



DC Cook Turbine Project "Reducing Costs to Keep the Nuclear Power Plants Viable"

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Background

Disposition of Potentially Contaminated DC Cook Turbine Casings

1,515,000 pounds of turbine casing material was dispositioned thru monitoring, cutting, and decontamination methods to release & recycle over 90% of the material resulting in significant savings to the Cook plant.





Legacy Contaminated Turbine Casing at DC Cook







Project: Disposition of DC Cook Turbine Casings (Potentially Contaminated)

Six Casings for Processing/Disposition – <u>1,515,000 Pounds</u>

Description	Qty	Length	Width	Height	Weight
		(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(lbs)
Inner Casing A – Upper Half	1	30'8"	16'5"	11'10"	155,000
Inner Casing B – Upper Half	1	30'8"	16'5"	11'10"	155,000
Inner Casing C – Upper Half	1	30'8"	16'5"	11'10"	155,000
Lower Casing A with Blade Carrier & Shipping Frame	1	30'8"	20'8"	15'	350,000
Lower Casing B with Blade Carrier & Shipping Frame	1	30'8"	20'8"	15'	350,000
Lower Casing C with Blade Carrier & Shipping Frame	1	30'8"	20'8"	15'	350,000

Eliminated Radioactive Waste and saved over \$2M





DC Cook – Barge Departure

- After months of planning and analysis the site awarded a contract to both Barnhart for transport and UniTech for disposition.
- The barge departed from St. Joe, Michigan on Sunday, September 10th at 1:00 p.m.



The barge traveled through the Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee navigable river systems (~ 1200 miles).



COOK PLANT



Barge Arrival – Oak Ridge, TN

- The barge arrived at 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27th.
 17 ½ days in transit.
- The barge averaged **6 mph** but never exceeded **8 mph**.







Barge Arrival – (Continued) Close Up













Barge – Unloading (Continued)

- Barnhart used a Goldhofer to unload the casings.
- It took 2 full days to unload and stage all 6 casings from barge to staging area.





Radiological Monitoring Plan

- UniTech preformed 100% direct radiological survey of the upper and lower casing in accordance with UniTech Procedure RP-062, NRC IE Circular 81-07, & Reg. Guide 1.86.
- All areas of the casings were 100% surveyed and free released prior to cutting for final disposition





Radiological Monitoring Plan

- UniTech also used a Canberra (ISOC) counting system to survey the casings and verify the materials met release standards. (Double check and verification of frisking procedure)
- After sectioning and cutting the casings all materials were resurveyed with the ISOC system prior to disposition



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ORSC Processing (Upper Casings)

All 3 upper casings were cut up for Recycle by 2:30 a.m. on October 5th. (Less that 72 hours for processing the 465,000 pounds of upper casings).







Project Summary

The Final Disposition breakdown is as follows:

- LLRW: 0% of material or 0 pounds (100% Free Released)
- **Recycle**: 98% of material or 1,457,430 pounds
- <u>80+%</u> savings over Radioactive Waste Burial \$2,000,000+ plus the following benefits:
 - Saved volume of radioactive waste, both environmental, political and regulatory benefits to recycle vs radioactive waste.
 Eliminated Risk of onsite cutting and rigging.
 Barge to TN cheaper than Cut up and Rail to Utah.







Additional Savings at DC Cook further reduce Radioactive Waste \$'s Sort waste into categories (tools/equipment (recycle), BSFR level, items for decontamination, potential for free release /scrap value.



Processing DC Cook Waste – 85% BSFR Saving \$0.65/lb + (30-40% Savings)



"Reducing Costs to keep plants viable"







