



ANNOUNCEMENT

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RE: Plans to Proceed with Five Additional Potential Areas of Study (PAS)

The US Department of Energy (DOE) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) are announcing plans to move forward with the evaluation of additional Potential Areas of Study (PAS) within the Phase 1 Studies process. Over the coming months, the agencies will work with the Phase 1 Studies contractor (Enviro Compliance Solutions; ECS) to assemble two teams of Subject Matter Experts (SME) for the evaluation of additional PAS.

While work is continuing on the Erosion study area and the scoping and scheduling of a climate change workshop, SME groups will be assembled to address five additional PAS that are grouped under the **Exhumation** and **Engineered Barriers** topical areas. These SME teams will evaluate the following PAS:

- Exhumation
 - Alternative approaches to, costs of, and risks associated with complete waste and tank exhumation
 - Viability, cost, and benefit of partial exhumation of waste and removal of contamination
 - Exhumation uncertainties and benefit of pilot exhumation activities
- Engineered Barriers
 - In place closure containment technologies
 - Engineered barrier performance

The agencies will discuss progress on these PAS with stakeholders during the May 23, 2012 Quarterly Public Meeting and throughout the Phase 1 Studies process. DOE and NYSEDA will give consideration and respond to written comments.

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