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Cover Story—Low-Level Waste
There Is No Commercial Low-Level Waste Disposal Crisis in the United States—Yet!
Starting July 1, 2008, there may be a problem in disposing of Class B and C low-level waste. May is the operative word here.

Other Features
Turning the Corner at Hanford: Hanford Plutonium Finishing Plant Completes Plutonium Stabilization; Key Safety Issues Closed
This past February, a long effort to stabilize and repack containerize nearly 18 MT of plutonium-bearing leftovers at Hanford was successfully concluded.

Thinking “Inside” the Box at West Valley: Decontaminating a Cell Tower
It took more than eating their Wheaties for West Valley workers to figure out how to decontaminate a room shaped like a cereal box.

Innovative Approaches to Rail Transport of Radioactive Waste
With breakthroughs in specialized equipment allowing the use of rail for projects that traditionally would have been transported only by truck, a new era of radioactive waste rail shipping may have begun.

Wrapping Up a Waste Problem: Innovative Use of Polyurea Coating at Rocky Flats Reduces Risk, Saves Money
New ideas for waste cleanup operations can be found everywhere, even in a worker’s pickup truck.

A Question of Dry vs. Wet: The Case for Dry Rock Disposal of Nuclear Waste
Dry is best for martinis and fine champagne, but what about nuclear waste repositories?

Meeting Report
“Live by Satellite” and Other Events at Waste Management ’04
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