Development of Rotary Microfilter for SRS/Hanford Deployment SR071101

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Presentation Outline

- Project Description
- Technical Strategy/Approach
- Technical Results and Status
- Impact on High Risk/Cost Reduction or Avoidance



Project Description

- SRS and Hanford are developing additional processes to treat radioactive liquid waste
 - Enhanced Processes for Radionuclide Removal (EPRR)
 - Supplemental Pretreatment
 - Bulk Vitrification
- Solid-liquid separation is often rate limiting step for these processes

Large equipment footprint

• Increasing solid-liquid separation rate can increase volume of waste treated and reduce equipment size



Full-Scale Rotary Filter at SRNL



25 disk filter unit

Requires 25 – 50 gpm pump



Project Description – Technical Strategy/Approach

- Upgrade existing rotary filter with air seal and improved bushing
- Test rotary filter with Hanford AN-105 simulant
- Conduct longevity test with feed simulating SRS EPRR process
- Procure small-scale rotary filter for actual waste test at Hanford
- Procure and test upgraded rotary filter at SRNL



Technical Status and Results

- Upgraded seal and bushing in rotary filter
- Completed testing with Hanford simulant
- Preparing to start testing with simulated EPRR feed
- Procurement of small-scale rotary filter for actual waste test at Hanford underway
- Preparing specification for procurement of new rotary filter



Rotary Filter Performance with Hanford Simulant



Project Impact

- Successful incorporation of the rotary filter into the EPRR, Supplemental Pretreatment, and Bulk Vitrification Projects will allow SRS and Hanford to accelerate tank closure
 Could increase throughput up to 6X
- Rotary filter can be placed in a waste tank riser reducing shielding requirements
- Smaller size of rotary filter system reduces disposal costs

