



George Matis

Director, Defense Waste Processing Facility and Saltstone Production Facility

As Director of the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) and Saltstone Production Facility, George Matis has overall responsibility to plan, manage, integrate, and oversee operation and maintenance of the DWPF, Saltstone, and Glass Waste Storage Building facilities in the successful completion of mission goals in a safe, compliant, and efficient manner.

Mr. Matis has over 30 years of engineering and management experience in operations, startup, outages, engineering, and project management. He has performed these functions in Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Defense (DOD), and commercial environments. He has experience in vitrification facilities and tank farm operations. He was the Nuclear Facility Manager at the WTP project at Hanford for the Low-Activity Waste (LAW) Facility and Analytical Laboratory tasked with providing operational insight to the project design teams to ensure facilities can be successfully commissioned and are optimized for future long-term operation. As Nuclear Facility Manager, Mr. Matis was responsible for all execution activities and safe operation for Lab/LAW facilities turned over to Plant Operations.

Mr. Matis has successfully managed several projects/outages at nuclear facilities. His project management responsibilities have involved project controls, project/task planning and estimating, and tracking of cost and schedule performance for multi-disciplinary efforts. In 2012 he accepted a short-term assignment from WTP and served as the Project Engineering Manager for the Separations Process Research Unit (SPRU), a D&D Project in upstate New York.

Previously at what is now Savannah River Remediation (SRR), Mr. Matis held various leadership positions of increasing responsibility at several Savannah River Site projects. In 2003, he was the Operations Manager for the Defense Waste Processing Facility. Prior to that he was part of the successful DWPF Melter Replacement Outage, where he managed canyon activities. As Low Curie Salt Program Manager, his Low Curie Salt team successfully prepared Tank 41, a one million gallon High Level Waste tank for disposition at Saltstone. Mr. Matis was the Project Owner for Low Level Waste (LLW) to Saltstone - a fast track project at SRR, designed to minimize LLW influents to the Tank Farms from H Canyon. As Project Owner for the ARP project, he completed restoration and modifications to the facility on schedule and under budget.

Mr. Matis held the position of Director of Engineering for a commercial filtration company supplying gas turbine inlet filtration and exhaust systems as well as specialty pollution control equipment. From 1984-1988, Mr. Matis has also held the position of Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, at West Point. Mr. Matis was a Chemical Officer in the U.S. Army.

Education

- West Point, Bachelor in Engineering
- Stanford University, Master of Science in Chemical Engineering