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**A Presentation to the
SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

SRS Transuranic (TRU) Waste Program

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Agenda

- **TRU Waste**
 - Definition
 - Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
- **SRS Legacy TRU Waste**
- **Recovery Act (RA) Funded Accelerated TRU Waste Project and Status**
- **Overall Progress to Date**
- **Summary**





TRU Waste (Definition)

- **Alpha emitting transuranic isotopes with an atomic weight greater than 92 (uranium)**
- **Waste greater than 100 nanocuries per gram in weight**
- **Half life greater than 20 years**
- **DOE waste only**
- **Two general categories**
 - **Contact Handle and Remote Handle**





Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

- **Facility specific for disposal of TRU Waste**
- **Located in Carlsbad, New Mexico**
- **Disposal mine 2,100 feet below surface in salt formation**
- **Waste requires extensive characterization and certification before disposal**
- **Waste shipped in special trucks, trailers, and containers**
- **Received its first shipment in March 1999**





**1st RH Shipment Offsite
In 72-B Container**



TRUPACT-III





SRS Legacy TRU Waste (History)

- Job control type waste contaminated with mainly Pu-238 and Pu-239 TRU isotopes
- Generated and stored since 1972
- 11,650 cubic meters in storage in 2002
- First shipment to WIPP in May 2001
- Received some off site waste from Mound (2003) and Battle-Columbus Lab (2005) in support of DOE initiatives
- First Site for TRUPACT-III initiative





Standard Large Box



Standard Waste Box

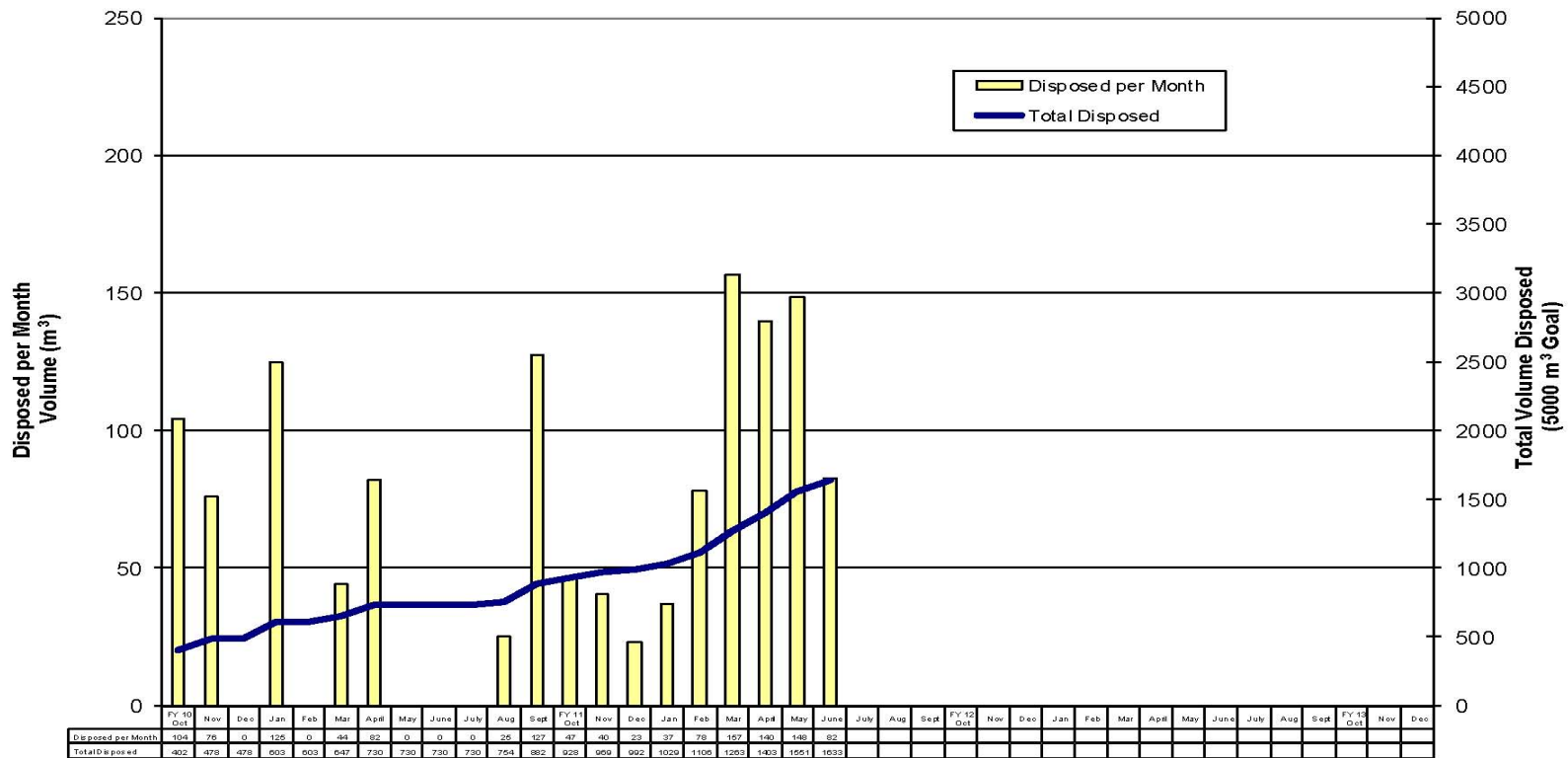
**Ten Drum
Overpack**





Recovery Act Funded Accelerated TRU Project Status

Legacy TRU Waste Disposed





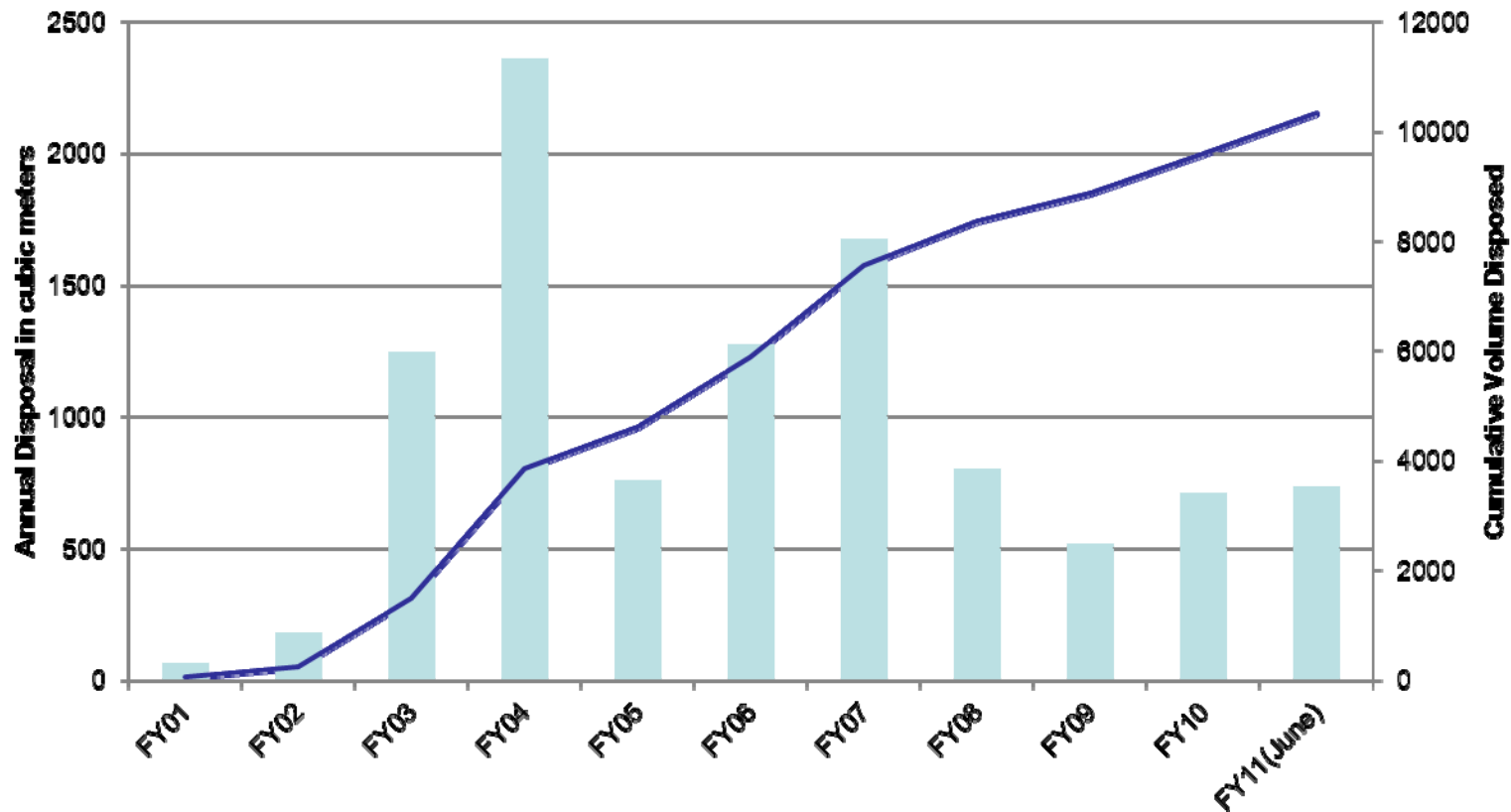
TRU Pad 1





Legacy TRU Waste Disposition Progress to Date

TRU Waste Disposed





Summary

- **Close to finishing legacy TRU waste disposition**
- **All key initiatives needed to complete project in place**
 - Remediation facilities
 - Pad 1 capabilities
 - TRUPACT-III
- **RA project to disposition 5,000 cubic meters by December 2012 on schedule**

