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6.0 CONCLUSIONS AND PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES

The purpose of this section is to present the preferred disposal alternatives for Case 1 and 2 treated effluent and further explain their ranking. This discussion also includes the impacts of changing evaluation criterion weights, deleting public perception as an evaluation criterion, and adding "benefit" to the irrigation alternative. The purpose of evaluating these changes was to determine the sensitivity of the alternative rankings to changes in the evaluation parameters.

The evaluation and scoring system utilized for this study was developed to provide a rational, consistent, and objective approach to avoid the influence of personal preferences and/or biases. A comparison of the disposal alternatives, weighted scores, and relative ranking by case is shown in Table 6-1.

Table 6-1. Disposal Alternatives Ranking.

Alternative	Case 1		Case 2	
	Weighted score	Rank	Weighted score	Rank
Crib	70	3	116	1
Pond	75	2	103	2
River discharge	76	1	77	3
Irrigation	45	4	57	4

6.1 CASE 1 SCORES

The weighted scores for crib, pond, and river discharge alternatives did not differ significantly for Case 1, the case with the least conservative assumptions, as shown in Figure 6-1. Virtually any of these three alternatives could be selected for use as a disposal alternative for Case 1 effluents.

The irrigation alternative scored significantly lower for Case 1 than the other three concepts. The low score was the result of a variety of factors, including potential environmental impact (in particular, large use of land), a more extensive regulatory process, high life cycle costs, and difficulty in implementation. This is presented graphically in Figures 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, and 6-5. Also evident in the figure is the similarity of the first three alternatives in the environmental impact criterion.

6.2 CASE 2 SCORES

The weighted scores of all alternatives for Case 2, the case with the most conservative assumptions, are shown in Figure 6-6. Weighted scores for river discharge were significantly lower than those for pond or crib disposal, and the irrigation alternative scored lowest.

The weighted score for crib disposal was approximately 15% higher than that of any other alternatives for Case 2. The high score for this alternative resulted primarily from high scores for the ALARA and environmental impact criteria, as shown in Figures 6-7 and 6-8. Both crib and pond disposal take advantage of the increased travel time to the river which allows for contaminant decay. However, the pond disposal alternative has the potential for exposure to both humans and animals via the air pathway. From an ALARA perspective, it is logical that crib disposal ranked higher than pond disposal because disposal of contaminated liquids in a subsurface environment prevents migration and deposition of wind-blown contamination.

River discharge ranked low due mostly to ALARA considerations. A dose of 0.04 mrem/yr to the maximum exposed individual was calculated based upon ^{238}Pu and ^{239}Pu levels (Appendix G). In addition, the implementation of the river discharge and incremental cost difference tended to decrease its weighted scores. The river discharge alternative also ranked low for the public opinion component of environmental impact. The survey indicates that the public wishes to avoid the discharge of any contaminants from the Hanford Site to the Columbia River. In contrast, from a regulatory and permit application perspective, river discharge ranked the highest of all alternatives for Case 2.

The irrigation alternative ranked the lowest for Case 2, for all evaluation criteria. As with Case 1, Case 2 scores were low for irrigation primarily due to environmental impact and the additional requirements for the regulatory process, life cycle cost, and implementation, as shown in Figures 6-9, 6-10, and 6-11.

<u>Evaluation Criteria</u>	<u>Original Weight</u>	<u>Variation 3 Weight</u>
ALARA	10	2
Environmental Impact	8	3
Regulatory Process	5	8
Life Cycle Cost	3	10
Implementability	2	5

With this variation, Case 1 rankings are altered such that the river alternative moved from first to third (Pond-113, Crib-100, River-99, Irrigation-54). Case 2 relative rankings are altered such that the crib and pond alternatives are reversed and river discharge and irrigation are third and fourth (Pond-113, Crib-117, River-92, Irrigation-53).

6.4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The TEDF will dispose of treated effluents to which BAT/AKART have been applied in a manner that complies with regulatory requirements.

Three options are available for disposal of the BAT/AKART-treated effluents: discharge to the Columbia River, discharge to the soil column via a pond or crib, and irrigation. A method of objectively scoring and then ranking the alternatives was utilized. The evaluation criteria included a broad array of considerations that were weighted according to their perceived relative importance. The evaluation included ALARA, environmental impact, regulatory process and permitting requirements, rough-order-of magnitude life cycle costs, and implementability. The potential economic and environmental benefits of the disposal alternatives were not considered by this study. The irrigation alternative, for both Case 1 and Case 2, was determined to currently be the least desirable alternative for disposal of the effluents.

Discharge to the Columbia River requires compliance with an NPDES permit and applicable surface water quality criteria and standards. Discharging the effluent to the soil column requires compliance with the terms and conditions of a WAC 173-216 wastewater discharge permit.

Discharging the effluent to either the Columbia River or to the soil column was determined to be feasible and viable; discharging to the soil column is preferred for both Case 1 and Case 2. Discharge to the river and soil column are ranked essentially the same for Case 1; reasons for preferring disposal to the soil column include the environmentally less sensitive nature of the unsaturated zone and reduced implementation cost. For Case 2, the case with the most conservative assumptions, disposal to the soil column via crib or pond was the preferred disposal option. Consequently, disposal of the Project W049-H treated effluents to the soil column is recommended.

Discharge of the treated effluent to the soil column requires a State Waste Water Discharge Permit (WAC-173-216-110). Compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit will provide for the preservation and protection of groundwater quality, including compliance with the Ground Water Quality Criteria of WAC-173-040.

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