

Challenging Waste Subgroup

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The Challenging Waste Subgroup will focus on the continued identification and resolution of challenging and problematic waste streams generated at DOE sites. In June 2018, the WMWG provided a report to DOE EM 4.2 Office of Waste & Materials Management entitled “Low-Level Waste/Mixed Low-Level Waste Initiative Report” that included a list of wastes identified through EM site surveys that presented challenges for disposition. The WMWG made recommendations for resolution of some of these waste streams. Specifically, one recommendation was to:

“Expand collaboration between DOE, site prime contractors, and TSDFs through EFCOG working group meetings, workshops, etc. to facilitate sharing of information that is useful. Improved communication is important and allows site waste managers to be informed what capabilities are commercially available.”

This new subgroup will further work in this area to support DOE EM 4.2 by utilizing and improving the waste inventory information presented in the beforementioned report. In addition, the subgroup will identify and track additional challenging waste streams (including low-level and TRU waste streams). The intent is to provide a collaborative forum for generators to discuss disposition options and for DOE EM to assist where appropriate. The subgroup’s performance and necessity will be measured by how it effects a decrease in inventory of challenging waste streams around the complex.