



SESSION #7: CONSOLIDATED STORAGE BIOGRAPHIES

Michael Ford

Mike Ford is a Certified Health Physicist; he received a B.S. in Radiological Health Engineering and an M.S. in Health Physics from Texas A&M University, with 31 years of experience in nuclear operations associated with both the government and private sectors.

Beyond his initial career emphasis in radiation protection and safety management programs, Ford's experience extends to regulatory compliance, public policy work within legislative processes at both the federal and state level, and participation in public outreach. He has served as an appointed public official managing and advising the Texas Radiation Advisory Board and the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission. In both roles, his responsibilities included interaction with state and federal elected officials, executives in the nuclear industry and concerned members of the public.

He joined WCS in September of 2016 and is responsible for, among other things, leading the team assembled by WCS, AREVA, and NAC International that is seeking a license from the NRC for a Consolidated Interim Storage Facility (CISF) at the WCS site near Andrews, Texas.

Stefan Anton

Dr. Stefan Anton is the Vice President of Engineering for Holtec International. In this role, he is responsible for providing technical and licensing leadership to all Holtec Technical Services departments engaged in licensing, design and analysis functions. Dr. Anton has over 30 years of experience working in the nuclear industry, with a primary focus on spent fuel storage and transportation.



Melissa Bates

Melissa Bates is the acting Team Lead for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Nuclear Energy's Office of Integrated Waste Management (IWM). She has been in this role since January 2015. Ms. Bates came to DOE's Idaho Operations Office in 2003. With technical expertise in contract management, she has supported both the IWM and the Office of Spent Fuel and Waste Science and Technology with contract management including, the high-burn up dry storage cask research and development project; alternative design concepts for a generic interim storage facility; standardized transportation, aging and disposal cask design; and cooperative agreements with State Regional groups and the National Conference of State Legislatures to enhance DOE engagement with state and tribal stakeholders.

In her role as the acting Team Lead for IWM, she is responsible for the planning and execution of activities to lay the groundwork for future interim storage and large-scale transportation of commercial spent nuclear fuel, to include consent-based siting. She holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Idaho State University.