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Test and Evaluation of Foam Fixative Technologies to Mitigate Contaminant Release in 3D Void Spaces for D&D

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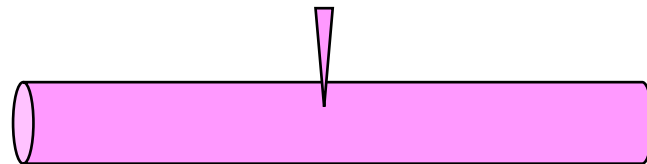
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Overall Needs and Objectives:

- By FY '27, the F/H Laboratory Deactivation Project Team plans to remove all the buried LAD and HAD piping in the Courtyard between 772-F and 722-1F.
- The driver for removal is to prevent future release(s) to the environment from the buried, highly-contaminated piping.
 - Foam fixative has applications during removal process and pre-removal process.
- The intent is to remove the piping to within 1' of the respective building and then to cap both the 2 & 3-inch "core" pipe and the 3 & 4-inch "jacket" pipe.
- The piping is generally buried to a depth of 3-5 feet.
- Total length of piping to be removed is approximately 250 feet. Piping will be cut to 5' lengths so that it may be disposed to B-25.
- Has large-scale applications across DOE-EM complex.

Pre-removal Stabilization Concept of Employment



Buried LAD and HAD Piping between 772-F and 772-1F



Aerial view of Potential Hot Site at F-Area

Hastelloy C-22 Pipe with Residual Contamination



Use Hot Tap to Breach Pipe and Inject Fixative Foam



Fixative Foam Expands, Cures, and Adheres to Pipe Walls



Workers Cut At Foam Injection Point, Reduced Exposure



FIU Year 4 Highlights & Accomplishments: Technology Comparison to Support Down-selection

	Curing Time	Max Curing Temp.	Average Plug Strength	Adhesion to Wetted Surface	Fire Retardant	Environmental Chamber	Headspace	Hot Tap Compatible
Hilti	1-3 mins	276°F	7733 lbf	888 lbf	YES	PASS	PASS	FAIL
FoamBag	15-45 mins	277°F	9684 lbf	4741 lbf	YES*	In progress (SRNL)	In progress (SRNL)	PASS
Endseal	15-45 mins	In progress	In progress	In progress	YES*	TBD	TBD	PASS

*Fire retardant with addition of Exolit AP 750 additive.

*Endseal creates airtight seal as early as 5 mins after application and a stronger airtight plug when fully cured.



FIU Year 5 Projected Scope

- Continue test and evaluation of EndSeal
- investigate the potential for "functionalizing" the foam fixative
 - Radiation shielding - Mix tungsten fillers being developed by SRNL
 - Hg stabilization
- Initiate testing of hot tap and cutting equipment on Hastelloy C-22, Schedule 80 pipes and determine impacts on foam fixative plug (mechanical stressors)
- Codify additional performance requirements and testing protocols into update of ASTM E3191
- Complete development of Hot Test Plan with SRNL
 - Initial mtg w/SRNL held on Monday, 8 July
 - FIU will confirm hot tap compatibility for application of technology and cutting tools
 - Work Plan Procedures developed
 - SRNL will conduct Radiation Hardening Tests and integration of Tungsten Oxide additive for radiation shielding



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