

The Office of Materials and Chemical Technologies and NE-43 Programs Stewardship

FY25 CINR FOA Webinar

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Staff & Program Responsibilities



Dr. Bill Del Cul

Aqueous Separations
Vapor Phase Separations
Hybrid ZIRCEX



Ms. Kimberly Gray

Off-Gas Captures and Immobilization
Advanced Waste Form Development



Dr. Stephen Kung

Uranium Mining



Ms. Sue Lesica

Materials Coordination
NE-5 ART and LWRs Materials R&D

Ms. Tansel Selekler
Materials Protection, Accounting
& Control Technology
EBR-II for HALEU Production



Dr. Ming Tang
Innovative Nuclear Materials



Dr. Jim Willit
Pyroprocessing
Molten Salt Chemistry
Molten Salt Fuels



NE-43 Program Stewardship

(I) Materials Recovery & Waste Form Development (MRWFD)

Mission – Develop advanced fuel recycle technologies to improve resource utilization, reduce repository burden, limit proliferation risk and improve economics.

MRWFD Technology Focus Areas

- Adv. Aqueous Processing
- Vapor Phase Separations
- Pyroprocessing / Molten Salt Separations
- Off-gas Capture and Immobilization
- Adv. Waste Form Development

Mission – Develop innovative real (or near-real) time technologies, analysis tools, and advanced integration methods to support the U.S. advanced fuel cycle technology developers to effectively and economically address nuclear materials control and accounting (MC&A) requirements.

MPACT Technology Focus Areas

- Develop Domestic Safeguards Performance Models for Fuel Cycle Flowsheets
- Incorporate domestic safeguards into early R&D stage
- Sensors for real time measurements (concentrations, density...)
- Advanced electronics for Non-Destructive Assay (NDA)

NE-43 Program Stewardship (III) Innovative Nuclear Materials

Missions – (1) Develop next generation fuel cladding and in-core materials and (2) address nuclear materials recycling and reuse with emphasis on maintaining long-term nuclear materials sustainability.

INM Technology Focus Areas – Develop Innovative Fuel Cladding Materials

- Materials Design – novel metallic alloy and/or new coating
- Material Performance under Extreme Conditions
- Material Fabrication and Manufacturing Technologies

FY25 CINR FOA Topics Under NE-43 Program Areas

Topic Area 3 – Nuclear Fuel Recycle Technologies – Bill Del Cul & Jim Willit

- Developing adv fuel recycling technologies for irradiated fuels
- Addressing fundamental materials separations and recovery challenges that present significant degrees of technical risks and financial uncertainties.

Topic Area 4 – Fuels Molten Salt Fuels – Jim Willit

- 2023 workshop on the MSR Fuel Cycle Chemistry R&D needs
(<https://publications.anl.gov/anlpubs/2024/02/187645.pdf>)

Topic Area 10 — Licensing, Safety, and Security

- Innovative MC&A Methods and Tools for Fuel Cycle – Tansel Selekler

Topic Area 11 — Advanced Nuclear Materials

- Innovative Cladding Materials – Ming Tang
- Innovative Materials for Off-gas Capture and Waste Forms – Kim Gray

Topic Area 12 — Blue Sky