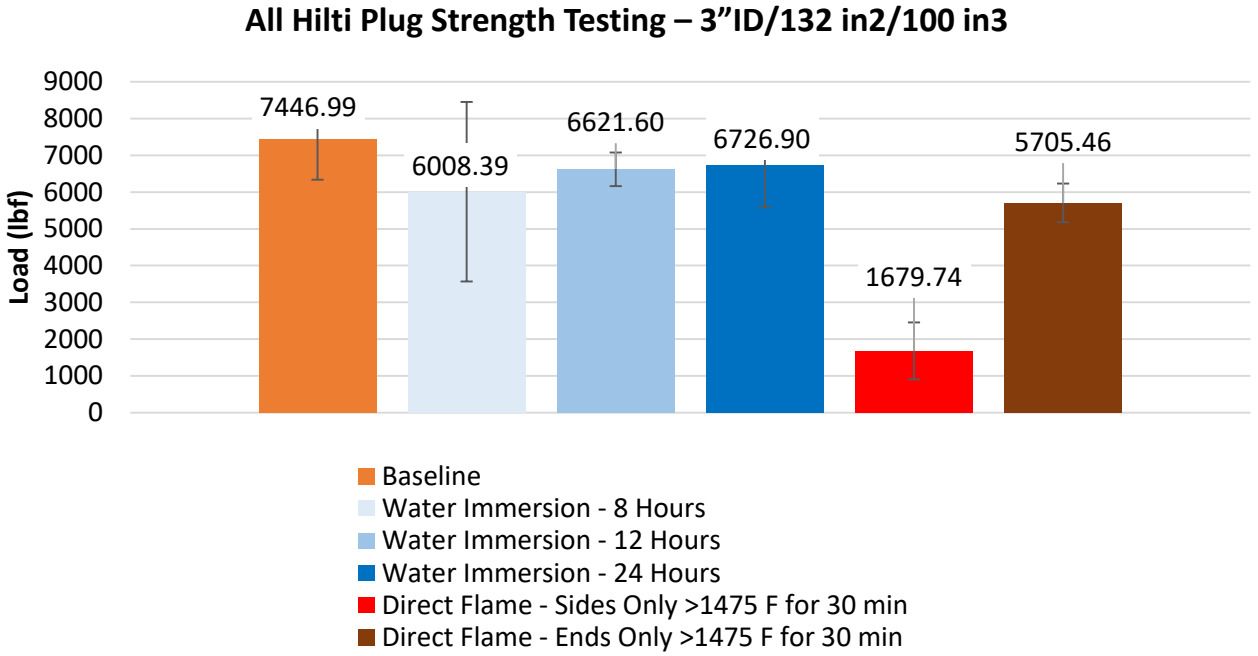
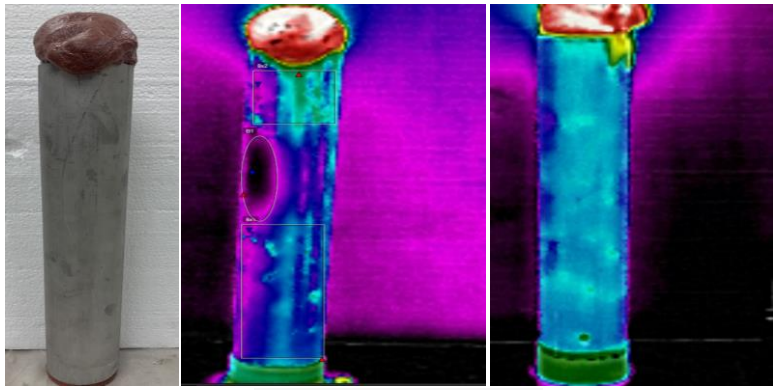
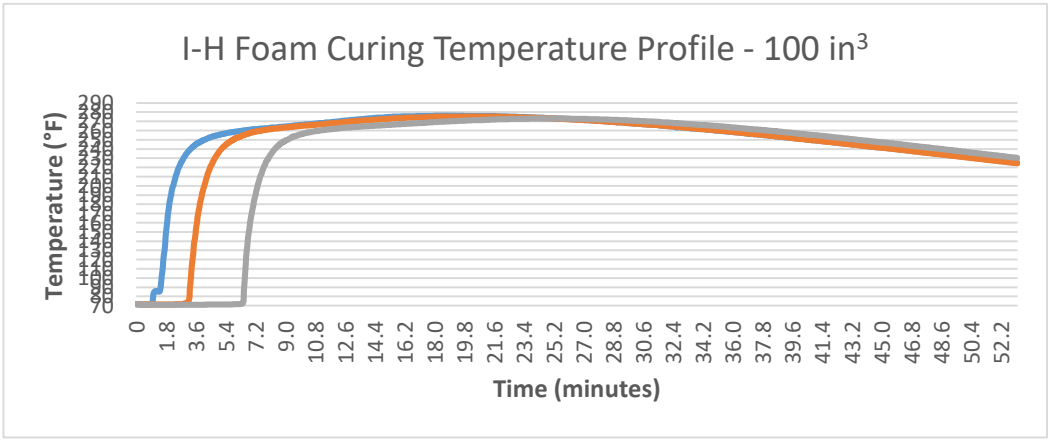


- Developing baseline performance data when exposed to stressors
- Confirming curing temperature profile
- Exploring NDE technique to identify application anomalies by combining advancements in thermal imaging systems with understanding of foam curing temperature profiles



# Subtask 2.1: Development of Uniform Testing Protocols and Standard Specifications for D&D Technologies

## Site Needs:

- A uniform, systematic, peer-reviewed, stakeholder endorsed test and evaluation process for fixative technologies
  - Define the operational requirement for the technology (What should it do and to what standard – characteristics and performance)
  - Develop uniform testing protocols so the D&D community can confirm it does, in fact, do it (also facilitates comparison)
- ***Operationalize knowledge***, not just archive it

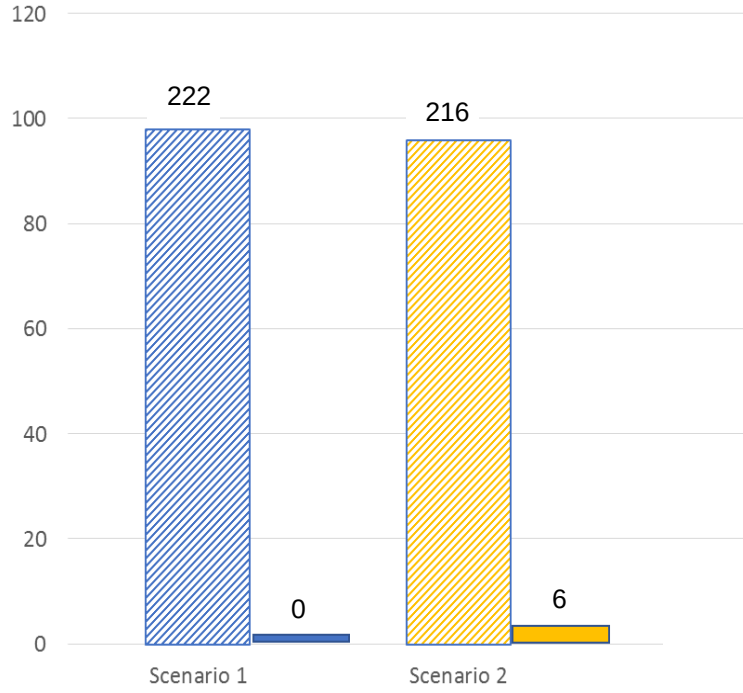
## Objectives:

- Engage ASTM International's E10.03 Subcommittee on Radiological Protection for Decontamination and Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities and Components to develop, ballot and promulgate standard specifications and uniform testing practices for fixative technologies intended to support D&D activities

# Subtask 2.1: Development of Uniform Testing Protocols and Standard Specifications for D&D Technologies

## Research Highlights & Accomplishments:

- 5 x ASTM Standard Specifications for fixative technologies ISO D&D activities formally published
  - E3104-17: Specification for Strippable & Removable Coatings to Mitigate Spread of Radioactive Contamination
  - E3105-17: Specification for Permanent Coatings Used to Mitigate Spread of Radioactive Contamination
    - Referenced in SRNL'S Incombustible Fixative and ACE 2.0 Test Plan: Radiological Hot Field Test of Intumescent Coating Fixatives and Electrostatic Precipitators (***operationalized knowledge***)
  - E3191-18: Specification for Permanent Foaming Fixatives Used to Mitigate the Spread of Radioactive Contamination
    - Referenced in FIU ARC and SRNL Test Plans of technology (***operationalized knowledge***)
  - E3190-19, Standard Practice for Preparation of Fixed Radiological/Surrogate Contamination on Porous Test Coupon Surfaces for Evaluation of Decontamination Techniques
  - E3283-21, Standard Practice for Preparation of Fixed Radiological/Surrogate Contamination on Non-Porous Test Coupon Surfaces for Evaluation of Decontamination Techniques
    - Being referenced in DOE-HDBK-3010 update activity (***operationalized knowledge***)
    - DOE EM News Release in July 2021
- First ever ASTM Student Chapter established at FIU
  - Formal designation in June 2021




Survey results demonstrating critical role of standards in facilitating technology acceptance

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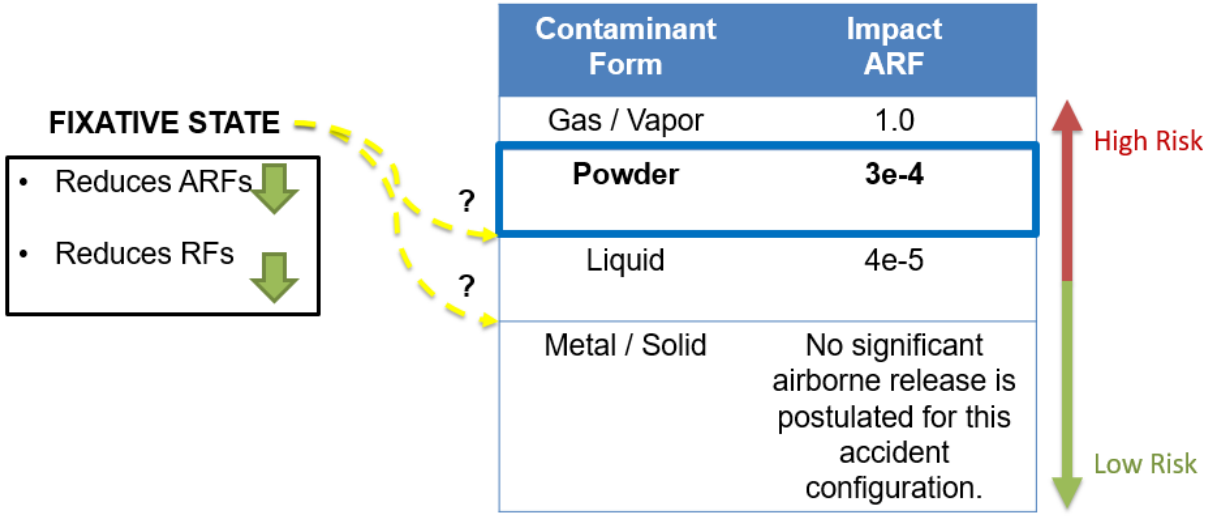
# Subtask 2.4: Certifying Fixative Technology Performance when Exposed to a Variety of Stressors Postulated in Contingency Scenarios Highlighted in Safety Basis Document

## Site Needs:

- Outdated regulations, such as the DOE-HDBK-3010, outline factors for dealing with residual contamination, but fail to account for the positive impacts provided by fixative technologies in reducing ARF coefficients.
  - Results in inconsistent certification methodology for fixative technologies.
  - Produces varying Source Term calculations.
  - Fails to provide sufficient credit for improvements in state-of-the-art fixative technologies.

## Objectives:

- Develop an experimental design for the quantification of contamination release during impact stress.
- Reevaluate ARF coefficients for powder contaminants under impact.
- Determine ARF coefficients for fixative materials under impact.
  - Fixative/Polymer State
- Results can possibly be used to update DOE-HDBK-3010.



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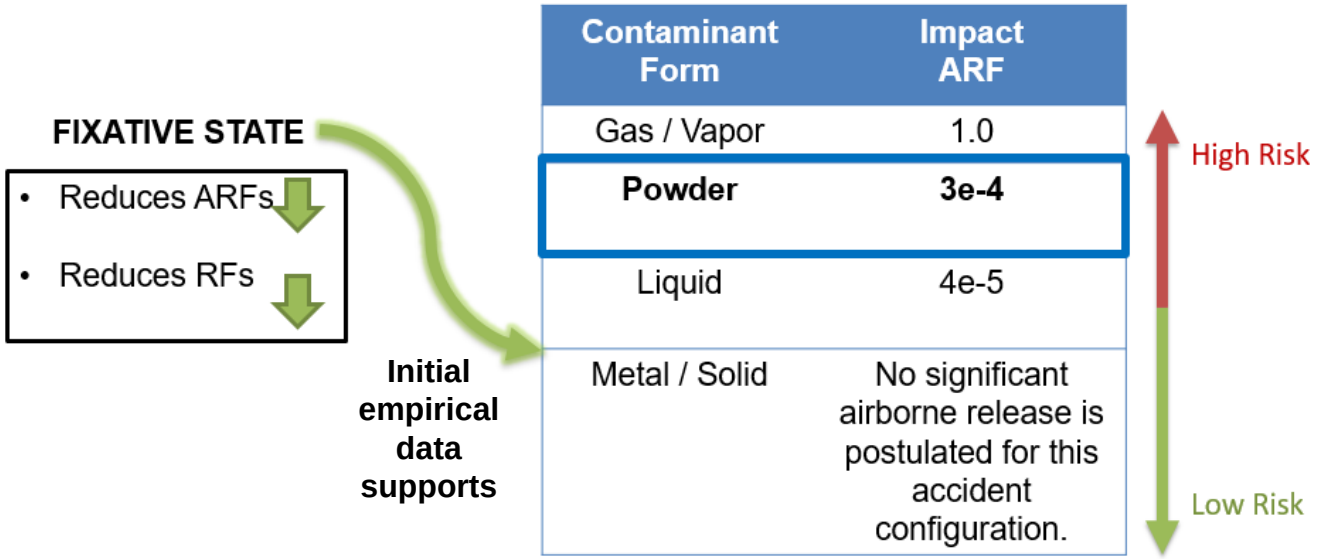
# Subtask 2.4: Certifying Fixative Technology Performance when Exposed to a Variety of Stressors Postulated in Contingency Scenarios Highlighted in Safety Basis Document

## FIU Year 1 Research Highlights & Accomplishments:

- Initial baseline results (powder contamination only) is similar to the ARF presented in DOE-3010-HDBK.
- Initial results for fixatives, FD and PBS, showed a **significant reduction** in the ARFs.




| BASELINE | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Impact (in-lb) | Average Airborne Release Fraction |
| Baseline | 320 | 5.75E-04 |
| | 160 | 1.42E-04 |
| **Overall Average** | | 3.59E-04 |

| FIXATIVES | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Impact (in-lb) | Average Airborne Release Fraction |
| FD | 320 | 5.55E-07 |
| | 160 | 3.33E-08 |
| **Overall Average** | | 2.94E-07 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Impact (in-lb) | Average Airborne Release Fraction |
| PBS | 320 | 6.00E-07 |
| | 160 | 3.18E-07 |
| **Overall Average** | | 4.59E-07 |

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# Subtask 2.5: Polydimethylsiloxane micro-ribbons for Mercury Abatement (NEW)

## Site Needs:

- Developing novel technologies that support Hg abatement in water
- Studying the Hg absorbing kinetics
- Investigating the effects of environmental conditions

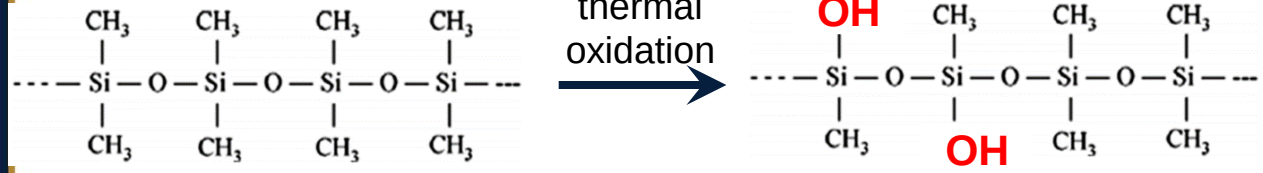
## Objectives:

- Explore the potential of polydimethylsiloxane micro-ribbons (PDMS-MRs) to achieve Hg abatement and other pollutants.
    - PDMS-MRs design and synthesis
    - Characterization of PDMS-MRs
    - Lab-scale test of PDMS-MRs for Hg abatement in water
    - Optimizing PDMS-MRs for high performance Hg abatement

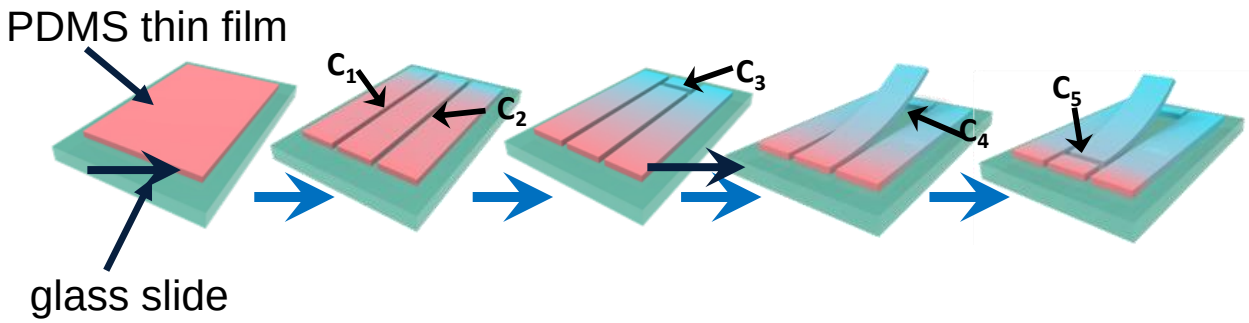
# Subtask 2.5: Polydimethylsiloxane micro-ribbons for Mercury Abatement (NEW)

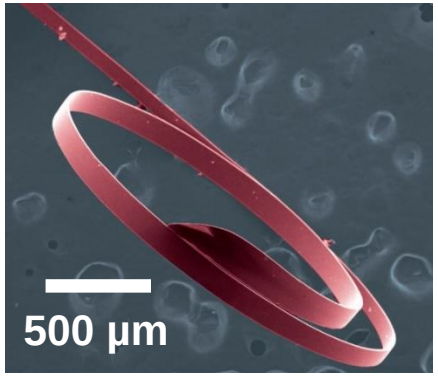
## PDMS-MRs Concept and Synthesis

PDMS thin film on a glass slide → (ambient heating) → (ambient cooling) → PDMS-MRs




PDMS → PDMS-MRs




**Average dimension of PDMS-MRs:**

W: ~ 200 µm
H: ~ 10 µm
L: ~ 1 cm
Surface Area: ~ 350 $m^2/g$

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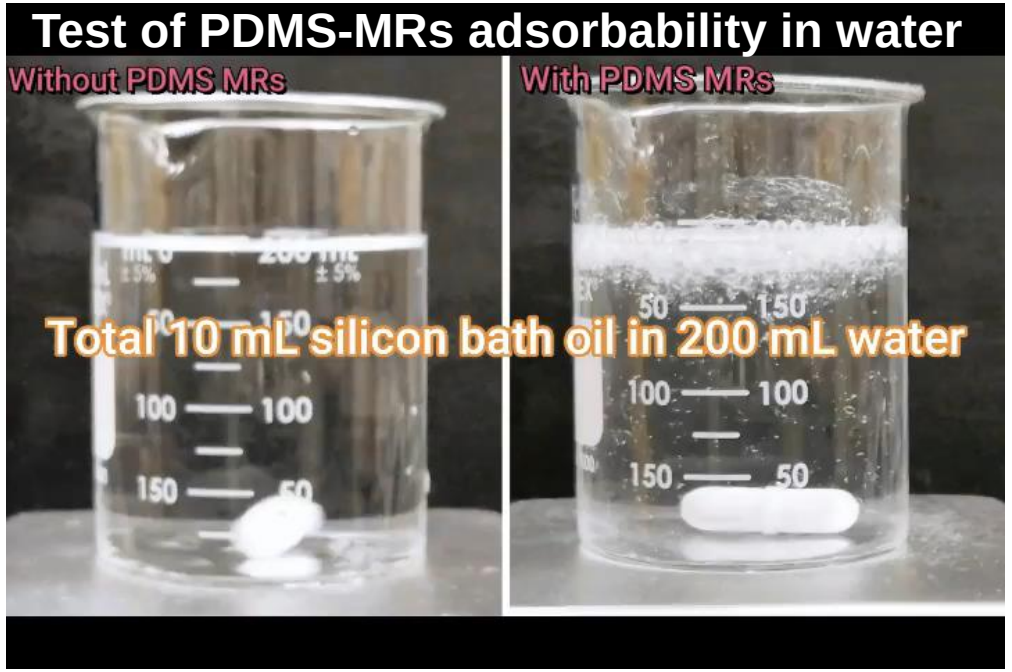
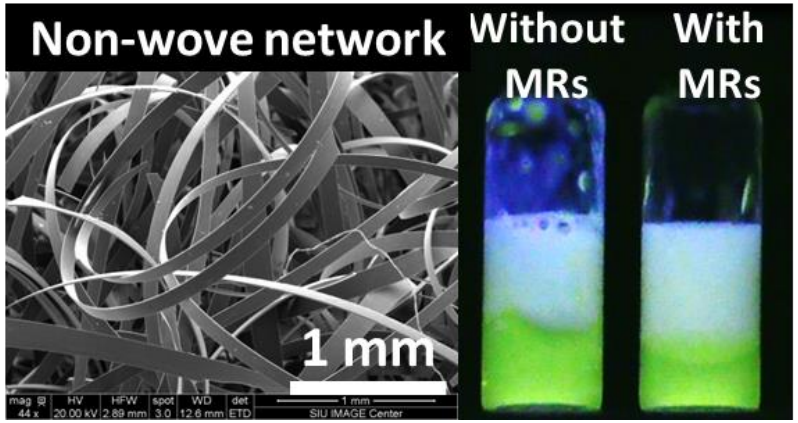
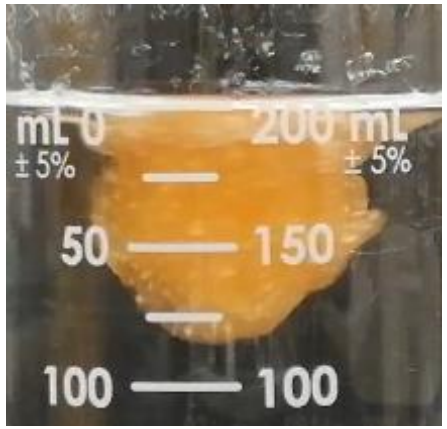
## What makes PDMS-MRs a good candidate for an absorbent?

- Up to 1:40 oil absorbing capacity
  *High surface area*
- >95% oil recovery
  *Intrinsic hydrophobicity*
- Self-entangled network
  *High aspect ratio*
  *Curly shape*

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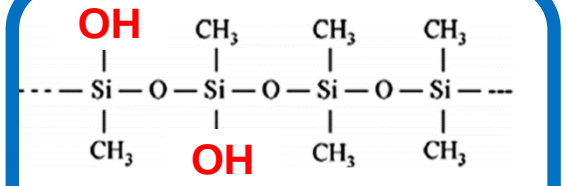
# Subtask 2.5: Polydimethylsiloxane micro-ribbons for Mercury Abatement (NEW)

## Proof of Concept – PDMS-MRs for Hg Abatement




PDMS-MRs

10 mg of PDMS-MRs
+10 mL of 0.5 ppm $Hg^{2+}$ solution

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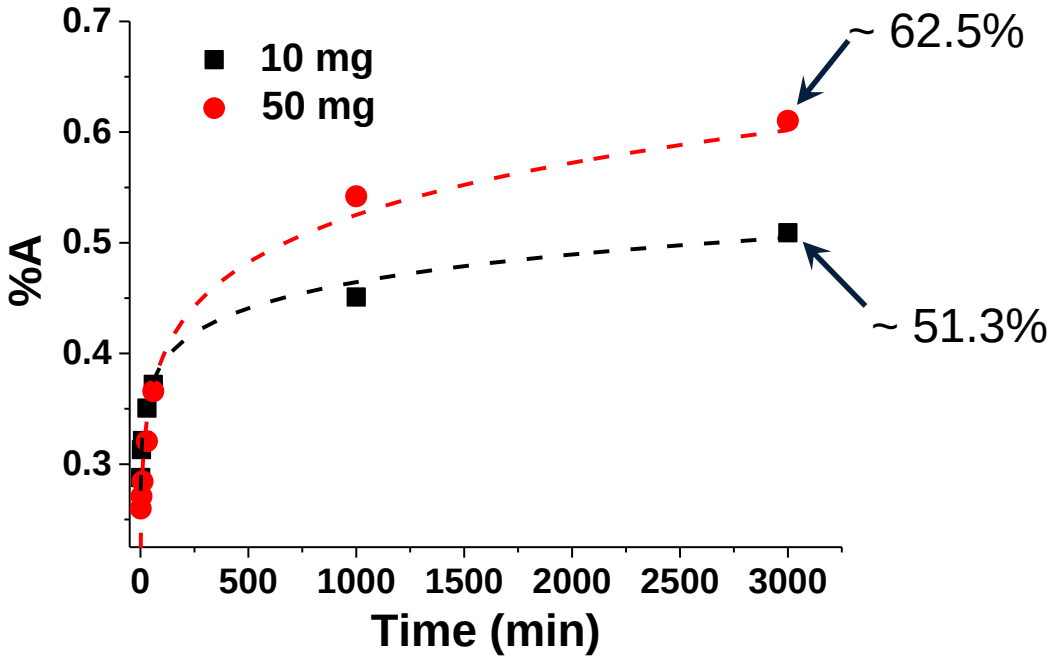
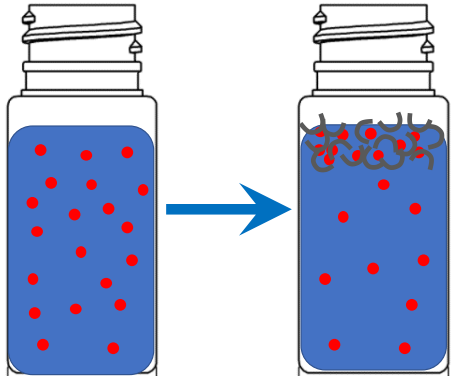



**Conclusion:**

- PDMS-MRs can be used for Hg abatement
- The Hg abatement efficiency of the original PDMS-MRs is not high



**Solution:**

- Increase the hydrophilicity of PDMS-MRs
- Modify PDMS-MRs surfaces to make it fit Hg abatement

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# Technology Development and Deployment Road Map

## D&D Roadmap

| | Activity | 2018-2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
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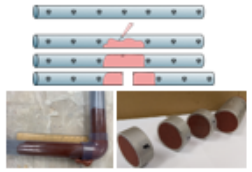
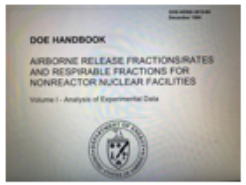
| SRS 235-F PUFF Facility F/H Labs |  | On-site Test & Evaluation | Final Tech Report & Tech Talk | | | |
| |  | Down-select | Test & Evaluation | Cold Demo | Site Deployment | |
| DOE EM Complex-wide |  | ASTM E3104<br>ASTM E3105<br>ASTM E3191<br>ASTM E3190 | ASTM E3283<br>ASTM Student Chapter established | WK77334 Development and Balloting | WK77334 Approval & Promulgation as Formal Standard | |
| |  | | First Technical Progress Report | | Final Technical Progress Report Initiate DOE-HDBK-3010 Update | PhD Dissertation Published |
| |  | | Proof-of-Concept | Optimization and Bench-scale T&E | In-house Demonstration | Site Demonstration |


# Thank You. Questions?