

## 618-10 Burial Ground



Intrusive characterization, or trenching, is underway at the 618-10 Burial Ground. The goal for the trenching activity is to get a better idea of what is in 12 trenches. The information will be used to design a remediation plan for the balance of the burial ground trenches.



Trenching at the 618-10 Burial Ground began August 4. On August 12, workers unearthed a drum containing depleted uranium shavings packed in oil.



During the intrusive characterization campaign, workers will excavate up to 20 drums, which they believe are representative of the estimated 2,000 drums the burial ground may contain.



The 30-gallon drum containing depleted uranium chips was not in good condition. In fact, the drum had deteriorated to the point that it was leaking oil and could not be processed in the drum punch, which is used to remotely inspect the interior of drums and replace any lost oils used to stabilize potential pyrophoric metals.