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Dear Ms. Dahl-Crumpler:

**RE-TRANSMITTAL OF 242-A EVAPORATOR PROCESS INFORMATION**

The purpose of this letter is to correct typographical errors in the letter, "Class 1 Modifications to the Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit (RCRA), Quarter Ending September 30, 2013," 13-ESQ-0075, dated October 4, 2013. The previous letter included the signed modification forms, indicating permit changes that have been approved or concurred with by Ecology, and a clean copy (redlined changes incorporated) of the affected portions of the permit. In the clean copy, two figures were inadvertently inserted into the table-of-contents portion of the 242-A Evaporator Process Information document. The enclosure to this letter provides an updated version of the 242-A Evaporator Process Information document, with the figures removed from the table-of-contents. In discussions with Andrea Prignano of your staff, it was mutually agreed that the re-transmittal of the enclosed document is not subject to permit modification requirements as it is consistent with modifications previously approved.

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**242-A EVAPORATOR, OPERATING UNIT 4,  
CHAPTER 4.0, PROCESS INFORMATION**

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#### 4.0 PROCESS INFORMATION

2 Where information regarding treatment, management, and disposal of the radioactive source byproduct  
3 material and/or special nuclear components of mixed waste (as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954  
4 as amended) has been incorporated into this document, it is not incorporated for the purpose of regulating  
5 the radiation hazards of such components under the authority of this permit or chapter 70.105 RCW and  
6 its implementing regulations but is provided for information purposes only.

7 The 242-A Evaporator receives mixed waste from the DST System that contains inorganic and organic  
8 constituents and radionuclides. A 242-A Evaporator simplified process flow diagram is given in  
9 Figure 4.1. The 242-A Evaporator separates the mixed waste received from the DST System, generating  
10 the following waste streams:

- 11 • A concentrated aqueous waste stream (slurry) containing the nonvolatile components, including most  
12 of the radionuclides, inorganic constituents, and nonvolatile organics such as tri-butyl phosphate
- 13 • A dilute aqueous waste stream (process condensate) containing the volatile components, primarily  
14 water with low concentrations of radionuclides, inorganic constituents, and volatile constituents such  
15 as ammonia and acetone.

16 The slurry is routed back to the DST System pending further treatment. The process condensate is  
17 transferred to the LERF for storage until processed through the ETF.

18 The 242-A Evaporator process employs a conventional forced circulation, vacuum evaporation system to  
19 concentrate the DST System waste solution. The major components of this system include the reboiler,  
20 vapor-liquid separator, recirculation pump and pipe loop, slurry product pump, condenser, jet vacuum  
21 system, and condensate collection tank

22 The vapor-liquid separator, C-A-1, also called the evaporator vessel, and the condensate collection tank,  
23 C-100, meet the definition of a tank in WAC 173-303-040. Other process equipment associated with  
24 these tank systems is considered ancillary equipment. Drawings that aid in understanding the systems are  
25 provided in Section 4.3.

26 The 242-A Evaporator receives waste from a DST System tank, 241-AW-102 that serves as the  
27 242-A Evaporator feed tank. The feed enters the recirculation line and blends with the main process  
28 slurry stream, which is pumped to the reboiler.

29 In the reboiler, the mixture is heated to the specified operating temperature, normally 38 to 77EC, using  
30 21 to 69 kilopascals gauge pressure steam. The low-pressure steam provides adequate heat input, and the  
31 resulting low-temperature differential across the reboiler minimizes scale formation on the heat transfer  
32 surfaces. The static pressure of the waste in the reboiler is sufficient to suppress the boiling point so the  
33 waste does not boil in the reboiler tubes. Boiling occurs only near or at the liquid surface in the vapor  
34 liquid separator.

35 The heated slurry stream is discharged from the reboiler to the vapor-liquid separator (C-A-1) that  
36 typically is maintained at an absolute pressure of 5.3 to 10.7 kilopascals. Under this reduced pressure, a  
37 fraction of the water in the heated slurry flashes to steam and the steam is drawn through two, wire mesh  
38 deentrainer pads into a 42-inch diameter vapor line that leads to the primary condenser, leaving behind a  
39 more concentrated slurry solution in the vapor-liquid separator.

40 After a brief residence time in the vapor-liquid separator, the slurry exits from the bottom through the  
41 lower portion of the recirculation line and is recirculated by the recirculation pump (P-B-1). The pump  
42 discharges the slurry back to the reboiler via the upper portion of the recirculation line, thus completing  
43 the recirculation loop.

44 The specific gravity of the waste liquid is monitored closely to ensure that the target density, established  
45 before the beginning of the campaign, is not exceeded. A portion of the slurry is removed from the upper

1 portion of the recirculation line using the slurry pump (P-B-2) and transferred through an encased  
2 underground pipeline (pipe-within-a-pipe) to a designated slurry receiver tank in the DST System.

3 The vapors are drawn from the vapor-liquid separator, through a 42-inch diameter vapor line and enter a  
4 series of three condensers, where the vapors are condensed using raw water. The condensed vapors,  
5 called process condensate, are collected in tank C-100. Steam jets are used to create a vacuum on the  
6 vapor liquid separator drawing the process vapors into and through the condensers. Noncondensable  
7 vapors are drawn from the condensers, then through a series of particulate filters and vented to the  
8 atmosphere. The air discharges are monitored continuously when the 242-A Evaporator is operating to  
9 verify that standards for radionuclide and ammonia emissions standards are met.

10 Process condensate contains the volatile constituents of the waste and trace quantities of inorganic  
11 materials and radionuclides. The process condensate is pumped from tank C-100 through an encased  
12 underground pipeline (pipe-within-a-pipe) to the LERF.

13 During a campaign, the evaporation process is continuous with typical feed flow rates of 260 to 450 liters  
14 per minute, process condensate flow rates of 150 to 230 liters per minute, and slurry flow rates of 110 to  
15 230 liters per minute. The evaporator process is shutdown when the desired endpoint concentration of the  
16 slurry is met. Endpoints are established at the beginning of the campaign, based on the target specific  
17 gravity of the waste, or allowable waste volume reduction (WVR) and defined operating limits. If the  
18 evaporation rate cannot achieve the desired endpoint, slurry in the DST System serving as the slurry  
19 receiver is transferred to the feed tank for one or more passes through the 242-A Evaporator. At the end  
20 of each campaign, the 242-A Evaporator process equipment is shutdown, emptied, flushed with raw  
21 water, and placed in a safe standby mode.

22 Other discharges during 242-A Evaporator processing include condensate from the steam used to heat the  
23 waste and cooling water used to condense the vapors. The 242-A Evaporator is designed to prevent  
24 contamination of these streams. The fluids on the uncontaminated side of the heat exchangers are  
25 maintained at a higher pressure than the waste stream so that uncontaminated fluid migrates toward the  
26 contaminated waste if a leak were to occur. The steam condensate and the cooling water are monitored  
27 continuously for radiation, pH, conductivity, and discharged to TEDF as long as none of the discharge  
28 limits are exceeded. The steam condensate and cooling water streams were assessed in the stream  
29 specific reports (WHC 1990a and WHC 1990b) and are not dangerous waste in accordance with  
30 WAC 173-303.

31 The 242-A Evaporator process is controlled by the MCS. The MCS computer monitors process  
32 parameters and controls the parameters where required. Once the configuration parameters and other  
33 process control inputs are set, the MCS maintains the process parameters within specified ranges by  
34 sending output signals that operate specific pieces of equipment (e.g., control valves).

## 35 **4.1 TANK SYSTEMS**

36 This section discusses information associated with design requirements, integrity assessments, and any  
37 additional requirements for tanks used to treat and store mixed waste in the 242-A Evaporator.

### 38 **4.1.1 Design Requirements**

39 The following design requirements were addressed in the 242-A Evaporator/Crystallizer Tank System  
40 Integrity Assessment Report (IAR) (Appendix 4B):

- 41 • Minimum design wall thicknesses and measured wall thicknesses at various points throughout the  
42 tank systems
- 43 • Design standards used in construction, including references
- 44 • Waste characteristics
- 45 • Materials of construction and compatibility of materials with the waste being processed
- 46 • Corrosion protection

1 • Seismic design basis evaluation

2 The conclusion of the integrity assessment report is that the 242-A Evaporator system is not leaking and  
3 is fit for use. The inspections, tests, and analyses performed provide assurance that the tank system has  
4 adequate design, sufficient structural strength, and sufficient compatibility with the waste to not collapse,  
5 rupture, or fail during operation. The report also states that a review of construction files indicates that  
6 the building structure was designed and constructed to withstand a design-basis earthquake.

7 **4.1.2 PC-5000 Transfer line**

8 Process condensate from the 242-A Evaporator is transferred to the LERF using a pump located in the  
9 242-A Evaporator and approximately 1,500 meters of pipe, consisting of a 3-inch carrier pipe within a  
10 6-inch outer containment pipeline. Flow through the pump is controlled through a valve at flow rates  
11 from 150 to 300 liters per minute.

12 The encased fiberglass transfer line (PC-5000) exits the 242-A Evaporator below grade and remains  
13 below grade at a minimum 1.2-meter depth for freeze protection, until the pipeline emerges at the LERF  
14 catch basin, at the corner of each basin. All piping at the catch basin that is less than 1.2 meters below  
15 grade is wrapped with electric heat tracing tape and insulated for protection from freezing. Additional  
16 detail including information on secondary containment, leak detection and integrity assessment for this  
17 line is provided in § 4.1.6.3.3 and §4.1.4.1.

18 **4.1.3 Vapor-Liquid Separator (C-A-1) and Ancillary Equipment**

19 The following sections describe the vapor-liquid separator (C-A-1) and ancillary equipment.

20 **Waste Feed System.** Feed to the 242-A Evaporator is supplied via a pump located in the  
21 241-AW-102 feed tank. The feed pump transfers the waste to the 242-A Evaporator through a 3-inch  
22 diameter carbon steel transfer pipeline encased in a 6-inch diameter carbon steel pipe to provide  
23 secondary containment. The feed pipeline is equipped with a leak detection system.

24 Waste feed will be sampled from 241-AW-102 or identified candidate feed tanks as described in the  
25 Waste Analysis Plan. The feed sampler (SAMP-F-1) located in a sample enclosure located in the hot  
26 equipment storage room has been isolated and blanked, and will be closed in accordance with the  
27 approved Closure Plan.

28 **Evaporator Process Loop.** The 242-A Evaporator process loop equipment components are as follows:

- 29 • Reboiler (E-A-1)
- 30 • Vapor-liquid separator (C-A-1)
- 31 • Recirculation pump (P-B-1)
- 32 • Recirculation loop

33 Figure 4.2 is a simplified process flow diagram showing the major components of the process loop.

34 **Reboiler (E-A-1).** Waste is heated as the waste passes through the reboiler before entering the vapor-  
35 liquid separator. The reboiler is a vertical tube unit with steam on the shell-side and process solution on  
36 the tube-side. The 364 tubes in the reboiler are enclosed in a 1.03-meter outside diameter, 4.6-meter-long  
37 stainless steel shell. Both the reboiler shell and tubes are constructed of 304L stainless steel. The shell is  
38 0.64 centimeter thick and the tubes are 14-gauge steel. The reboiler is designed to distribute steam evenly  
39 and to prevent tube damage from water droplets that may be present in the steam.

40 **Vapor-Liquid Separator (C-A-1).** Process solution from the reboiler enters the vapor-liquid separator  
41 via the upper recirculation line. Some of the solution flashes into vapor, which exits through a vapor line  
42 at the top of the vapor-liquid separator. The remaining solution (slurry) exits through the recirculation  
43 line at the bottom.

44 The separator consists of a lower and upper section. The lower (liquid) section is a stainless steel shell  
45 4.3 meters in diameter having an 85,200 to 94,600 liter normal operating capacity (including recirculation  
46 loop and reboiler). The maximum design capacity is 103,000 liters. The upper (vapor) section is a

1 stainless steel shell 3.5 meters in diameter containing two deentrainment pads. These wire mesh pads  
2 remove liquids and solids that entrain into the vapor section of the vessel. Spray nozzles, using recycled  
3 process condensate or filtered raw water, wash collected solids from the deentrainment pads and vessel  
4 walls. Both sections of the vapor-liquid separator are constructed of 0.95-centimeter-thick stainless steel.

5 Operating parameters in the vapor-liquid separator are monitored to provide an indication of process  
6 problems such as slurry foaming, deentrainer flooding, or excessive vapor temperatures. Instrumentation  
7 also is available to monitor the liquid levels in the vapor-liquid separator. Interlocks are activated when  
8 high pressures or high- or low-liquid levels are detected, shutting down the evaporation process and  
9 placing the facility in a safe configuration.

10 The vapor-liquid separator and recirculation loop can be flushed to remove any residual solids from the  
11 system and/or to reduce radiation levels. The most common flush solution is water, but dilute nitric or  
12 citric acid solutions could be used. All acidic flush solutions are chemically adjusted to meet DST  
13 acceptance criteria before transfer to the DST System. Antifoam solution is added (at very low flow rates  
14 - approximately 0.04 to 0.4 liters per minute) to the vessel to prevent foaming. The antifoam solution is a  
15 noncorrosive, nonregulated silicone-based solution that is compatible with the evaporator components.

16 **Recirculation Pump.** The stainless steel recirculation pump (P-B-1), is constructed as part of the  
17 recirculation loop to the reboiler. The 28-inch diameter axial flow pump has 60,900 liters per minute  
18 output. The recirculation pump is designed to handle slurry up to 30 percent undissolved solids by  
19 volume at specific gravities up to 1.8. The recirculation pump moves waste at high velocities through the  
20 reboiler to improve heat transfer, keep solids in suspension, and reduce fouling of the heat transfer  
21 surfaces.

22 The recirculation pump is equipped with shaft seals with high-pressure recycled process condensate (or  
23 water) introduced between the seals to prevent the waste solution from leaking out of the system. Seal  
24 water pressure and flow are monitored and controlled to shut down the recirculation pump if conditions  
25 are not adequate to prevent waste liquid from migrating into the seal water. The used seal water is routed  
26 to the feed tank.

27 **Recirculation Loop.** The recirculation loop consists of a 28-inch diameter stainless steel pipe that  
28 connects the vapor-liquid separator to the recirculation pump and reboiler. The lower loop runs from the  
29 bottom of the vapor-liquid separator to the recirculation pump inlet. The upper loop connects the pump  
30 discharge to the reboiler and the reboiler to the vapor-liquid separator. The feed line from the feed tank  
31 and the slurry line to underground storage tanks are connected to the upper recirculation line.

32 **Slurry System.** The slurry system draws a portion of the concentrated waste from the upper recirculation  
33 loop and transfers it to the DST System. The major components of the slurry system are the slurry pump  
34 and the slurry transfer pipelines. Figure 4.3 shows a simplified flow diagram of the slurry system. These  
35 components are described in the following paragraphs.

36 The slurry pump (P-B-2) is used to transfer slurry from the recirculation loop to the underground storage  
37 tanks. The pump is driven by a variable speed motor and is constructed of 304L stainless steel. The  
38 slurry pump is designed to generate high pressures to alleviate the possibility of a transfer line plugging.

39 Interlocks control the operation of the slurry pump. The slurry pump (P-B-2) is shutdown if any of the  
40 following occur:

- 41 • Excessive pressure is detected in the slurry lines to 241-AW Tank Farm
- 42 • A leak is detected in the slurry transfer lines secondary containment
- 43 • A leak is detected in the 241-AW Tank Farm process pits where the transfer lines enter the  
44 DST System.

45 The slurry pump uses a shaft seal with recycled process condensate (or water) and pressure and flow  
46 controls similar to the system described above for the recirculation pump.

1 Transfer pipelines are 2-inch diameter, carbon steel encased lines which route slurry to a designated  
2 underground DST within the 200 East Area. All transfer pipelines are encased in a secondary  
3 containment pipe and equipped with leak detectors between the primary and encasement piping. The  
4 pipelines are sloped to drain to the valve pit. The detection of any leak by the automated leak detection  
5 system shuts off the slurry pump. In lieu of the MCS automated shutdown, the slurry pump (P-B-2) can  
6 be manually shutdown at the direction of the Shift manager or 242-A Evaporator Control Room operator  
7 if a leak occurs.

8 The flow rate of the slurry transfer to the DST System is monitored and a decrease in flow below a  
9 specified value automatically will shut down the slurry pump (P-B-2) and initiate a line flush with water.  
10 The objective of flushing the transfer line is to prevent settling of solids, which precludes plugging the  
11 slurry transfer lines.

12 Samples can be taken from the slurry line when needed via a sampler (SAMP-F-2) that is located near the  
13 feed sampler in the load out and hot equipment storage room.

#### 14 **4.1.3.1 Condensate Collection Tank (C-100) and Ancillary Equipment**

15 The following section discusses the condensate collection tank (C-100) and ancillary equipment. This  
16 equipment collects process condensate via the condensers in the vacuum condenser system, filters the  
17 condensate, and pumps the process condensate to LERF. Figure 4.4 provides a simplified process flow  
18 diagram showing the major components of the process condensate system. The following major  
19 components make up the process condensate system:

- 20 • Vacuum condenser system
- 21 • Condensate collection tank (C-100)
- 22 • Process condensate pump (P-C-100)
- 23 • Condensate filters (F-C-1, F-C-2, and F-C-3)
- 24 • Process condensate radiation monitoring, sampling system and diversion system (RC3)
- 25 • Seal pot
- 26 • Process condensate recycle system
- 27 • Vessel Vent System

28 **Vacuum Condenser System.** Vapors removed from the vapor-liquid separator flow to a series of three  
29 condensers where the vapors are condensed using raw water. Condensate drains to the condensate  
30 collection tank (C-100). The vacuum condenser system consists of the following major components:

- 31 • Primary condenser (E-C-1)
- 32 • Intercondenser (E-C-2)
- 33 • Aftercondenser (E-C-3)
- 34 • Steam jet ejectors (J-EC1-1 and J-EC2-2)

35 Figure 4.5 provides a simplified process flow diagram showing the major components of the vacuum  
36 condenser system. These system components are discussed in the following sections.

37 **Primary Condenser (E-C-1).** Vapors drawn from the vapor-liquid separator flow through the 42-inch  
38 (3.5 feet) vapor line, into the E-C-1 condenser where the majority of the condensation takes place.  
39 Noncondensed vapors exit to the intercondenser (E-C-2) while the condensed vapors (process condensate)  
40 drain to the condensate collection tank (C-100). Cooling water passes through the cooling tubes and exits  
41 to TEDF.

42 The carbon steel condenser shell measures approximately 5.3 meters (17.4 feet) long and has a 2.2-meter  
43 (7.2 feet) inside diameter. The condenser consists of 2,950 equally spaced carbon steel tubes that are 3.6  
44 meters (11.8 feet) long with a 1.9-centimeter (0.75 inches) outside diameter.

45 **Intercondenser (E-C-2).** Noncondensed vapors from E-C-1 enter the intercondenser. The vapor stream  
46 contacts the cooling tubes in the condenser where cooling water provides additional condensation. The

- 1 condensate drains to the condensate collection tank (C-100). Noncondensed vapors and used cooling  
2 water are routed to the after condenser.
- 3 The carbon steel intercondenser measures 2.2 meters (7.2 feet) long with a 0.39 meter (1.3 feet) inside  
4 diameter. This heat exchanger contains 144 tubes that are 1.7 meters (5.6 feet) long with a 1.9-centimeter  
5 (0.75 inches) outside diameter.
- 6 **After condenser (E-C-3).** Vapor discharged from the intercondenser enters the after condenser. Cooling  
7 is supplied to the after condenser by the cooling water from the intercondenser. Condensate is routed to  
8 the condensate collection tank (C-100), while the noncondensed vapors are filtered, monitored, and  
9 discharged to the atmosphere through the vessel ventilation system. The cooling water is discharged to  
10 TEDF.
- 11 The carbon steel after condenser measures 2.3 meters (7.5 feet) long and has a 0.20-meter (0.66 feet)  
12 inside diameter. This heat exchanger contains 45 tubes that are 1.8 meters (5.9 feet) long with a 1.9-  
13 centimeter (0.75 inches) outside diameter.
- 14 **Steam Jet Ejectors.** The vacuum that draws the vapors from C-A-1 into the condensers is created by a  
15 two-stage steam jet ejector system. The first-stage jet ejector (J-EC1-1) maintains a vacuum on the  
16 primary condenser, which in turn creates a vacuum on the vapor-liquid separator. The ejector consists of  
17 a steam jet, pressure controller, and air bleed-in valve. Steam and noncondensed vapors from the primary  
18 condenser are ejected from J-EC1-1 into the intercondenser. The desired vacuum is obtained by  
19 controlling steam pressure and bleeding ambient air as necessary into the vapor header through an air  
20 intake filter. The second-stage jet ejector (J-EC2-1) creates the vacuum that moves vapors from the  
21 intercondenser through the after condenser.
- 22 **Condensate Collection Tank (C-100).** Process condensate from the primary condenser, intercondenser,  
23 after condenser, and the vessel ventilation system drain to the condensate collection tank (C-100). The  
24 tank is 4.3 meters in diameter, 5.8 meters high, and is constructed of 0.79-centimeter (0.31 inches)-thick  
25 stainless steel. The tank has a maximum design capacity of 67,400 liters (17,805 gallons). Normal  
26 operating volume is approximately 50 percent of the tank capacity. A carbon steel base supports the tank.  
27 An agitator is installed but not used.
- 28 In the event of a tank overflow, the solution is routed through an overflow line to the drain system, which  
29 returns waste to the feed tank (241-AW-102). Overflow occurs when the volume exceeds about  
30 60,600 liters. The overflow line is equipped with a liquid filled trap to isolate the drain system from the  
31 tank.
- 32 Process feed samples are evaluated for the presence of a separate organic layer and process controls are  
33 used to reduce the risk of the condensate collection tank to receive small amounts of immiscible organics  
34 with the condensed waste. If detected, the organic layer is removed by overflowing tank C-100 back to  
35 the feed tank 241-AW-102. The liquid level in the tank is controlled well above the discharge pump  
36 intake point and a controlled overflow is conducted upon completion of each processing cycle (campaign)  
37 to ensure that an organic layer does not accumulate and cannot be pumped to LERF.
- 38 **Process Condensate Pump.** A pump (P-C-100) moves the process condensate from tank C-100 through  
39 the condensate filter to LERF. The process condensate pump is a centrifugal pump constructed of  
40 316 stainless steel.
- 41 **Condensate Filters.** After leaving the condensate collection tank, the process condensate is filtered to  
42 remove solids. The primary condensate filter (F-C-1) has a welded steel housing. A second filter system  
43 (F-C-3), installed downstream is also used to filter the process condensate. This system has duplex in-  
44 line filters in cast iron housing. Both filters employ a filter material that is compatible with the process  
45 condensate.
- 46 **Process Condensate Radiation Monitoring, Sampling and Diversion System.** The process condensate  
47 transferred to LERF is monitored continuously for radiation. If radiation levels exceed established limits,  
48 an alarm is received and interlocks immediately divert the stream back to the condensate collection tank

1 (or the feed tank) and shut off the process condensate pump. This ensures process condensate containing  
2 excessive radionuclides due to an accidental carryover from the vapor-liquid separator is not transferred  
3 to LERF.

4 **Seal Pot.** The condensate collection tank receives condensed liquids from the vessel ventilation system.  
5 A seal pot collects the drainage before discharge into the condensate collection tank and isolates the tank  
6 from the vessel ventilation system.

7 **Condensate Recycle System.** For waste minimization, a portion of the process condensate from tank  
8 C-100 is recycled for use as decontamination solution for the deentrainment pad sprays and seal water for  
9 the recirculation pump (P-B-1) and slurry pump (P-B-2). Use of process condensate instead of raw water  
10 results in approximately 10 percent reduction in waste volume generated during continuous operation of  
11 the 242-A Evaporator. Filtered raw water also is available as a backup for sprays and seal water. A  
12 2-inch (5.1 centimeters) diameter carbon steel line, stainless steel centrifugal pump (P-C106), and filters  
13 (F-C-5 and F-C-6) supply process condensate from tank C-100 to the pad sprays and pump seals. The  
14 filters are disposable cartridge filters in carbon steel housings arranged in parallel with one filter in  
15 service while the other is in standby.

#### 16 **4.1.4 Integrity Assessments**

17 The integrity assessment report (Appendix 4B, Integrity Assessment Report) discusses:

- 18 • The standards used during design and construction of the 242-A Evaporator and the adequacy of  
19 those standards
- 20 • The characteristics of the DST waste processed
- 21 • The adequacy of the materials of construction to provide corrosion protection from the waste  
22 processed
- 23 • The age of the tanks and the affect of age on tank integrity
- 24 • The results of the leak tests, visual inspections, and tank wall thickness inspections
- 25 • The frequency and scope of future integrity assessment
- 26 • Deficiencies in secondary containment design. These deficiencies are discussed in-the integrity  
27 assessment report.

28 An independent, qualified, registered professional engineer certified the integrity assessment.

29 The inspections, tests, and analyses performed provide assurance that the 242-A Evaporator tank system  
30 has adequate design, sufficient structural strength, and sufficient compatibility with the waste to not  
31 collapse, rupture, or fail during operation. No evidence of degradation was noted during the visual test,  
32 ultrasonic test, or leak test. Both condensate collection tank C-100 and the vapor-liquid separator/reboiler  
33 loop passed leak tests. The frequency of subsequent integrity assessments has been established at every  
34 10 years. This frequency is based on the results of the 1998 integrity assessment.

#### 35 **4.1.4.1 PC-5000**

36 An integrity assessment for PC-5000 was performed, including a hydrostatic leak/pressure test at 10.5  
37 kilograms per square centimeter gauge (150 pounds per square inch). A statement by an independent,  
38 qualified, registered professional engineer attesting to the integrity of the piping system is included in  
39 *Integrity Assessment Report for the 242-A Evaporator/LERF Waste Transfer Piping, Project W105*  
40 (WHC 1993), along with the results of the leak/pressure test. The next integrity assessment for PC-5000  
41 will be conducted in the calendar year 2008. The schedule for conducting integrity assessments will be at  
42 a frequency of every 10 (calendar) years unless otherwise required by an IQRPE or as required for system  
43 repairs and upgrades. All integrity assessments will be conducted in accordance with WAC 173-303-640.

1 **4.1.5 Additional Requirements for Existing Tanks**

2 Refer to information in Section 4.1.2 and the integrity assessment report, which includes measuring tank  
3 wall thicknesses, evaluating corrosion protection, and performing leak tests.

4 **4.1.6 Secondary Containment and Release Detection for Tank Systems**

5 This section describes the design and operation of secondary containment sumps, drain lines, and leak  
6 detection systems for the 242-A Evaporator.

7 **4.1.6.1 Requirements for All Tank Systems**

8 The Construction Specification for 242-A Evaporator-Crystallizer Facilities Project B-100 (Vitro 1974)  
9 was used during preparation, design, and construction of the tank and secondary containment systems.  
10 The integrity assessment report details how the construction specification relates to the national codes and  
11 standards.

12 Constructing the building and vessels per this specification ensures that foundations are capable of  
13 supporting tank and secondary containment systems and that uneven settling and failures from pressure  
14 gradients do not occur. The integrity assessment report (Appendix 4B) states that the 242-A Evaporator  
15 has adequate design, sufficient structural strength, and sufficient compatibility with the wastes to not  
16 collapse, rupture, or fail during service loads associated with normal operations and that the building  
17 structure was designed and constructed to withstand a design basis earthquake".

18 The integrity assessment report (Appendix 4B) describes the building and secondary containment system.  
19 This system is designed to ensure any release is detected within 24 hours. The secondary containment  
20 system also is designed to contain 100 percent of the maximum operating capacity of the vapor-liquid  
21 separator/reboiler loop, and the drain systems are sloped to allow collection of solution and have  
22 sufficient capacity to drain this volume in less than the required 24 hours.

23 The integrity assessment report describes the protective coating material and sealant used to protect  
24 concrete and joints from attack by leaks to the secondary containment. The materials of construction for  
25 the sump and drain lines are also compatible with the waste processed at the 242-A Evaporator.

26 **4.1.6.2 242-A Building Secondary Containment**

27 The 242-A Building serves as a secondary containment vault for the vapor-liquid separator (C-A-1),  
28 condensate collection tank (C-100), and ancillary equipment used for transferring mixed waste at the  
29 242-A Evaporator. The concrete for the operating area was poured to form a monolithic structure. Where  
30 needed, joints in the concrete were fabricated with preformed filler conforming to the standards of the  
31 American Society of Testing and Materials. Joint filler is sealed with a polysulfide sealant per the  
32 requirements of the construction specifications (Vitro 1974).

33 Before restart in 1994, a new acrylic special protective coating was applied to the concrete in the pump,  
34 evaporator, and condenser rooms. The coating meets the requirements of the construction specifications  
35 (Vitro 1974), including resistance to very high radiations doses, temperatures of 77o C, and spills of  
36 25 percent caustic solution.

37 The following six rooms contain equipment used to process or store\*mixed waste:

- 38 • Pump room
- 39 • Evaporator room
- 40 • Condenser room
- 41 • Ion exchange room
- 42 • Load out room\* (used for temporary storage of mixed waste)
- 43 • Hot equipment storage room.

#### 1 **4.1.6.2.1 Pump Room**

2 The pump room secondary containment walls are 0.38 to 0.56-meter (1.25 to 1.84-feet) thick reinforced  
3 concrete. The secondary containment floor is 0.51-meter-thick reinforced concrete. The pump room  
4 floor is lined with 0.64-centimeter (0.25-inch) stainless steel and the concrete walls and ceiling cover  
5 blocks are painted with a special protective coating. The pump room contains pipe jumpers used to  
6 transport feed and slurry solutions between the vapor-liquid separator and the DST System, and the  
7 process recirculation loop, recirculation pump (P-B-1), and slurry pump (P-B-2).

8 Leaks in the pump room collect in the pump room sump, a 1.5-meter (4.9-feet) by 1.5-meter (4.9-feet) by  
9 1.8-meter (5.9 feet) deep sump with a 0.64-centimeter (0.25-inch) stainless steel liner. The pump room  
10 sump collects spills from various sources for transfer to the feed tank, 241-AW-102. Figure 4.6 provides  
11 a simplified process flow schematic of sources, which drain to the pump room sump. Drainage to the  
12 sump includes:

- 13 • Leaks to the pump room floor from equipment in the pump room
- 14 • Evaporator room floor drain
- 15 • Hot equipment storage room floor drain
- 16 • Load out room floor drain
- 17 • Raw water backflow preventer drain

18 Solution in the pump room sump is transferred to the feed tank (241-AW-102) using a steam jet.  
19 A 10-inch secondary containment overflow line is provided for draining large volumes of solution should  
20 a catastrophic tank failure occur. Because the overflow line provides a direct path between the air space  
21 of tank 241-AW-102 and the pump room, a minimum level of water must be maintained in the sump to  
22 prevent cross ventilation. A leak into the pump room sump would be detected by a rise in the sump level.  
23 Instrumentation provided alarms on high sump level.

24 The recirculation and slurry pumps in the pump room are equipped with mechanical seals having  
25 pressurized water introduced between the seals. The seal water is maintained at a pressure that exceeds  
26 the process pressure at the seal to ensure water leaks into the process solution, but waste solution does not  
27 leak out. Water from seal leakage is collected in funnels in the pump room and routed to feed  
28 tank 241-AW-102 via the 10-inch overflow line described previously.

#### 29 **4.1.6.2.2 Evaporator Room**

30 The evaporator room secondary containment walls are 0.56-meter-thick reinforced concrete. The  
31 secondary containment floor is 0.51-meter-thick reinforced concrete. The evaporator room contains the  
32 vapor-liquid separator vessel (C-A-1), part of the recirculation loop, the reboiler, the 42-inch vapor line,  
33 and line used to empty the vapor-liquid separator to feed tank 241-AW-102.

34 Leaks in the evaporator room flow to a floor drain that routes through a 3-inch line to the pump room  
35 sump described in Section 4.1.6.2.1. A leak in the evaporator room would be detected by a rise in the  
36 pump room sump level. The floor of the evaporator room and a portion of the pump room floor are  
37 3.0 meters below grade to contain the entire contents of the vapor-liquid separator, reboiler, and  
38 recirculation loop in the event of a catastrophic failure. The floor and walls of the evaporator room up to  
39 an elevation of 1.8 meters are painted with a special protective coating.

#### 40 **4.1.6.2.3 Condenser Room**

41 The condenser room secondary containment walls are 0.36- to 0.56-meter-thick reinforced concrete. The  
42 secondary containment floor is 0.51-meter-thick reinforced concrete. The condenser room contains all  
43 the components of the process condensate system described in Section 4.1.3.1 (refer Figure 4.4),  
44 including tank C-100.

45 Leaks in the condenser room flow to two floor drains that join and route through a 6-inch line to feed tank  
46 241-AW-102. Leaks in the condenser room are detected by the following:

- 1 • Unexpected changes in liquid level in tank C-100. Instrumentation is provided to monitor liquid level
- 2 in the tank, including high- and low-level alarms.
- 3 • Daily visual inspections of process condensate system components and piping.
- 4 The floor and walls of the condenser room up to an elevation of 1.2 meters are painted with a special
- 5 protective coating.

#### 6 **4.1.6.2.4 Load out and Hot Equipment Storage Rooms**

7 The load out and hot equipment storage rooms secondary containment walls are 0.30- to 0.56-meter  
8 (0.98- to 1.84-feet) thick reinforced concrete. The secondary containment floors are 0.15-meter (0.49-  
9 feet) thick reinforced concrete. The room contains two recirculation lines and samplers used to sample  
10 the feed and slurry streams. The feed sampler has been isolated and is no longer capable of sampling  
11 feed. The lines and samplers are located in a shielded enclosure adjacent to the pump room wall.

12 The load out and hot equipment storage room contains two sumps: the drain sump and decontamination  
13 sump. The sumps are 0.91 meter in diameter, about 1.2 meters deep, and lined with stainless steel. Both  
14 sumps drain via a 3-inch drain line to the pump room sump described in Section 4.1.6.2.1. The sumps,  
15 floor, and walls of the load out and hot equipment storage room up to an elevation of 3.8 meters are  
16 painted with a special protective coating.

17 Leaks in the sampler piping, flow into two drains in the sample enclosure, which drain via a 2-inch line to  
18 the decontamination sump, which drains to the pump room sump (described in 4.1.6.2.1). Leak detectors  
19 in the sampler enclosures or a rise in the pump room sump level detects leaks in the sampler piping.

#### 20 **4.1.6.2.5 242-A Building Drain Lines**

21 Figure 4.6 provides a simplified process flow schematic of sources routed to the 242-A Building drain  
22 lines. The 242-A TSD unit boundary includes these lines up until they exit the 242-A Building. At this  
23 point, the lines are considered DST system components. Four lines serve to drain the 242-A Building and  
24 equipment to feed tank 241-AW-102:

- 25 • Pump room sump drain line (DR-334): a 10-inch carbon steel line that transfers process condensate  
26 overflow/diverted liquids and empty out of the pump room sump to the feed tank
- 27 • Vapor-liquid separator vessel drain line (DR-335): a 10-inch carbon steel line that allows gravity  
28 drain of the vessel to the feed tank
- 29 • Condenser room drain line (DR-343): a 6-inch carbon steel line that drains potential leakage from the  
30 condenser room.
- 31 • Diverted process condensate drain line (DR-338): process condensate liquid drains through DR-338  
32 into sump drain line (DR-334) which drains to 241-AW-102.

33 The four lines are sloped to drain about 170 meters to feed tank 241-AW-102 via the drain pit  
34 (241-AW-02D). Although WAC 173-303-640(1)(c) exempts systems that serve as secondary  
35 containment from requiring secondary containment, drain lines DR-334, DR-335, and DR-338 have outer  
36 encasement piping.

37 The drain lines are connected to a cathodic protection system to prevent external corrosion from contact  
38 with the soil. The cathodic protection system consists of:

- 39 • A rectifier that converts supplied alternating current voltage to an adjustable direct current voltage
- 40 • Numerous anodes buried near the underground piping and connected to the rectifier.
- 41 • Return wiring that connects the piping to the rectifier, completing the circuit.
- 42 • The rectifiers are inspected to ensure component degradation has not occurred. Test stations along  
43 the system are checked annually to verify they meet the performance criteria established by the  
44 National Association of Corrosion Engineers (RP-02-85). The criteria used to determine compliance

1 will be documented in the Hanford Facility Operating Record, 242-A Evaporator unit specific  
2 portion.

3 Further detail regarding design and construction of DR-334,-335,-338 and -343 is provided in  
4 DOE/RL-90-39 (Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit Application Double-Shell Tank System).  
5 Further detail regarding the design, operation, maintenance, and inspection of the cathodic protect system  
6 for these lines are also provided in DOE/RL-90-39.

#### 7 **4.1.6.3 Transfer Line Containment**

8 This section describes the design and operation of secondary containment and leak detection systems for  
9 transfer lines between the DST System and the 242-A Evaporator, and from 242-A to LERF (one line  
10 only, PC-5000). The 242-A TSD boundary for lines running between 242A and the DST System ends at  
11 exterior wall of 242-A building. At this point, these lines (e.g., feed and slurry line piping) are  
12 DST System components. For further detail regarding SN-269, SN-270, SL-167, and SL-168 refer to  
13 DOE/RL-90-39.

14 The PC-5000 transfer line transfers process condensate (Section 4.1.2) from the 242-A building to LERF.  
15 The 242-A TSD unit boundary includes PC-5000 up to the LERF fence line (Chapter 1.0, topographic  
16 map, and Section 4.1.2, for the TSD unit boundary)

#### 17 **4.1.6.3.1 Feed Line Piping**

18 Two feed lines (SN-269 and SN-270) (one in service and one spare), each consist of 3-inch transfer  
19 piping within a 6-inch secondary containment encasement piping. Both the transfer and encasement pipes  
20 are constructed of Schedule 40 carbon steel. The lines run below grade about 120 meters from pump pit  
21 241-AW-02E (above feed tank 241-AW-102) to the 242-A Building.

22 To detect transfer-piping failures, leak detector risers equipped with conductivity probes are installed on  
23 the encasement lines. The transfer piping and encasements are sloped towards the conductivity probe,  
24 which, on leak detection, annunciates an alarm in the 242-A Evaporator control room. A valve in the  
25 pump pit (241-AW-02E) can be opened to drain solution from the encasement pipe into the pit, which  
26 drains to feed tank 241-AW-102.

#### 27 **4.1.6.3.2 Slurry Line Piping**

28 The slurry pump (P-B-2) transfers solution through one of two transfer lines: SL-167, for transfer to  
29 valve pit 241-AW-B (standard configuration), or SL-168 for transfer to valve pit 241-AW-A (alternate  
30 configuration). Slurry solution can be routed via double-encased piping from these valve pits to any  
31 designated DST slurry receiver. Both slurry transfer lines consist of 2-inch transfer piping within a 4-inch  
32 secondary containment encasement piping. Both the transfer and encasement pipes are constructed of  
33 Schedule 40 carbon steel. The lines run below grade about 73 meters between the 242-A Building and  
34 the valve pits.

35 These slurry lines contain leak detector risers and conductivity probes similar to the feed line piping  
36 described in Section 4.1.6.3.1.

#### 37 **4.1.6.3.3 PC-5000**

38 The process condensate transfer line (PC-5000) from the 242-A Evaporator is centrifugally cast,  
39 fiberglass-reinforced epoxy thermoset resin pressure pipe fabricated to meet the requirements of ASME  
40 D2997 (ASME 1984). The 3-inch (7.6-cm) carrier piping is centered and supported within 6-inch  
41 (15.2-cm) containment piping. Pipe supports are fabricated of the same material as the pipe, and meet the  
42 strength requirements of ANSI B31.3 (ANSI 1987) for dead weight, thermal, and seismic loads.

43 Drawing H-2-79604 provides details of the piping from the 242-A Evaporator to LERF.

44 This permit includes the portion of the PC-5000 line leaving the 242-A Evaporator facility to the fence  
45 line of LERF (Chapter 1.0 and topographic maps for unit boundary).

1 Single-point electronic leak detection elements are installed along the transfer line at 305-meter  
2 (1000 foot) intervals. The leak detection elements are located in the bottom of specially designed test  
3 risers. Each sensor element employs a conductivity sensor, which provides a signal to the  
4 242-A Evaporator control room when a potential leak is detected. If a leak develops in the carrier pipe,  
5 fluid will travel down the exterior surface of the carrier pipe or the interior of the containment pipe. As  
6 moisture contacts a sensor unit, a general alarm sounds in the 242-A Evaporator control room on the  
7 Monitoring Control System. In addition, the zone of the sensor unit causing the general alarm can be  
8 determined using the leak detection-monitoring panel. Upon verification of a leak, the pump located in  
9 the 242-A Evaporator is shut down, stopping the flow of aqueous waste through the transfer line. A low-  
10 volume air purge of the annulus between the carrier pipe and the containment pipe is provided to prevent  
11 condensation buildup and minimize false alarms by the leak detection elements.

12 If a leak is detected using visual inspection of the PC-5000 transfer line encasement at the encasement  
13 catch tank (TK-PC-101) in the LERF catch basin (242AL-43), the shift manager is notified. The Shift  
14 Manger will direct shutdown of the aqueous waste through the PC-5000 transfer line.

#### 15 **4.1.6.4 Additional Requirements for Specific Types of Systems**

16 Addressed in this section are additional requirements in WAC 173-303-640 for vault systems like the  
17 242-A Building to ensure neither buildup of ignitable vapors nor does infiltration of precipitation occur.  
18 This section also addresses secondary containment for ancillary equipment and piping associated with the  
19 tank systems.

##### 20 **4.1.6.4.1 Vault Systems**

21 The 242-A Building is a vault constructed partially below ground, providing secondary containment for  
22 the tank systems. The DST System waste processed at the 242-A Evaporator is designated ignitable and  
23 reactive because of the presence of nitrite and nitrate salts, which are considered oxidizers per  
24 49 CFR 173. Because of their low volatility, these compounds are unlikely to be present in the vapor  
25 phase of the tank systems at the 242-A Evaporator. However, to prevent the spread of contamination, the  
26 vapor-liquid separator (C-A-1) is ventilated and maintained at lower air pressure than the building air  
27 space. This ensures air leakage is from uncontaminated building air space into the tank vapor space.  
28 Vapors from the vapor-liquid separator flow to the vacuum condenser system described in Section 4.0.

29 The condensate collection tank (C-100), collects process condensate that is not designated ignitable or  
30 reactive.

31 The tank systems and ancillary equipment are located within the 242-A Building, which is completely  
32 enclosed to prevent run-on and infiltration of precipitation into the secondary containment system.

##### 33 **4.1.6.4.2 Ancillary Equipment**

34 The 242-A Building provides secondary containment for ancillary equipment. Double containment is  
35 provided for the feed and slurry transfer lines between the 242-A Building and the AW Tank Farm by  
36 pipe-in-pipe arrangements. Therefore, all ancillary equipment has secondary containment and the daily  
37 inspection requirements in WAC 173-303-640(4)(f) are not applicable.

#### 38 **4.1.7 Variances from Secondary Containment Requirements**

39 The integrity assessment report (Appendix 4B) discusses the following three deficiencies associated with  
40 the secondary containment system:

41 **Pump Room Sump.** The pump room sump does not comply with secondary containment requirements  
42 because liquid must be kept in the sump to provide a seal to prevent airflow between the pump room and  
43 feed tank 241-AW-102. Although the sump has a 0.63-centimeter (0.25-inch)-thick stainless steel liner to  
44 prevent corrosion of the concrete floor, the sump does not have secondary containment.

1 **Routine Discharges through Secondary Containment.** The configuration of the 242-A Evaporator  
2 process requires routine, batch discharges of dangerous waste through secondary containment drain lines.  
3 These routine discharges include the following.

4 • Steam condensate, cooling water, and process condensate sample stations drain to the feed tank,  
5 241-AW-102, through drain line DR-343. Total discharge is about 38 liters (10 gallons) per month  
6 during operation.

7 • Sample bottle water sprays down in the slurry sample station drains to the decontamination sump in  
8 the load out and hot equipment storage room. The decontamination sump then drains to the pump  
9 room sump. Total discharge is about 76 liters per month during operation.

10 **Transfer Piping Wall Penetrations.** Three dangerous waste transfer line piping sections passing  
11 through the 242-A Building wall are single-walled, i.e., no secondary confinement in the wall (about  
12 56-centimeter-thick reinforced concrete).

13 These deficiencies were identified to Ecology, October 28, 1993. Ecology's response stated, "No  
14 physical revision of the pipe wall penetrations or the floor drains in the evaporator pump room will be  
15 required prior to evaporator restart". The response required the following.

16 • If at any time leakage is seen or detected from these installations, or if for any reason these  
17 installations are repaired or rebuilt, they will be rebuilt or repaired in accordance with regulations.

18 • Should a spill occur in the evaporator pump room the sump and the piping shall be rinsed three times  
19 as required in WAC 173-303-160. 'Appropriate' in this case means that the original regulation was  
20 written for a free container, not a sump, so that judgment will have to be used in the application of the  
21 regulation. The rinsate shall be transferred to the double-shell tanks.

#### 22 **4.1.8 Tank Management Practices**

23 All waste to be processed at the 242-A Evaporator must be sampled to determine if the waste is  
24 compatible with the materials of construction at the 242-A Evaporator. Before each campaign, candidate  
25 feed tanks are sampled per the requirements of the waste analysis plan (Chapter 3.0). Based on the  
26 results, three possible options are implemented.

27 • The waste is acceptable for processing without further actions.

28 • The waste is unacceptable for processing as a single batch, but is acceptable if blended with other  
29 waste that is going to be processed.

30 • The waste is unacceptable for processing.

31 The 242-A Evaporator process is controlled by the MCS. The MCS computer monitors liquid levels in  
32 the vapor-liquid separator (C-A-1) and condensate collection tank (C-100). The MCS system manages  
33 liquid levels in the C-A-1 using an auto-cascade function that controls feed delivery to the C-A-1 vessel.  
34 The MCS system also manages liquid levels in the C-100 using an auto-cascade function to maintain the  
35 tank level at approximately 50-percent. The MCS has alarms that annunciate on high-liquid levels for  
36 both C-A-1 and C-100 to notify operators that actions must be taken to prevent overfilling of these  
37 vessels.

38 An interlock is activated when high-liquid level in the vapor-liquid separator (C-A-1) is detected,  
39 automatically shutting down the feed transfer pump at feed tank 241-AW-102, thereby preventing  
40 overfilling of the vessel and carryover of slurry into the process condensate system. The condensate  
41 collection tank (C-100) has an overflow line that routes solution to feed tank 241-AW-102 in case of  
42 overfilling.

43 Process and instrumentation drawings are listed in Section 4.3.

44 The MCS also provides an automated interlock to shutdown the recirculation pump (P-B-1) and slurry  
45 pump (P-B-2) if a leak is detected. The recirculation pump (P-B-1) and slurry pump (P-B-2) will be

1 shutdown automatically using the MCS interlock and/or manually at the direction of the Shift Manager or  
2 242-A Evaporator Control Room Operator if a leak occurs. The process condensate pump (P-C-100) will  
3 be shut down manually at the direction of the Shift Manager or 242-A Evaporator Control Room Operator  
4 if a leak occurs.

#### 5 **4.1.9 Labels or Signs**

6 A labeling upgrade was completed before restart in 1994 for tank C-100 to identify the waste contents and  
7 major risks associated with waste stored within the tank. Tank C-100 ancillary piping is labeled  
8 "PROCESS CONDENSATE" to alert trained personnel which pipes in the condenser room contain  
9 dangerous waste. The vapor-liquid separator (C-A-1) is located in the evaporator room, a normally  
10 unoccupied area. This area is posted as a high radiation area with ALARA access controlled and limited  
11 to trained personnel only. The tank labels are visible from the walls of the tank enclosure rooms, which  
12 are less than 15 meters from the tank systems; therefore, label visibility requirements are met.

#### 13 **4.1.10 Air Emissions**

14 Tank systems that contain extremely hazardous waste, and is acutely toxic by inhalation must be designed  
15 to prevent the escape of such vapors. The DST System waste in the vapor-liquid separator, C-A-1, is  
16 designated extremely hazardous waste; however, no determination has been performed to determine if the  
17 waste is acutely or chronically toxic. Most of the toxic compounds in the DST waste are not volatile, but  
18 because of the high radioactivity of the waste, controls are included to prevent or mitigate the release of  
19 tank vapors. The vapor-liquid separator is maintained under vacuum to ensure air leakage is from  
20 uncontaminated building air space into the tank vapor space. The boiling vapor in C-A-1 passes through  
21 deentrainment pads and sprays to prevent liquid and solid carryover into the vapor section of the tank.  
22 The vapor stream passes through three condensers that remove the condensable components. The  
23 noncondensable vapors pass through HEPA filters before being discharged to the environment.

#### 24 **4.1.11 Management of Ignitable or Reactive Wastes in Tank Systems**

25 Although the DST System waste reprocessed at the 242-A Evaporator is designated ignitable because of  
26 the presence of oxidizers (nitrates and nitrites), the waste does not meet the definition of a combustible or  
27 flammable liquid given in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) code number 30 (NFPA 1996).  
28 The buffer zone requirements in NFPA-30, which require tanks containing combustible or flammable  
29 solutions be a safe distance from each other and from public way, are not applicable.

30 An analysis is performed on the DST System waste to be processed to verify the waste does not react  
31 exothermically at the elevated temperatures at the 242-A Evaporator. The waste analysis plan  
32 (Chapter 3.0) discusses waste acceptance requirements due to reactive waste designation.

#### 33 **4.1.12 Management of Incompatible Wastes in Tank Systems**

34 Waste transferred to the 242-A Evaporator must be compatible before mixing. The waste analysis plan  
35 (Chapter 3.0) includes waste compatibility requirements.

### 36 **4.2 AIR EMISSIONS CONTROL**

37 This section addresses the requirements of Air Emission Standards for Process Vents, under Subpart AA  
38 (incorporated by reference in WAC 173-303-690).

#### 39 **4.2.1 Applicability of Subpart AA Standards**

40 The 242-A Evaporator performs distillation that specifically requires evaluation of process vents for the  
41 applicability of 40 CFR 264 Subpart AA.

42 Waste processed at the 242-A Evaporator routinely contains greater than 10 parts per million organic  
43 concentrations; therefore, organic air emissions are subject to 40 CFR 264.1032, which requires organic  
44 emissions from all affected vents at the Hanford Facility be less than 1.4 kilograms per hour and  
45 2.8 megagrams per year, or control devices be installed to reduce organic emissions by 95%.

1 The 242-A Evaporator has one process ventilation system that vents both the vapor-liquid  
2 separator (C-A-1) and the condensate collection tank (C-100). The vent lines from both tanks combine  
3 before entering an off-gas system consisting of a deentrainer, a prefilter/demister, HEPA filters, and an  
4 exhaust fan. The vessel vent off-gas system is located on the third floor of the condenser room, with the  
5 exhaust stack extending horizontally through the east wall of the building at an elevation of 14.7 meters  
6 above ground level. The exhaust stack bends to run vertically with the discharge point 18.6 meters above  
7 ground level.

8 The annual average flow rate for the vessel vent is given in *Radionuclide Air Emissions Report for the*  
9 *Hanford Site - Calendar Year 1995* (DOE-RL 1996) as 18 cubic meters per minute and the total annual  
10 flow was 9.6 E+06 cubic meters. During waste processing, the airflow is about 20.5 cubic meters per  
11 minute, with about 4.3 cubic meters per minute ventilated from tank C-100 and the remainder from the  
12 vapor-liquid separator and air in leakage.

13 Organic emissions occur during waste processing, which is less than 6 months (182 days) each year. This  
14 is the maximum annual operating time for the 242-A Evaporator, as shutdowns are required during the  
15 year for maintenance outages, candidate feed tank analysis, and establishing transfer routes for staging  
16 waste in the DST System. The total operating time for the two campaigns in 1994 was 86 days.

#### 17 **4.2.2 Process Vents - Demonstrating Compliance**

18 This section outlines how the 242-A Evaporator complies with the requirements of 40 CFR 264,  
19 Subpart AA, including a discussion of the basis for meeting the organic emission limits, calculations  
20 demonstrating compliance, and conditions for reevaluating compliance.

##### 21 **4.2.2.1 Basis for Meeting Limits/Reductions**

22 The TSD units at the Hanford Facility subject to 40 CFR 264, Subpart AA meet the organic air emission  
23 limits of 1.4 kilograms per hour and 2.8 megagrams per year, established in 40 CFR 264.1032, by the  
24 design of the facility. The 242-A Evaporator and the other TSD units collectively can meet these  
25 standards without the use of air pollution control devices.

##### 26 **4.2.2.2 Demonstrating Compliance**

27 Process vent organic air emissions are controlled by establishing limits for acceptance of waste at the  
28 242-A Evaporator. Before startup of each campaign, the waste to be processed is sampled in the DST  
29 System to determine the organic content. If the concentrations of organic constituents are less than the  
30 limits in the waste analysis plan (Chapter 3.0), the waste can be processed, provided the Hanford Facility  
31 will not exceed 1.4 kilograms per hour and 2.8 megagrams per year. The waste acceptance limits in the  
32 waste analysis plan are based on equilibrium calculations and assumptions given in *Organic Emission*  
33 *Calculations for the 242-A Evaporator Vessel Vent System* (WHC 1996). The calculation to determine  
34 organic emissions consists of the following steps:

- 35 1. Determine the emission rate of each candidate feed tank organic constituent by multiplying the  
36 constituent concentration by the corresponding partition factor in *Organic Emission Calculations for*  
37 *the 242-A Evaporator Vessel Vent System* (WHC 1996).
- 38 2. Sum the emission rates of all organic constituents to determine the emission rate for the candidate  
39 feed tank. The maximum emission rate for the campaign is the rate from the candidate tank with the  
40 greatest emission rate.
- 41 3. Determine the total amount of emission during the campaign by using operating time and a weighted  
42 average emission rate, based on the volume of each candidate feed tank processed.

43 The organic emission rates and quantity of organics emitted during the campaign are determined using  
44 these calculations and are included in the operating record for each campaign, as required by  
45 40 CFR 264.1035. The Hanford Facility has a system to ensure organic emissions from units subject to  
46 40 CFR 264, Subpart AA are less than the limits of 1.4 kilograms per hour and 2.8 megagrams per year.  
47 Records documenting total organic emissions are available for Ecology review on request.

1 **4.2.2.3 Reevaluating Compliance with Subpart AA Standards**

2 Calculations to determine compliance with Subpart AA will be reviewed when any of the following  
3 conditions occur at the 242-A Evaporator:

- 4 • Changes in the configuration or operation that affect the assumptions in the Organic Emission  
5 Calculations for the 242-A Evaporator Vessel Vent System (WHC 1996)
- 6 • Annual operating time exceeds 182 days

7 **4.3 ENGINEERING DRAWINGS**

8 The drawings in Table 4.1 are process and instrumentation diagrams for the systems at the  
9 242-A Evaporator that contact mixed waste. These drawings are provided for general information, and  
10 demonstrate adequacy of the tank systems design.

11 **Table 4.1. Process and Instrumentation Diagrams**

System	Drawing Number	Drawing Title
Vapor-Liquid Separator	H-2-98988 Sheet 1	P & ID Evaporator Recirc System
Reboiler/Recirculation Line	H-2-98988 Sheet 2	P & ID Evaporator Recirc System
Slurry System	H-2-98989 Sheet 1	P & ID Slurry System
Condensate Collection Tank	H-2-98990 Sheet 1	P & ID Process Condensate System
Secondary Containment Drain System	H-2-98995 Sheet 1	P & ID Drain System
Secondary Containment Drain System	H-2-98995 Sheet 2	P & ID Drain System
Condensers	H-2-98999 Sheet 1	P & ID Vacuum Condenser System
Pump Room Sump	H-2-99002 Sheet 1	P & ID Jet Gang Valve System
Condensate Recycle System	H-2-99003 Sheet 1	P & ID Filtered Raw Water System
Process Condensate Line PC-5000	H-2-79604	Piping Plot for PC-5000 between 242 A and the LERF fence line

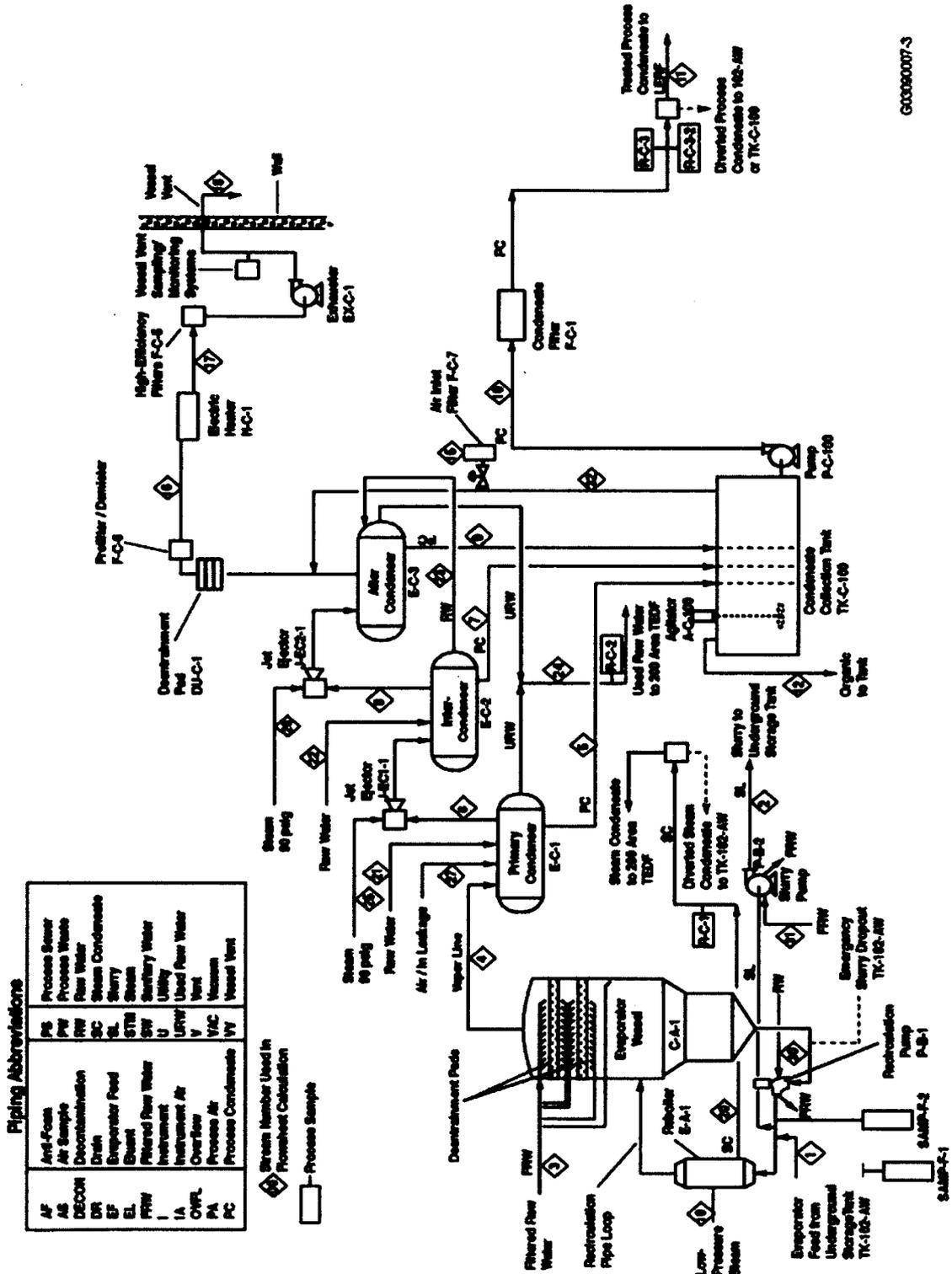
12 The drawings in Table 4.2 are for secondary containment systems for the 242-A Evaporator. Because  
13 secondary containment systems are the final barrier for preventing the release of dangerous waste into the  
14 environment, modifications that affect the secondary containment systems will be submitted to the  
15 Washington State Department of Ecology, as a Class 1, 2, or 3 Permit modifications, as required by  
16 WAC 173-303-830.

17 **Table 4.2. 242-A Evaporator Secondary Containment Systems Drawings**

System	Drawing Number	Drawing Title
242-A Building	H-2-69277 Sheet 1	Structural Foundation Plan Sections & General Notes - Areas 1 & 2
	H-2-69278 Sheet 1	Structural Foundation Elevations & Details - Areas 1 & 2
	H-2-69279 Sheet 1	Structural First Floor Plan & AMU - Areas 1 & 2
Pump Room Sump Drainage	H-2-69352 Sheet 1	Sections Process Waste Drainage
242-A Building Drainage	H-2-69354 Sheet 1	Plan Process Waste Drainage
Pump Room Sump	H-2-69369 Sheet 1	Pump Room Sump Assembly & Details

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Figure 4.1. 242-A Evaporator Simplified Process Flow Diagram



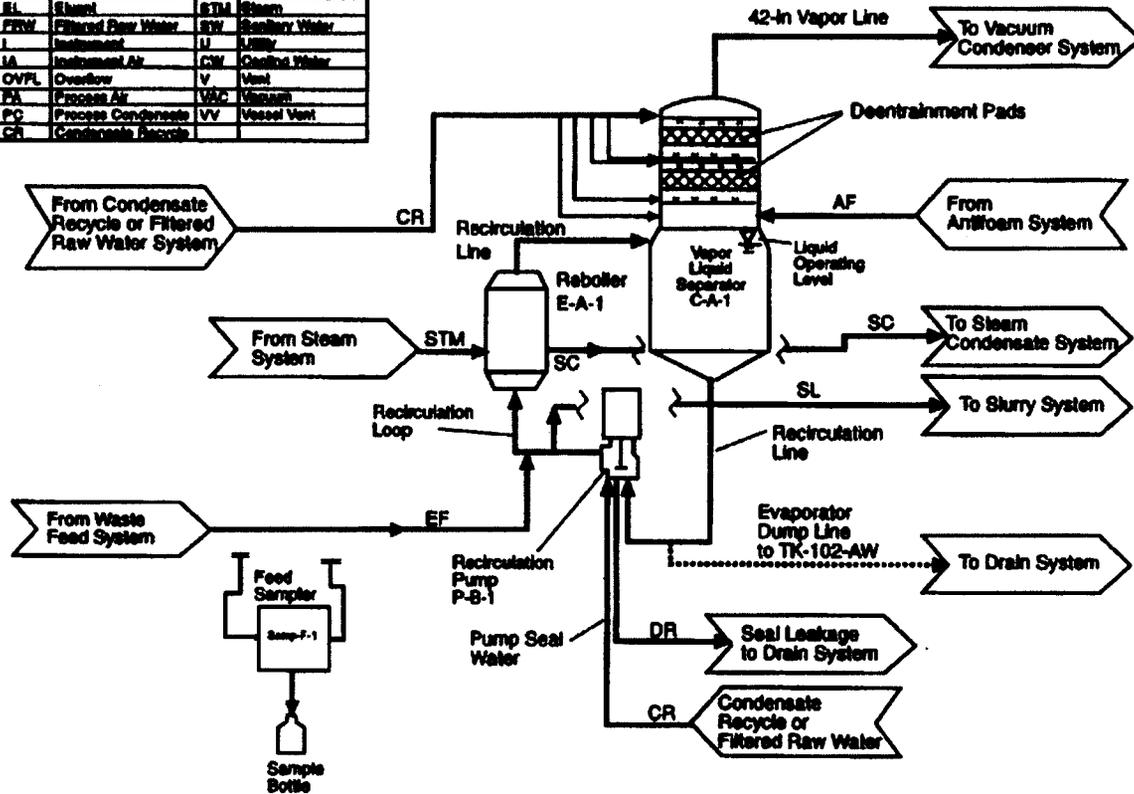
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Figure 4.2. 242-A Evaporator Process Loop

AF	Anti-Foam	CR	Process Steam
AS	Air Sample	PW	Process Waste
DECO	Decontamination	RW	Raw Water
DR	Drain	SC	Steam Condensate
EF	Evaporator Feed	SL	Slurry
EL	Element	STM	Steam
FRW	Filtered Raw Water	SW	Sealwater
I	Instrument	U	Utility
IA	Instrument Air	CW	Cooling Water
OVFL	Overflow	V	Vent
PA	Process Air	WV	Wastewater
PC	Process Condensate	VV	Vessel Vent
CR	Condensate Recycle		

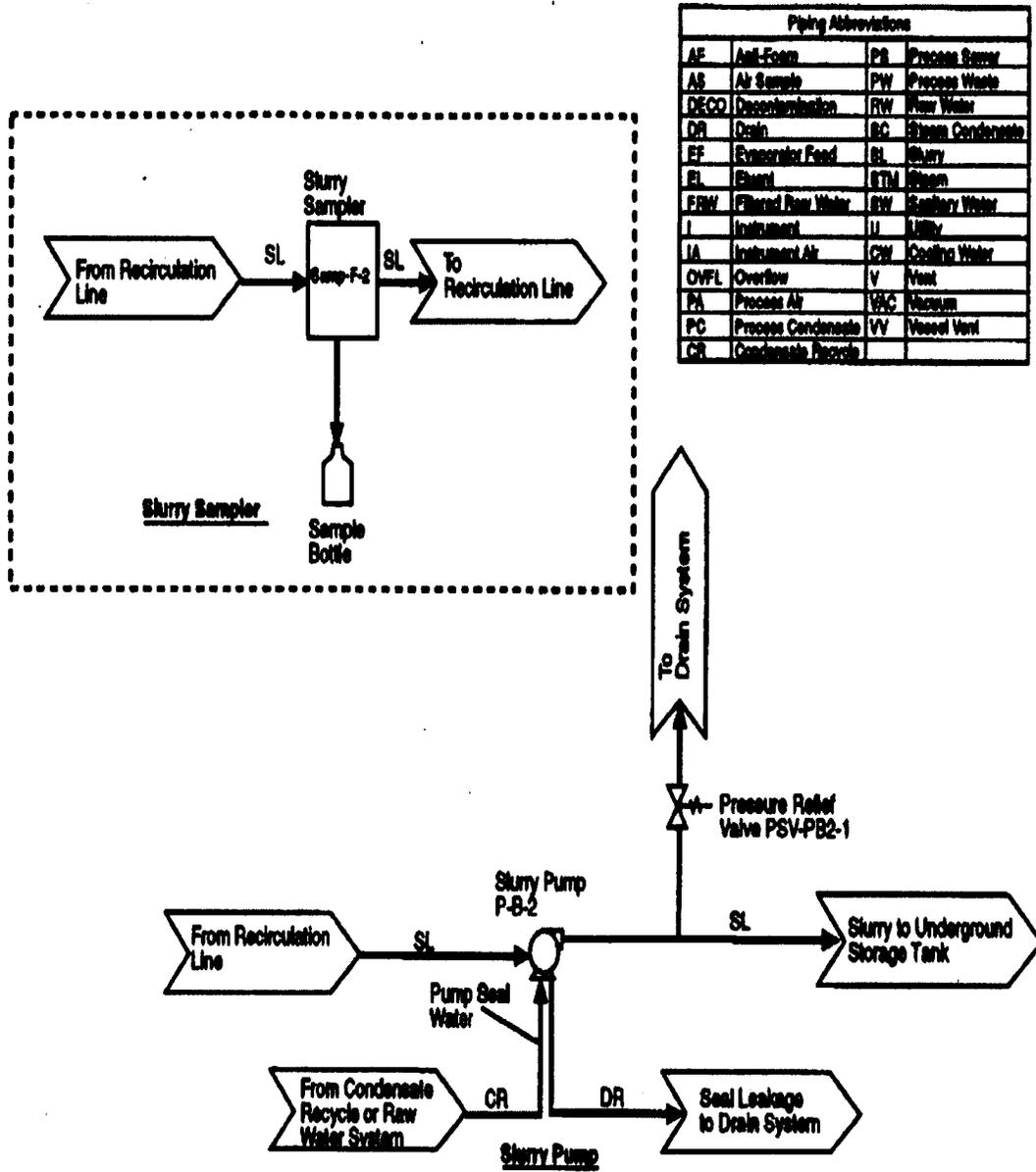


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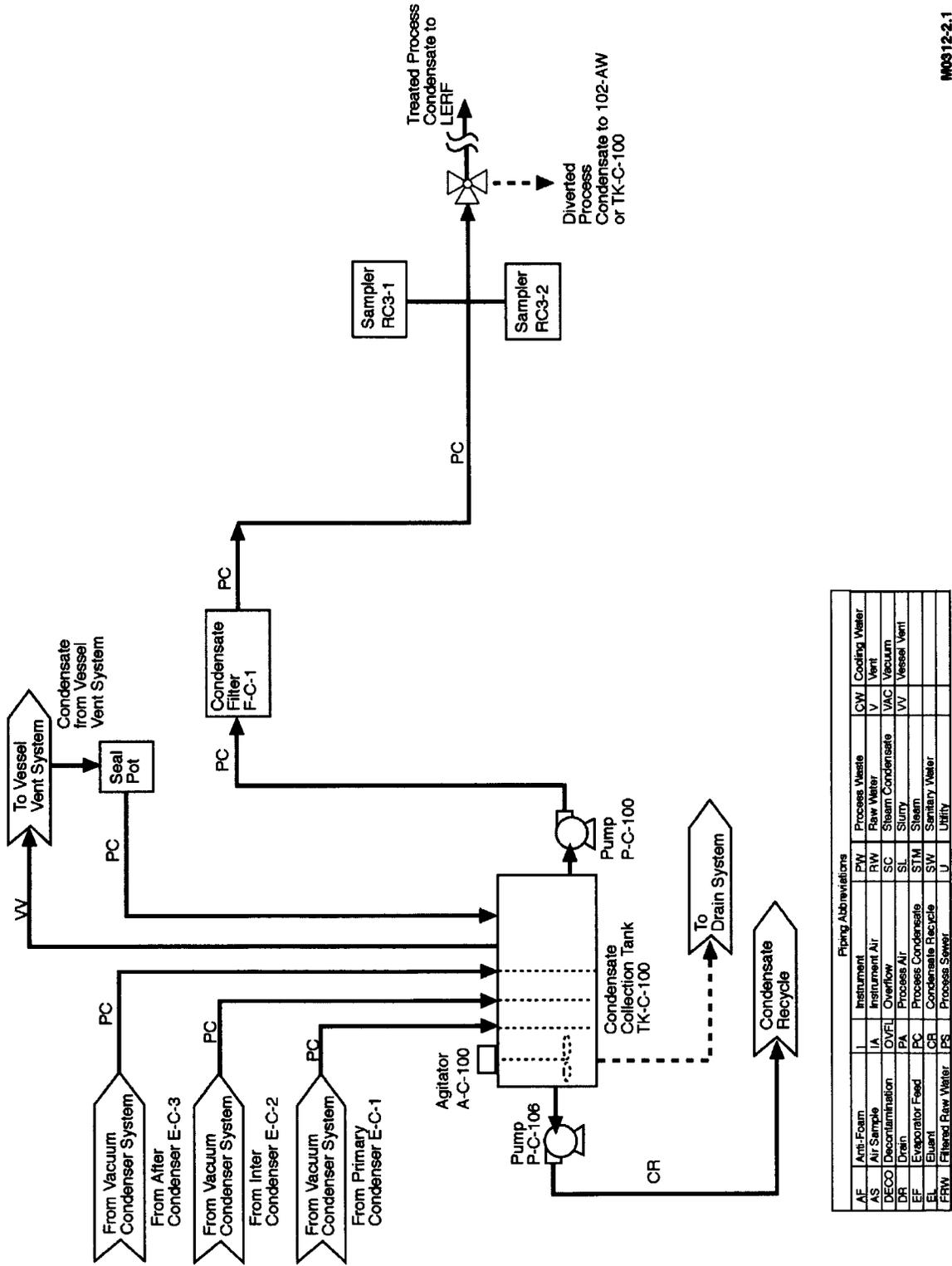
Figure 4.3. 242-A Evaporator Slurry System



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Figure 4.4. 242-A Evaporator Process Condensate System

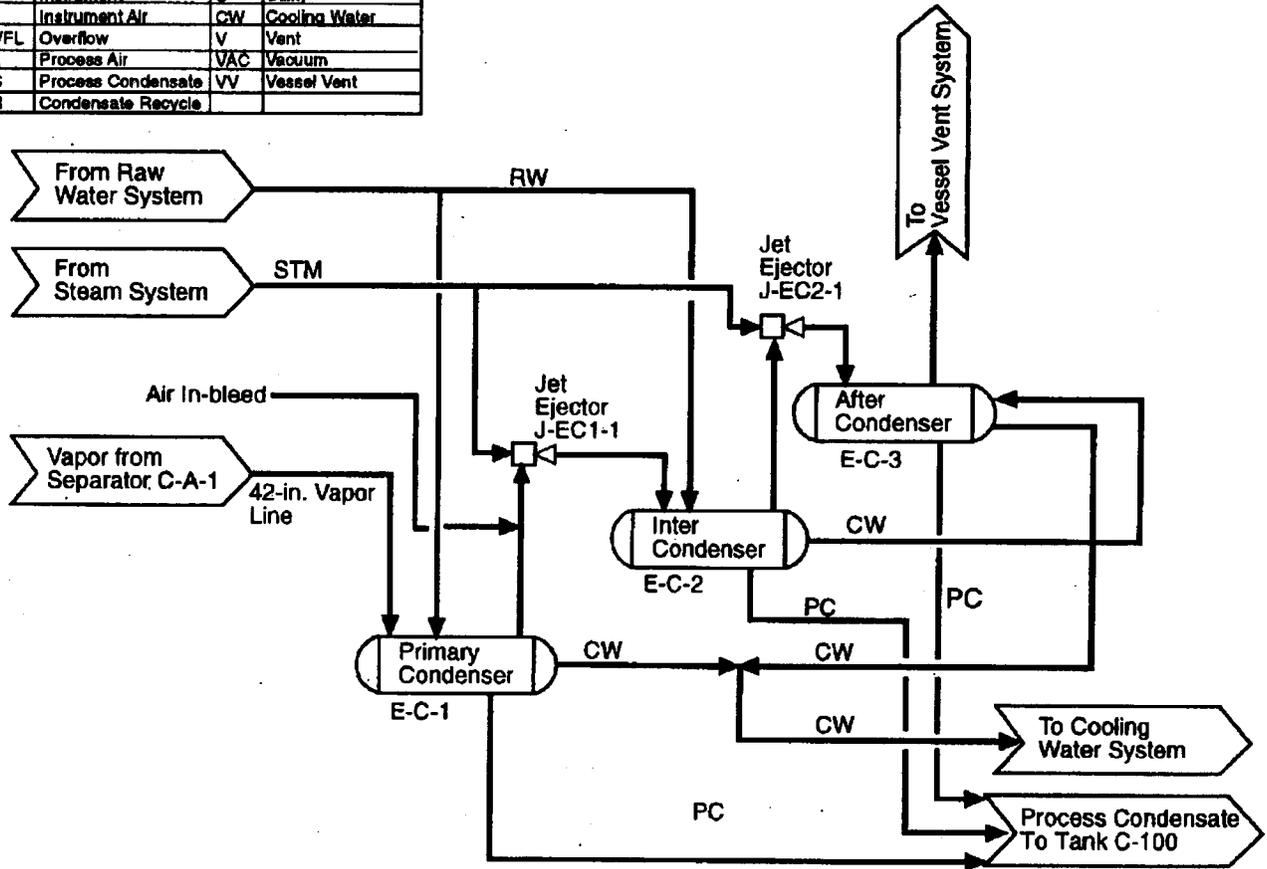


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1 **Figure 4.5. 242-A Evaporator Vacuum Condenser System**

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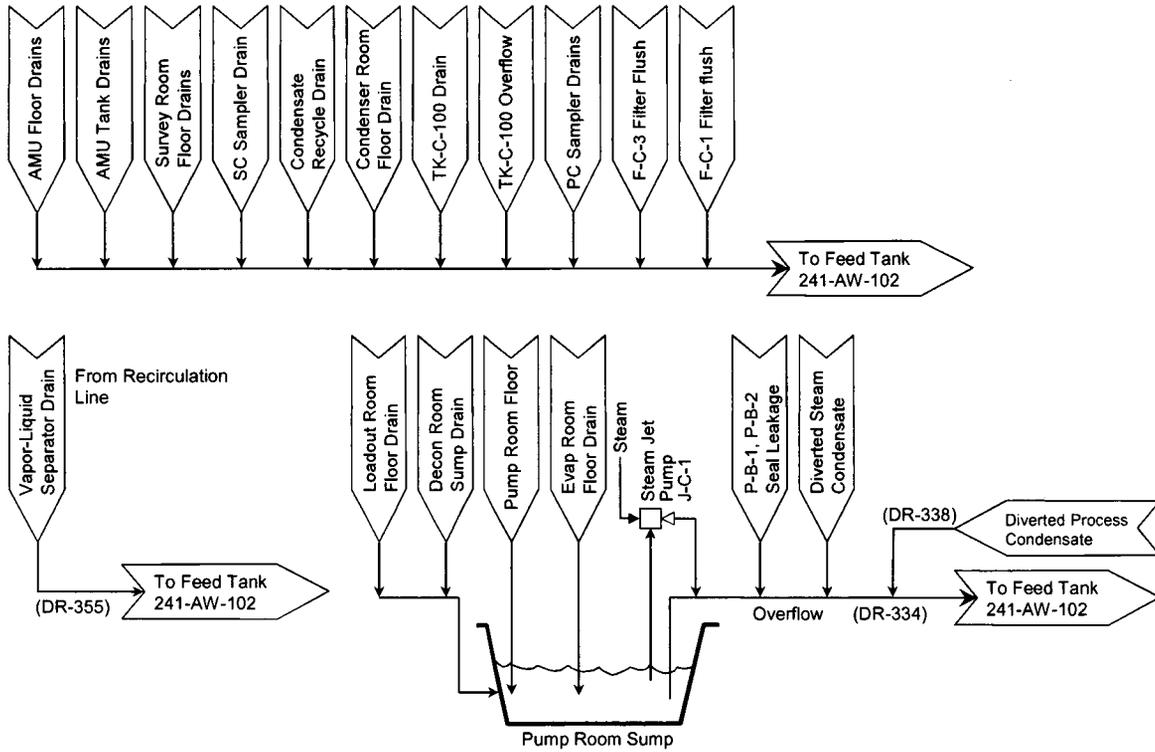
Piping Abbreviations			
AF	Anti-Foam	PS	Process Sewer
AS	Air Sample	PW	Process Waste
DECO	Decontamination	RW	Raw Water
DR	Drain	SC	Steam Condensate
EF	Evaporator Feed	SL	Slurry
EL	Eluant	STM	Steam
FRW	Filtred Raw Water	SW	Sanitary Water
I	Instrument	U	Utility
IA	Instrument Air	CW	Cooling Water
OVFL	Overflow	V	Vent
PA	Process Air	VAC	Vacuum
PC	Process Condensate	VV	Vessel Vent
CR	Condensate Recycle		



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Figure 4.6. 242-A Evaporator Drain System



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