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Two processes are currently under consideration for the disposition of 35 MT of surplus plutonium through its conversion into fuel for power production. These processes are the ARIES process, by which plutonium metal is converted into a powdered oxide form, and MOX fuel fabrication, where the oxide powder is combined with uranium oxide powder to form ceramic fuel. This study was undertaken to determine the optimal size for both facilities, whereby the 35 MT of plutonium metal will be converted into fuel and burned for power.

The bounding conditions used were a plutonium concentration of 3-7%, a burnup of

20,000-40,000 MWd/MTHM, a core fraction of 0.1 to 0.4, and the number of reactors ranging from 2-6. Using these boundary conditions, the optimal cost was found with a plutonium concentration of 7%. This resulted in an optimal throughput ranging from 2,000 to 5,000 kg Pu/year. The data showed minimal costs, resulting from throughputs in this range, at 3,840, 2,779, and 3,497 kg Pu/year, which results in a facility lifetime of 9.1, 12.6, and 10.0 years, respectively.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In an effort to reduce the global stockpile of nuclear explosive devices, over 50 metric tons of weapons-grade plutonium has been declared surplus by the United States. This surplus must now be rendered unattractive for use in nuclear weapons. The goal is that this drive will be concurrent with similar activities in Russia. One method currently under investigation is the conversion of the plutonium metal into mixed-oxide reactor fuel. This fuel would be used in currently operational reactors for power production. The final product would be rendered non-weapons-usable and be compliant with the spent fuel standard.

In order to accomplish this task, two separate plants would be built. The first would convert the plutonium metal into a powdered-oxide form. The second plant would combine the plutonium oxide powder with uranium oxide powder and fabricate mixed-oxide fuel pellets. These pellets would be used to make fuel bundles for power

production. At each defined step through the production process, modules, that require defined area and manpower for operation, will be used to process the material(s). Each module can process a certain quantity over a period of time. The number of modules required at each step will depend upon the quantity of material needed in the following module. By varying the properties of the desired mixed-oxide fuel, and the number of reactors that will be used, the number of modules, and therefore the total area and manpower required, can be determined. By examining the results, the optimal desired properties and number of reactors can be determined to keep the manpower and needed facility area to a minimum. This would result in minimizing the cost of the processing facilities. The goal of this thesis is to determine what throughputs would result in the minimum cost of lifetime operation of the two facilities.

2. BACKGROUND

The procedure currently proposed for the conversion, from a metal into an oxide form, is the Advanced Recovery and Integrated Extraction System (ARIES) (LA-UR-97-2909, 8). The plutonium will enter this process in the form of plutonium weapons components, known as pits. A pit is a spherical shell of plutonium, surrounded by a beryllium or stainless-steel cladding, and, depending on the weapon type that it came out of, may have a variety of other attached components. These other components will be removed and sent to other parts of the plant for handling. The remaining pit will be bisected; the plutonium will be removed from the cladding and converted into an oxide. This oxide will undergo gallium removal, then be canned, tagged, decontaminated, and assayed for record (LA-13178). The ARIES facility is intended to put out 35 metric tons of plutonium, in a dioxide powder form.

The second step in the conversion process is the production of MOX fuel rods. This entails combining the plutonium dioxide with depleted or natural uranium dioxide, and using this mixture to fabricate ceramic fuel pellets. A column of pellets is loaded into Zircaloy cladding to form fuel rods. These fuel rods will then be used to form fuel bundles. The fuel bundles will be used as reactor fuel in either boiling water reactors (BWR) or pressurized water reactors (PWR), which could use enrichments ranging from 3 wt% to 7 wt%. The fabrication capacity of the MOX fabrication facility will vary depending upon the final fuel design, the number of reactors employed, the loading pattern, and the cycle length. The nominal facility envisioned by DOE at this time has a fabrication capacity of 100 MT of MOX fuel¹. The 100 MT facility will combine approximately 96.5 MT of UO₂ with the 3.5

MT of PuO₂ obtained each year from the ARIES process.

Both facilities will be designed to meet federal, state, and local environmental, health, and safety requirements and considerations. Occupational radiological exposures will adhere to federal guidelines, and the plants will be designed around the ALARA principle (As Low As Reasonably Achievable). The current outlook is the start of operations for the ARIES plant and MOX fabrication facility to begin in 2005 and 2006, respectively.

2.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE ARIES PROCESS

ARIES is a modular, low-waste method of disassembling pits and converting the plutonium into a stable, unclassified form. ARIES is made up of a series of interconnected glove-box modules with a non-destructive assay (NDA) module attached. Due to its modular nature, the ARIES line can be adjusted to a variety of throughputs, changes in the process requirements, and new technologies, without having to retrofit the entire line. The ARIES process consists of a number of steps, including pit receiving, pit bisecting, oxide production, primary canning, electrolytic decontamination, secondary canning, and NDA.

2.1.1 Pit Receiving

Upon arrival at the ARIES facility, the explosives, electronics, highly enriched uranium (HEU) and tritium (if applicable) will be removed from the pit and declassified. The plutonium pit will then undergo a non-destructive assay to ascertain the amount and isotopic concentration of plutonium being introduced into the processing system. This assay involves the use of a number of survey instruments, (e.g., calorimeters, spectroscopy systems, mass scales, etc.), and is able to determine the quantity of plutonium present.

¹ 100 MT is the combined weight of plutonium and uranium metal. This number does not include oxygen.

Once the assay is completed, the plutonium is introduced into the glovebox system. This introduction will consist of passing the pit through an airlock system, into the inert lower pressure argon atmosphere of the glovebox.

Each pit contains approximately 4 kg of plutonium. By the time the storage container arrives at the facility, the pit will have been separated from its tritium components. When it arrives, it will be checked for tritium contamination. If the pit contains tritium, it will be sent to the Special Recovery Line (SRL) to have the tritium removed first. If the pit does not contain tritium, it will then be removed from the container and checked for surface contamination. If contaminated, it is cleaned. Each pit will be assayed for accountability of plutonium. During the process, assaying will consist of weighing and cataloging to ensure accountability of the plutonium at each step of the conversion process. The pits are then sent on to the bisector module. The containers are checked for contamination, cleaned, and packed for reuse.

2.1.2 Pit Bisector

The ARIES process requires that all pits introduced into the system be bisected into hemispherical halves. In order to accomplish this task, a device similar to a pipe cutter is used. Following the removal of any external equipment, the pit is placed into the bisector. A blade that rotates with respect to the pit is used to cut into the pit. The pit is bisected into two ~2 kg hemispheres, and all plutonium-bearing components are now ready for plutonium removal. Items that do not contain plutonium can be decontaminated, transferred out of the glovebox, and declassified as necessary. Declassification entails converting the item into a different form and weight in order that the original item is not able to be reproduced. This is accomplished by cutting the item and melting the pieces into pucks for disposal.

2.1.3 Oxide Production

The plutonium-bearing hemisphere is placed into the HYDOX unit. HYDOX is the generic term for the module in which the conversion of plutonium metal to plutonium oxide takes place. The plutonium must be separated from the subassemblies. Hydrogen gas is used to form plutonium hydride, which flakes off and falls to the bottom of the unit, where it is collected in a mesh-frit. Nitrogen gas is passed upward through the plutonium hydride, driving off the hydrogen, and leaving behind plutonium nitride. Once the reaction has gone to completion, oxygen is passed through the plutonium nitride, driving off the nitrogen and forming plutonium oxide. The oxide powder is assayed upon removal from the reactor for accountability. A HYDOX module contains two reactors, each capable of handling a pit hemisphere. The 2 kg of plutonium hemisphere will be loaded into a module and weighed. Once put in the HYDOX reactor, the atmosphere will be evacuated to less than 200 millitorr. The steps of transformation from metal to oxide are shown in Table 1, along with associated times of completion. All HEU remaining is sent to HEU processing, and non-special nuclear materials are sent for declassification.

2.1.4 Gallium Removal

The oxide powder is then passed to another glovebox for gallium oxide (Ga_2O_3) removal. Since the eventual intended use of the plutonium oxide is in the formation of nuclear fuel rods, it is desirable that any gallium that is present be removed. This is due to the effect of gallium on the fuel fabrication process and the potential of a corrosive reaction between gallium and the Zircaloy cladding normally used in nuclear fuel construction. A second reason comes from the fact that in order to create MOX fuel, the plutonium oxide must be made into a

Table 1: HYDOX Flow Chart (LA-UR-97-2208)

Step Procedure	Time Required ² (min)	Mater. Present at Start/Form of Mater.	Ideal Density of Mater. Present ³ (g/cm ³)
Add Hydrogen	120	Pu / metal	19.86
Purge with Argon and Evacuate	20	PuH ₂ , PuH ₃ / powder	10.40, 9.61
Heat to 250-500 °C	60	PuH ₂ , PuH ₃ / powder	10.40, 9.61
Add Nitrogen	240	PuH ₂ , PuH ₃ / powder	10.40, 9.61
Evacuate N ₂ and H ₂	20	PuN / powder	14.25
Heat to 650 °C	60	PuN / powder	14.25
Add Oxygen	120	PuN / powder	14.25
Heat to 850-1000 °C	60	PuO ₂ / powder	11.46
Cool Down	480	PuO ₂ / powder	11.46

ceramic. It was determined that as little as 2000 ppm of gallium in the plutonium will hinder the sintering process during ceramic production (LA-UR-97-4423, 11). Therefore, the gallium must be removed while the plutonium oxide is still in a powdered form. The goal is to get the gallium concentration as low as reasonably achievable. A concentration of less than 100 ppm is desirable in the plutonium dioxide used for MOX fuel, with the lower the better.

To remove the gallium, the plutonium oxide is heated to a temperature at which gallium oxide sublimates into a gaseous form, Ga₂O₃. The gallium oxide is driven off via a negative pressure and condensed for disposal. The current dry removal system being developed is the Thermally Induced Gallium Removal (TIGR) system. In this method, the PuO₂ powder will be raised to 1000-1100 °C. Argon, containing 5-6% H₂, will be drawn over the powder. The hydrogen will thermodynamically reduce the Ga₂O₃ to GaO₂. Since the sublimation pressure of GaO₂ is much greater than Ga₂O₃ and PuO₂, the GaO₂ will be driven off selectively from

the powder. The gallium will exit the module, along with the argon and H₂O formed from the reduction. The gallium will be recondensed after exit. This process takes approximately half of the time of one cycle of the HYDOX reactor (1 cycle ≈ 20 hours). Therefore, it is currently recommended that there be one gallium removal module per HYDOX module (2 reactors). This will process 5 to 6 kg of PuO₂ powder per cycle. After the gallium removal, the powder should be ball-milled to ensure particle size will meet fuel specifications. The quantity of gallium per pit can vary from <200 ppm, up to approximately 1%, or 10,000 ppm. We will therefore assume a conservative estimate of 1%, which will result in the removal of approximately 40 g of gallium per pit, or about 70 kg of gallium per year. The gaseous gallium collection process is still under study.

A second process that is being reviewed as a backup baseline procedure is the removal of gallium using ion exchange. The first step of this process is to dissolve a quantity of PuO₂ powder by a solution of nitric acid, with a small amount of HF, to

² LA-UR-97-2208, Appendix B

³ Taube, 48

form plutonium nitrate. This feed solution, which contains gallium and americium, is then loaded onto an anion exchange resin. The plutonium will bind with the resin, leaving the gallium and americium in the feed solution. The resin is washed down with nitric acid, and the gallium and americium is carried with it. To remove the plutonium, the plutonium-bearing resin is washed down with a weak solution of nitric acid to disassociate the plutonium nitrate anion. The resultant solution is mixed with oxalic acid, which will precipitate out plutonium oxalate. This oxalate is calcified to water and carbon dioxide, leaving PuO_2 . A single process line has the capacity to remove the gallium from .75 metric tons of plutonium per year (LA-UR-97-3769).

The plutonium oxide that remains after the gallium is withdrawn, is removed from the unit and combined with oxide from previous HYDOX processing. This is done to homogenize the gallium content between batches. The plutonium oxide is now ready for packaging, and shipment or storage.

2.1.5 Packaging and Primary Canning

A dual packaging system is used in order to ensure containment integrity. The primary packaging is done while the plutonium is still in the glove box. The plutonium is placed in the primary can, and the container is purged with helium gas. The lid is welded onto the primary container, and when completed, the can is leaked checked by measuring for the presence of helium. If necessary, the welding process can be repeated. Periodically, an empty can will be laser marked, outside of containment, and sent along for tracking purposes.

2.1.6 Electrolytic Decontamination

The primary container is now ready for electrolytic decontamination. The decontamination glovebox is comprised of a contaminated side and a clean side. The cans

enter in the contaminated side, are wiped clean, and sent into the electrolytic decontamination chamber. This involves setting up the can as an electrode in a low voltage circuit, and applying an electrolyte fluid to remove any external contamination. The container is rinsed and dried inside that chamber, the door to the clean side is opened, and the can is checked for contamination. If the can is still contaminated, the process is repeated. If the can is clean, the can is removed and sent to the next chamber for secondary canning. In addition to the primary containers, all materials removed from the glovebox will be decontaminated using this method.

All fluids used are recycled, and any contaminants removed from the containers will be filtered from the solution. This, along with the rinse water, will be periodically removed from the chamber. As the waste will be homogeneous, and probably contain sufficient transuranic isotopes, it will be classified as TRU waste, and sent to waste management for disposal.

2.1.7 Secondary Canning

Once the primary containers are removed from the glovebox, they are laser marked to identify the contents, placed into secondary containers, and purged with helium as before. The secondary container lid is then welded on, and the container checked for weld integrity. This can is also laser marked for identification of can contents. The final step that a container undergoes is a non-destructive assay, in order to maintain plutonium accountability. The containers are ready for either storage or shipment; they are ready for inspection and are in an unclassified form appropriate for the application of traditional international safeguards.

At this time, the ARIES process has not been used as an industrial-scale process. Each component of the process has different levels of experience associated with it. Pit receiving and bisecting are currently in use regularly at Los Alamos National Laboratory and are therefore well-known. The laser marking and canning are also processes that are in industrial use. There are two methods for gallium removal, each with different levels of experience associated. The wet chemical separation process is a demonstrated process and has been used at industrial-scale. The dry process is still in the final developmental stage and has not been tested in production quantities. The hydride-dehydride process, which produces a metal product, is a demonstrated process and has been used on large quantities of plutonium. The hydride-nitride-oxide process has been

2.1.9 Potential Process Variations

In certain parts of the ARIES process, more than one method is being analyzed to accomplish the task required. The baseline procedure is as described above. For the gallium removal step, an aqueous procedure is also being investigated. Since the goal of ARIES is to be a dry process, the thermal removal is favored. For the removal of the plutonium from the cladding, the hydride-nitride-oxide method is favored. The other method under observation is the hydride-oxide method. This method converts the plutonium hydride directly into an oxide by adding oxygen, which will react with the powdered hydride. If the plutonium is to be converted back into a metal for storage purposes, the hydride-dehydride process will

The flowchart illustrates the process for weapons-grade plutonium production and management at the Savannah River Plant (SRP). The process begins with **Weapons: metric tons (3.5 metric tons Pu)** entering the **Pit Receiving** stage. From there, the material goes to **NDA** (Nondestructive Assay) and then to the **Storage Vault** (Capacity: 3.5 metric tons Pu).

The process then splits into two main paths:

- Primary Canning Path:** Material from **NDA** goes to **Gallium Removal** (70 kg Gallium to waste) and then to **Primary Canning** (670 empty cans). From **Primary Canning**, material goes to **Electrodecon** (240 liters makeup solution, 240 liters waste solution, 200 l Recycle). **Electrodecon** produces 40 liters sludge to waste and 670 empty cans, which are sent to **Secondary Canning**.
- HEU Processing Path:** Material from **Pit Receiving** goes to **Bisection** (Tritium to SRL, Misc.). **Bisection** sends material to **HYDOX** (3.5 metric tons Pu) and **HEU Processing**. **HYDOX** receives H_2 (444K liters), N_2 (164K liters), and O_2 (329K liters). It sends material to **Gallium Removal** and **Electrodecon**, and also sends **other materials** to **HEU Processing**. **HEU Processing** sends **HEU: metric tons HEU to Oak Ridge** and **10 liters sludge to waste**. It also receives **100 liters makeup solution** and sends **100 liters: 90 to recycle, 10 waste** to **Electrodecon**.

Both paths converge at **NDA** (Nondestructive Assay) before entering the **Storage Vault** (Capacity: 0.75 metric tons Pu). The **Storage Vault** then sends material to the **IAEA Vault** (Capacity: 7 metric tons Pu).

Metal Declassification is also shown, receiving **Classified Shape** and sending **To Waste** (Beryllium, Stainless Steel, Depleted Uranium, Aluminum).

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be used. This will heat up the hydride and drive off the hydrogen gas, leaving plutonium metal, which can then be melted into a metal disk, or puck, recast into a nominal mass, and canned using the same procedures. If a metal is to be formed, no gallium removal is to be done as the metal will not be used for MOX fuel directly in the metal form.

2.2. DESCRIPTION OF MOX FUEL FABRICATION

The purpose of the MOX fuel fabrication facility is to combine plutonium dioxide (PuO_2) powder with uranium dioxide (UO_2) powder to form mixed-oxide fuel rods. The fuel rods may then be used to generate power in a variety of power plants.

Upon arrival at the MOX fabrication facility, the PuO_2 , UO_2 , and other materials for the process are received and stored. The UO_2 is received onsite in a ready-to-use condition. Both powders are weighed and blended together and milled to form a uniform mixture. A further portion of UO_2 is blended to reduce the plutonium concentration. This mixture is blended again to uniformity. A portion of the mixture is removed to add to the next batch.

The mixture is then sent to pellet fabrication. The MOX powder is mixed with lubricant and binding agents, and pressed into pellets. These pellets are loaded into sintering boats, which are then transferred to a sintering furnace and sintered in an argon and 6% hydrogen atmosphere to ensure the oxygen-to-metal ratio. After sintering, the pellets are checked to ensure that they have the proper properties, such as size, density, and homogeneity. Rejected pellets are sent to be recycled. Pellets that are accepted are ground to proper dimensions and inspected. Rejected pellets are sent back to be recycled.

To prepare the fuel rods, the pellets and other components, depending on the type of rod, are loaded into the Zircaloy casing. The end is decontaminated, the casing is backfilled with helium, and the endcap is welded on (the rod arrives with one endcap welded into place). The rod is then inspected for flaws and leak-tested. Accepted rods are stored for their use in fuel bundles. Rejected rods are sent back to be recycled.

To prepare a fuel bundle, the rods are removed from storage and the bundle is compiled. A completed bundle may include depletable neutron absorbers and/or enriched uranium fuel rods depending on the type of reactor the bundle is intended for. The assembled bundle is cleaned and inspected. Accepted bundles are sent to storage for shipping to a reactor site. Rejected bundles are sent back for recycling.

As some of the materials along the process may have been rejected, these materials will be recycled for reuse. If a bundle is rejected, the fuel rods are removed and inspected. If they are acceptable, they will be reused to form a new bundle. The other components of the bundle are inspected, and if not usable, they will be decontaminated and thrown away as scrap. If a fuel rod is rejected, the pellets will be removed and checked. If the pellets are acceptable, they will be used to make another fuel rod. If the rod components are not acceptable, they will be decontaminated and thrown away as scrap. If fuel pellets are found to be unacceptable, but are still uncontaminated, they will be crushed back into a powder. This powder will be heated in a moist environment to convert to UO_2 into U_3O_8 , and heated again in an argon-hydrogen atmosphere to revert U_3O_8 back into UO_2 . This powder will then be sent to storage to be mixed with fresh powder (LA-UR-97-2067, 69).

Mixed Oxide Fuel - Material Balance and Throughput

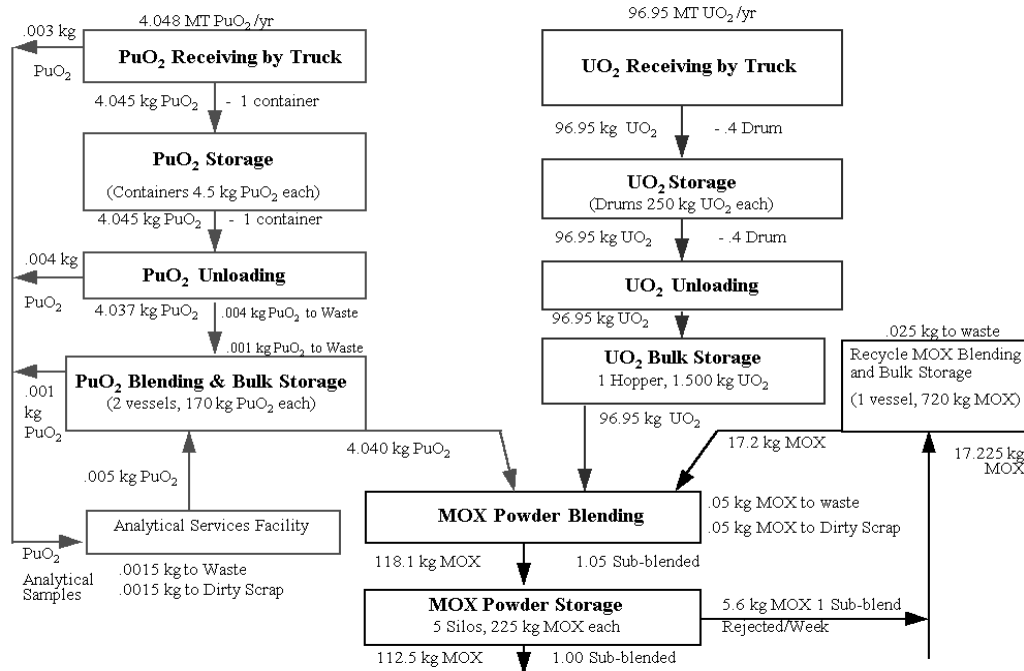


Figure 2a: Flow Diagram for the MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility (LA-UR-97-2067, 141)

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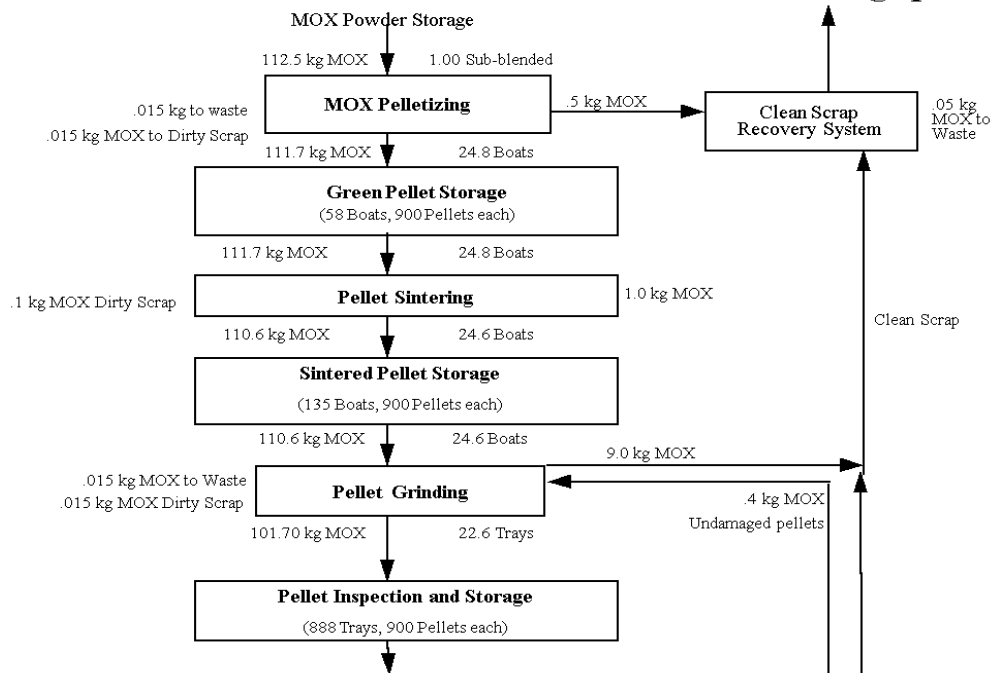


Figure 2b: Flow Diagram for the MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility (LA-UR-97-2067, 141)

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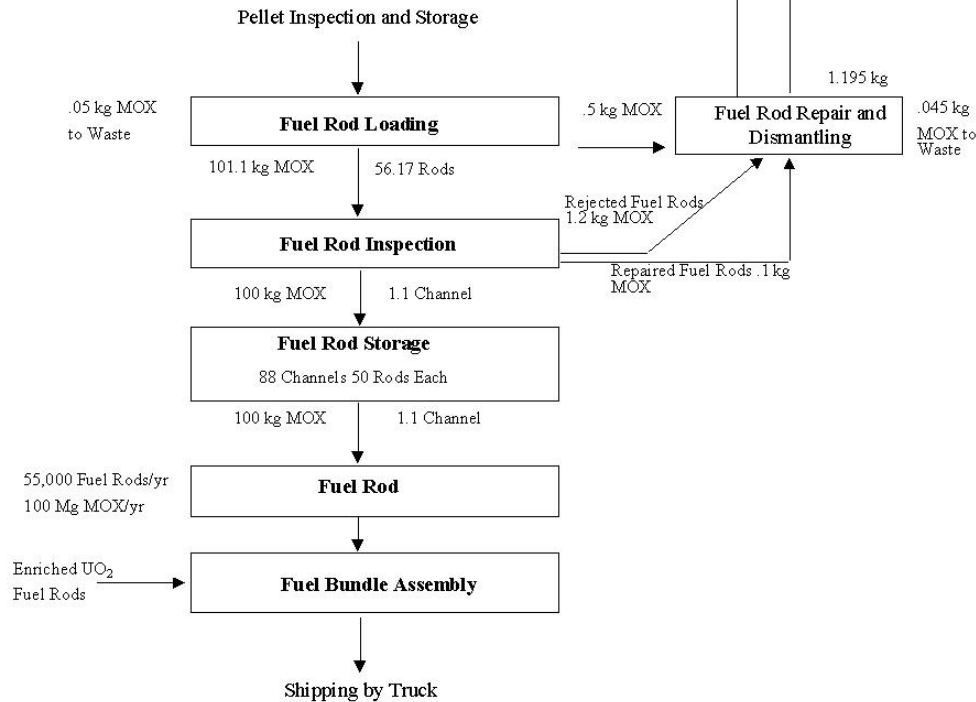


Figure 2c: Flow Diagram for the MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility (LA-UR-97-2067, 141)

In order to fully describe each subprocess in the fuel assembly facility, certain assumptions must be made. It is assumed that the facility will be shut down for scheduled maintenance and repairs for a total of one week every six months. During this time, no MOX fuel will be constructed. This leaves 50 weeks of operational time. At 20 shifts per week, there are 1000 shifts per year. With 8 hours per shift, this yields 8000 hours per year.

2.2.1 Materials Receiving and Storage

In materials receiving and storage, all materials required to convert the plutonium and uranium powders into fuel bundles are received, inspected, sampled, and stored. The materials for the pellet fabrication are PuO₂ from the ARIES facility and UO₂ from natural or depleted uranium. The PuO₂ will arrive in double-canned containers. Each double-can has the capacity of 4.5 kg PuO₂. (Each mass given is the mass of the metal in the powder,

i.e., 4.5 kg Pu metal in a powder dioxide form.) If the ARIES and MOX facilities are not at the same site, each shipment will contain 38 cans for a total of 171 kg of PuO₂ per shipment. The UO₂ will arrive in 55 gallon drums, each with a capacity of 250 kg of UO₂. Each shipment will contain 70 drums, for a total of 17,500 kg of UO₂ per shipment. About 5 grams of PuO₂ will be sampled from each can, and sent to be analyzed for accountability. Unused quantities will be returned to the process, and used amounts will be sent to waste handling. All PuO₂ will be sent to a designated storage vault. Uranium dioxide drums will be sent to facility storage.

Other radioactive materials received could potentially include enriched uranium fuel rods used for the final assembly of a fuel bundle. The number of rods and enrichment of the uranium will vary depending on the type of reactor for which the fuel bundles are being used. The facility will also receive

depletable neutron absorbers and neutron absorber rods, fuel bundle and fuel pin hardware, process gases, and other materials required in the process, such as lubricants and binders. All materials received are inspected and analyzed to ensure that they meet required specifications. These materials will be sent to facility storage after leaving receiving. Appropriate measures will be taken to ensure the security of the PuO_2 , as well as to comply with criticality requirements.

2.2.2 Feed Material Preparation

The PuO_2 is taken from the vault and entered into a glovebox. The PuO_2 is milled and screened to obtain an optimal particle size distribution. This powder is then mixed with powder from a previous batch that has also been milled and screened, and the new powder is placed into storage. This is done to ensure homogeneity and consistency between the batches to obtain MOX pellets that have uniform properties. When required, a quantity is weighed out and set aside. The UO_2 is removed from storage and two quantities are weighed out. The first is to give the batch a 30 % PuO_2 . The second will be blended after the primary blending to obtain the final desired weight percent (5 % PuO_2) (See Section 2.2.8). If required, a quantity of depletable neutron absorber will also be weighed out. A lubricant, zinc stearate, will be used to aid in the ceramic pellet production, and is also weighed out. All feed materials are then combined, and a portion from a previous batch is added to maintain consistency. A portion of the final blended batch is then removed to combine with the following batch. A larger batch size is preferred to be able to remove a larger portion for consistency. However, batch size will be limited to comply with criticality safety limits.

2.2.3 Fuel Pellet Fabrication

The feed mixture is to be put into a press, and pressed into pellets approximately 1 cm in length. Each pellet contains 5 g of MOX. These pellets are loaded into boats, each with a capacity of 900 pellets. The pellets are sent into a furnace to be sintered. The sintering process will take place in an argon-6% hydrogen atmosphere to maintain metal-oxygen ratio. The temperature in the sintering oven is to be slowly ramped up to ~ 1600 °C. It remains there for 2 ½ hours, and then is ramped down to ambient temperature (~20 °C). The entire sintering process takes approximately 24 hours. When complete, the sintered pellets are inspected for flaws resulting during the heating process. They are also to be analyzed to check for consistency in density and homogeneity requirements. Any pellet not meeting specifications will be sent back to materials preparation to be crushed back into a powder, milled, and rebled. The accepted pellets are to be ground to a uniform cylindrical shape and size and stored until needed.

The equipment used in this procedure will generate a large amount of heat, and a cooling tower will be required to lower the temperature of the feed water used to cool the machinery. The additional materials that are required at this step are hydrogen and argon gases, and zinc stearate for use as a lubricant in the pressing process. There will be a small amount of MOX powder resulting from grinding that will be sent to waste handling.

2.2.4 Fuel Rod Fabrication

Fuel rod hardware will be removed from storage, cleaned, and inspected for any flaws. One end of the fuel rod is already sealed by a welded-on cap. Sintered fuel pellets are removed from storage, inspected, and then loaded into the fuel rod, 360 pellets per rod (1.8 kg MOX). This quantity is used for both PWR and BWR fuel rods (LA-UR-97-2067). The rod is back-filled with helium

gas, and the second cap is welded. The rod is leak tested and again inspected for flaws. Accepted rods are cleaned and stored. Defective rods are recycled by removing the fuel pellets, and determining if the rod is usable. If not, the rod is decontaminated and sent away as waste. The fuel pellets are again checked, and if usable, they are reloaded into another fuel rod.

2.2.5 Fuel Bundle Assembly

The fuel bundle components are removed from storage, cleaned, and checked for flaws. Flawed components will either be recycled or disposed. MOX, enriched uranium fuel, and guide rods will be removed from storage and inspected. The number of MOX and enriched uranium fuel rods will depend upon the type of reactor for which the bundle is intended. The assembly will then be welded together.

The two primary types of reactor cores being considered are the pressurized water reactor (PWR) and the boiling water reactor (BWR). The PWR fuel bundle consists of a 17x17 grid (289 positions) of which 264 are loaded with fuel rods. The remaining 25 positions are for guide and instrumentation thimbles. The BWR bundle consists of a 9x9 rod assembly. For initial start-up in a BWR, a configuration, based on the GE-11 design, will consist of approximately 36% of the fuel rods consisting of MOX fuel rods, and the remaining will consist of low-enriched uranium fuel. The second design, to be implemented at a later stage, will consist entirely of MOX fuel rods and no enriched-uranium rods. The construction may also include depletable neutron absorbing rods as required. After construction of the bundle, it will be inspected for flaws. If flawed, it will be disassembled and reused. Accepted bundles will be sent to storage for shipment to power plants.

2.2.6 Process Material Recycling

Material that may be recycled during the process include bundle and rod components that were found to be flawed and fuel pellets that were rejected for not meeting specifications, such as density, homogeneity, and dimensional constraints. When a bundle is found to be flawed, usable fuel rods are removed and sent back to storage. Flawed bundle components are decontaminated and sent for scrap. Flawed fuel rods are disassembled, and the fuel pellets are removed. Acceptable fuel pellets are sent back to storage for reuse. Fuel rod components are decontaminated and sent for scrap.

Due to natural imperfections and uncontrollable inconsistencies in the pellet production process, a certain number of the fuel pellets will fail to meet specifications. There is also the possibility that a quantity of unirradiated fuel rods may be shipped to the plant from storage at other DOE sites for disassembly, and flawed MOX pellets will be removed. These pellets and other clean scrap will be crushed and refined as previously described. The wastes generated by this process will be similar to those described in previous processes.

2.2.7 Current Industrial Status of the Process

The fabrication of UO₂ ceramic fuel bundles has been in use for over 40 years. As such, most of the processes in this procedure have many years of industrial practice and use behind them. The combination of PuO₂ and UO₂ powders in the production of fuel rods has been in practice in Belgium and France for over 10 years and is also currently in practice by BNFL in England.

In the production of the feed materials for ceramic production, blending is the common practice to combine various powders to ensure a homogeneous mixture. Milling is the standard method for grinding powders to a

specific particle size distribution. The sintering, grinding, rod construction, and bundle formation are all standard practices to produce nuclear reactor fuel, both in the United States and Europe.

2.2.8 Potential Process Variations

In Europe, there are two methods of producing MOX fuel practiced today. The first is the MIMAS process, used by France's Cogema facilities. The procedure proposed in this report is a slightly more automated version of the process, known as the AMIMAS, or Advanced MIMAS, process. The MIMAS process itself is only slightly different than the second process, used by BNFL known as the Short Binderless Route (SBR). The difference between the two is that during the feed materials preparation, the SBR process mixes the PuO_2 and UO_2 in one step to obtain the final desired composition. The MIMAS and AMIMAS process first combines the powders to obtain approximately a 30 % PuO_2 , and then adds an additional quantity of UO_2 for a second mixing to get the desired PuO_2 weight percent.

3. METHODOLOGY

In order to minimize the cost of the facilities, and optimize the output, the evaluation is broken into three steps. The first step is to determine the quantity of plutonium that would be required to run the reactors each year. The second step is to determine the fixed variables in the MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility (MOX FFF) to determine how the square-foot area and number of workers change relative to the amount of plutonium required. The third step is to perform the same analysis on the ARIES plant. The evaluation is performed in the reverse-order of the fabrication of the fuel. This is done because the nuclear reactors used to burn MOX fuel are ones that are already in operation. Because of this, it is easy to identify which variables can be changed due to the properties of the nuclear reactors. This minimizes the uncertainty of the results.

In order to calculate the quantity of plutonium required by the nuclear reactors,

the variables must be defined. It is easiest to define the governing equation to calculate the quantity of plutonium required per year. Equation 1 is the defining equation, with the definition of the variables given in table 2. The output of this equation will be used as the input for the MOX fuel fabrication calculations. Initially, the values of the required mass of plutonium throughput per year will be calculated using the bounding conditions to determine the minimum and maximum possible values. The input values for the steps that follow will come from varying the mass of plutonium as a function of the plutonium concentration between the two extremes to obtain output values for the number of workers and facility size. The previous equation (1) will then be used again by feeding in the local minimums of the plotted values to find what values for the previous variables would be optimal.

The first process that needs to be evaluated is the MOX fuel fabrication.

$$Pu_{required} = \frac{PowerLevel}{Burnup} * Pu_{conc} * Corefraction * Reactors * days * (kg / MT) \quad (1)$$

Table 2: Variable Definitions to Calculate Required Plutonium

Variable	Definition	Default Value or Range
$Pu_{required}$	Amount of plutonium required for power production	Defining Variable (kg of plutonium/yr)
Power Level	Power level of reactors being used	3000 Megawatts (MW)
Burnup	Burnup of reactor fuel	20000-40000 Megawatt-days/Metric tons of heavy metal (MWd/MTHM)
Pu_{conc}	Plutonium concentration of MOX fuel pellets	3-7 (%)
Corefraction	Fraction of reactor core that will contain MOX fuel	10-40 (%)
Reactors	Number of Reactors used to burn MOX fuel	2-6 reactors
Days	Number of days per year	365 days
Kg/metricton	Number of kilograms per metric ton	1000 kg/metric ton

For this, the initial step analyzed was the shipment of the finished MOX fuel bundles, working in the reverse order of the process, to the arrival of the plutonium dioxide (PuO_2) powder at the MOX FFF. An assumption was made that the bundles are shipped to the nuclear reactors as they are needed; therefore calculations will not include the shipping module from the MOX FFF. As the number of shipments to be made per year will be relatively low, the number of workers and square-foot area required by the shipping module will be ignored. The steps in the optimization study of the MOX FFF will closely resemble analyzing the flow modules in the reverse order of Figure 2. A simplified version is given in Figure 3. In order to determine how many fuel bundles the Fuel

Bundle Assembly needs to produce per year, the number of kg of plutonium in each bundle needs to be known. To calculate the mass of plutonium per bundle, the number of MOX fuel rods and the mass of plutonium per rod needs to be known. The mass of plutonium per fuel rod was calculated from the number of fuel pellets per rod and the quantity of plutonium per pellet. To define the governing variable in this equation, the type of reactors to be used must be known. The types of reactors have been identified to be Boiling Water Reactors (BWR) and Pressurized Water Reactors (PWR). The BWRs used for this study are based upon studies from General Electric (GE-11 design), and the PWRs, are based upon studies from Westinghouse (Westinghouse ER).

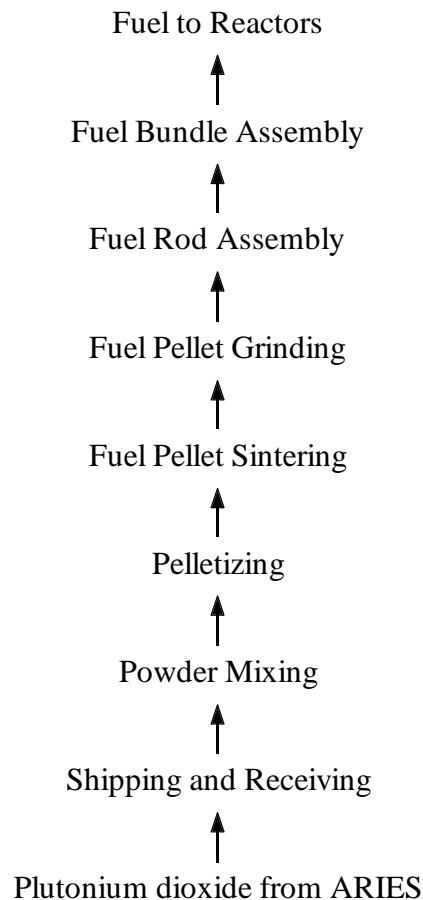


Figure 3: Simplified MOX Reverse Material Flowchart

These two types were selected for this study because they would allow MOX fuel to be fabricated and used in existing power-producing reactors, without requiring new reactors to be built. It was also identified that CANDU heavy-water reactors (HWR) could be used, but these are not included in this study.

The calculation steps are shown in the following equations:

$$Bundles\ Required_{year} = \frac{Pu_{required}}{Pu_{bundle}} \quad (2)$$

$$Pu_{bundle} = Rods_{bundle} * Pellets_{rod} * Mass_{pellet} * Pu_{conc} \quad (3)$$

Table 3: Variables to Calculate the Number of Bundles Needed per Year (LA-UR-97-2067, 140)

Variable	Definition	Default quantity or range
Bundles Required _{year}	Number of bundles required per year from the MOX FFF	Defining variable
Pu _{bundle}	Mass of plutonium per bundle	Embedded variable (kg)
Rods _{bundle}	Number of fuel rods per bundle	BWR – 54 PWR – 264
Pellets _{rod}	Number of MOX fuel pellets per fuel rod	360 pellets/rod
Mass _{pellet}	Mass of MOX fuel pellet	0.005 kg

The number of bundles per year will vary greatly depending upon what type of reactor for which the bundles are intended. As the assumption is made that there are 360 pellets per rod, regardless of the reactor type (LA-UR-97-2067, 140), the number of rods per bundle is the only variable that is dependant upon the reactor type. The numbers given in Table 2 are determined from the following assumptions given in Section 2.2.5.

A PWR fuel bundle assembly consists of a 17x17 rod array, where 264 of the rod bays are filled with MOX fuel rods. The remaining rod bays will be occupied by guide thimbles and instrumentation thimbles.

A BWR fuel bundle assembly will consist of a 9x9 array, where 54 of the rod positions will be occupied by MOX fuel. Of the remaining positions, 20 will be filled by gadolinium rods, and 2 will be filled by water rods.

To determine the number of workers and the area that is needed to produce the required

number of bundles, the rate at which a specific number of workers can produce the bundles is required. The rates for most of the following production steps for the MOX FFF were determined using a flowchart showing 100 kg MOX fuel production during a single 8-hour shift (LA-UR-97-2067). The flowchart shows a production of 56.17 fuel rods per shift, which results in ~ 7 rods/hour. It is planned that the facility will run three 8-hour shifts per day, 20 shifts per week, and 50 weeks per year. This results in an operating time of 8000 hours per year. To calculate the number of bundles produced per year:

$$Bundles_{year} = \frac{7[\frac{rods}{hour}] * 8000[\frac{hours}{year}]}{Rods_{bundle}} \quad (4)$$

where $Rods_{bundle}$ is the number of rods per bundle (determined by reactor type). The number of workers per module for bundle construction was assumed to be three, two for

bundle assembly, and one to check for contamination. The area of one module for the bundle assembly is estimated based on a prospective site diagram to be ~3,000 ft² (LA-UR-97-2067). To calculate the number of modules required, the number of bundles required per year is divided by the number of bundles that can be produced per year by one module, and rounded to the next integer:

$$MOD = \frac{Bundles\ Re\ quired_{year}}{Bundles_{year}} \quad (5)$$

If MOD is not an integer, then MOD = MOD + 1, i.e., if the number of bundles required divided by the number of bundles a module can produce is not a whole number, then the number of modules needed must be rounded up to the next whole number to allow enough production to meet demand. The total number of workers or area needed for bundle production is then the number of workers or area multiplied by the number of modules (MOD). It is assumed that there is no waste of plutonium from bundle production since all components containing plutonium have been checked for flaws in other steps of the process. If a bundle is not constructed properly, then it will be disassembled and reconstructed. Therefore, the quantity of components that are recycled are assumed to be 100%.

Since no plutonium is wasted or added in the bundle production, the input variable for fuel rod assembly is the same as that for fuel bundle assembly. The required number of pins is calculated by multiplying the number of bundles required by the number of pins per bundle (determined by reactor type).

$$Pins_{year} = Bundles\ Re\ quired_{year} * Pins_{bundle} \quad (6)$$

Fuel rods are constructed by loading hollow tubes, made from zircaloy, with MOX fuel pellets. During this procedure, some of the fuel pellets may be found to be defective, or some of the rods may be flawed. This would result in some of the MOX either being recycled, or disposed of as waste. The recycled material may return to processing either directly as repaired fuel rods; it may be reintroduced during the pellet grinding stage; or, it may end up being re-blended with fresh MOX powder. Because of waste and recycling, more fuel rods must be produced than will be sent to fuel bundle production. The number of fuel rods to be produced, compared with the number that are sent on, are calculated as:

$$PinsRequired_{year} = Pins_{year} * (1 + Rejected_{pins} + Waste_{pins} - Recycled_{pins}) \quad (7)$$

where Rejected_{pins}, Waste_{pins}, and Recycled_{pins} are percentages based on PinsRequired_{year} from the flowchart. A list of the modifying percentages used is shown in Table 4.

The last step before the pellets are loaded into the fuel rods is to grind the pellets into the exact size needed. Pellets are cylindrical in shape, with an outer diameter of 0.3088 in. They have dimples at each end to capture fission escape gases. In order to calculate the number of pellets needed from pellet grinding, the first step is to multiply the number of pins required by the number of pellets per pin (360).

$$Pellets_{year} = Pins\ Re\ quired_{year} * Pellets / Pin \quad (8)$$

In order to obtain the total pellets needed before grinding, repeat the process described by Equation 7, using applicable percentages. This equation is used in all of the following steps of the MOX FFF, with the exception of shipping and receiving, to determine the input amount needed. Before

pellets are sent to grinding, they have been sintered to form a hard ceramic from a green pressed-powder pellet. The pellets are formed by pressing a mixture of PuO₂, UO₂, and a binder, into a long thin rod, which is cut into pellets. To quantify the amount of

Table 4. Percentages and production rates for back-calculating plutonium flow (Calculations based on LA-UR-97-2067 and LA-UR-97-2909) powder required, the number of pellets required is multiplied by the mass of a pellet:

$$KgPlutonium_{year} = Pellets\ Required_{year} * massPu / pellet$$

(9)

The PuO₂ used in blending the powders is received at the MOX FFF in cans. Each can will contain approximately 4.5 kg of plutonium powder. The number of cans that will be required by the facility per year is determined by dividing the amount of Pu required for blending by the amount of Pu in each can. It is assumed that there will be no plutonium waste, recycled, or rejected from shipping and receiving at the plant.

The plutonium dioxide is shipped in cans from the ARIES facility to the MOX FFF. The total number of cans remains unchanged, and is used for the calculations of the shipping and receiving, secondary

Table 4: Percentages and Production Rates for Back-Calculating Plutonium Flow (Calculations Based on LA-UR-97-2067 and LA-UR-97-2909)

Percentages			
Module	Waste	Rejection	Recycling
MOX			
Fuel Rod Assembly	4.92e-4	1.57e-2	9.81e-4
Pellet Grinding	2.71e-4	7.78e-2	3.62e-3
Sintering	8.95e-4	8.95e-3	0
Pelletizing	2.67e-4	4.44e-3	8.89e-3
Blending	9.9e-4	5.55e-2	1.81e-1
Production Rates			
MOX		ARIES	
Module	Rate/module/year	Module	Rate/module/year
Fuel Bundle Assembly	24,000 pins / # of pins per bundle	Shipping and Receiving	912 containers/year
Fuel Rod Assembly	3,200 pins/year	Secondary Canning	1,920 cans/year
Pellet Grinding	460,800 pellets/year	Electro-decontamination	1,280 cans/year
Sintering	3,197,135 pellets/year	Primary Canning	1,920 cans/year
Pelletizing	1,826,934 pellets/year	Gallium Removal	1,536 kg Pu/year
Blending	3,360 kg Pu/year	HYDOX	384 kg Pu/year
Shipping and Receiving	912 containers/year	Pit Bisection	1,540 kg Pu / year
		NDA	2,160 kg Pu / year
		Pit Receiving	As many as possible

canning, electrolytic decontamination, and primary canning steps. To perform the calculations of the gallium removal stage (dry removal), the mass of plutonium is used. This is the same mass that was used to determine the total number of cans ($KgPlutonium_{year}$). For the HYDOX conversion step, waste and recycled material must also be taken into account.

The data used for the previous calculations are given in Table 4. It shows the percentages that are used for waste, recycling, and rejection (where applicable). It also shows the calculated production rates per module. Table 5 gives the workers and area per module used.

Table 5: Workers and Facility Area Required per Module (Calculations based on LA-UR-97-2067 and LA-UR-97-2909)

Module	Workers/module/shift	Land Area per module (square feet)
MOX		
Fuel Bundle Assembly	3	3000
Fuel Rod Assembly	3	3000
Pellet Grinding	2	400
Sintering	2	1000
Pelletizing	2	1000
Blending	2	700
Shipping and Receiving	3	4000
ARIES		
Shipping and Receiving	3	4000
Secondary Canning	2	1000
Electro-decontamination	2	600
Primary Canning	2	600
Gallium Removal	2	500
HYDOX	2	500
Pit Bisection	2	1300
NDA	2	1300
Pit Receiving	2	2000

4. RESULTS

4.1 PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR (PWR)

Results were obtained first by using the input values for a PWR. A FORTRAN program was used to calculate and tabulate the worker and square-foot land area totals for both facilities. This was done by increasing the amount of plutonium required per year from the minimum amount to the maximum amounts based upon the plutonium concentration in the fuel. This number was varied between 3% and 7% plutonium, increasing by 0.5% each step. The calculated minimums and maximums were used as the second variable, increasing by 5 kg Pu per year for each step. The results were saved in a text file along with the number of years it

would take to convert 35 MT into MOX fuel based upon the yearly throughput. The resulting text file was formatted in a spreadsheet to allow analysis of data. The number of workers and land area were multiplied by 8000 (the number of working hours per year) and the number of years to complete conversion. Selected results for the varying plutonium concentration were plotted against each other to show a comparison. The results are shown in Figure 4 and Figure 5. These figures show that the minimum cost plot is at 7% enrichment.

The units of the graphs are either in man-hours lifetime, or square-foot- hours lifetime. The square-foot-hours can be multiplied by the cost of operating 1 square foot of production per hour to find the lifetime cost of the facility.

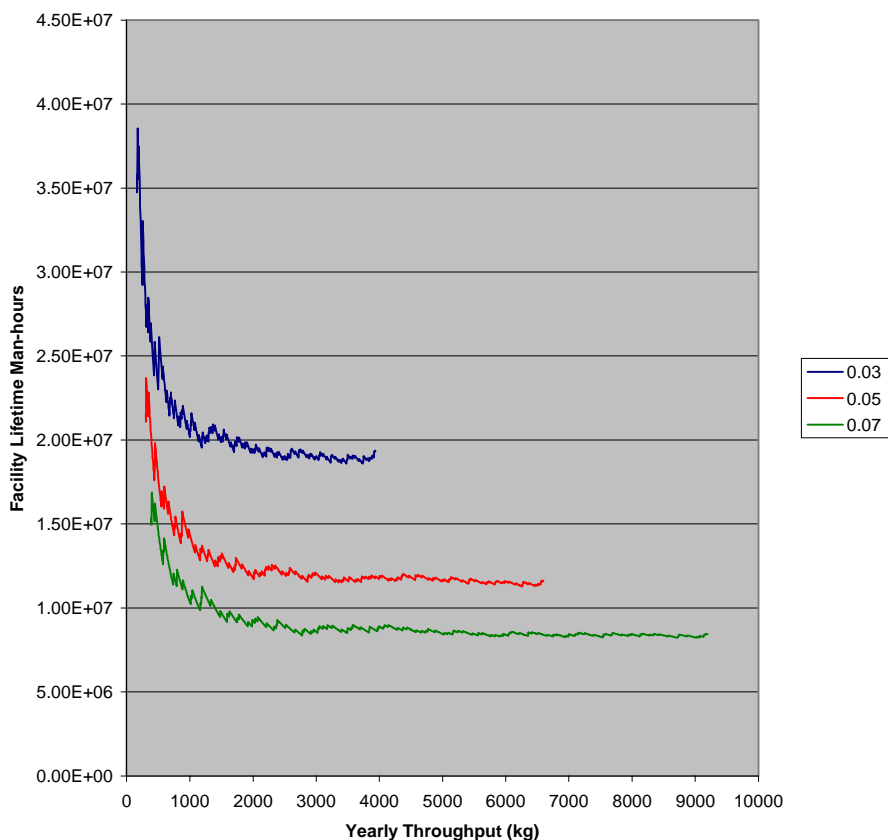


Figure 4: Number of Man-Hours Required Over the Lifetime of the MOX FFF Facility Versus the Yearly Throughput of the Facility to Produce MOX Fuel for a PWR at 3%, 5%, and 7% Pu Concentration

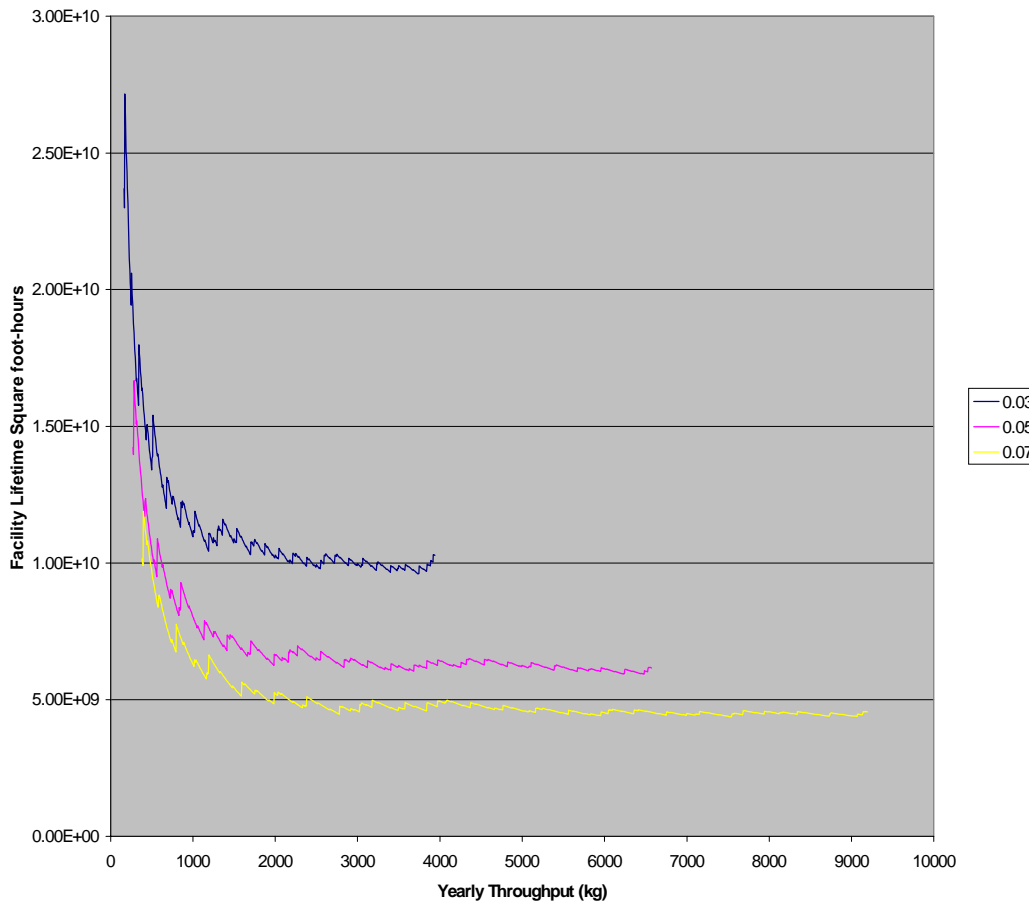


Figure 5: Number of Square-Feet of the Facility Multiplied by the Number of Hours of Operation Required over the Lifetime of the MOX FFF Facility versus the Yearly Throughput of the Facility to Produce MOX Fuel for a PWR at 3%, 5%, and 7% Pu Concentration

From Figures 4 and 5, it can be observed that less land area and fewer number of workers are required for higher concentrations of plutonium. This is primarily due to the reduced number of pellets that need to be manufactured in the MOX facility. The smaller the number of pellets, the fewer the number of rods and bundles required.

Figure 6 shows the comparison between the number of lifetime man-hours for the ARIES facility for a plutonium concentration of 3% and 5%. This figure demonstrates that the number of worker hours is not dependent upon the plutonium concentration. It is only dependent upon the flow rate of plutonium required per year.

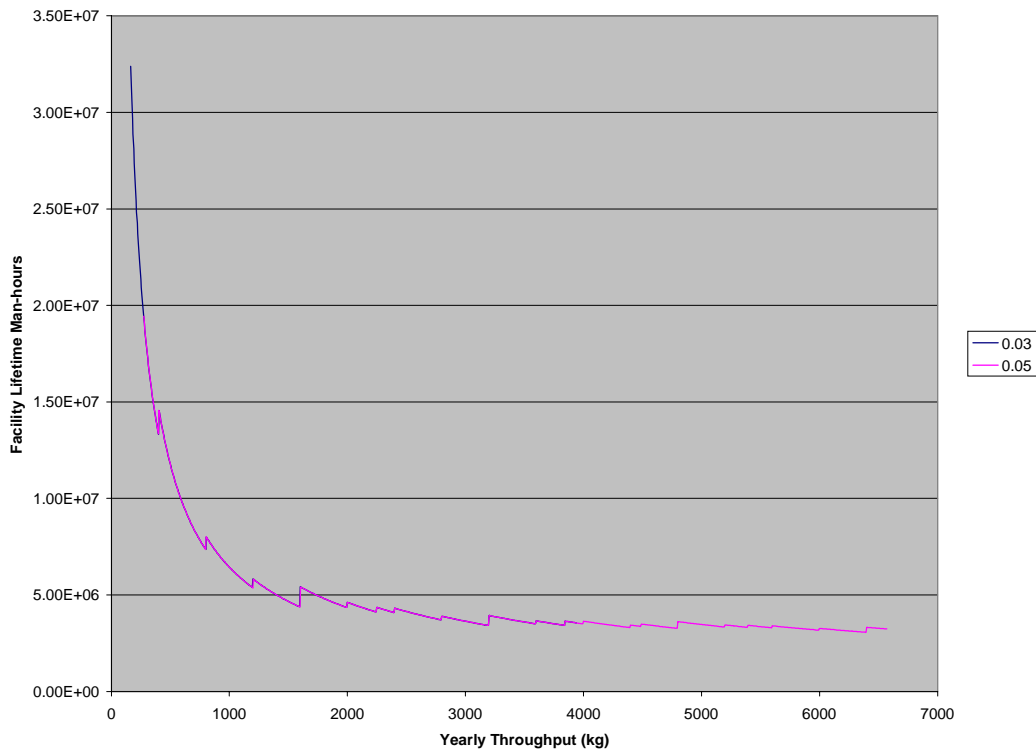


Figure 6: Number of Man-Hours Required over the Lifetime of the ARIES Facility versus the Yearly Throughput of the Facility to Produce MOX Fuel for a PWR at 3% and 5% Pu Concentration

The next step was to narrow the field of focus of the data for better analysis. This was done by focusing on the goals of the disposition project and this study. The primary goal of DOE for these facilities is to get rid of approximately 35 MT over a relatively short period of time. At the low throughput end of the disposition quantities, the amount of time required for completion increases dramatically. It is also seen on Figures 4 and 5 that below 2,000 kg per year, the number of lifetime man-hours and square-foot hours exponentially increases as the throughput approaches zero. Therefore, the yearly throughput less than 2,000 kg of plutonium throughput per year can be eliminated. In addition, having a large facility that processes large amounts of plutonium in a short period of time would have many extra

costs. Among these costs are increased decontamination and decommissioning costs. Therefore, throughputs greater than 5,000 kg of plutonium per year was selected to be eliminated since the time it would take to construct, and later decommission the facilities, would amount to the time to convert 35 MT of plutonium. This leaves a window of 3,000 kg per year. Figure 7 shows the results from Figure 4 for this range.

It is seen on Figure 7 that local minimums occur at 2778, 2913, 3023, 3493, 3838, 4663, 4728, 4583, and 5023 kg per year for the MOX facility. These minimums occur because the throughput has fully utilized one or more of the modules potential throughput. When the yearly throughput is increased by another kilogram of plutonium, an additional module is required to put out that amount.

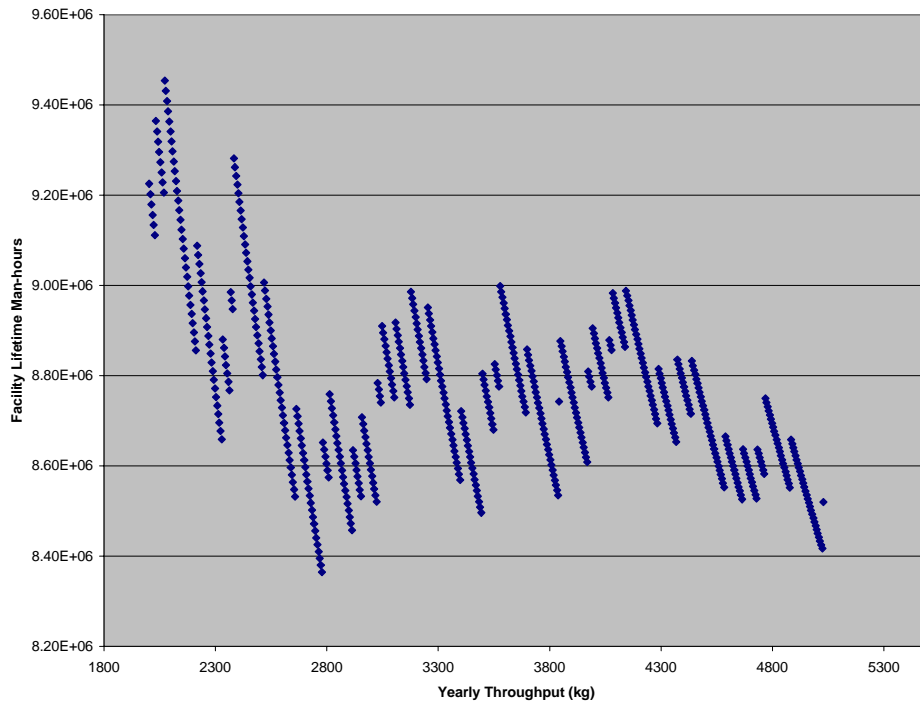


Figure 7: Number of Man-Hours over the Lifetime of the MOX FFF Facility versus the Yearly Throughput of the Facility to Produce MOX Fuel for a PWR at a 7% Pu Concentration for Throughputs between 1800 and 5300 kg Pu Per Year

By analyzing the graph for workers at the ARIES facility, we can find the minimums and compare them.

The graph for the ARIES facility shows local minimums at 2793, 3193, 3593, 3838, 3993, 4393, 4488, 4793, and 5028 kg plutonium per year. In order to evaluate the optimal facility size for both facilities, the two graphs are plotted together. By combining the worker-hours for the MOX and ARIES facilities, local minimums occur at 2779, 3024, 3177, 3497, 3840, 4368, 4728, and 5023 kg of plutonium per year. The next stage is to analyze the area of the facility using the same technique.

The graph of the combined land areas for both facilities gives matching results for

the minimums as the combined worker totals. This is as it should be considering both the number of workers and the area are dependent on the quantity of each module used in both facilities. By comparing the minimum values obtained from each graph for the separate facilities and comparing them to the combined total graph, it can be determined what the optimal values for a facility should be. Table 6 matches the results for easier comparison. All values for the MOX facility are given, while only values that are in close proximity to those numbers are shown for ARIES for simplification. The combined column of Table 6 will be the values that will be focused on when drawing conclusions.

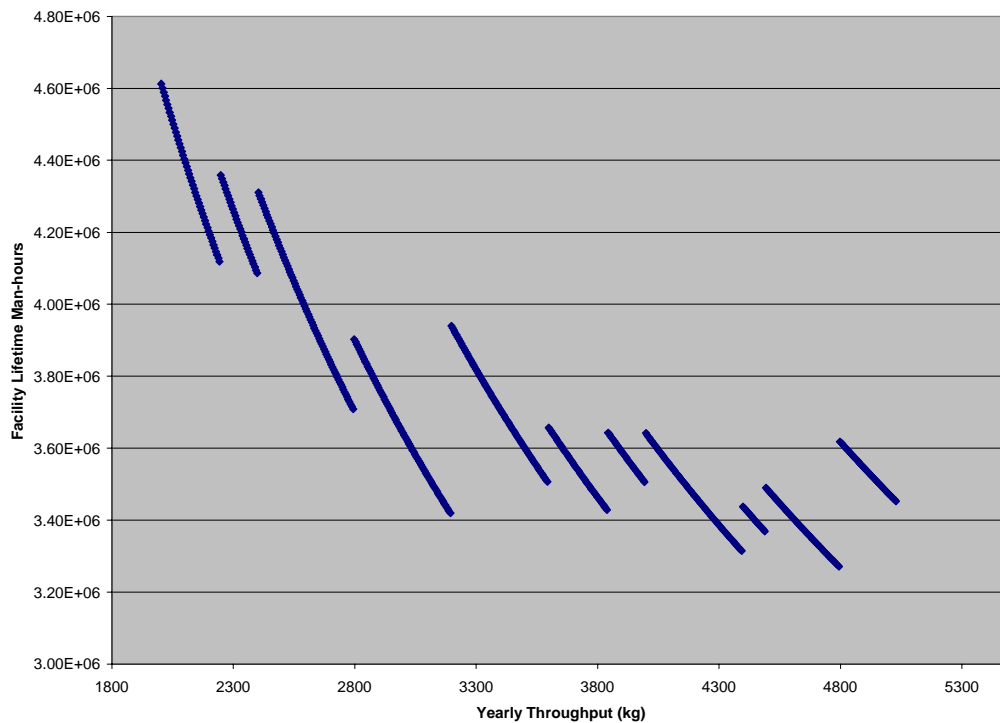


Figure 8: Number of Man-Hours over the Lifetime of the ARIES Facility versus the Yearly Throughput of the Facility to Produce PuO₂ for MOX Fuel Production for a PWR at a 7% Pu Concentration for Throughputs between 1800 and 5300 kg Pu Per Year

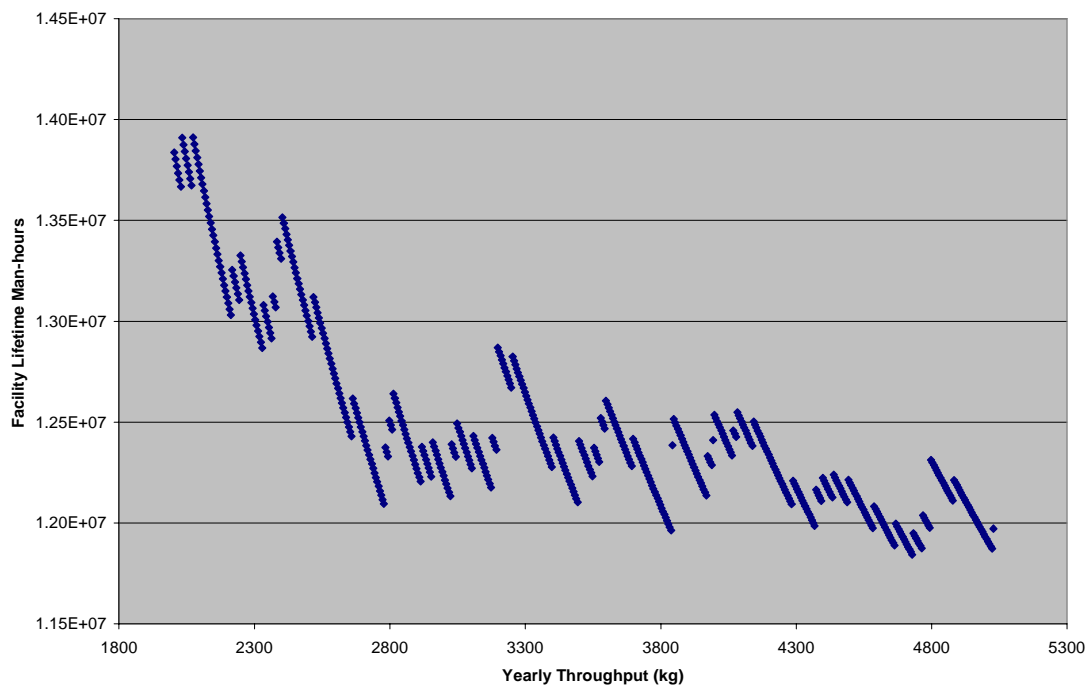


Figure 9: Number of Man-Hours Over the Lifetime of the Combined MOX FFF and the ARIES Facility versus the Yearly Throughput of the Facility to Produce MOX Fuel for a PWR at a 7% Pu Concentration for Throughputs between 1800 and 5300 kg Pu Per Year

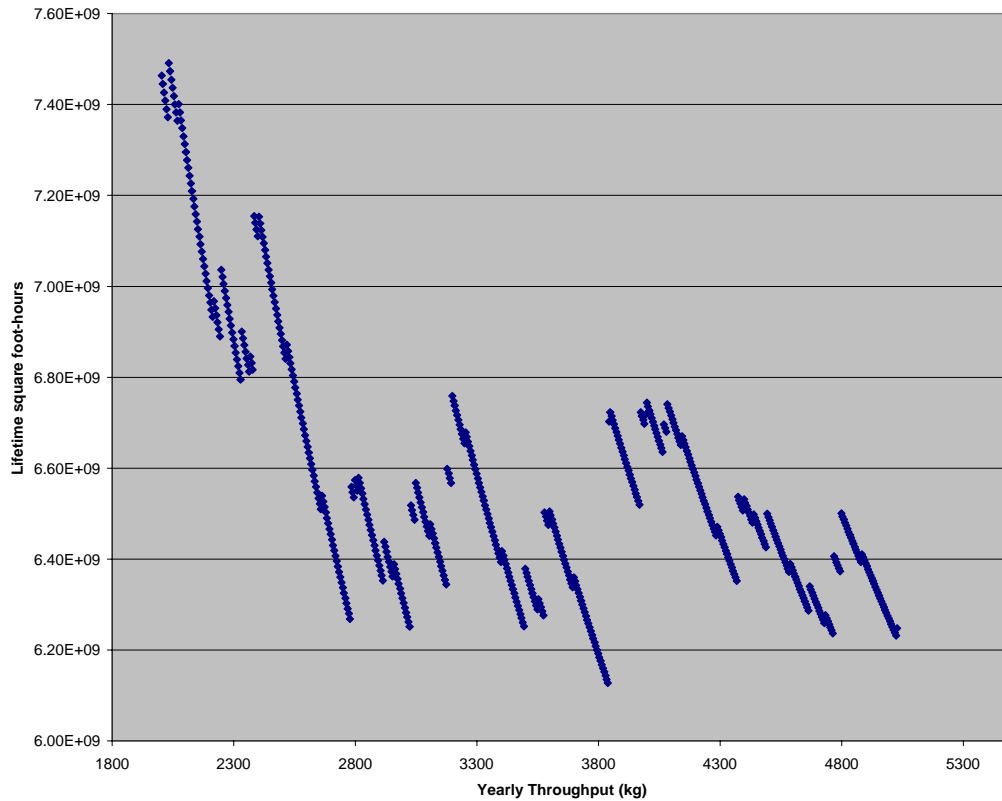


Figure 10: Number of Square-Feet of the Facility Multiplied by the Number of Hours of Operation Required Over the Lifetime of the Combined MOX FFF and ARIES Facility Versus the Yearly Throughput of the Facility to Produce MOX Fuel for a PWR at a 7% Pu Concentration Plotted Between 1800 and 5300 Kg Pu Per Year

Table 6: Comparison of Minimum Values Calculated for each Facility and the Combined Total

MOX (optimal kg Pu/year)	ARIES (optimal kg Pu/year)	Combined (optimal kg Pu/year)
2778	2793	2779
2913		
3023		3024
	3193	3177
3493	3593	3497
3838	3838	3840
4663		
4728	4793	4728
4583		
5023	5028	5023

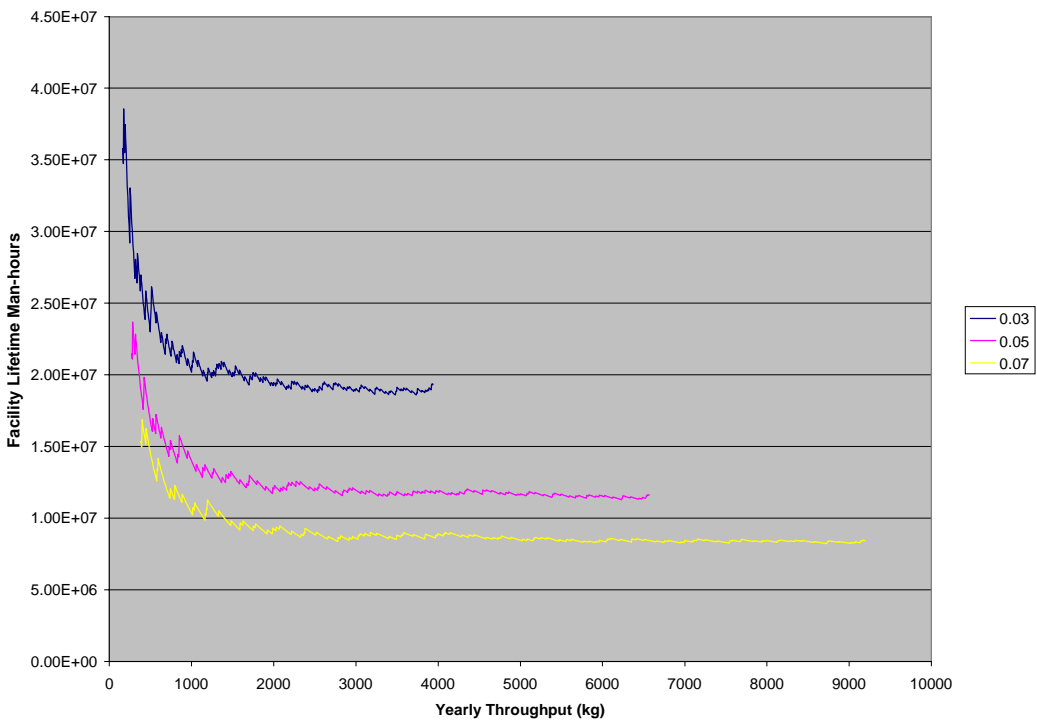


Figure 11: Number of Man-Hours Required over the Lifetime of the MOX FFF Facility versus the Yearly Throughput of the Facility to Produce MOX Fuel for a BWR at 3%, 5%, and 7% Pu Concentration

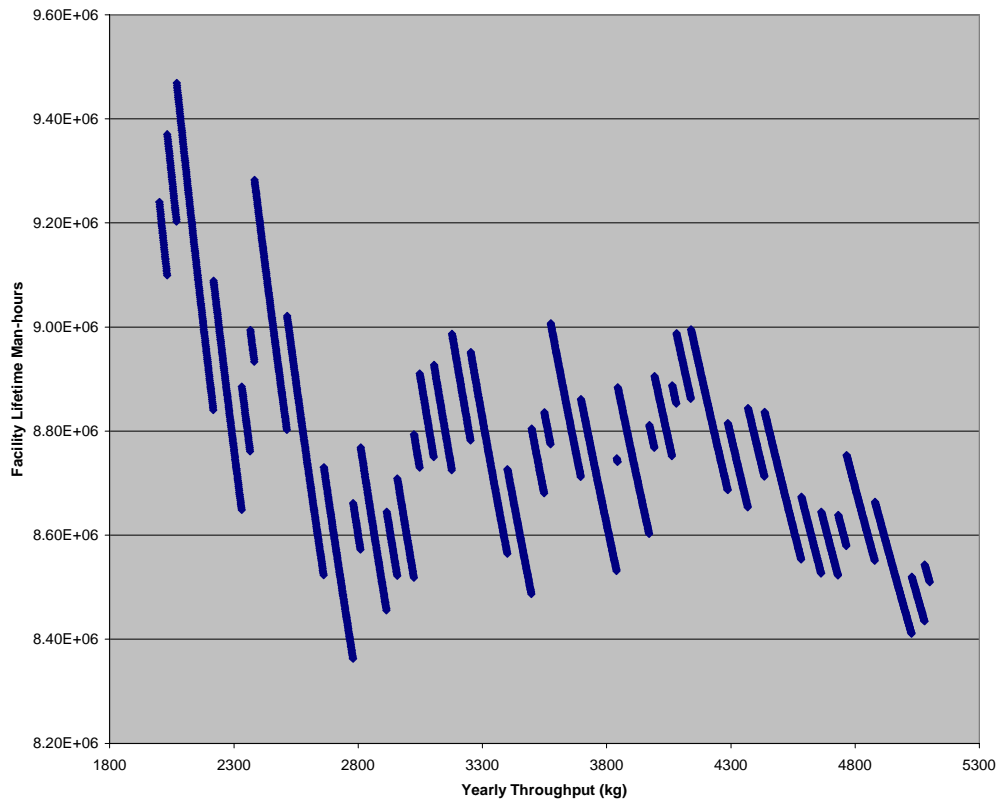


Figure 12: Number of Man-Hours over the Lifetime of the MOX FFF Facility versus the Yearly Throughput of the Facility to Produce MOX Fuel for a BWR at a 7% Pu Concentration for Throughputs between 1800 and 5300 kg Pu Per Year

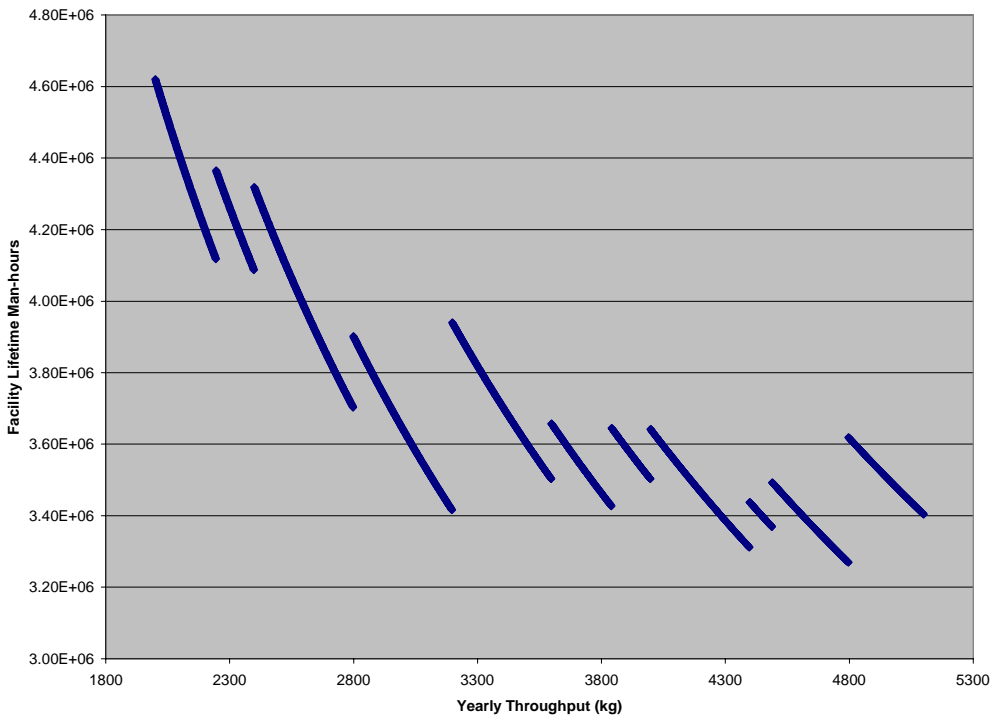


Figure 13: Number of Man-Hours over the Lifetime of the ARIES Facility versus the Yearly Throughput of the Facility to Produce PuO_2 for MOX Fuel for a BWR at a 7% Pu Concentration for Throughputs between 1800 and 5300 kg Pu Per Year

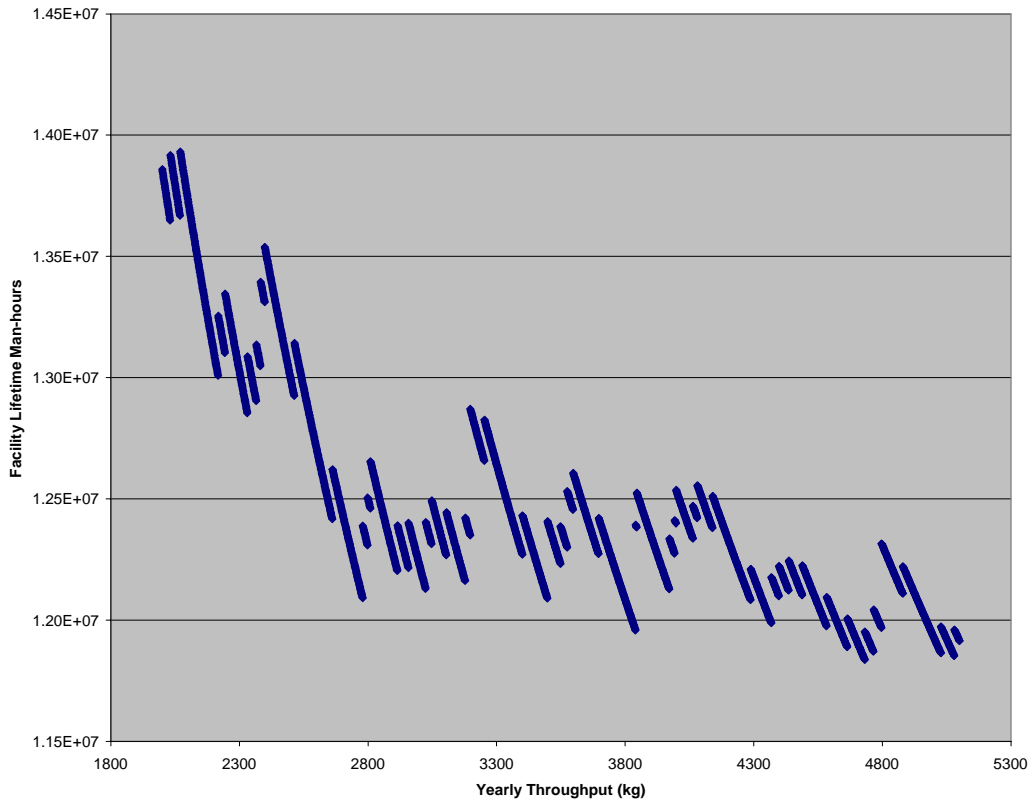


Figure 14: Number of Man-Hours over the Lifetime of the Combined MOX FFF and ARIES Facility versus the Yearly Throughput of the Facility to Produce MOX Fuel for a BWR at a 7% Pu Concentration for Throughputs between 1800 and 5300 kg Pu Per Year

Table 7: Comparison of Minimum Values Calculated for each Facility and the Combined Total for BWR Fuel

MOX	ARIES	Total
2779	2798	2779
2914		
3024	3197	3024
3497	3597	3497
3840	3840	3840
3971	3997	3971
4731	4796	4731
5027		5027

4.2 BOILING WATER REACTORS

The next type of reactor under consideration is the BWR. This reactor is based on the GE-11 BWR design described earlier. There are 54 fuel rods per bundle. The results are graphed and tabulated in the same way as those for a PWR. The results are

shown in the following graphs, first with a comparison of the different plutonium concentrations, and then with a focus on the worker-hour minimums for the MOX, ARIES and combined facilities.

Table 8: Optimal Values of Combined Pu throughput for the MOX FFF and ARIES Facility for both Reactor Types

PWR	BWR	Optimal values
2779	2779	2779
3024	3024	3024
3177	3177	3177
3497	3497	3497
3840	3840	3840
4368	4368	4368
4728	4731	4728
5023	5027	5023

4.3 RESULT COMPARISON

In order to find the optimal size of both facilities, the results for the PWR and the BWR must be compared. If the facilities are to be used to construct fuel for a single type of reactor, only optimization specific to that type need consideration. However, since both types of reactors are being considered, and possibly concurrently, an optimization compatible for both fuel types is performed. By comparing the two results, the comparison shows that there is no difference in the throughputs at which the minimum man-hours occur, only in the values of the minimum number of man-hours required for produce BWR fuel versus PWR fuel. These values do not take into account the individual capacity of each facility for each throughput. Taking those into account, 3177 and 4368 kg per year throughputs can be eliminated because there is not an optimal MOX plant size near those throughputs. It can be noted that in some of

the cases, the ARIES plant has a higher optimal throughput than the combined minimums. This is acceptable since it acts as the input to the MOX plant, and will act as a buffer for the flow of feed material. It is also accepted since the ARIES facility may be occasionally used to process non-MOX suitable plutonium for other purposes.

Of the six minimums remaining, the choices can be further narrowed by examining the number of workers and area required for those values. As the values for a PWR and BWR differ only by an order of magnitude, only one set need be looked at. Table 9 shows a breakdown of the computed values of workers and land area for the ARIES and MOX FFF to produce MOX fuel for a PWR, as well as the number of year required to process 35 MT of Pu metal. Analyzing the data on Table 9, it is seen that there are no significant discrepancies for the various throughputs. However, as previously

Table 9: Number of Workers and Land Area at Minimums for PWR Fuel

Pu throughput (kg/year)	MOX Workers	MOX Area	ARIES Workers	ARIES Area	Years for completion
2779	83	44,300	37	17,900	12.6
3024	92	49,100	39	18,400	11.6
3497	106	57,300	45	20,700	10.0
3840	117	62,800	47	21,200	9.1
4728	144	78,200	56	27,500	7.4
5023	151	82,000	62	29,800	7.0

described, a larger facility increases operating and future costs. Therefore, throughputs of 4,728 and 5,023 kg plutonium per year facilities were eliminated. By examining the graphs, it is observed that the number of man-hours for a throughput of 3,024 kg of plutonium is greater than those for the three remaining throughputs. It will therefore be eliminated. This leaves 2,779, 3,497, and 3,840 kg of plutonium per year as the optimal facility throughputs.

The final step of analysis is to input the three throughputs and back-calculate the values of the burnup, the number of reactors,

and the corefraction that would make these values required values. Figures 15, 16, and 17 show the plots of the corefraction vs. burnup for various number of reactors.

Because of the constraints on the number of reactors (2 to 6), the burnup (20,000 to 40,000 MWd/MTHM), and the corefraction (10-40%), some calculated values fell outside of these ranges and are omitted from the graphs.

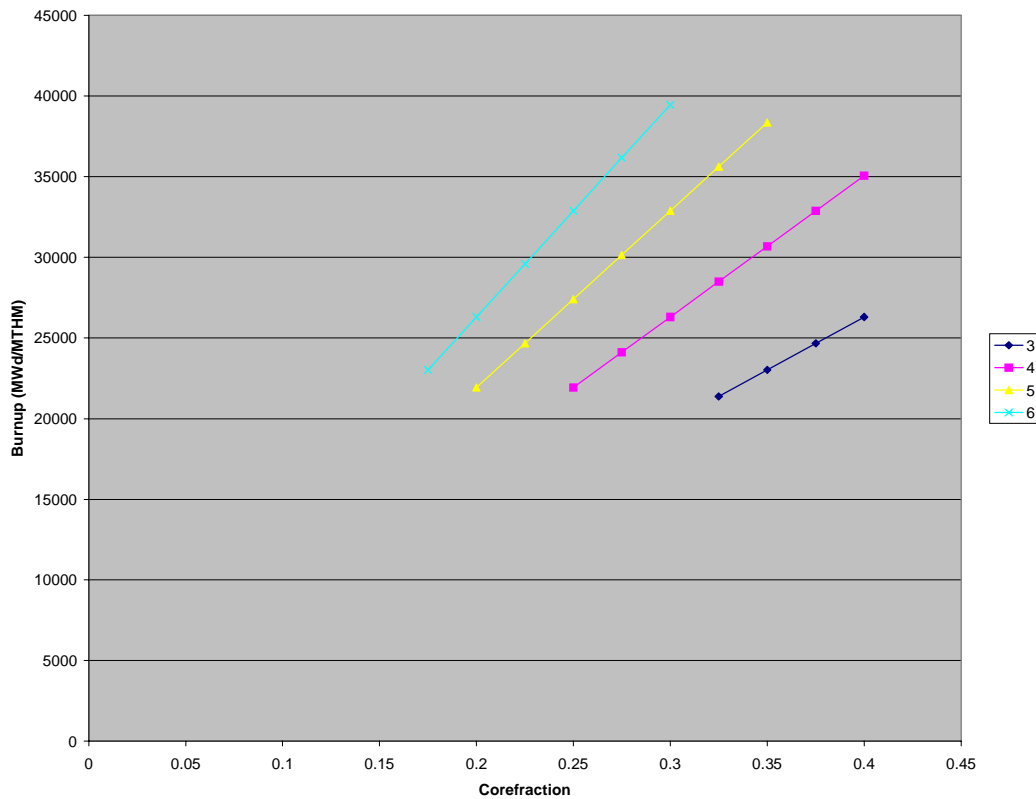


Figure 15: Burnup of the MOX Fuel When Used for Power Production vs. the Corefraction of the Reactor that is MOX Fuel for Various Number of Reactors (3-6) Used to Produce Power from the MOX Fuel

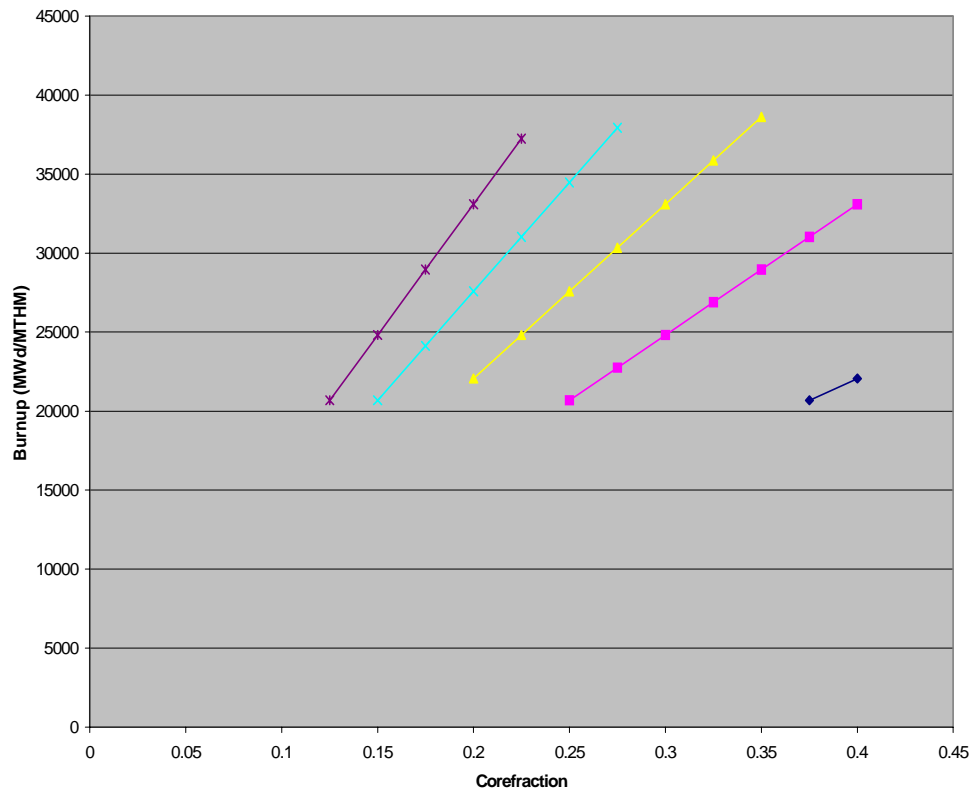


Figure 16: Burnup of the MOX Fuel When Used for Power Production vs. the Corefraction of the Reactor that is MOX Fuel for Various Number of Reactors (2-6) Used to Produce Power from the MOX Fuel for a Throughput of 2779 kg Pu Per Year

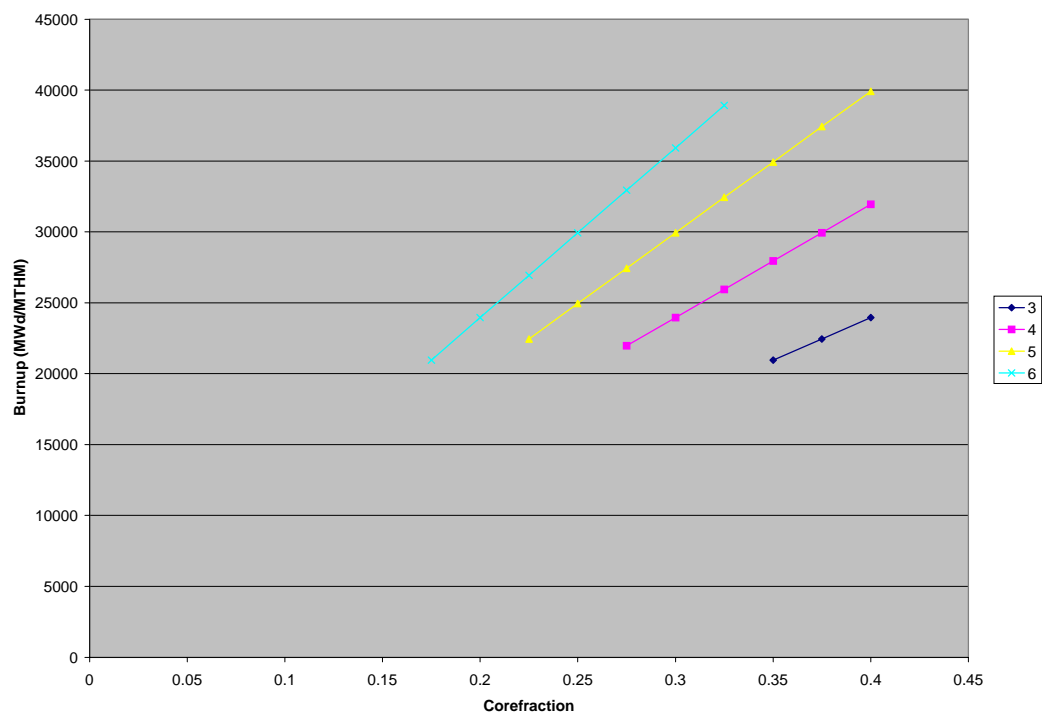


Figure 17: Burnup of the MOX Fuel When Used for Power Production vs. the Corefraction of the Reactor that is MOX Fuel for Various Number of Reactors (3-6) Used to Produce Power from the MOX Fuel for a Throughput of 3840 kg Pu Per Year

5. CONCLUSION

The optimization of the Pu throughput of the pit disassembly and conversion facility, and the mixed-oxide fuel fabrication plant was started by identifying the processing steps between the Pu metal arriving at the ARIES facility to the MOX fuel leaving the MOX FFF. These steps were broken down into modules, and the number of workers and space required for each was estimated from preliminary plant designs. The throughput of each module was calculated and the boundary conditions for required outputs were defined. From this, a FORTRAN program was written to back-calculate the number of man-hours for the lifetime of the plant and area needed for each facility for varying plutonium concentrations. It was determined that the optimal configuration for the defined boundary conditions was at 7% plutonium, the upper bound of the Pu concentration. It was assumed that a throughput of less than 2,000 kg and greater than 5,000 kg Pu was undesirable. From the localized graphs, regional minimums were recognized and defined. These were narrowed down by incompatibility with the optimal throughputs of either the ARIES or the MOX facility. The remaining optimal throughput values, in order of increasing man-hours, were 3,497, 2,779, and 3,840 kg Pu. These translated into facility lifetimes of 9.1, 10.0, and 12.6 years, respectively. If this is compared with DOE's plan of 3.5 MT/year for 10 years, then it matches the third result.

The results show that 2 reactors would be able to handle the power production from

the facility at 7% Pu concentration. However, this would require a very low burnup of the fuel, which would result in a low power output from the amount of fuel present. This would be very inefficient.

The minimum costs observed overall are at 7,538 MT/year. However, this facility would be too large to be an efficient conversion process. The time needed to construct, and later decontaminate and decommission, the facility would be greater than the process life of the facility. The quantity of workers and land space required would also be too large to be cost-effective. There is no minimum time required for complete disposition, as the facility could be made large enough to convert the entire quantity of plutonium metal in less than a year. However, the limitations for this facility would be the same as previously described.

Based on the results, it is recommended that the facilities be built for throughputs of 2,779 kg of plutonium per year. Because it is the smallest optimal throughput, the facility sizes will be smaller, requiring less maintenance and decontamination. It will also require fewer workers to be hired. Due to the larger lifetime, the workers that will be hired will be employed for a longer duration, which will benefit the regions in which the plants are built due to a sustained input of money into the local economies. Smaller facilities would also decrease the draw on the regional utilities, such as water and electricity.

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APPENDIX A **Example of a FORTRAN Program Written to Calculate Data for Fuel** **Construction for Use in a PWR**

This program calculates the values of workers and area for the MOX and ARIES facility, and the number of years for completion, as the throughput increases, for Pu

concentrations varying from 3% to 7%. An excerpt from the beginning of the output file follows showing data for the 3% and the beginning of the 3.5% output.

FORTRAN Program:

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*****
***  KEN SCHWARTZ                               ****
***                                           ****
***  THESIS PROGRAM                           ****
***                                           ****
***  THIS PROGRAM WILL CALCULATE THE NUMBER  ****
***  OF WORKERS AND AREA OF A PIT DISSASSEMBLY ****
***  AND CONVERSION FACILITY, MOX FUEL      ****
***  FABRICATION FACILITY, AND THE NUMBER OF ****
***  YEARS REQUIRED TO CONVERT 35 METRIC TONS  ****
*****
***  VARIABLES                               ****
***  WORKM = TOTAL WORKERS OF MOX FACILITY  ****
***  AREATOTM = TOTAL AREA OF MOX FACILITY  ****
***  WORKA = TOTAL WORKERS OF ARIES FACILITY ****
***  AREATOTA = TOTAL AREA OF ARIES FACILITY ****
***  MASSPU = MASS (KG) PLUTONIUM THROUGHPUT ****
***  REACTORS TYPE PWR= PINS=264            ****
***          BWR= PINS=54                    ****
*****
PROGRAM THESIS1
REAL MASSPU, REQKG, PUMIN, PUMAX, PUCONC
REAL KGPIN, KGBUN, KGPEL, REQBUN, REQPIN, TEMP
REAL PRODBUN, REQPEL, REC2, WASTE2, REJ2, REC3
REAL WASTE3, REJ3, REC4, WASTE4, REJ4, REC5, WASTE5, REJ5
REAL REC6, WASTE6, REJ6, RECA6, WASTE6A6
REAL RESULT(7,12000), HOURS, PINS, PELLETS
INTEGER AREATOTM, AREATOTA, WORKA, WORKM, TRIAL, X, Y
INTEGER MOD, I
OPEN (UNIT=8, FILE='FORTTH6', STATUS='NEW')
TRIAL = 0
PINS=264.
PELLETS=360.
HOURS=8000.

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**** RESET COUNTERS ****

I=1
X=1
Y=1
WORKM=0
AREATOTM=0
WORKA=0
AREATOTA=0
REC2=(0.1/101.65)
WASTE2=(0.05/101.65)
REJ2=(1.6/101.6)
REC3=(0.4/110.6)
REJ3=(8.6/110.6)
WASTE3=(0.03/110.6)
REC4=0.
WASTE4=(0.1/111.7)
REJ4=(1./111.7)
REC5=(1./112.5)
WASTE5=(0.03/112.5)
REJ5=(0.5/112.5)
REC6=((1.05+17.2)/(96.95+4.04))
WASTE6=(0.1/(96.95+4.04))
REJ6=(5.6/(96.95+4.04))
RECA6=0.3
WASTEA6=0.3

**** FORMAT OUTPUTS ****

15 FORMAT (1X, I10)
16 FORMAT (1X, E10.4)
DO 20 PUCONC=0.03, 0.07, 0.005
WRITE (8,*) PUCONC
PUMIN=5475*PUCONC
PUMAX=131400*PUCONC
DO 10 MASSPU=PUMIN, PUMAX, 5

**** CALCULATE MASS OF PLUTONIUM NEEDED PER YEAR ***

**** CALCULATE MOX FACILITY REQUIREMENTS ****

KGPEL=.005*PUCONC
KGPIN=KGPEL*PELLETS
KGBUN=KGPIN*PINS

*** FUEL BUNDLE ASSEMBLY ****

REQBUN=MASSPU/KGBUN
PRODBUN=(3./PINS)*HOURS
TEMP=REQBUN/PRODBUN
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKM=WORKM+(MOD*3)
AREATOTM=AREATOTM+(MOD*3000)

*** FUEL ROD ASSEMBLY ****

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REQPIN=REQBUN*PINS
REQPIN=REQPIN*(1+REJ2+WASTE2-REC2)
TEMP=REQPIN/3200.
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKM=WORKM+(MOD*3)
AREATOTM=AREATOTM+(MOD*3000)
**** PELLET GRINDING ****
REQPEL=REQPIN*PELLETS
REQPEL=REQPEL*(1+REJ3+WASTE3-REC3)
TEMP=REQPEL/460800.
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKM=WORKM+(MOD*2)
AREATOTM=AREATOTM+(MOD*400)
**** SINTERING ****
REQPEL=REQPEL*(1+REJ4+WASTE4-REC4)
TEMP=REQPEL/3197135.18
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKM=WORKM+(MOD*2)
AREATOTM=AREATOTM+(MOD*1000)
**** PELLETIZING ****
REQPEL=REQPEL*(1+REJ5+WASTE5-REC5)
TEMP=REQPEL/1826934.39
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKM=WORKM+(MOD*2)
AREATOTM=AREATOTM+(MOD*1000)
*** BLENDING ****
REQKG=REQPEL*KGPEL
REQKG=REQKG*(1+REJ6+WASTE6-REC6)
TEMP=REQKG/3360.
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKM=WORKM+(MOD*2)
AREATOTM=AREATOTM+(MOD*700)
*** SHIPPING AND RECEIVING ****
CONTAIN=REQKG/4.045
TEMP=CONTAIN/912.
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKM=WORKM+(MOD*3)
AREATOTM=AREATOTM+(MOD*4000)
*****
***** ARIES *****
*****
**** SHIPPING AND RECEIVING ****
CONTAIN=REQKG/4.045
TEMP=CONTAIN/912.
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKA=WORKA+MOD*3

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AREATOTA=AREATOTA+MOD*4000
**** SECONDARY CANNING ****
TEMP=CONTAIN/1920.
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKA=WORKA+MOD*2
AREATOTA=AREATOTA+MOD*1000
**** ELECTRODECONTAMINATION ****
TEMP=CONTAIN/1280.
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKA=WORKA+MOD*2
AREATOTA=AREATOTA+MOD*600
**** PRIMARY CANNING ****
TEMP=CONTAIN/1920.
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKA=WORKA+MOD*2
AREATOTA=AREATOTA+MOD*600
*** GALLIUM REMOVAL ****
TEMP=REQKG/1536.
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKA=WORKA+MOD*2
AREATOTA=AREATOTA+MOD*500
**** HYDOX ****
REQKG=REQKG*(1+WASTEA6-RECA6)
TEMP=REQKG/384.
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKA=WORKA+MOD*2
AREATOTA=AREATOTA+MOD*500
**** BISECTION ****
TEMP=REQKG/(384.*4.)
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKA=WORKA+MOD*2
AREATOTA=AREATOTA+MOD*1300
**** NDA ****
TEMP=REQKG/(539.*4.)
CALL ROUND(MOD, TEMP)
WORKA=WORKA+MOD*2
AREATOTA=AREATOTA+MOD*1300
**** PIT RECEIVING ****
MOD=1
WORKA=WORKA+MOD*2
AREATOTA=AREATOTA+MOD*2000
***** WRITE DATA TO FORTTH.XLS *****
RESULT(1,I)=I
RESULT(2,I)=MASSPU
RESULT(3,I)=WORKM
RESULT(4,I)=AREATOTM

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      RESULT(5,I)=WORKA
      RESULT(6,I)=AREATOTA
      RESULT(7,I)=35000/MASSPU
      WRITE(8,*) (RESULT(J,I), J=1, 7)
      I=I+1
      WORKM=0
      AREATOTM=0
      WORKA=0
      AREATOTA=0
10    CONTINUE
20    CONTINUE
      END
**** ROUND UP (MOD CALCULATOR) ****
      SUBROUTINE ROUND(MD, TMP)
      REAL TMP
      INTEGER MD
      MD=TMP
      IF (MD.LT.TMP) THEN
      MD=MD+1
      ENDIF
      RETURN
      END

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Output File:

	throughput	MOXW	MOXA	ARIESW	ARIESA	years
0.03						
1	164.25	21	13900	19	11800	213.0898
2	169.25	21	13900	19	11800	206.7947
3	174.25	24	16900	19	11800	200.8608
4	179.25	24	16900	19	11800	195.258
5	184.25	24	16900	19	11800	189.9593
6	189.25	24	16900	19	11800	184.9406
7	194.25	26	17300	19	11800	180.1802
8	199.25	26	17300	19	11800	175.6587
9	204.25	26	17300	19	11800	171.3586
10	209.25	26	17300	19	11800	167.264
11	214.25	26	17300	19	11800	163.3606
12	219.25	26	17300	19	11800	159.6351
13	224.25	26	17300	19	11800	156.0758
14	229.25	26	17300	19	11800	152.6718
15	234.25	26	17300	19	11800	149.413
16	239.25	26	17300	19	11800	146.2905
17	244.25	26	17300	19	11800	143.2958
18	249.25	26	17300	19	11800	140.4213

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24	279.25	30	18700	19	11800	125.3357
25	284.25	30	18700	19	11800	123.1311
26	289.25	30	18700	19	11800	121.0026
27	294.25	30	18700	19	11800	118.9465
28	299.25	30	18700	19	11800	116.9591
29	304.25	30	18700	19	11800	115.037
30	309.25	30	18700	19	11800	113.177
31	314.25	30	18700	19	11800	111.3763
32	319.25	32	19100	19	11800	109.632
33	324.25	32	19100	19	11800	107.9414
34	329.25	32	19100	19	11800	106.3022
35	334.25	32	19100	19	11800	104.712
36	339.25	32	19100	19	11800	103.1688
37	344.25	35	22100	19	11800	101.6703
38	349.25	35	22100	19	11800	100.2147
39	354.25	35	22100	19	11800	98.80029
40	359.25	35	22100	19	11800	97.42519
41	364.25	35	22100	19	11800	96.08785
42	369.25	35	22100	19	11800	94.78673
43	374.25	35	22100	19	11800	93.52037
44	379.25	35	22100	19	11800	92.28741
45	384.25	37	22500	19	11800	91.08653
46	389.25	37	22500	19	11800	89.9165
47	394.25	37	22500	19	11800	88.77615
48	399.25	37	22500	19	11800	87.66437
49	404.25	37	22500	21	12300	86.58009
50	409.25	37	22500	21	12300	85.52229
51	414.25	37	22500	21	12300	84.49004
52	419.25	37	22500	21	12300	83.48241
53	424.25	37	22500	21	12300	82.49853
54	429.25	37	22500	21	12300	81.53757
55	434.25	37	22500	21	12300	80.59873
56	439.25	39	23500	21	12300	79.68127
57	444.25	41	23900	21	12300	78.78447
58	449.25	41	23900	21	12300	77.90762
59	454.25	41	23900	21	12300	77.05008
60	459.25	41	23900	21	12300	76.21121
61	464.25	41	23900	21	12300	75.39041
62	469.25	41	23900	21	12300	74.5871
63	474.25	41	23900	21	12300	73.80074
64	479.25	41	23900	21	12300	73.03078

65	484.25	41	23900	21	12300	72.27672
66	489.25	41	23900	21	12300	71.53807
67	494.25	41	23900	21	12300	70.81436
68	499.25	41	23900	21	12300	70.10516
69	504.25	43	24900	21	12300	69.41001
70	509.25	45	25300	21	12300	68.72852
71	514.25	48	28300	21	12300	68.06028
72	519.25	48	28300	21	12300	67.40491
73	524.25	48	28300	21	12300	66.76204
74	529.25	48	28300	21	12300	66.13132
75	534.25	48	28300	21	12300	65.5124
76	539.25	48	28300	21	12300	64.90496
77	544.25	48	28300	21	12300	64.30869
78	549.25	48	28300	21	12300	63.72326
79	554.25	48	28300	21	12300	63.1484
80	559.25	48	28300	21	12300	62.58382
81	564.25	48	28300	21	12300	62.02924
82	569.25	48	28300	21	12300	61.48441
83	574.25	50	28700	21	12300	60.94906
84	579.25	50	28700	21	12300	60.42296
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86	589.25	50	28700	21	12300	59.39754
87	594.25	50	28700	21	12300	58.89777
88	599.25	50	28700	21	12300	58.40634
89	604.25	50	28700	21	12300	57.92305
90	609.25	50	28700	21	12300	57.44768
91	614.25	50	28700	21	12300	56.98006
92	619.25	50	28700	21	12300	56.51999
93	624.25	50	28700	21	12300	56.06728
94	629.25	50	28700	21	12300	55.62177
95	634.25	52	29100	21	12300	55.18329
96	639.25	52	29100	21	12300	54.75166
97	644.25	52	29100	21	12300	54.32674
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