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Refurbishment of two Concrete Hot Cells in the Hotlab of the Paul Scherrer Institute

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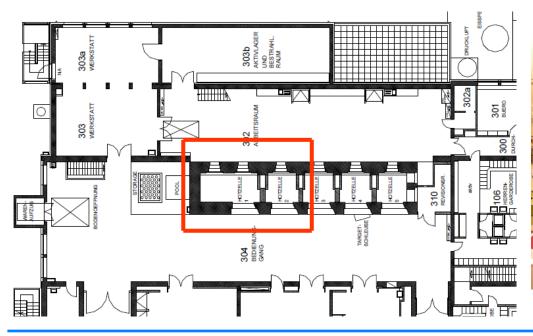
General Situation

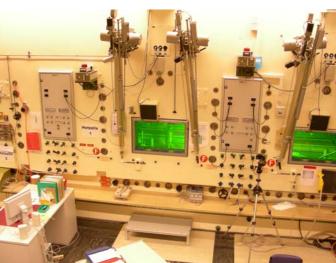
Main hot cell chain, inspection and preparation of fuel rods and radiated materials

Concrete walls & led glasses windows 1m in thickness

Refurbishment hot cell 1 (4800x2500x4100mm)

Refurbishment hot cell 2 (2400x2500x4100mm, alpha box 2000x1500x2000mm)









General Situation

- •Refurbishment of hot cell 1 and 2 every 6 to 7 years because of
- •Radiation damages (windows alpha box hot cell 2, electric cable isolations, plastic tubes air & water supply)
- •Mechanical wearing (cutting machine, mechanical gear hot cell 1, double door systems, low pressure ventilator alpha box)



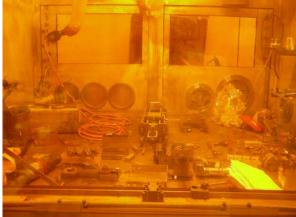






Empty the hot cells 1 & 2, fuel, irradiated material, machines Clean the hot cells 1 & 2 with manipulators







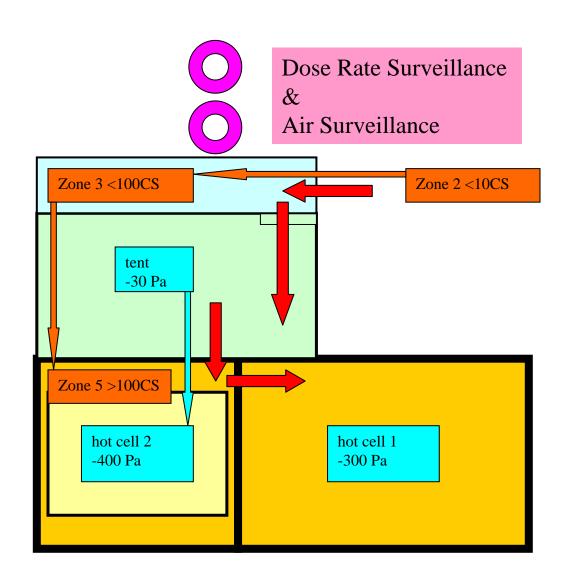


Contamination Levels

Air Pressure Levels

Entrance









Team:

1 or 2 People inside hot cells

1 outside

1 radiation protection

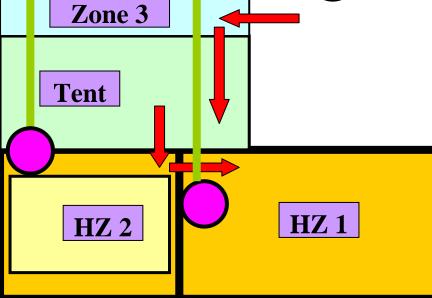




Communication with throat microphone and headset

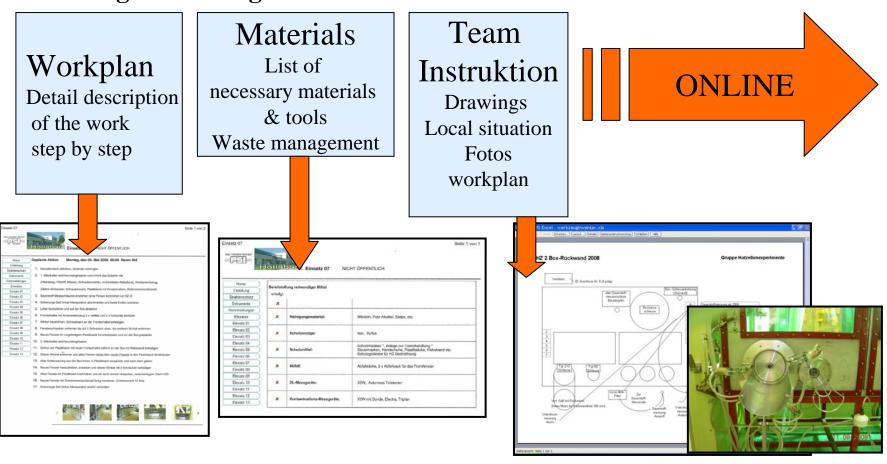
Air supplied protection suit in the hot cell to avoid contamination







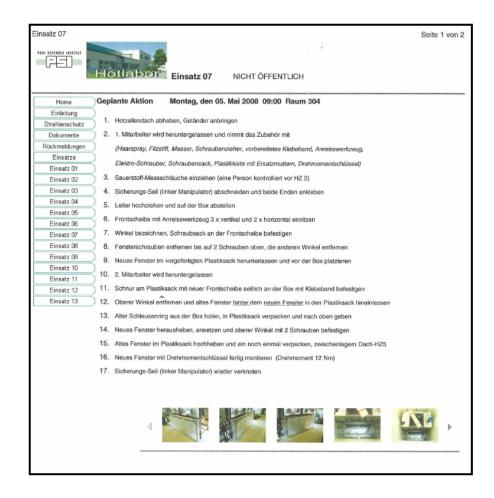
•Planning of the assignments in the hot cell







Refurbishment Online File







Assignment 2 hot cell 2







Summary

2008 hot cell 1:

•14 assignments (18.5 h)

•total personal dose rate 2.3 mSv

2008 hot cell 2:

•17 assignments (20 h)

•total personal dose rate 12 mSv

2001 hot cell 2:

16 assignments

total personal dose rate 16 mSv

Waste:

8 barrels 100 liter < 2mSv/h

4 barrels 20 liter <20 mSv/h

49 35 liter bags $<30 \mu Sv/h$

8 alpha boxes >20mSv/h

Waste:

5 barrels 100 liter <2mSv/h

1 barrels 20 liter <20 mSv/h

70 35 liter bags $<30 \,\mu\text{Sv/h}$

8 alpha boxes >20mSv/h



Conclusions

good preparation & foto ducumentation of the actual hot cell situation reduces assignments hours & personal dose rate

online planning & documentation is a good way to prepare the assignments for the personal & makes it easier for future refurbishments

team comunication system during assignments is an advantage for clearing open questions during the assignments, everybody knows the actual situation of the work during the assignments





Thank you for your attention

Questions?

