



From the desk of Mark Lindholm, WRPS President and Project Manager:

Tank Farm Projects team removes AW-106 pump

Our Tank Farm Projects team removed the pump from tank AW-106 pump on June 1 to support the upcoming 242-A Evaporator campaigns. The team used a new method to drain residual waste as the pump was lifted from the riser. This operation reduced the risk of contamination to our workers and the environment.

The team implemented the following controls for this important project:

- Activated primary ventilation during all the pit-intrusive activities.
- Fully sleeved the pump and slurry distributor during removal.
- Used a high-pressure spray ring to rinse the pump during removal.
- Installed an engineered work platform to provide a barrier between workers and the pump during removal and draining, with a remotely controlled hydraulic punch.
- Limited access to the AW Farm during the pump pull to personnel involved with the pump removal.
- Conducted additional monitoring in and around the farm, including rounds and routines as well as the mobile laboratory.
- Collected stack monitoring/sampling data before and during the pump removal.

Opportunities for Employee Engagement

- The next CVST Communication Sub-Team meeting is Monday, June 12, from 3 to 4 p.m. at 2704-HV, Room B-226.
- The next full CVST meeting is Wednesday, June 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at 2704-HV, Room G-206.
- An all-employee survey will be conducted in July by the Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU). Employees will receive a link to the survey directly from ORAU and representatives will be on site to administer hard-copy surveys. Several focus groups will also be convened to provide input on WRPS' safety culture, with the results used in the wording of the survey and in interpreting the results.

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