

Underground Milling of High-Grade Uranium Ore

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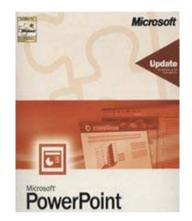






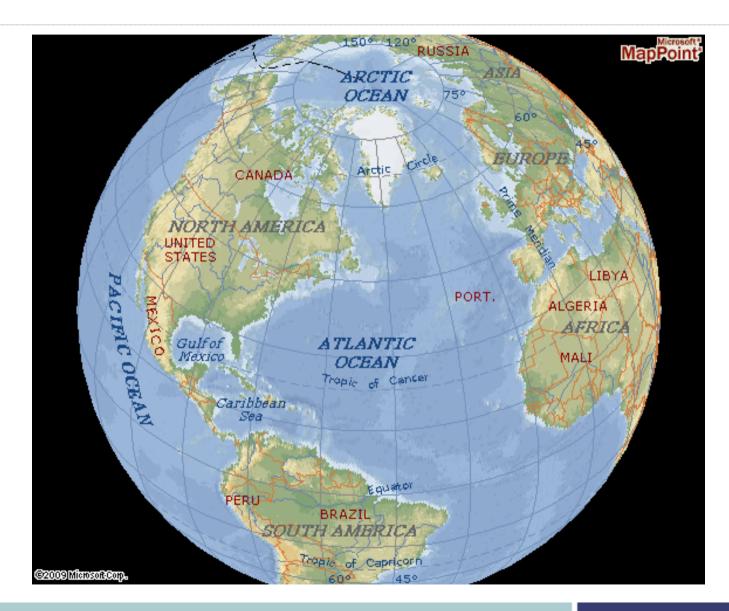
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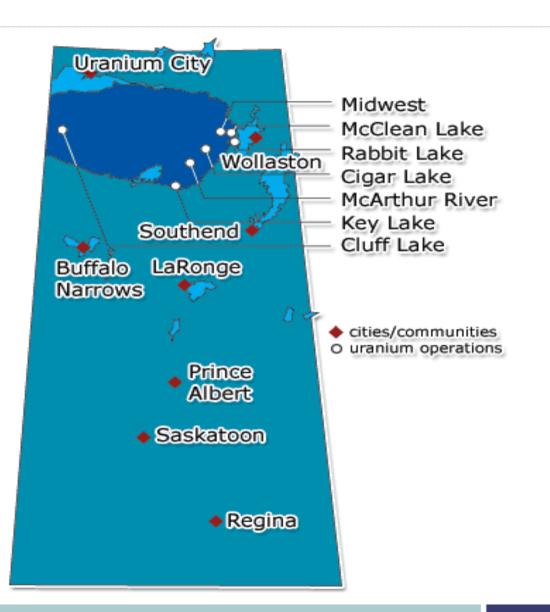


Side effects include drowsiness, nausea, light-headedness, and, in rare instances, a diminished will to live.





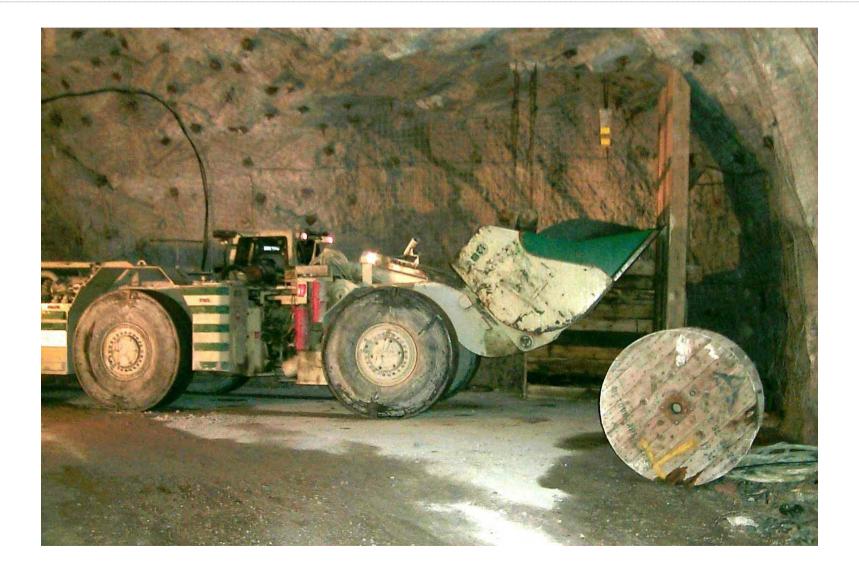












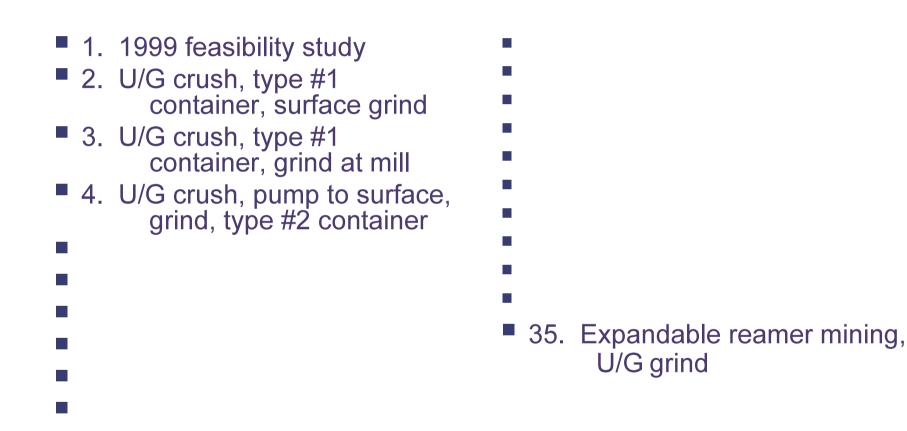


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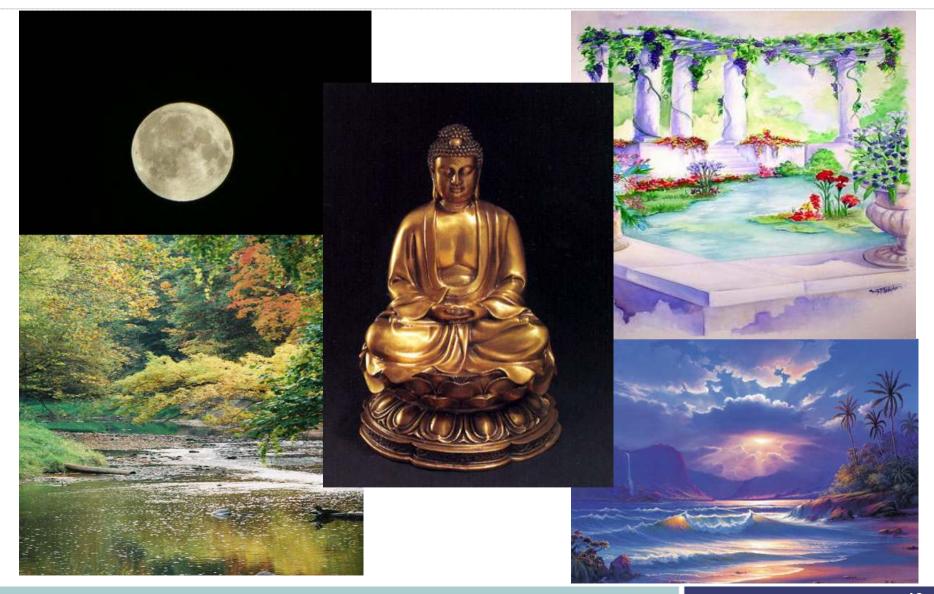


Cigar Lake Ore Handling Options

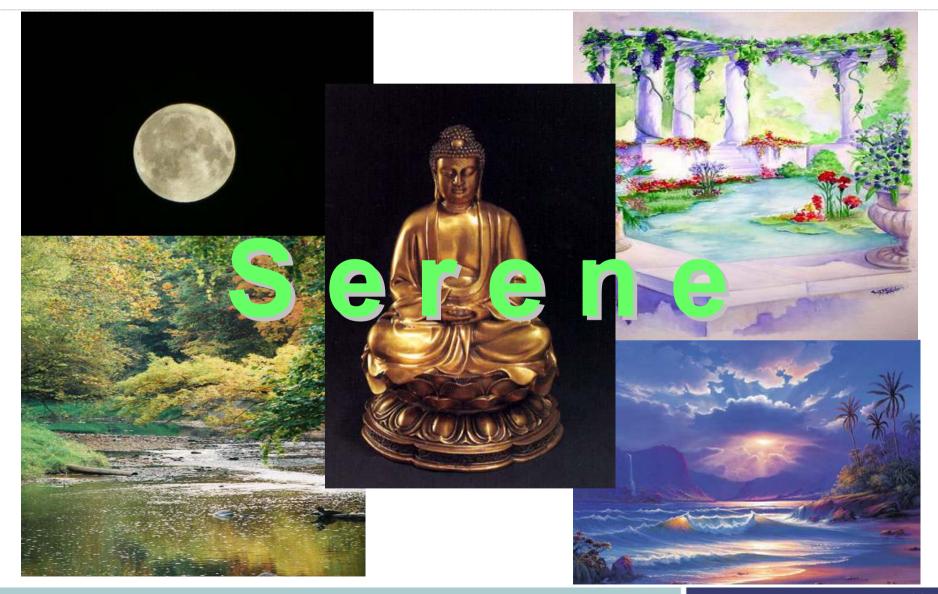
















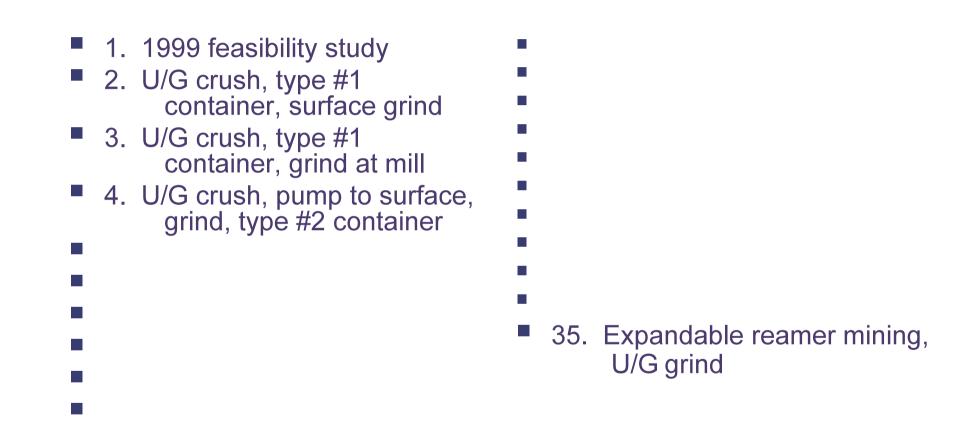




L'audace. L'audace. Toujours l'audace.

Cigar Lake Ore Handling Options









Let's put the whole \$%# mill underground!

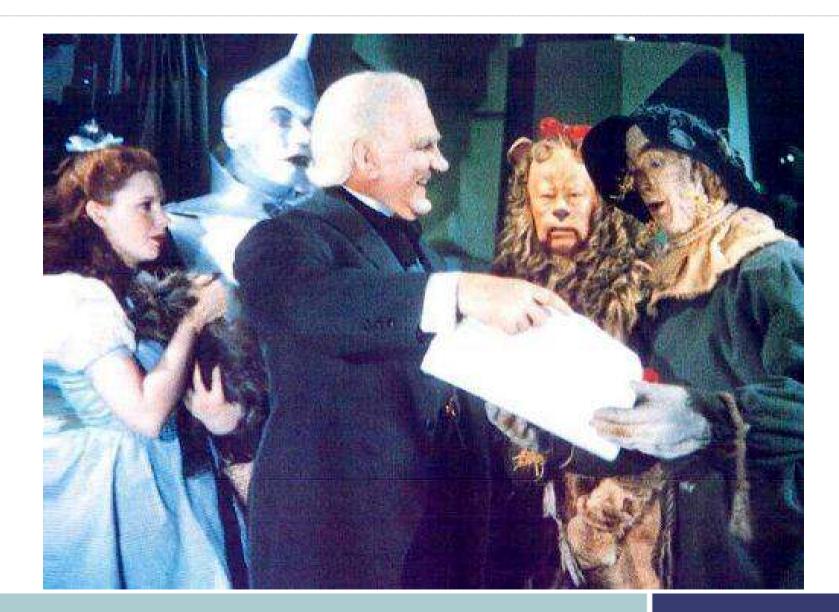




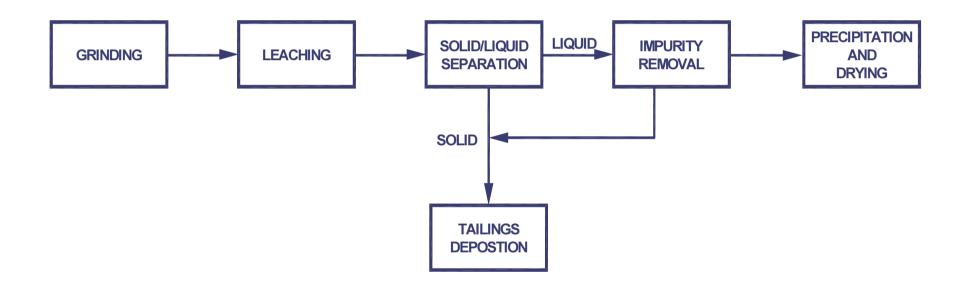




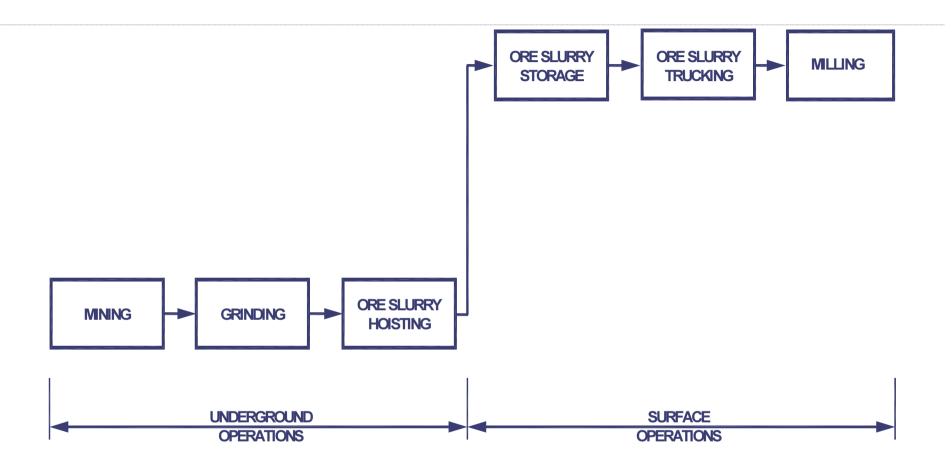


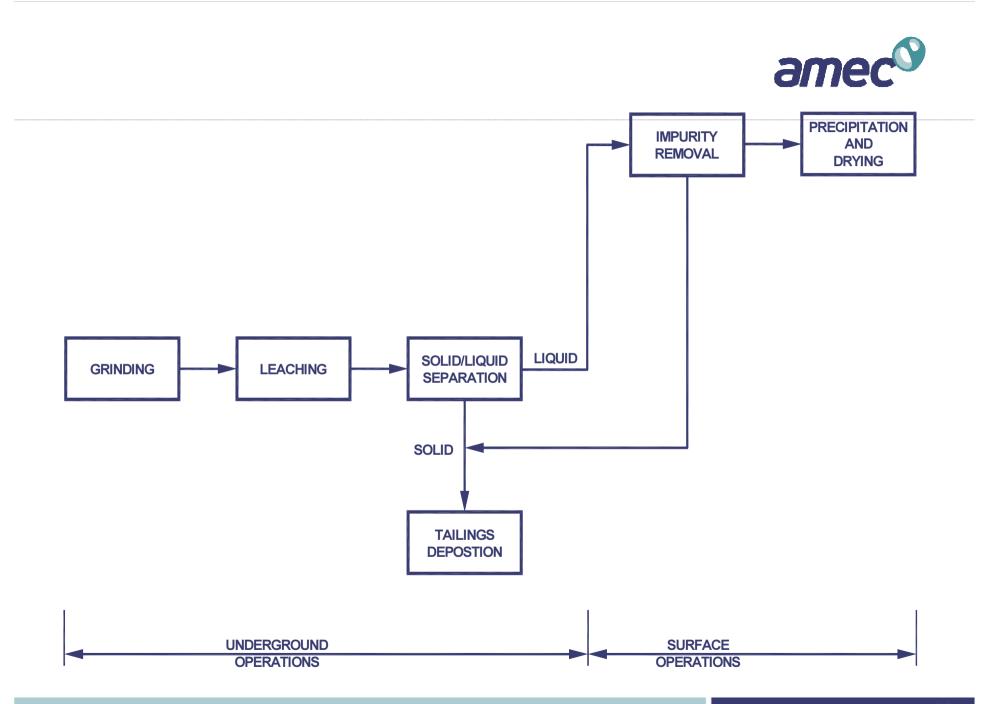




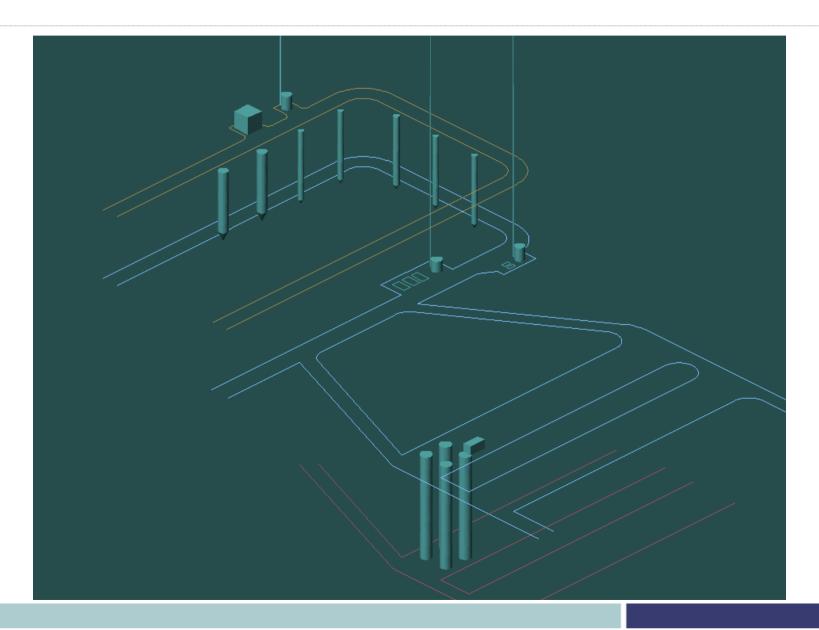






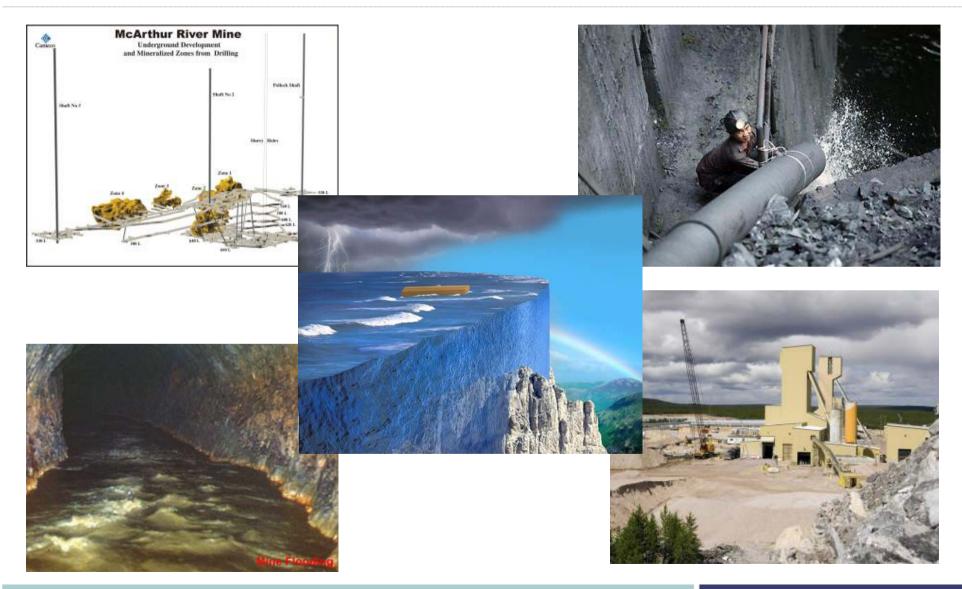






Your mine might flood!

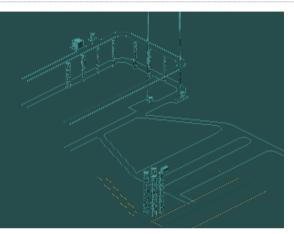




Flood risk mitigation



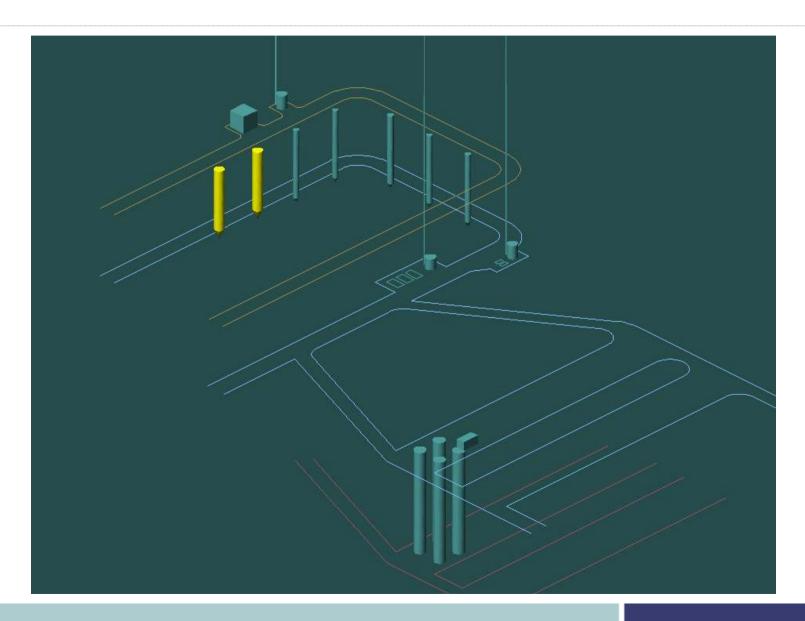
Water handling



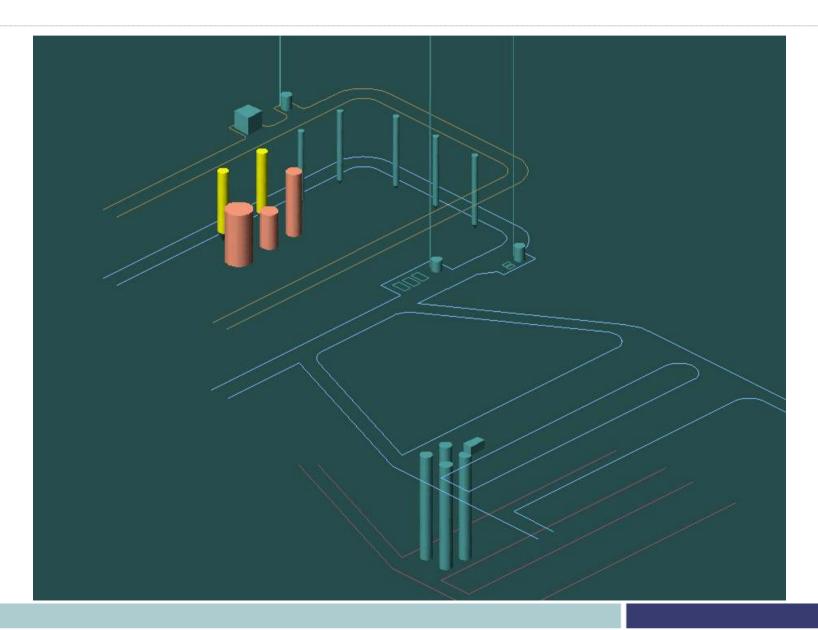
Water pumping/treatment

Process equipment location

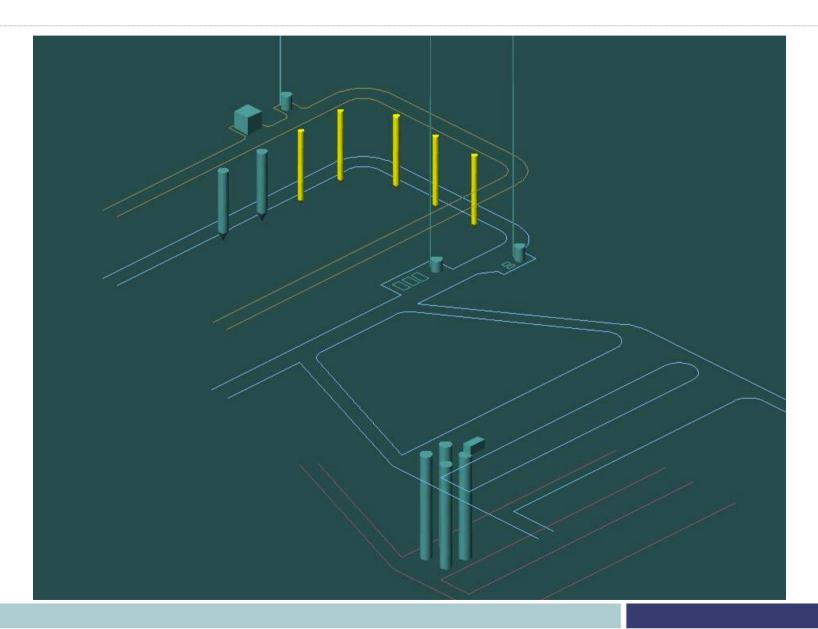








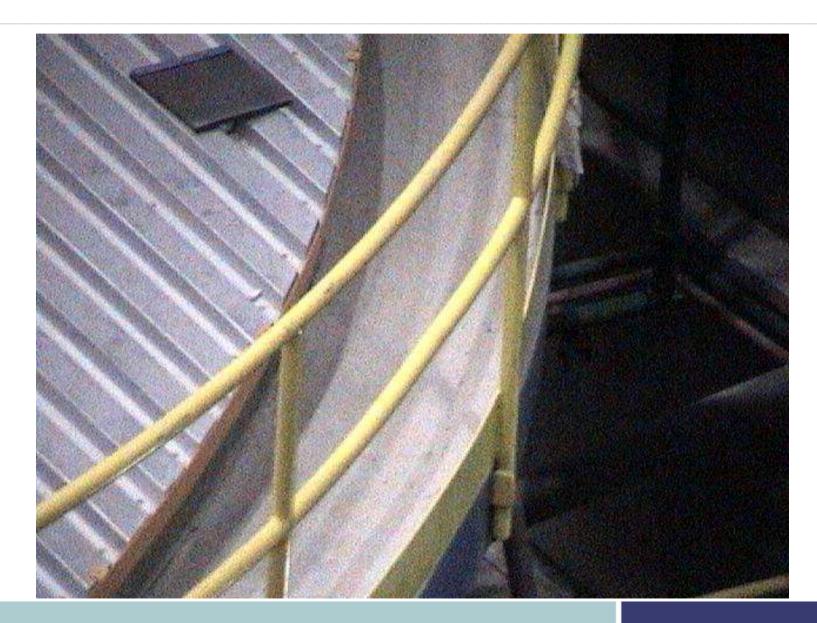




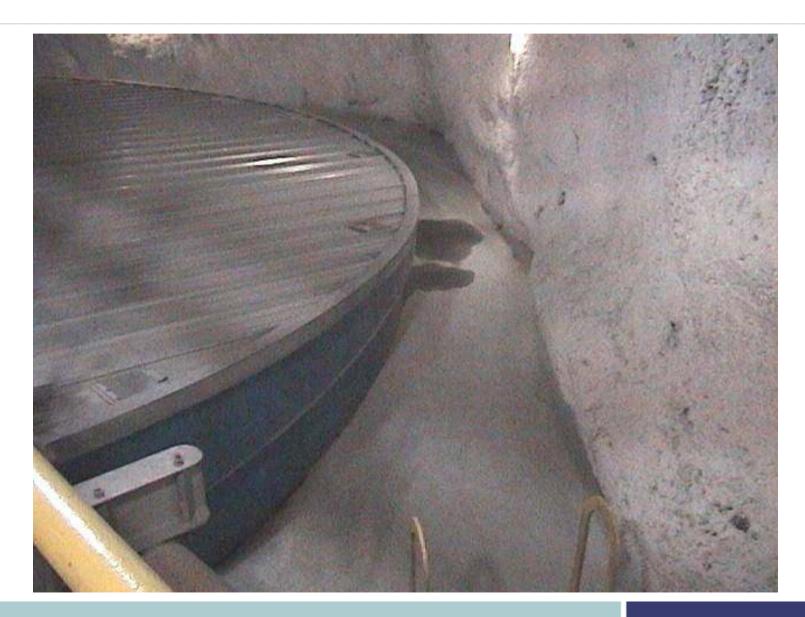




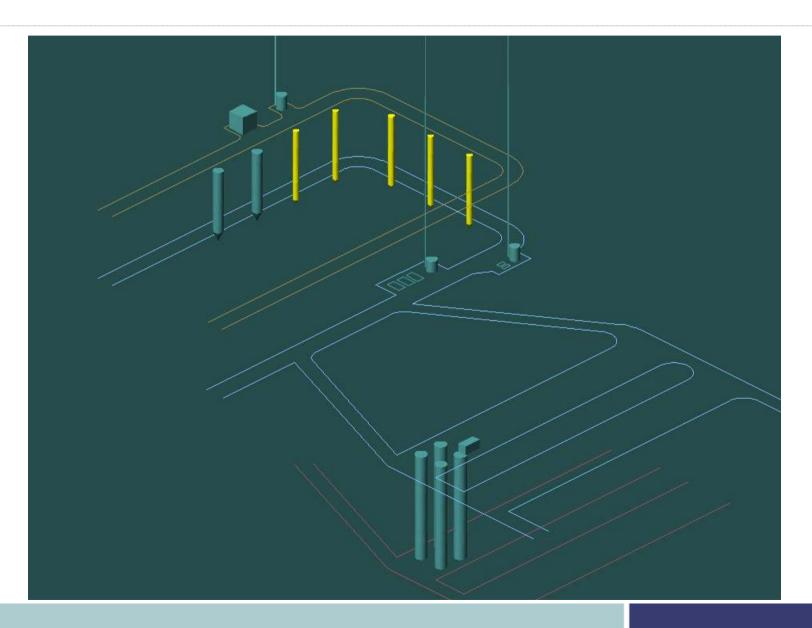




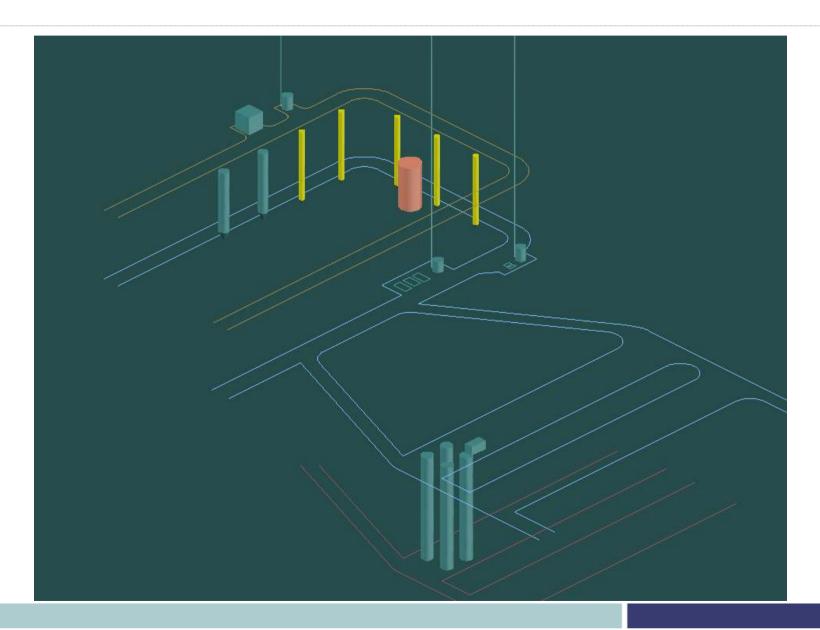




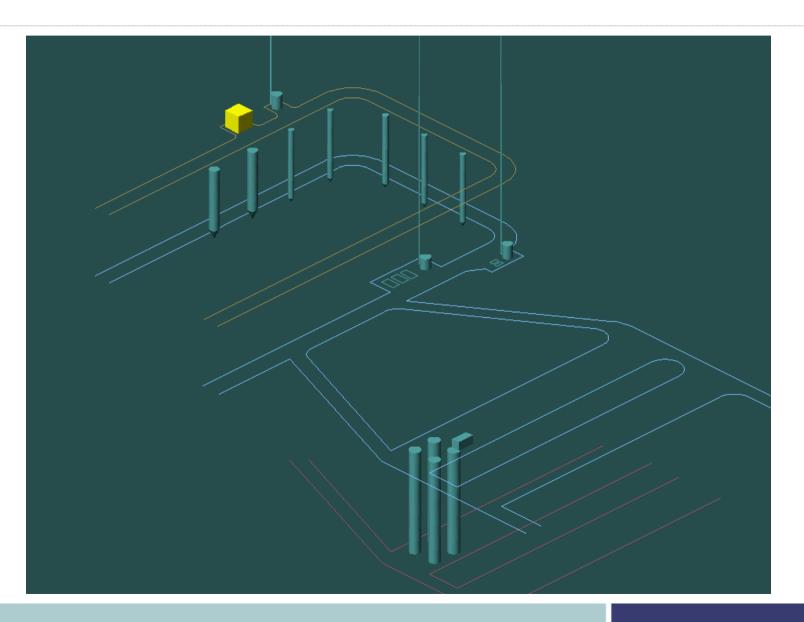












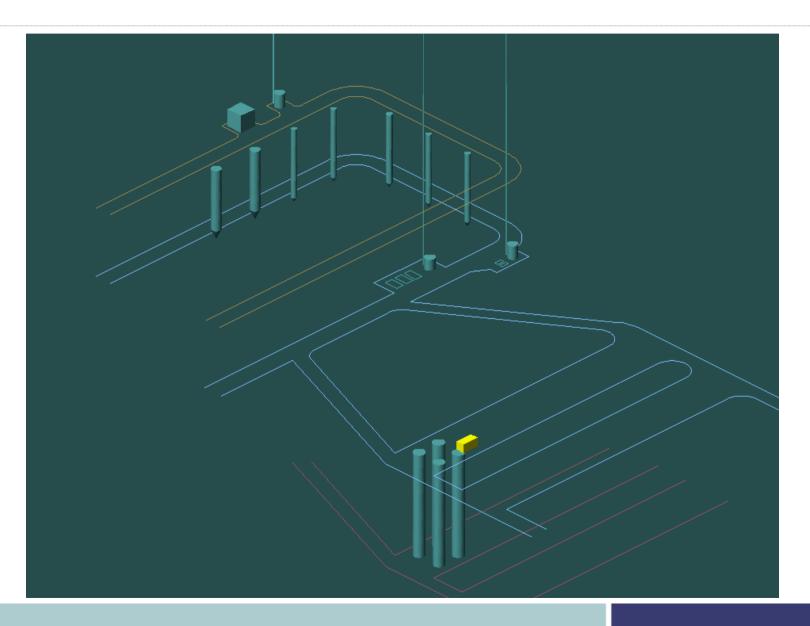








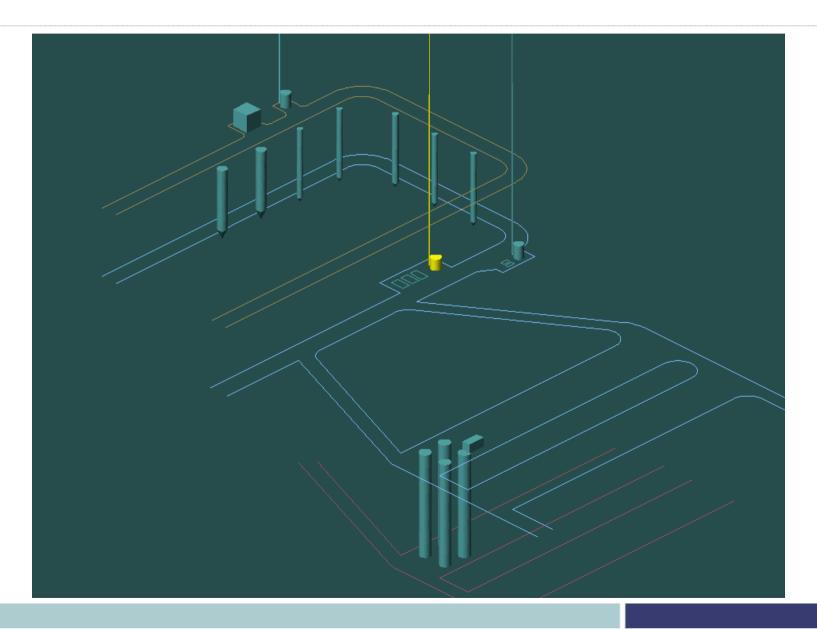












Impurity Removal



Chemical Precipitation Purification

Best with high U concentration

Technically and operationally proven

Impurity Removal

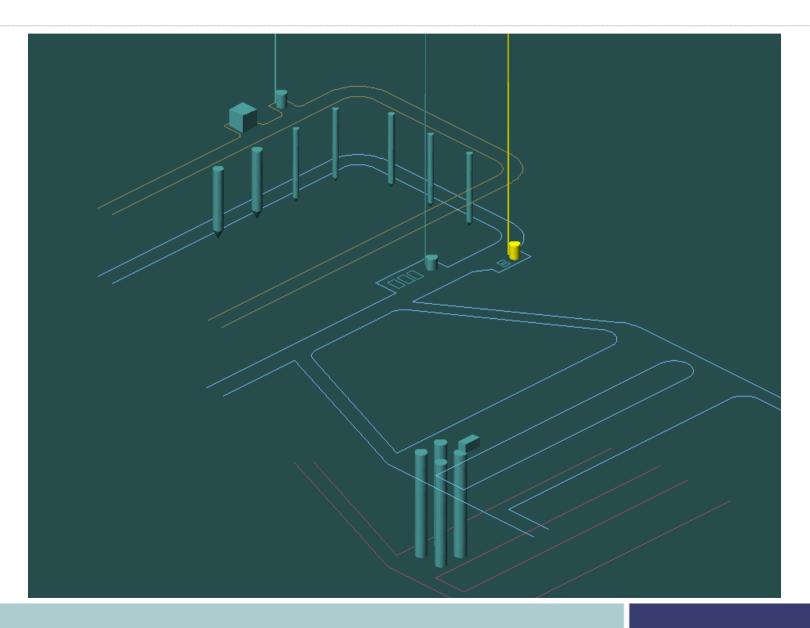


Chemical Precipitation Purification

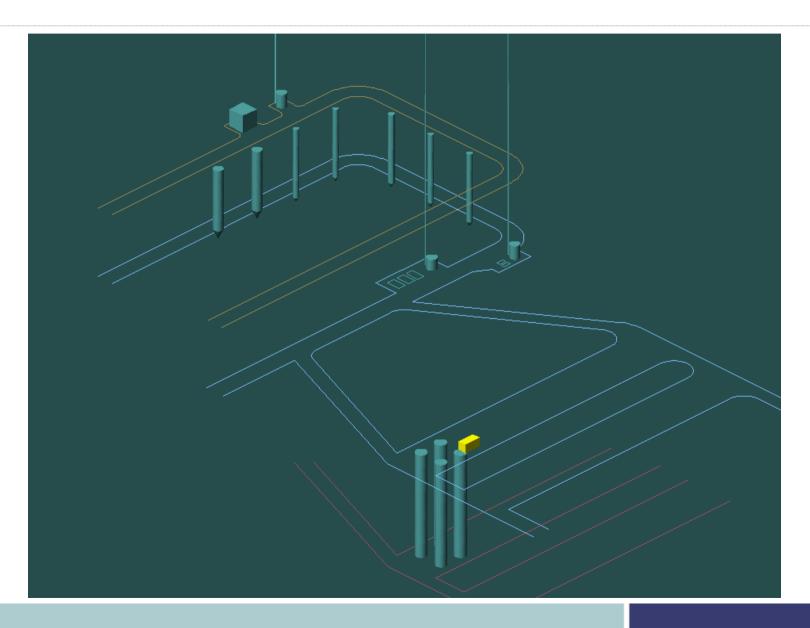
Innocuous reagents

Impurities removed as precipitates

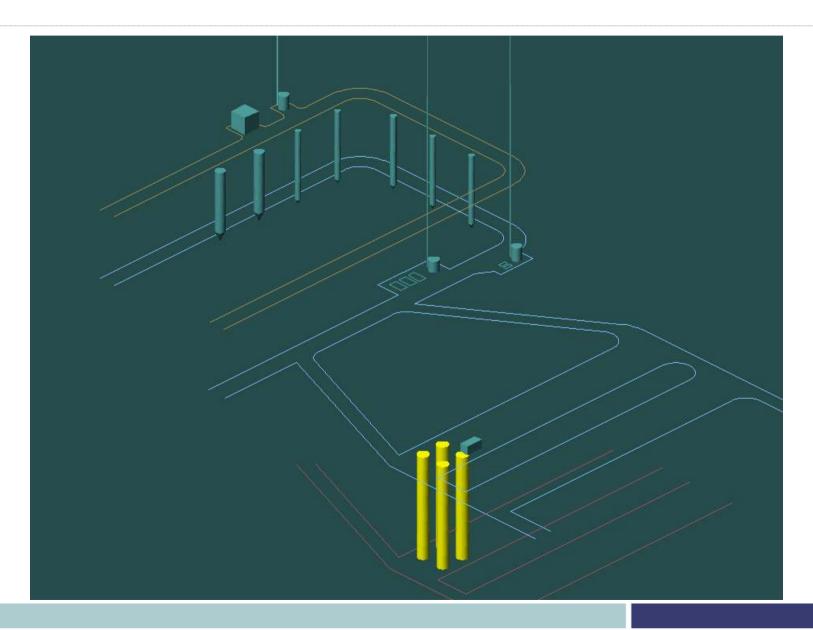




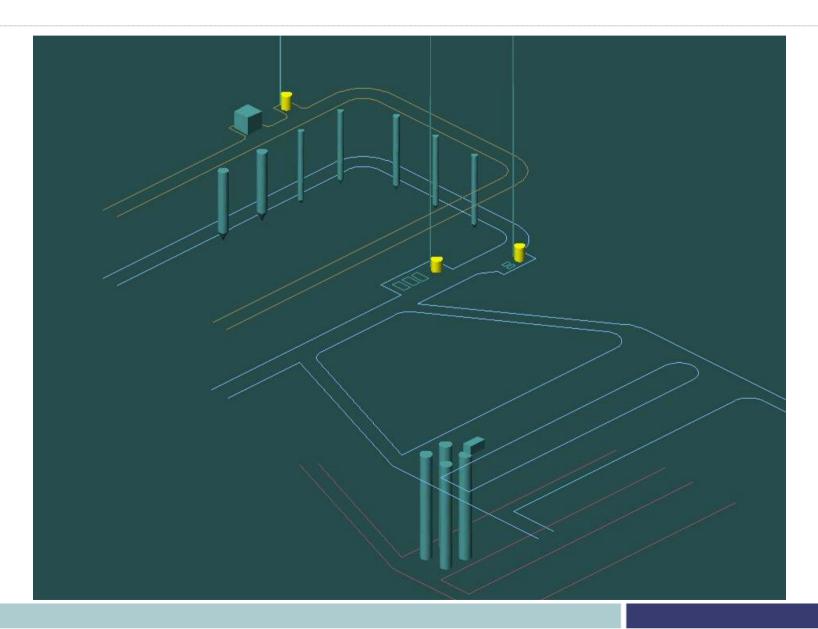




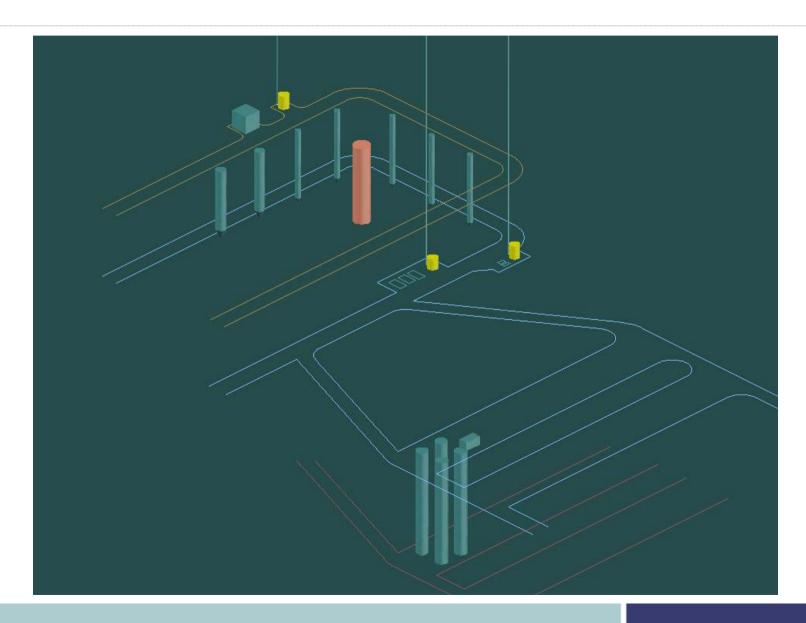
















• Uranium peroxide

Operationally proven

Innocuous reagents









Visual and physical impact































Prevents Mo, As and Se resolubilization





Tailings hydrogeology

Contaminant containment





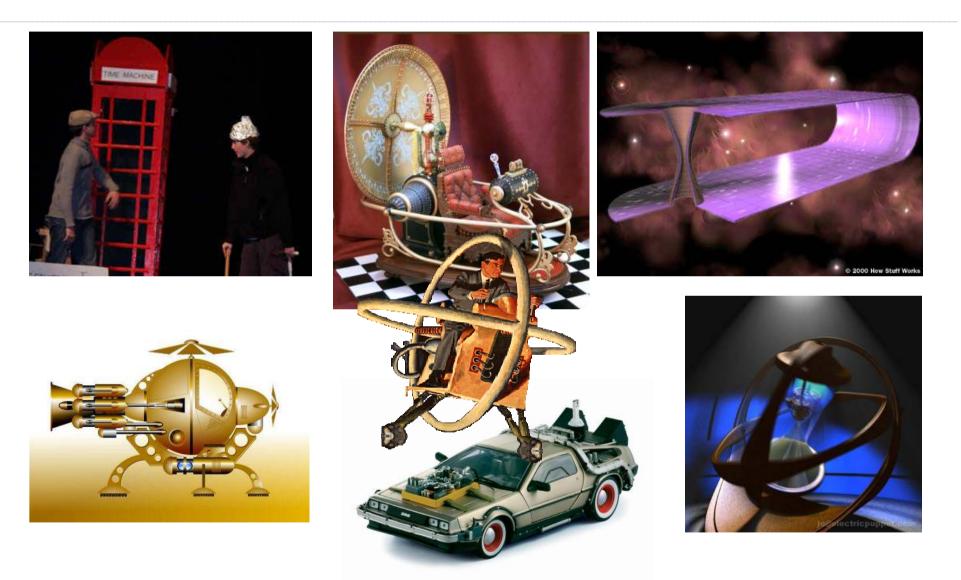




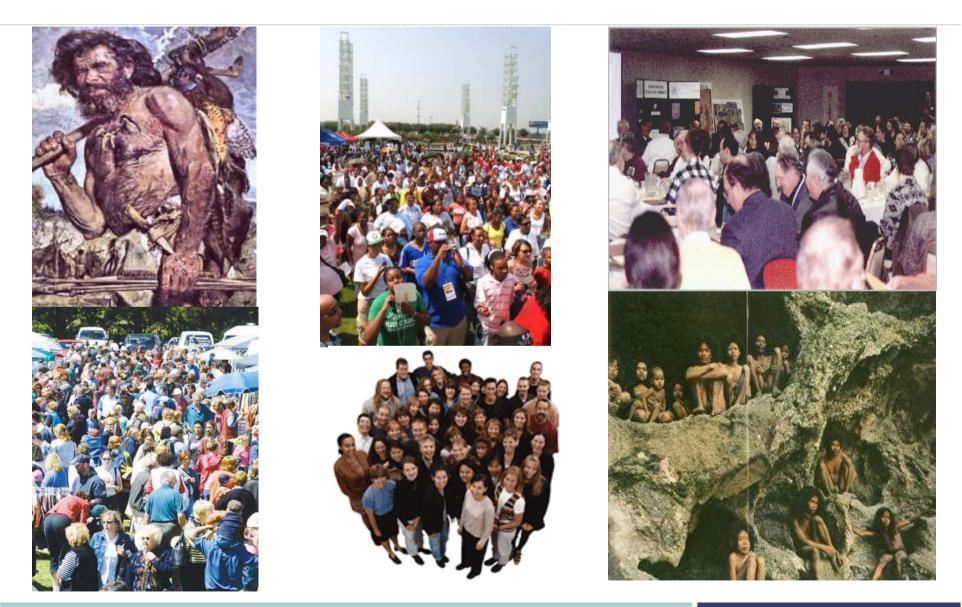


300,000 years

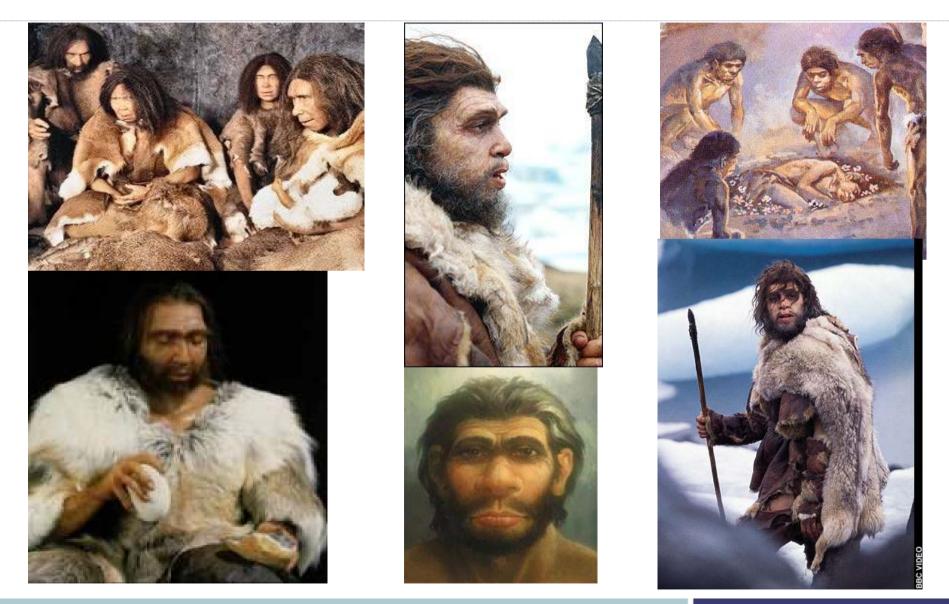








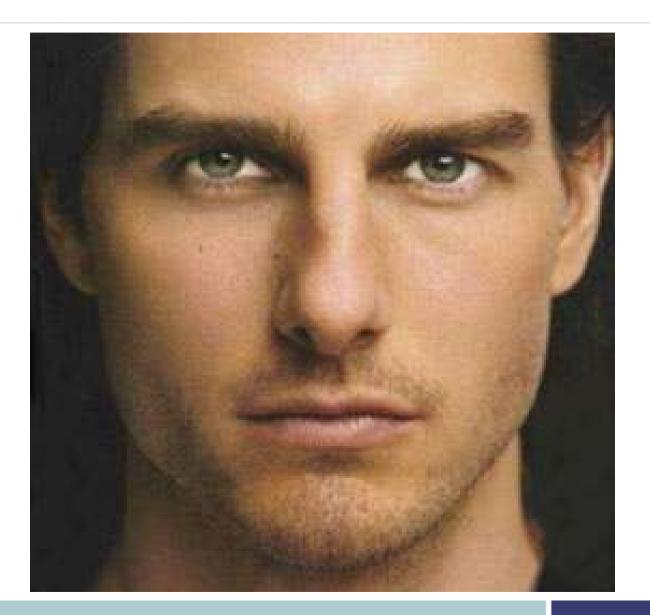
















Environmental Benefits amec[®]

Visual/physical impact
 Effluent loading
 Tailings isolation
 Tailings hydrogeology

 Contaminant containment
 Radium containment

Cost Impact?



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Capital 30% reduction

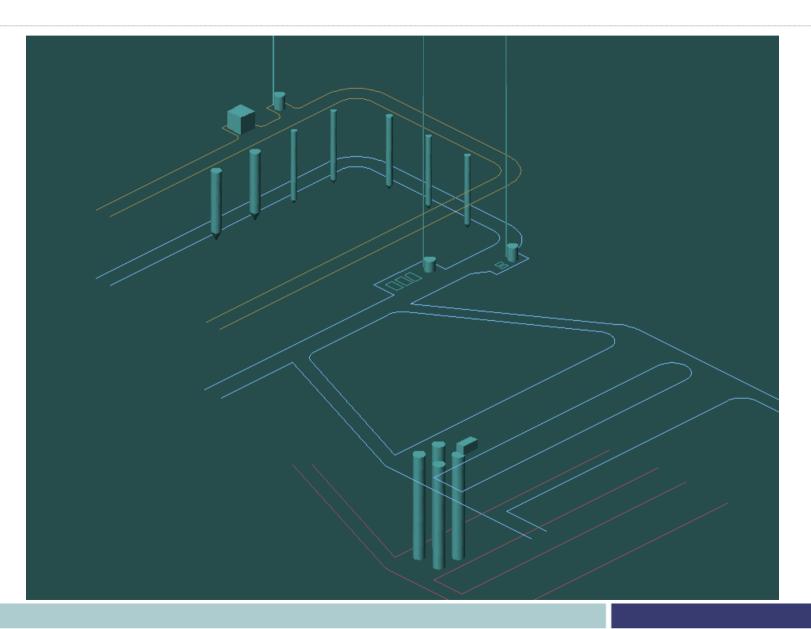
Operating 35% reduction



It is not the technical excellence of an engineering design which alone determines its merit but rather the completeness with which it meets the economic and social needs of its day.

James Kip Finch







Nobody has ever done that before.



You can't do that.



The scientist seeks to understand what is; the engineer seeks to create what never was.

Theodore von Karman



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QUESTIONS?

