

More Information About Waste Disposal Facilities

Facilities permitted to dispose of waste from DOE sites share safety features:

Designed to last 1,000 years

- A liner designed to protect the surrounding environment
- A cap designed to protect against penetration by rainwater or intruders

Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC)

- Facility specific requirements to protect against risks to human health and the environment
- Limits on size/shape of waste to ensure operations do not damage safety features

Long-Term Stewardship After Closure

- Closure plans approved by the U.S. EPA and host state.
- Long-term monitoring to protect against environmental releases



DOE requires that any waste disposal facility it uses provides

Safe, effective design, and operating procedures

Long-term protection of people and the environment

An approved closure plan and Long-term stewardship