

fabrication capabilities require regular recapitalization to incorporate industry supported technology.

Future uranium storage capacity has been addressed through the recently completed Highly-Enriched Uranium Materials Facility (HEUMF). Plutonium storage capacities indicate a potential issue in the FY 2014 time frame. Plutonium storage capacities and options are being analyzed to develop a more holistic approach to resolving issues for the foreseeable future and provide better support for continued directed stockpile work activities.

There is also a need to clearly delineate between a baseline, or “potential” capacity and the actual number of units made. For example, Y-12 may have future baseline capacity of 80 canned subassemblies per year but the number actually produced in a given year could be far less depending on stockpile requirements. Thus, the capacities should be clearly understood as different from the number actually made in a given year. Historically, the number of actual units made is a fraction of the infrastructure capacity.

### Capacities During NNSA Transitions

For most capabilities, transition from the infrastructure of today to a modernized infrastructure of tomorrow does not introduce rate-limiting concerns, because efficiencies are improving during the transition. Plutonium pit work is a concern because it is today’s main rate-limiting capacity. The upgrades to PF-4 will address this capability and provide the required capability-based capacity. The new UPF is planned to be capability-based and the resulting capacity is expected to be lower than Y-12’s existing old uranium production facilities. The existing Y-12 infrastructure was designed to support Cold-War stockpiles and thus it has a greater capacity than needed long-term, unless one of the existing facilities is unexpectedly shut down, resulting in a capacity of zero. Tables D-2 and D-3 show the transition of estimated plutonium and HEU capacities from today to 2024.

*Table D-2. Transition Annual Plutonium Pit Capacities at Los Alamos National Laboratory (Bounding Estimates)*

	Today	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Pits requiring most manufacturing process steps	10	10	15	20	20	40	60	80	80	80

*Table D-3. Transition Annual HEU Canned Subassembly Capacities at Y-12*

	Today	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
CSAs requiring only reuse/ re-inspection (a) (b)	40	40	40	40	40	0-40	0-40	80	80	80
Refurbished or new CSAs	160	160	160	160	60-120	20-60	0-40	40-80	80	80

(a) Capacity over and above that assumed for refurbished or new CSAs; assumes UPF Program Requirements Document, Rev 4.

(b) A transition from existing facilities to UPF will occur in 2019 through 2021; the transition approach will be closely coupled to stockpile needs during that period.