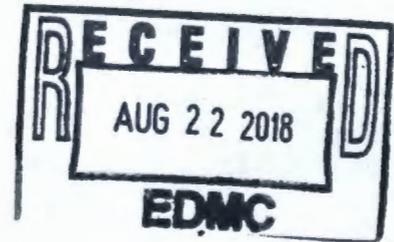


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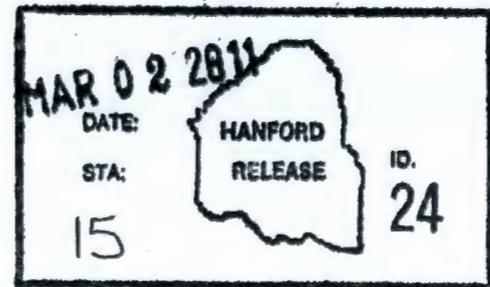
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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3 This work plan describes the field work necessary to collect the data identified in  
4 RPP-RPT-38152, *Data Quality Objectives Report Phase 2 Characterization for Waste*  
5 *Management Area C Corrective Measures Study*, and supports the Phase 2 *Resource*  
6 *Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) facility investigation/corrective measures study*  
7 *(RFI/CMS) work plan and sampling and analysis plan activities for the single-shell tank (SST)*  
8 *Waste Management Area (WMA) C (Figure 1-1). As discussed in the Hanford Federal Facility*  
9 *Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO) Action Plan (Ecology et al. 1989), the Phase 2*  
10 *RFI/CMS work plan is prepared to present information on how the Phase 2 RFI/CMS processes*  
11 *will be conducted and eventually lead to proposed remedies for WMA C fulfilling HFFACO*  
12 *Milestone M-45-60 (Ecology and DOE 2007, Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order*  
13 *Change Control Form Change No. M-45-06-03, Modifications of Tank Farm Corrective*  
14 *Measures and Interim Measures Milestone). This work plan also integrates with*  
15 *RPP-PLAN-37243, Phase 2 RCRA Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study Master*  
16 *Work Plan for Single-Shell Tank Waste Management Areas (Phase 2 Master Work Plan), as*  
17 *described in HFFACO Milestone M-45-58 and Appendix I, section 2.3 (Ecology and DOE*  
18 *2007). This WMA C RFI/CMS uses the framework established in the Phase 2 Master Work*  
19 *Plan, which is the implementation plan for integrating the RCRA treatment, storage, and disposal*  
20 *(TSD) unit closure process with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,*  
21 *and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) groundwater and soil operable unit remedial*  
22 *investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) process. The integration of these two processes will be*  
23 *implemented through management project teams as defined in DOE/RL-2007-20, Hanford*  
24 *Integrated Groundwater and Vadose Zone Management Plan. Groundwater has been impacted*  
25 *by some waste releases in WMA C. However, evaluations of groundwater contamination and*  
26 *remediation are not in the scope of this Phase 2 work plan. Investigating groundwater*  
27 *contamination under WMA C is part of the 200-BP-5 groundwater operable unit RI/FS*  
28 *conducted by DOE-RL.*

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30 For this work plan, site characterization will be performed at the 23 sites listed in Table ES-1 and  
31 shown on Figure ES-1. These characterization activities include the following:

- 32  
33 a. Soil collection and analysis through direct push technology.  
34 b. Tissue sampling for ecological risk assessment.  
35 c. Drywell and groundwater monitoring well geophysical logging.  
36 d. Surface geophysical exploration (SGE).  
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38 Table ES-1 includes the sampling method, implementation design, and objective. Not shown in  
39 Table ES-1 or in Figure ES-1 is the development of a geophysical logging tool that can detect  
40 beta emitters, which is also included in this work plan.  
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42 Soil samples for chemical analysis will be collected using direct push technology at 18 of the  
43 23 selected sites. The number of sampling direct pushes ranges from one to three at each site for  
44 a total of up to 29 direct pushes. Furthermore, a demonstration of SGE with deep electrodes is  
45 also planned at site N. Following the demonstration, if SGE is successful at site N, a plan would  
46 be developed to deploy SGE to encompass the WMA C data quality objectives boundary based  
47 on lessons-learned from the demonstration. Additionally, new spectral gamma and moisture

1 logging would be performed at tanks 241-C-103, 241-C-104, 241-C-106, and 241-C-108 through  
2 241-C-112. This work is contingent on available funding and that direct push installation  
3 schedule is consistent with other schedule priorities.

**Table ES-1. Sample Plan WMA C Phase 2 Characterization for RFI/CMS (3 sheets)**

Map Design.	Group <sup>a</sup>	Location	Deployment	Number of Direct Pushes	Average Number of Samples <sup>c</sup>	Known or Suspected Event	Objective	Access Availability	Ecology/ Stakeholder Interest
A	G3	Spare inlet 241-C-101	Direct push, slant	1-2	8	Tank over fill. Loss through spare inlet	Characterize C-101 release and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	High
B	G2	241-C-101, south side	Direct push, vertical or slant	1	8	Tank release	Characterize C-101 release and refine conceptual models 1 and 2	Good	High
C	G4	241-C-203	Direct push, slant	3	3: 0-15 ft 15: >15 ft	Tank leak and/or tank over fill. Loss through spare inlet	Determine if C-200 actually leaked and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	Moderate to high
D	G4	241-C-201 241-C-202 241-C-204	Direct push, slant	1-2/tank	8	200 series tank leaks	Determine if C-200 actually leaked and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	Moderate, depending on C-203 results
E	G2	Between 241-C-106 and 200-C-109	Direct push, vertical	1	8	Suspected release	Assess <sup>60</sup> Co and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	High
F	G2	Bldg C-801 chemical drain	Direct push, vertical	1	8	Suspected release site	Assess release of PUREX waste, <sup>137</sup> Cs and <sup>99</sup> Tc, and <sup>60</sup> Co and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	Moderate to high
G	G2	Between Bldg C-801 and 241-C-103	Direct push, vertical	1	8	Suspected transfer line release site	Assess release and <sup>60</sup> Co and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	High
H	G5	Northeast side of E-91	Direct push, vertical	1	8	Surface release	Surface exposures and assess <sup>60</sup> Co and surface release conceptual Model	Good	High
I	G5	Northeast side of E-115	Direct push, vertical or slant	1	8	Surface release	Surface exposures and assess <sup>60</sup> Co and surface release conceptual model, refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	High
J	G3	241-C-104	Direct push, slant	1	8	Tank release	Assess suspected release and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	High
K	G2	241-C-108	Direct push, vertical or slant	1	8	Transfer line leak, hot dry well (09-02)	Assess suspected release and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Poor	High

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L	G2	241-C-103 and 241-C-106	Drywell logging and direct push, vertical	2	8	Potential transfer line leak and tank over fill	Update logging data for <sup>60</sup> Co, <sup>137</sup> Cs, uranium, and moisture and assess potential release and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	Moderate
M	G7	241-C-104, 108, 109, 110, 111, and 112	Drywell logging	N/A	N/A		Update logging data for <sup>60</sup> Co, <sup>137</sup> Cs, uranium, and moisture	Fair to good	Moderate
N	G8	UPR-86, UPR-82 and UPR-81	SGE	N/A	N/A		Test SGE, define plume at unplanned releases (UPR)-82 and -86; refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	High
O	G9	WMA C	SGE	N/A	N/A		3-D vision of suspected releases – may lead to supplemental sample locations	Good	High
P	G1	UPR-81	Balance of direct pushes to complete characterization	3	8	Known release site	Characterize release and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	High
Q	G6	UPR-82	(1) 4 adjacent direct pushes to support placement of strings of deep electrodes for 3D SGE per Map Design. N; (2) Direct push through center depending on SGE results <sup>b</sup>	1	8	Known release site	Test SGE: resolve depth with deep electrodes; define plume at UPR-82; refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Poor due to shotcrete cover	High
R	G2	241-C-301 Catch Tank	Direct push vertical	1	8	Unlined concrete catch tank	Assess potential catch tank release and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	Moderate to high

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S	G5	UPR-72 and C-8 Drain	Direct push vertical	1	8	Buried radioactive material and French drain from 241 CR Building are in this area	Assess presence of buried material and potential releases to C-8 drain and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	Moderate to high
T	TBD	TBD, based on SGE data for entire WMA	TBD, direct push vertical and/or slant	TBD	TBD	Previously unknown release sites	TBD	TBD	Moderate to high
U	G3	C-110	Direct push, slant or vertical	1	8	Tank leak and/or tank over fill. Loss through spare inlet	Characterize C-110 release and conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	High
V	G2	C-111	Direct push vertical	1	8	Tank leak and/or tank overfill. Loss through spare inlet	Characterize C-111 release and conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	High
W	G9	299-E27-12, 299-E27-13, 299-E27-14, 299-E27-15	Log groundwater monitoring wells outside of WMA C	N/A	N/A		Log wells to collect data on U, <sup>60</sup> Co, <sup>137</sup> Cs, and moisture	Good	High

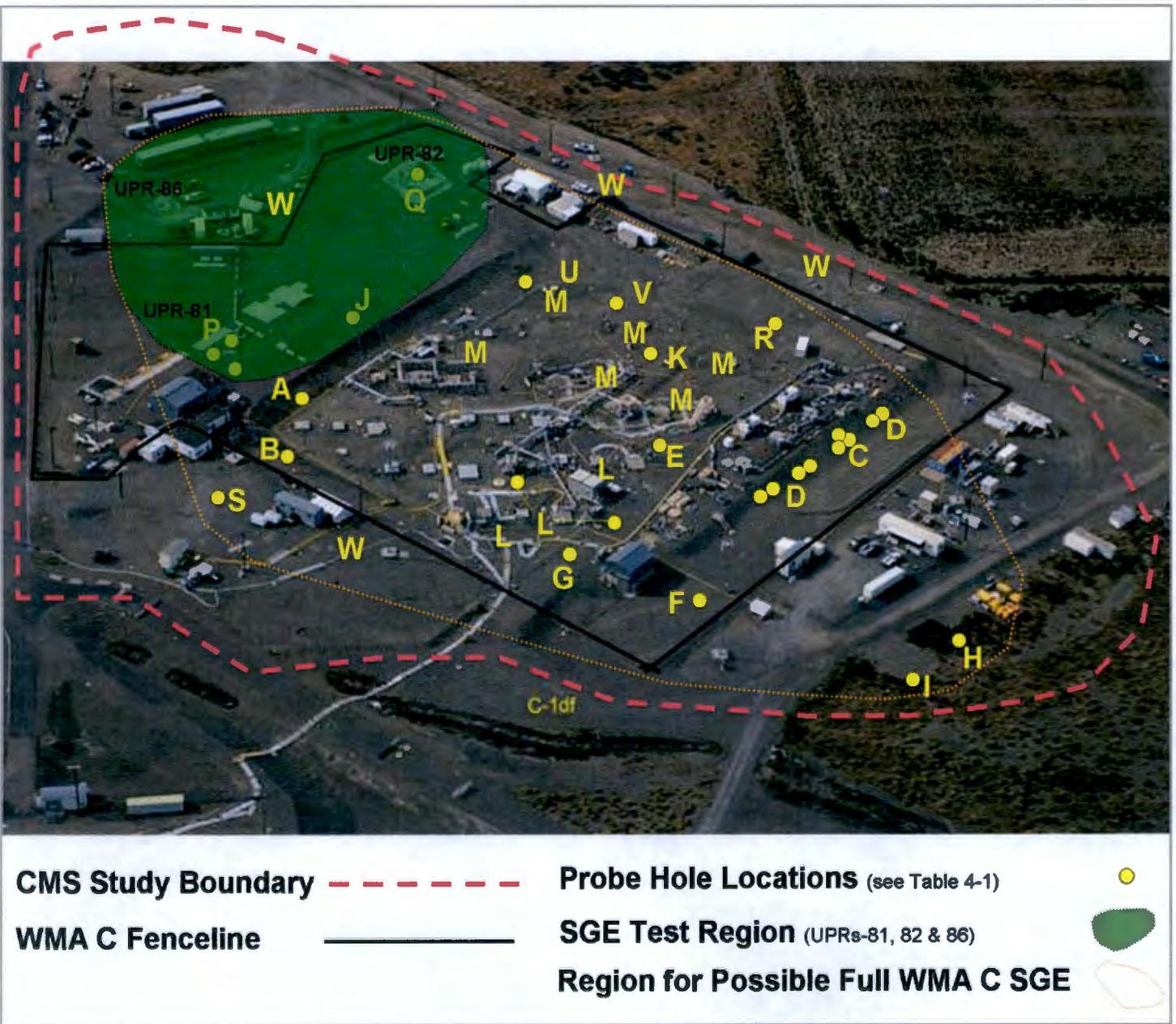
<sup>a</sup> Group refers to the expected work package associated with the characterization effort broadly defined as follows:

- G1 = Direct push at UPR-81 (covered by existing work package).
- G2 = Vertical direct pushes at nine investigative sites around the 100-series SSTs.
- G3 = Slant direct pushes at three investigative sites around the 100-series SSTs.
- G4 = Slant direct push at the C-200 Series tanks.
- G5 = Outside the WMA, vertical direct push at the investigative sites.
- G6 = Vertical direct push through gunite at UPR-82.
- G7 = Drywell logging at select dry wells.
- G8 = Three separate SGE areas at the following locations: UPR-81, UPR-82, and UPR-86.
- G9 = Deploy SGE at WMA C taking into account the results from testing at site N.

<sup>b</sup> Sampling design details for Map Design. Q are applicable to the single direct push that may be undertaken for sampling. Additional probe holes will be placed to support logging/electrode placement.

<sup>c</sup> Value includes one surface sample.

Figure ES-1. Surface Facilities, Candidate Sample Locations, and SGE Interrogation Areas



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1 **ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS**

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4 AEA *Atomic Energy Act of 1954*

5 ALARA as low as reasonably achievable

6 ARAR applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements

7 ASME American Society of Mechanical Engineers

8 BCG biota concentration guides

9 BGO bismuth germinate oxide

10 bgs below ground surface

11 CCU Cold Creek Unit

12 CERCLA *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of*  
13 *1980*

14 CFR *Code of Federal Regulations*

15 CLUP Amended Record of Decision for the Hanford Comprehensive Land-Use Plan

16 CMA corrective measures alternative

17 CMI corrective measures implementation

18 CMS corrective measures study

19 COC contaminants of concern

20 COPC contaminants of potential concern

21 COPEC contaminants of potential ecological concern

22 CPERA Central Plateau ecological risk assessment

23 CPP CERCLA Past Practice

24 CW coating waste from PUREX or REDOX Plants

25 CWA *Clean Water Act*

26 DOE U.S. Department of Energy

27 DQO data quality objectives

28 DST double-shell tank

29 Ecology State of Washington Department of Ecology

30 EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

31 ERA ecological risk assessment

32 FR *Federal Register*

33 FY Fiscal Year

34 GC/MS gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy

35 GEA gamma energy analysis

36 GPR ground-penetrating radar

37 H3/CCU/RF Hanford formation/Cold Creek unit/Ringold Formation

38 HASQARD *Hanford Analytical Services Quality Assurance Requirements Documents*

39 HCP EIS Hanford Comprehensive Land-Use Plan Environmental Impact Statement

40 HFFACO *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order*

1	HLW	high-level waste
2	HMS	Hanford Meteorological Station
3	HRR	high-resolution resistivity
4	HWMA	<i>Hazardous Waste Management Act</i>
5	IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
6	IX	ion exchange
7	LLW	low-level waste
8	MCL	maximum contaminant level
9	MTCA	<i>Model Toxics Control Act of 1989</i>
10	NCRP	National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements
11	NEPA	<i>National Environmental Policy Act of 1969</i>
12	NRC	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
13	ORP	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection
14	OWW	organic wash waste from PUREX Plant
15	PAS	PUREX acidified sludge
16	PCB	polychlorinated biphenyls
17	PNG	Pacific Northwest Geophysics
18	PNNL	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
19	PUREX	plutonium uranium extraction (plant)
20	QAPD	<i>Quality Assurance Program Description</i>
21	RCAP	RCRA Corrective Action Program
22	RCBRA	River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment
23	RCRA	<i>Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976</i>
24	RCW	Revised Code of Washington
25	REDOX	reduction-oxidation (plant)
26	RFI/CMS	RCRA facility investigation/corrective measures study
27	RI/FS	remedial investigation/feasibility study
28	RL	U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office
29	SAP	sampling and analysis plan
30	SDWA	<i>Safe Drinking Water Act</i>
31	SGE	surface geophysical exploration
32	SST	single-shell tank
33	TBP	Tributyl Phosphate
34	TFPC	241-A Tank Farm Process Condensate
35	TIC	tentatively identified compound
36	TOC	Tank Operations Contractor
37	TSD	treatment, storage, and disposal
38	UPR	unplanned release
39	WAC	<i>Washington Administrative Code</i>
40	WIDS	Waste Information Data System
41	WMA	waste management area

## METRIC CONVERSION CHART

Into Metric Units			Out of Metric Units		
<i>If You Know</i>	<i>Multiply By</i>	<i>To Get</i>	<i>If You Know</i>	<i>Multiply By</i>	<i>To Get</i>
<b>Length</b>			<b>Length</b>		
Inches	25.4	millimeters	millimeters	0.039	inches
Inches	2.54	centimeters	centimeters	0.394	inches
Feet	0.305	meters	meters	3.281	feet
Yards	0.914	meters	meters	1.094	yards
Miles	1.609	kilometers	kilometers	0.621	miles
<b>Area</b>			<b>Area</b>		
sq. inches	6.452	sq. centimeters	sq. centimeters	0.155	sq. inches
sq. feet	0.093	sq. meters	sq. meters	10.76	sq. feet
sq. yards	0.836	sq. meters	sq. meters	1.196	sq. yards
sq. miles	2.6	sq. kilometers	sq. kilometers	0.4	sq. miles
acres	0.405	hectares	hectares	2.47	acres
<b>Mass (weight)</b>			<b>Mass (weight)</b>		
ounces	28.35	grams	grams	0.035	ounces
pounds	0.454	kilograms	kilograms	2.205	pounds
ton	0.907	metric ton	metric ton	1.102	ton
<b>Volume</b>			<b>Volume</b>		
tablespoons	15	milliliters	liters	2.1	pints
fluid ounces	30	milliliters	liters	1.057	quarts
gallons	3.8	liters			
<b>Temperature</b>			<b>Temperature</b>		
Fahrenheit	subtract 32, then multiply by 5/9	Celsius	Celsius	multiply by 9/5, then add 32	Fahrenheit
<b>Radioactivity</b>			<b>Radioactivity</b>		
picocuries	37	millibecquerel	millibecquerels	0.027	picocuries

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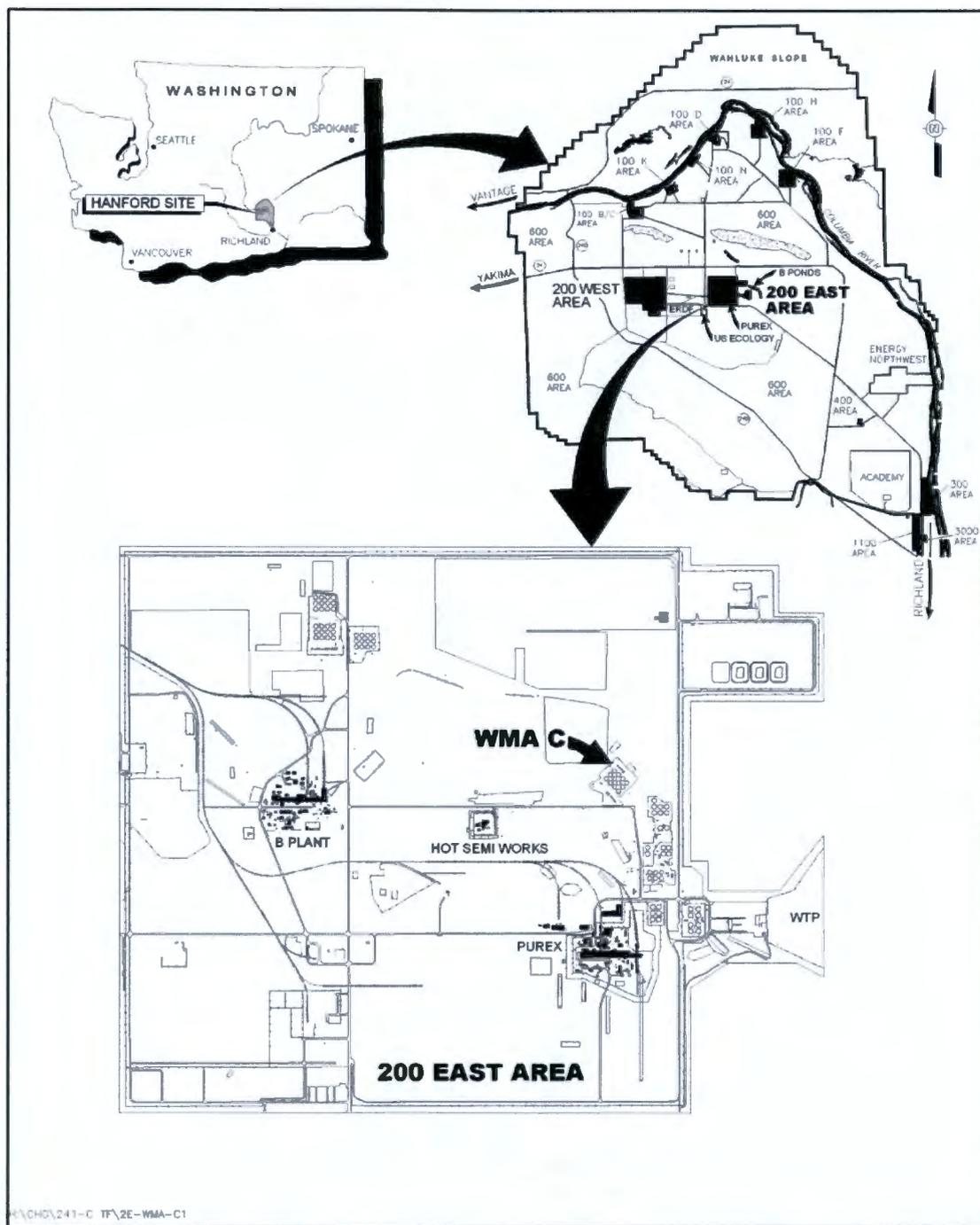
## 1. INTRODUCTION

This work plan describes the field work necessary to collect the data identified in RPP-RPT-38152, *Data Quality Objectives Report Phase 2 Characterization for Waste Management Area C Corrective Measures Study*, and supports the Phase 2 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study (RFI/CMS) work plan and sampling and analysis plan activities for the single-shell tank (SST) Waste Management Area (WMA) C (Figure 1-1). The content and structure of this work plan follow the RCRA RFI/CMS work plan format established in OSWER Directive 9902.3-2A, *RCRA Corrective Action Plan – Final*, with modifications to concurrently satisfy the additional Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) requirements in accordance with Appendix I of the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order* (HFFACO).

As discussed in the HFFACO Action Plan (Ecology et al. 1989), the Phase 2 RFI/CMS work plan is prepared to collect characterization data under the Phase 2 RFI/CMS process that eventually leads to proposed remedies for WMA C. This document fulfills the requirements of HFFACO Milestone M-045-60 (Ecology and DOE 2007). This work plan also integrates with RPP-PLAN-37243, *Phase 2 RCRA Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study Master Work Plan for Single-Shell Tank Waste Management Areas* (Phase 2 Master Work Plan) as described in HFFACO Milestone M-045-58 and Appendix I, section 2.3 (Ecology and DOE 2007). The RFI/CMS process uses the framework established in the Phase 2 Master Work Plan, which is the implementation plan for integrating the RCRA treatment, storage, and disposal (TSD) unit closure process with the CERCLA groundwater and operable unit remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) process including the groundwater program. The integration between the vadose zone program and the groundwater program is described in Chapter 5 of the Phase 2 Master Work Plan.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) recently concluded negotiations on HFFACO milestone changes for completing the Phase 1 RFI/CMS process with HFFACO Milestone M-45-55. These negotiations also included the development of a clear vision for the planning and execution of Phase 2 final RCRA RFI/CMS process which also takes into account integration with other site groundwater and vadose zone cleanup efforts on the Hanford Central Plateau (Ecology and DOE 2007, *Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Change Control Form Change No. M-45-06-03, Modifications of Tank Farm Corrective Measures and Interim Measures Milestones*). The modification (M-45-55, M-045-58 and M-045-60) and additional milestones (M-045-61 and M-45-62) will establish a framework for completion of corrective measures within WMA C (M-45-60 through M-045-62) and a Phase 2 Tank Farm Corrective Action Master Work Plan (M-45-58 and amended HFFACO Appendix I, Section 2.3) to define the overall corrective action completion approach and sequence for other tank farms or WMAs (Ecology and DOE 2007). Modifications to the M-45 series of HFFACO (Ecology et al. 1989) milestones for *Tank Farm Corrective Measures and Interim Measures* approved in December 2007 (Ecology and DOE 2007) contains modifications to M-45-55, M-45-58, and M-45-60, and added milestones M-45-61 and M-45-62. The modifications combined M-45-55-T04 with M-45-55 and M-45-55, which completed Phase 1, and the schedule of completion was moved out to January 31, 2008, which was met.

Figure 1-1. Location Map of WMA C in the 200 East Area at the DOE Hanford Site



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Related to this work plan, the Phase 2 WMA C RFI/CMS is moved to M-45-61 and replaced with a master work plan describing the approach for all WMAs in M-45-58. A revised milestone is added for submittal of WMA C Phase 2 RFI/CMS work plan and sampling and analysis plan (SAP) (M-45-60; this work plan and SAP). A new milestone is added for submittal of the Phase 2 RFI/CMS for WMA C (M-45-61). A new milestone is added for submittal of the WMA C Corrective Measures Implementation Plan (M-45-62). Finally, HFFACO Appendix I,

1 Section 2.3, was modified to describe the contents of RPP-PLAN-37243, which provides the  
2 conceptual process and sequencing approach for all SST farms and selection criteria for  
3 implementing Phase 2 RCRA corrective action.

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5 Where information regarding treatment, management, and disposal of radioactive source,  
6 byproduct material, and/or special nuclear components of mixed waste (as defined by the *Atomic*  
7 *Energy Act of 1954*) is incorporated into this document, it is not incorporated for the purpose of  
8 regulating the radiation hazards of such components under the authority of the Revised Code of  
9 Washington (RCW) 70.105, "Hazardous Waste Management Act," and its implementing  
10 regulations, but is provided for information purposes only.

## 11 1.1 PURPOSE, SCOPE, AND OBJECTIVES

12 This work plan presents background information, existing contaminant distribution data, and the  
13 approach that will be used for characterization and corrective action decision-making for  
14 WMA C. The potentially applicable technologies and the need for treatability studies are  
15 discussed in Chapter 5.

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17 This work plan addresses only WMA C and its surrounding vicinity as defined in  
18 RPP-RPT-38152. Waste Management Area C, which is a RCRA WMA, includes the C Farm  
19 that consists of the following:

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- 21 a. Twelve 100-series SSTs, each with 535,000-gal capacity.
- 22 b. Four 200-series SSTs, each with 55,000-gal capacity.
- 23 c. Waste transfer lines.
- 24 d. Multiple drywells around each 100-series SST used as leak detection systems.
- 25 e. Tank ancillary equipment, including diversion boxes, catch tanks, and related structures.
- 26 f. Associated unplanned releases (UPR) to the soil.

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28 This work plan contains SAPs for the Phase 2 corrective action process (Appendixes A and B).  
29 The soil SAP includes a quality assurance project plan and the sampling specifications for the  
30 characterization activities in the field (Appendix A). Previous characterization efforts  
31 (RPP-35484, *Field Investigation Report for Waste Management Areas C and A-AX*) and  
32 historical information (RPP-ENV-33418, *Hanford C-Farm Leak Assessments Report:*  
33 *241-C-101, 241-C-110, 241-C-111, 241-C-105, and Unplanned Waste Releases*) associated with  
34 WMA C were used in the development of this work plan. Data-gathering activities included  
35 compiling and reviewing existing process-knowledge information. WMA C site characterization  
36 data also have been gathered and evaluated. This existing information and the new  
37 characterization data that will be acquired as part of this Phase 2 sampling approach for this work  
38 plan will be used in the Phase 2 RFI/CMS report for WMA C presently due to Ecology on  
39 December 31, 2010 (Ecology and DOE 2007). However, the length of time to collect the  
40 characterization data extends beyond the approved HFFACO Milestone M-45-61 date for the  
41 submittal of the CMS report. A revised CMS report submittal date is included as a part of  
42 recently concluded negotiations between DOE and Ecology [Ecology and DOE 2009, *Hanford*  
43 *Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Change Control Form Change No. M-45-09-01,*  
44 *Milestone Modifications to the M-045-00 series for Single-Shell Tank Retrieval and Closure of*  
45 *Single-Shell Tanks, resulting from the 2007-2009 Hanford negotiations on changes to the*

1 *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO, also known as the Tri-Party*  
2 *Agreement)]*.

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4 The results from sampling and other characterization activities will be used to update the  
5 contaminant distribution models as needed and to support the CMS decision-making process.  
6 This work plan focuses on identifying and gathering the characterization information that will be  
7 needed for evaluating the selection of the preferred remedy(ies) from the CMS alternatives.  
8 Results of the characterization activities will be used for evaluating risk to potential receptors  
9 and for the CMS alternative analyses.

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11 To focus the activities needed for future remedy selection for WMA C, this Phase 2 RFI/CMS  
12 work plan has incorporated the following.

- 13  
14 a. Information-gathering activities are continuing, including location and characterization of  
15 releases, throughout the RFI/CMS process. As characterization results become available,  
16 they will be compared with information concerning operational history and construction  
17 details. This approach will allow for any subsequent data collection needs to be adapted  
18 as needed. Data gathering requirements are tailored to accommodate the characteristics  
19 of the entire WMA C and integration with the groundwater program, tank closure, and  
20 adjacent operable units, as appropriate.  
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22 b. Potential corrective measures alternatives (CMA) are identified and described. Potential  
23 remedies associated with WMA C initially are identified in the work plan. Corrective  
24 measures alternatives analysis will be completed in the Phase 2 RFI/CMS report for  
25 WMA C (HFFACO Milestone M-45-61) using data collected from both Phase 1 and 2  
26 field characterization and risk evaluation activities.

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28 Following approval of this work plan, the major elements (RFI/CMS steps) are requirements that  
29 are not expected to change; therefore, the work plan should not change. Specific work scope  
30 elements might require modification or refinement as the work progresses. Changes that do not  
31 affect the overall intent of the approved work plan or schedule can be made in the field and  
32 documented in the daily log books that are maintained in the field as stated in Section 12.4 of the  
33 HFFACO Action Plan (Ecology et al. 1989). Alternatively, and if agreed to by the  
34 U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) and the lead regulatory agency,  
35 unit managers' meetings or predecessor primary documents requiring ORP and lead regulatory  
36 agency approval also can be used to document changes. Changes to the project schedule that  
37 affect assigned HFFACO M-045 interim milestones will require approval through the HFFACO  
38 (Ecology et al. 1989) change control process.

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40 Supporting characterization data acquired during the field investigation that will be used for  
41 corrective measures decision-making for WMA C will be presented in the Phase 2 RFI/CMS  
42 report.

## 43 **1.2 DATA QUALITY OBJECTIVES PROCESS FOR WMA C**

44 EPA/240/B-06/001, *Guidance on Systematic Planning Using Data Quality Objectives Process*,  
45 was used to identify the data needs described in this work plan. The primary participants in this

1 process were the Tank Operations Contractor (TOC), Ecology, and ORP. However, to ensure  
2 integration with other activities within the 200 East Area (RPP-PLAN-37243, Chapter 5),  
3 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations  
4 Office (RL); and Plateau Remediation Contractor also participated in the process but did not  
5 attend every workshop. This DQO process established the assumptions and global issues  
6 associated with Phase 2 characterization activities at WMA C. The Tribal Nations and Oregon  
7 stakeholders were provided informational meetings and sent the data quality objectives (DQO)  
8 and Revision 0 of this document for their review. The Phase 2 WMA C DQO summary report  
9 (RPP-RPT-38152) summarizes the outcome of the DQO process for WMA C during the Phase 2  
10 RFI/CMS process.

### 11 **1.3 DOCUMENT STRUCTURE**

12 This Phase 2 RFI/CMS work plan is organized to present information as follows:

- 14 • **Chapter 1** – *Introduction*
- 15 • **Chapter 2** – *Background and Setting*
- 16 • **Chapter 3** – *Waste Management Area C Site Characterization Efforts*
- 17 • **Chapter 4** – *Work Plan Rationale and Approach*
- 18 • **Chapter 5** – *RCRA Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study Process*
- 19 • **Chapter 6** – *Schedule*
- 20 • **Chapter 7** – *Project Management and Program Integration*
- 21 • **Chapter 8** – *References*

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23 Appendix A contains the SAP for the Phase 2 characterization activities for soils planned for the  
24 vadose zone in WMA C, while Appendix B contains the sampling and analysis instructions for  
25 collecting tissue samples from small mammals. The sampling and analysis tasks presented in  
26 this sampling and analysis instructions guide are specific to small mammal collection and  
27 analysis to obtain data for use in dietary exposure modeling in the ecological risk assessment for  
28 WMA C. Attachments 1 through 4 support Appendices A and B with the quality assurance  
29 program description (Attachment 1), general health and safety plan (Attachment 2), information  
30 management overview (Attachment 3), and waste management plan (Attachment 4).

### 31 **1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

32 The DOE document DOE/RL-96-68, *Hanford Analytical Services Quality Assurance*  
33 *Requirements Documents* (HASQARD) establishes the quality requirements for environmental  
34 data collection, including sampling and analysis, in support of the *SST Resource Conservation*  
35 *and Recovery Act of 1976* (RCRA) Corrective Action Program (RCAP). The HASQARD  
36 applies specifically to field and laboratory activities associated with evaluating subsurface  
37 contaminant impacts involving 200 Areas SST WMA releases to the environment. The  
38 HASQARD complies with the requirements of EPA/240/B-01/003, *EPA Requirements for*  
39 *Quality Assurance Project Plans*. The HASQARD also identifies technical procedural  
40 requirements that will describe field data collection and sampling and analysis requirements to  
41 be implemented during the investigation. Technical procedures will be identified in the SAP to

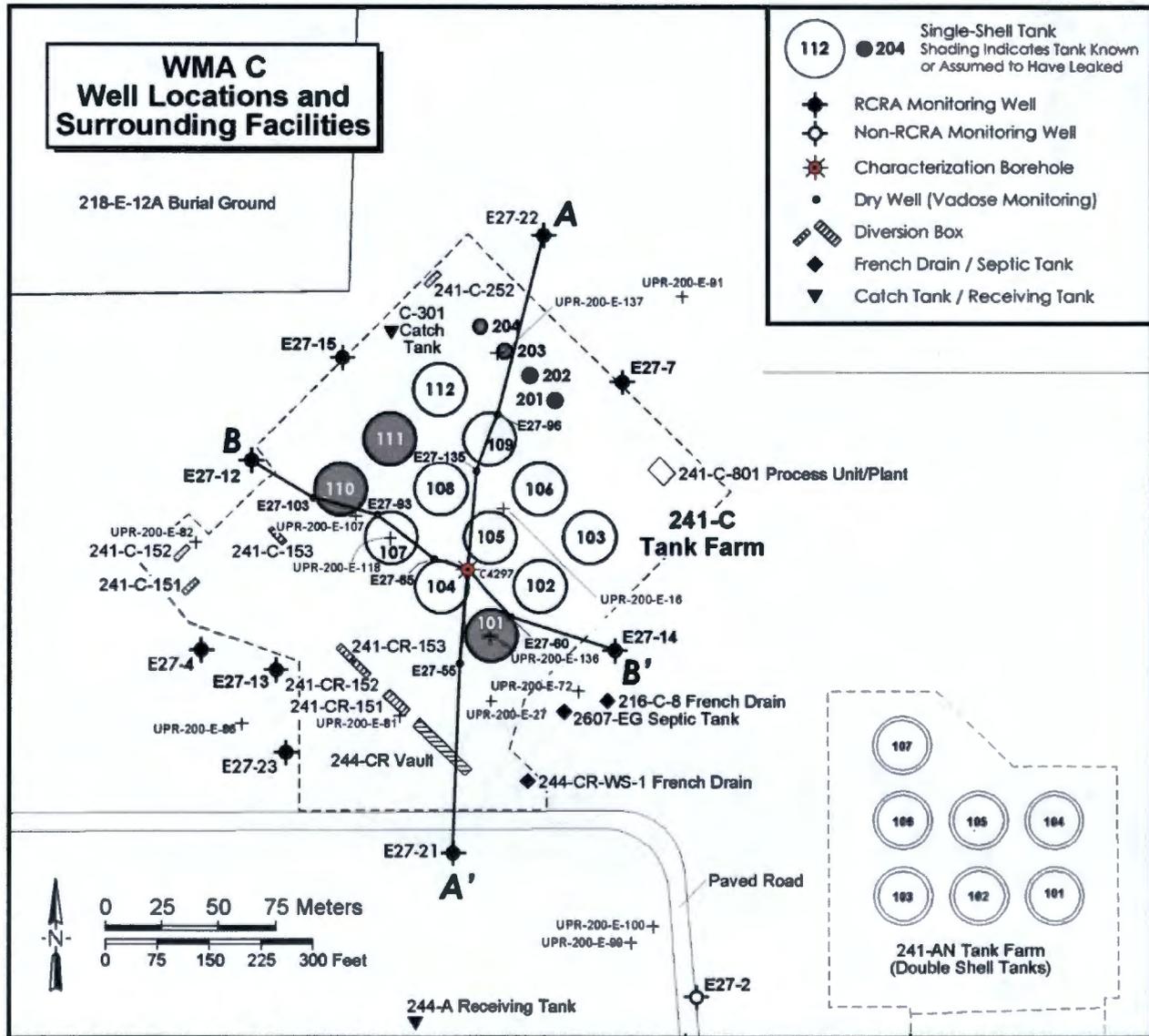
1 address the requirements of the HASQARD (DOE/RL-96-68). The HASQARD provides a  
2 framework of the general requirements that apply to RCAP characterization and remedial efforts.  
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4 The TOC quality assurance document, TFC-PLN-02, *Quality Assurance Program Description*  
5 (QAPD), establishes quality assurance requirements not covered in specific field and laboratory  
6 activities. This document is provided in Attachment 1 of this work plan. The QAPD  
7 incorporates the requirements of ASME NQA-1, *2004 Quality Assurance Requirements for*  
8 *Nuclear Facility Applications (QA)*, as required by the TOC contract with ORP.

2. BACKGROUND AND SETTING

This section provides background and site setting information relevant to SST WMA C. A thorough review of the documents relevant to SST WMA C process history, waste inventory, vadose zone studies, and groundwater studies was conducted as part of the DQO process and is presented in the Phase 2 WMA C DQO summary report (RPP-RPT-38152).

Figure 2-1 shows the location of WMA C and its surrounding facilities. Previous field investigation of borehole C4297 is also noted in Figure 2-1. Section 3.2.1 and RPP-35484 provide additional field characterization results for Phase 1.

Figure 2-1. WMA C and Nearby Facilities



## 2.1 GEOGRAPHIC SETTING

This section describes the topography, climate, demography, and ecology of the Hanford Site, specifically the Central Plateau that includes 200 East Area where SST WMA C is located.

### 2.1.1 Topography

The WMAs were always located downhill from the waste generating facilities to allow gravity flow in the pipelines from the facilities to the tanks. Figure 2-2 provides a topographic map of WMA C along with two topographic profiles (C-101 to C-103 and C-110 to C-112). These profiles show a stair-step elevation drop trending from the higher elevations in the southwest to lower elevations in the northeast.

### 2.1.2 Climate

The information in this section is a summary; additional detail can be found in the annual climatological data summary reports, which have been issued since 1993. The most recent report is PNNL-15160, *Hanford Site Climatological Data Summary 2004 with Historical Data*. Additional information can be found in PNNL-6415, *Hanford Site National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Characterization*.

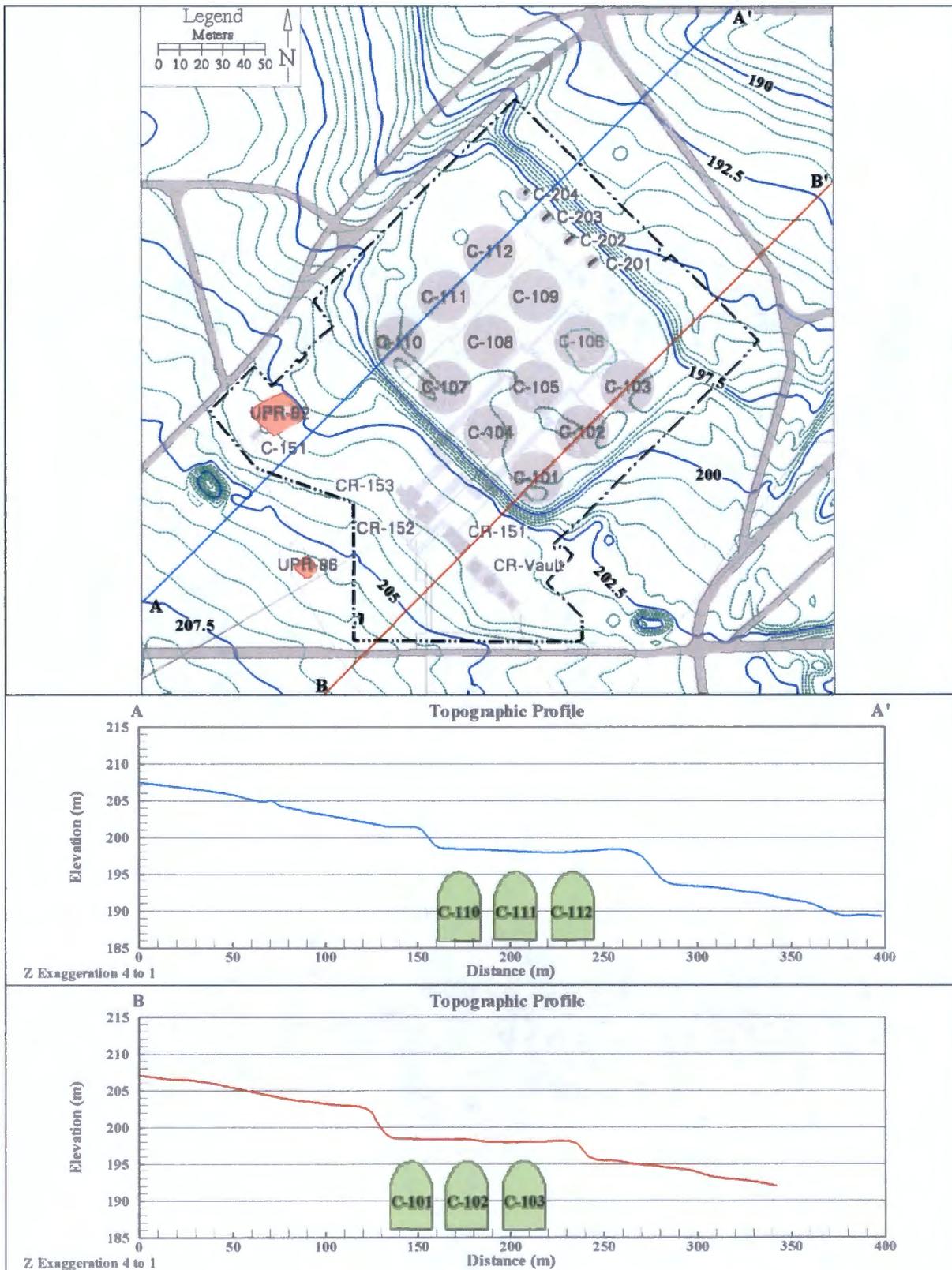
The climate at the Hanford Site can be classified as either mid-latitude semiarid or mid-latitude desert, depending on which climatological classification system is used. Large diurnal temperature variations are common, resulting from intense solar heating and nighttime cooling. Daytime high temperatures in June, July, and August can exceed 100°F. Winters are cool with occasional precipitation that makes up about 44% of the yearly total. During the winter, outbreaks of cold air associated with modified arctic air masses can reach the area and cause temperatures to drop below 0°F. Overcast skies and fog occur predominately during the late fall and winter months.

Weather conditions are monitored and recorded at the Hanford Meteorological Station (HMS), located between the 200 East and 200 West Areas at about 733 ft elevation. Data from the HMS are representative of the general climatic conditions for the region and describe the specific climate of the 200 Areas. Real-time and historical data from the HMS can be obtained on the Internet at <http://hms.pnl.gov/hms.htm>.

The Cascade Range to the west of the Hanford Site greatly affects the temperature, wind, and precipitation in the region. Air masses that reach the Pasco Basin are changed as they pass over the region's relatively complex topography. The mountains limit the maritime influence of the Pacific Ocean, making the climate of eastern Washington drier and with greater temperature extremes than the coastal region. In addition to this rain shadow effect, the Cascade Mountains are a source of cold air drainage, which has a considerable effect on the wind regime of the site.

**Figure 2-2. Elevation Contour Map of WMA C with Topographic Profiles Running through WMA C**

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1 Daily maximum temperatures vary from a normal maximum of 35°F in late December and early  
2 January to 96°F in late July. On the average, 52 days during the summer months have maximum  
3 temperatures of 90°F or higher and 12 days with maxima of 100°F or higher. From  
4 mid-November through early March, average daily minimum temperatures are below freezing  
5 ( $\leq 32^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), with the daily minima in late December and early January averaging 21°F. During the  
6 winter, on average, 3 days have minimum temperatures of 0°F or lower; however, only about one  
7 winter in two experiences such temperatures. The record maximum temperature is 113°F, and  
8 the record minimum temperature is  $-23^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

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10 Between 1946 and 2007, annual precipitation at the HMS averaged 17.3 cm (6.81 in.) and varied  
11 between 7.6 cm (3 in.) and 31.3 cm (12.3 in.). The wettest season on record was the winter of  
12 1996–1997 with 14.1 cm (5.4 in.) of precipitation; the driest season was the summer of 1973  
13 when only 0.1 cm (0.03 in.) of precipitation was measured. Most precipitation occurs during the  
14 late autumn and winter, with more than half of the annual amount occurring from November  
15 through February. Days with more than 1.3 cm (0.50 in.) precipitation occur on average less  
16 than once each year. Rainfall intensities of 1.3 cm/hr (0.5 in./hr) persisting for 1 hour are  
17 expected once every 10 years. Rainfall intensities of 2.5 cm/hr (1.0 in./hr) for 1 hour are  
18 expected only once every 500 years.

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20 About 38% of the precipitation during December through February falls as snow. Winter  
21 monthly average snowfall ranges from 0.5 in. in March to 5.0 in. in January. Only one winter in  
22 four is expected to accumulate as much as 5.9 in. of snow on the ground. During these winters,  
23 4 days, on average, have 6.0 in. (or more) of snow on the ground. However, the 1964–1965  
24 winter had 35 days with snow on the ground, 32 of which were consecutive.

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26 Prevailing wind direction on the 200 Area plateau is from the northwest in all months of the year.  
27 Secondary maxima occur for southwesterly winds. Summaries of wind direction indicate that  
28 winds from the northwest quadrant occur most often during the winter and summer. During the  
29 spring and fall, the frequency of southwesterly winds increases with a corresponding decrease in  
30 northwest flow. Winds blowing from other directions (e.g., northeast) display minimal variation  
31 from month to month. Monthly average wind speeds are lowest during the winter months,  
32 averaging 6 to 7 mph, and highest during the summer, averaging 8 to 9 mph.

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34 Wind speeds that are well above average are usually associated with southwesterly winds.  
35 However, the summertime drainage winds are generally northwesterly and frequently reach  
36 30 mph. These winds are most prevalent over the northern portion of the Hanford Site.

### 37 **2.1.3 Demography**

38 An estimated total of 155,100 people lived in Benton County and 57,000 lived in Franklin  
39 County during 2004, totaling 212,100, an increase of almost 11% from the Census 2000 figure  
40 (OFM 2008a, *Population of Cities, Towns and Counties: April 1, 2000 to April 1, 2008*).  
41 According to the 2000 Census, population totals for Benton and Franklin counties were 142,475  
42 and 49,347, respectively (U.S. Census 2001, *Poverty Thresholds in 2000, by Size of Family and*  
43 *Number of Related Children Under 18 Years.*). Both Benton and Franklin counties grew at a  
44 faster pace than Washington as a whole during the 1990s. The population of Benton County

1 grew 26.6%, up from 112,560 during 1990. The population of Franklin County grew 31.7%, up  
2 from 37,473 during 1990 (U.S. Census 2001).

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4 The distribution of the 2004 Tri-Cities population by city is as follows: Richland, 42,660; Pasco,  
5 40,840; and Kennewick, 58,970. The combined populations of Benton City, Prosser, and West  
6 Richland totaled 17,640 during 2004. The unincorporated population of Benton County was  
7 35,830. In Franklin County, incorporated areas other than Pasco had a total population of 3855.  
8 The unincorporated population of Franklin County was 12,305 (OFM 2008a).

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10 During 2004, Benton and Franklin counties accounted for 3.4% of Washington's population.  
11 The population demographics of Benton and Franklin counties are quite similar to those found  
12 within Washington. In general, the population of Benton and Franklin counties is somewhat  
13 younger than that of Washington as a whole. The 0- to 14-year-old age group accounts for  
14 24.6% of the total bi-county population compared with 20.4% for Washington. The population  
15 in Benton and Franklin counties under the age of 35 is 51.9%; it is 48.2% for the state of  
16 Washington (OFM 2008b, *Intercensal and Postcensal Estimates of April 1 County Population by  
17 Age and Sex: 1980-2008*).

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19 Additional Hanford area demographic data are available from PNNL-14428, *Hanford Area 2000  
20 Population*. This document includes 2000 Census estimates for the resident population by  
21 distance and compass direction within an 80-km (50-mi) radius of the Hanford Site. Population  
22 distributions are reported relative to five reference points centered on meteorological stations  
23 within major operating areas of the Hanford Site: the 100-F, 100-K, 200, 300, and 400 Areas.  
24 Data are presented in both graphical and tabular format and are provided for total populations  
25 residing within 80 km (50 mi) of the reference points, as well as for Native American, Hispanic  
26 and Latino, total minority, and low-income populations.

## 27 2.2 ECOLOGY

28 This section summarizes the ecology of the Hanford Site (Section 4.4 of PNNL-6415),  
29 emphasizing plant and animal activities that may affect exposure pathways. The primary impact  
30 would be through roots penetrating and animals burrowing through surface barriers into a  
31 disposal facility. Secondly, the types of plants and animals and their density can affect net  
32 groundwater recharge, which is greatly influenced by surface vegetation and burrowing.

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34 PNNL-6415 details both the terrestrial and aquatic ecology of the Hanford Site and presents  
35 extensive listings of plant and animal species, while this section considers only terrestrial  
36 ecological effects because all SSTs are not located near significant aquatic ecological systems.  
37 The Hanford Site consists of primarily undeveloped land. Chemical processing facilities,  
38 shutdown nuclear reactors, and supporting facilities occupy only about 6% of the site. Most of  
39 the Hanford Site has not experienced tillage or agricultural grazing since the early 1940s.

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41 The Hanford Site is characterized as a shrub-steppe ecosystem that is adapted to the mid-latitude  
42 semiarid climate of the region. These ecosystems are typically dominated by a shrub overstory  
43 with a grass understory. In the early 1800s, dominant plants in the area were big sagebrush  
44 (*Artemisia tridentata*) and an understory consisting of perennial Sandberg's bluegrass (*Poa  
45 sandbergii*) and bluebunch wheatgrass (*Pseudoregneria spicata*). Other species included

1 threetip sagebrush, bitterbrush, gray rabbitbrush, spiny hopsage, bluebunch wheatgrass,  
2 needle-and-thread grass, Indian rice grass, and prairie June grass.

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4 With the advent of settlement, livestock grazing and agricultural production contributed to  
5 colonization by non-native vegetation species that currently dominate portions of the landscape.  
6 Although agriculture and livestock production were the primary subsistence activities at the turn  
7 of the century, these activities ceased when the Hanford Site was designated in 1943. No  
8 farming has occurred on the Hanford Site since the government took control of the site.

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10 The dominant non-native species, cheatgrass, is an aggressive colonizer and has become well  
11 established across the site. Over the past decade, several knapweed species also have become  
12 persistent invasive species in areas not dominated by shrubs. Range fires that historically burned  
13 through the area during the dry summers eliminate fire-intolerant species (e.g., big sagebrush)  
14 and allow more opportunistic and fire-resistant species to establish. Of the 590 species of  
15 vascular plants recorded for the Hanford Site, approximately 20% are non-native. Wildfires are  
16 frequent on the Hanford Site. Three large wildfires in the past two decades have burned over  
17 15% of the site.

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19 All WMAs in the tank farm system are actively managed to prevent vegetation, insects, and  
20 wildlife from using the WMA as habitat, including WMA C. Herbicides and pesticides are used  
21 on a regular basis and fences are placed around the perimeter to keep larger animals out.  
22 Without a source of food within the WMA, smaller animals are less likely to enter. PNNL-6415  
23 provides a more complete description of the plant, insect, and animal life outside the WMAs.

### 24 **2.3 GEOLOGY AND HYDROGEOLOGIC CONDITIONS**

25 Since the Hanford Site started operating in the early 1940s, a large volume of information on the  
26 geology, seismology, and volcanology of the site has been collected and evaluated. As part of  
27 DOE/ORP 2005-01, *Initial Single-Shell Tank System Performance Assessment for the Hanford*  
28 *Site*, a geologic data package (RPP-23748, *Geology, Hydrogeology, Geochemistry, and*  
29 *Mineralogy Data Package for the Single-Shell Tank Waste Management Areas at the Hanford*  
30 *Site*) was prepared that describes the geology, hydrology, and geochemistry of the region, site,  
31 and WMAs. Most of the data included in the geologic data package were collected by (or used  
32 by) several projects between about 1980 and the present. Those projects include the Basalt  
33 Waste Isolation Project, the Skagit Hanford Nuclear Project, the Energy Northwest safety  
34 analysis, several performance assessments, and numerous regulatory driven geologic and  
35 hydrologic characterizations, assessments, and monitoring projects.

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37 The technical aspects of all of these projects, and thus the data, interpretations of the data, and  
38 conclusions, have been scrutinized by one or more regulatory agencies and stakeholder groups  
39 including the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the National Academy of Sciences,  
40 the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, the EPA, the U.S. Geological Survey, the  
41 Washington State Departments of Ecology and Health, the Oregon Department of Energy, and  
42 the Yakama, Nez Perce, and Wanapum Indian Nations, and the Confederated Tribes of the  
43 Umatilla Indian Reservation. For additional information relating to geology, hydrology, and  
44 geochemistry of the Hanford Site, see RPP-23748 and PNNL-15955, *Geology Data Package for*

1 *the Single-Shell Tank Waste Management Areas at the Hanford Site.* More information specific  
2 to WMA C is available in RPP-35484.

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4 The descriptions in these reports were brought up to date by WHC-SD-EN-TI-012, *Geologic*  
5 *Setting of the 200 East Area: An Update.* In addition, DOE/RL-2002-39, *Standardized*  
6 *Stratigraphic Nomenclature for Post-Ringold Formation Sediments within the Central Pasco*  
7 *Basin,* provides the new standardized nomenclature that was applied to this investigation.  
8 Post-basalt strata beneath the tank farm include (in descending order): (1) recent deposits,  
9 (2) Hanford formation, and (3) Cold Creek unit (CCU) and/or Ringold Formation. The most  
10 recent and comprehensive investigations on the interpreted geology of C Farm includes those  
11 reported in RPP-14430, *Subsurface Conditions Description of the C and A-AX Waste*  
12 *Management Area,* RPP-18290, *241-C Tank Farm Geologic and Stratigraphic Analysis;*  
13 RPP-23748, PNNL-15955, and RPP-35484. This document follows the standardized  
14 stratigraphic nomenclature recommended in DOE/RL-2002-39; therefore, the names for  
15 post-Ringold Formation stratigraphic units may differ from the terminology used in previous  
16 reports.

### 17 **2.3.1 Geology**

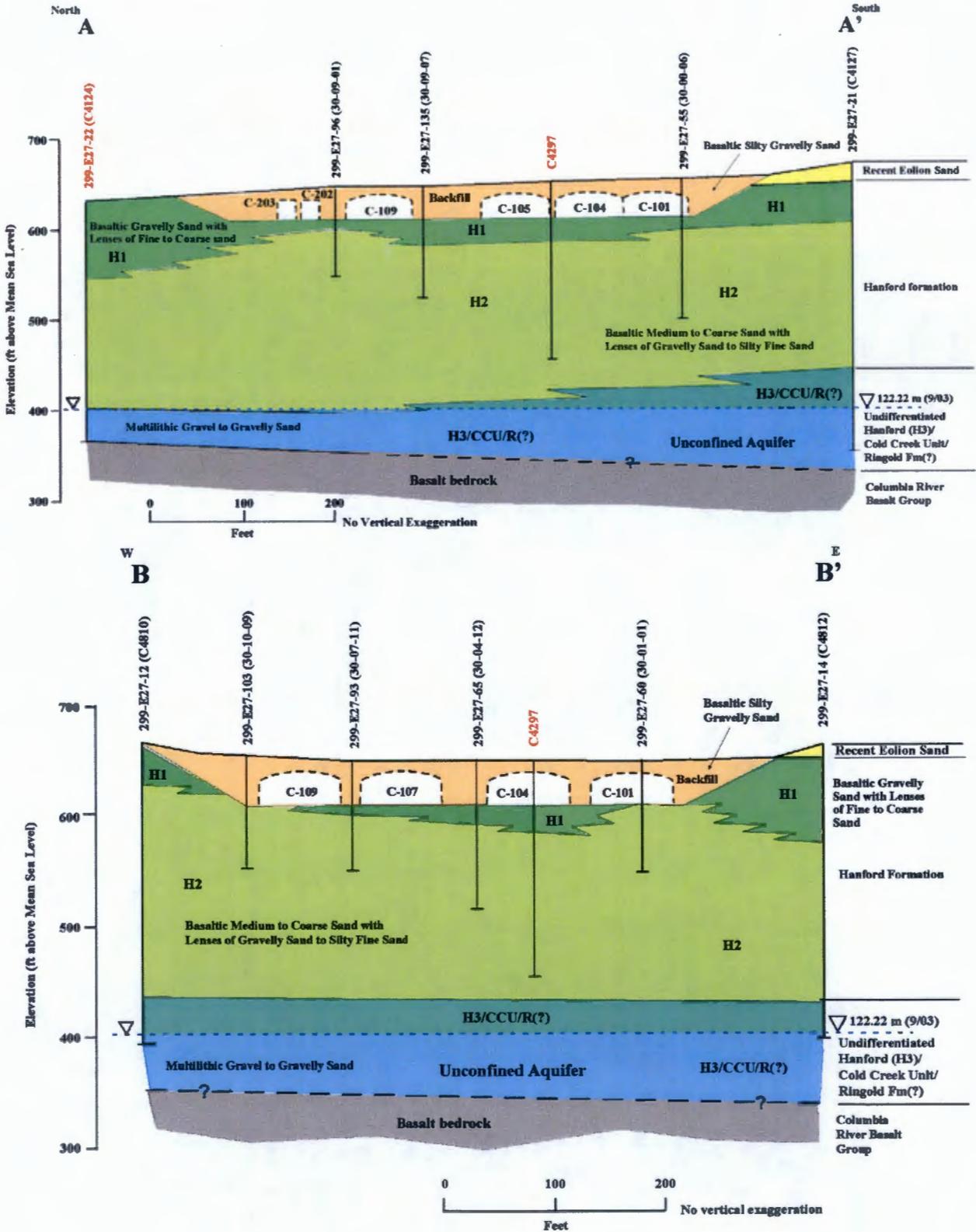
18 The geology of the major stratigraphic units underlying the C Farm and vicinity is well  
19 understood as a result of several decades of site characterization activities. It has been described  
20 in numerous reports (HW-61780, *Subsurface Geology of the Hanford Separation Areas;*  
21 ARH-LD-132, *Geology of the 241-C Tank Farm;* RPP-14430, and RPP-35484. The main source  
22 of information about the geologic strata underlying the Hanford Site and the tank farms is data  
23 from the drilling of boreholes and the analyses of the sediments and contaminants within them  
24 (e.g., PNNL-14656, *Borehole Data Package for Four CY 2003 RCRA Wells 299-E27-4,*  
25 *299-E27-21, 299-E27-22, and 299-E27-23 at Single-Shell Tank, Waste Management Area C,*  
26 *Hanford Site, Washington).* More detailed discussion of the borehole-specific geologic and  
27 geochemical characteristics of WMA C vadose zone are provided in RPP-23748 and  
28 PNNL-15955.

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30 Three major stratigraphic units underlie the C Farm, including (in ascending order) the igneous  
31 Columbia River Basalt Group, and two sedimentary units, the undifferentiated H3 unit of the  
32 Hanford formation/Cold Creek unit/Ringold Formation (H3/CCU/RF) and the Hanford  
33 formation. Figure 2-3 shows a fence diagram of these units underlying WMAs C and A-AX.  
34 Figure 2-4 shows the cross sections through WMA C as located on Figure 2-1. The  
35 undifferentiated H3/CCU/RF unit directly above the Columbia River Basalt Group is labeled as  
36 undifferentiated because two or three major stratigraphic units may have commingled, and clear  
37 distinctions between them cannot be made. These include the H3 subunit of the Hanford  
38 formation, the Cold Creek unit, and the Ringold Formation's Wooded Island member. The water  
39 table occurs within the H3/CCU/RF. Finally, backfill materials consisting of poorly sorted  
40 cobbles, pebbles, and coarse to medium sand derived from the H1 subunit of the Hanford  
41 formation, are distributed around the tanks and tank infrastructure. Overall, the vadose zone is  
42 approximately 250 ft thick at WMA C.



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Figure 2-4. Cross Sections A-A' and B-B' Through WMA C  
(Cross-Section Locations on Figure 2-1)



1 PNNL-14656 identified a third unit (H3) of the Hanford formation, which is usually reserved for  
 2 a clast-supported, gravel-dominated facies at the base of the Hanford formation  
 3 (DOE/RL-2002-39). However, at C Farm, the overall texture of this unit is still predominantly  
 4 sand, with only a minor component of pebbly to slightly pebbly sand. The H3 unit of  
 5 RPP-18290 and PNNL-14656 does not contain appreciably more gravel than the H2 unit.  
 6 Otherwise, thicknesses increase toward the east up to a maximum of approximately 50 ft on the  
 7 east side of AX Farm. At C Farm, the H3 unit may be present as part of the undifferentiated  
 8 H3/CCU/RF.

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 10 **Undifferentiated Hanford Formation/Cold Creek Unit/Ringold Formation.** WMAs A-AX  
 11 and C lie along the edge of a paleochannel that eroded much or all of the Ringold Formation  
 12 during CCU and/or Hanford time. Because of the difficulty in distinguishing reworked Ringold  
 13 Formation gravels and pre-Missoula mainstream Columbia River gravels from original Ringold  
 14 Formation gravels, these units are undifferentiated here (H3/CCU/R).

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 16 Gravelly facies immediately overlying basalt within most of the study area belong to the  
 17 H3/CCU/R. The H3/CCU/R consists of predominantly sandy pebble- to cobble-sized gravel  
 18 with occasional boulders. Mineralogically, the sand fraction consists of 15 to 60% basalt grains  
 19 with generally less than 1 wt% calcium carbonate. The total thickness of this unit is less than  
 20 27 m (90 ft), based on a limited number of boreholes where the upper and lower boundaries are  
 21 represented. The top of H3/CCU/R ranges from about 120 to 130 m (390 to 425 ft) elevation  
 22 above mean sea level.

### 23 2.3.2 Vadose Zone

24 The geology of the vadose zone underlying WMA C forms the media through which the  
 25 contaminants move and provides the basis with which to interpret and extrapolate the physical  
 26 and geochemical properties that control the migration and distribution of contaminants. Of  
 27 particular interest are the interrelationships between the coarser- and finer-grained facies, and the  
 28 degree of contrast in their physical and geochemical properties. While the exact distribution of  
 29 these alternating units is not known, their contrast appears to have a strong influence on the  
 30 distribution of leak and recharge waters and dissolved tank waste constituents.

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 32 Natural recharge from meteoric water (precipitation and snowmelt) and vadose zone hydrology  
 33 are among the most important factors that control contaminant movement to the groundwater.  
 34 The state of knowledge on recharge, matric potential, moisture content, and vadose zone  
 35 hydraulic properties is discussed in the following sections. The section concludes with a  
 36 discussion of the unconfined aquifer properties for WMA C. A determination of the unsaturated  
 37 flow characteristics in the region of these WMAs was based on the information in Section 3.1.3  
 38 of RPP-35484.

### 39 2.3.3 Recharge

40 Moisture movement through the vadose zone is important because it is the driving force for  
 41 migration of most contaminants to the groundwater. Radioactive and hazardous wastes in the  
 42 soil column from liquid-waste disposals, unplanned leaks, solid waste burial, and underground  
 43 tank storage are potential sources of continuing and future vadose zone and groundwater

1 contamination. Contaminants may continue to move downward for long periods [tens to  
2 hundreds of years depending on recharge rates and the distribution coefficient ( $K_d$ ) of the  
3 contaminant] after termination of liquid waste disposal.

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5 The WMAs were constructed with a gravelly sand surface layer that has been maintained free of  
6 vegetation with the use of herbicides. These conditions promote higher rates of infiltration of  
7 meteoric water that are expected to continue until the time of WMA closure. Interim measures  
8 to control infiltration have been implemented at the WMAs and an evaluation of accelerated  
9 corrective measures is being conducted under a RCRA corrective action program. Tank farm  
10 surfaces are covered with gravelly sand to provide radiation shielding for site workers and  
11 sprayed with herbicides to prevent vegetation growth. Bare gravel surfaces, however, enhance  
12 the net infiltration of meteoric water compared to undisturbed, naturally vegetated surfaces.  
13 Infiltration is further enhanced in the tank farms by the effect of percolating water being diverted  
14 by the impermeable, sloping surface of the tank domes. An umbrella effect is created by the  
15 buried tank domes, which for the larger 100-series tanks at WMA C, are 75 ft in diameter.  
16 Water that is shed from the tank domes flows down the tank walls into the underlying sediments.  
17 Sediments adjacent to the tanks, while remaining unsaturated, can attain elevated moisture levels  
18 (WHC-SA-2680-FP, *Effect of Moisture-Dependent Anisotropy and Enhanced Recharge Around*  
19 *Underground Storage Tanks*). Other sources of recharge include unintentional surface spills,  
20 infiltration of surface runoff, leaking waterlines, and leaks from ancillary tank-related equipment.

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22 Natural recharge can vary greatly, depending on factors such as climate, vegetation, surface  
23 condition, and soil texture. Studies conducted at the Hanford Site suggest that recharge rates can  
24 range from less than 0.1 mm/yr on a variety of soil and vegetative combinations to greater than  
25 130 mm/yr on bare basalt outcrops or bare, gravel-covered waste sites ("Variations in Recharge  
26 at the Hanford Site," Gee et al.). Data from experimental sites, such as the Field Lysimeter Test  
27 Facility and the prototype Hanford barrier (crib B-57), suggest that recharge through gravels can  
28 range from 15 to 70% of precipitation, with the lower amount occurring under vegetated  
29 conditions (PNNL-11367, *Hanford Prototype-Barrier Status Report: FY 1996*; PNL-10285,  
30 *Estimated Recharge Rates at the Hanford Site*; and "Estimating Recharge Rates for a  
31 Groundwater Model Using a GIOS" (Fayer et al. 1996). With a long-term annual average  
32 precipitation of 160 mm, the higher percentage translates into a recharge rate of approximately  
33 100 mm/yr and was observed on sandy gravels that were kept free of vegetation (PNNL-14744,  
34 *Recharge Data Package for the 2005 Integrated Disposal Facility Performance Assessment*).  
35 Drainage is approximately 70 mm/yr from bare sand and approximately 100 mm/yr from sandy  
36 gravel under Hanford Site climatic conditions. There has been no direct measurement of  
37 recharge on tank farm gravels, which are known to contain a larger amount of fines compared to  
38 clean gravels. Thus, it is likely that the tank farms experience a recharge rate that ranges  
39 between that observed for bare sand and the rate for clean gravels (i.e., 70 to 100 mm/yr).

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41 Recharge estimates based on environmental tracer techniques [Open File Report 94-514, *Using*  
42 *Chloride and Chlorine-36 as Soil-Water Tracers to Estimate Deep Percolation at Selected*  
43 *Locations on the US Department of Energy Hanford Site, Washington*; and "Geochemical  
44 Estimates of Paleorecharge in the Pasco Basin: Evaluation of the Chloride Mass Balance  
45 Technique" (Murphy et al. 1996)] are generally consistent with those based on lysimeter studies.  
46 However, the tracer techniques are not applicable to disturbed sites such as the tank farms.

### 2.3.4 Groundwater

The Hanford Groundwater Protection Program has extensively monitored the groundwater in and around WMA C as part of the 200-BP-5 operable unit. At WMA C, groundwater monitoring is conducted for compliance with *Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-400*, “Dangerous Waste Regulations” (and by reference 40 CFR 265, “Interim Status Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities,” Subpart F, “Ground-Water Monitoring”) because WMA C is a *Hazardous Waste Management Act (HWMA) TSD unit*. Data from groundwater monitoring wells are used to support the 200-BP-5 CERCLA groundwater operable unit. The unconfined aquifer at WMA C is found within the undifferentiated H3/CCU/RF unit. Both water level and general direction of groundwater flow in this region have been altered many times throughout Hanford Site operations history by high-volume wastewater discharges to various ponds (DOE/RL-2008-01, *Hanford Site Groundwater Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2007*; PNNL-16439, *Hanford Site Groundwater Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2006*).

In the 1980s, a groundwater mound in this area was maintained by liquid discharge to B Pond east-northeast of WMA C, elevating the water table and imposing a southwestern trend in groundwater flow under WMA C (PNNL-15837, *Data Package for Past and Current Groundwater Flow Contamination beneath Single-Shell Tank Waste Management Areas*).

The aquifer properties beneath WMA C, including hydraulic properties, aquifer thickness, current flow directions, and flow rates are discussed in this section. The discussion focuses on the unconfined aquifer that extends from the water table to the top of basalt. Most of the information in this section is from PNNL-15837, PNNL-13024, *RCRA Groundwater Monitoring Plan for Single-Shell Tank Waste Management Area C at the Hanford Site*; PNNL-16439, DOE/RL-2008-01, and RPP-23748.

Between 1944 and the mid 1990s, the volume of artificial recharge from Hanford Site operations wastewater disposal was significantly greater than recharge from precipitation. An estimated  $1.68 \times 10^{12}$  L ( $4.44 \times 10^{11}$  gal) of liquid was discharged to disposal ponds, trenches, and cribs during this period. Wastewater discharge has decreased since 1984 and currently contributes a volume of recharge in the same range as the estimated natural recharge from precipitation. Because of the reduction in discharges, groundwater levels are falling, particularly around the operational areas (PNNL-15070, *Hanford Site Groundwater Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2004*).

Several wells extend through the unconfined aquifer in the 200 East Area to the top of the basalt and can be used to determine the thickness of the aquifer. RPP-23748 contains a list of wells near the 200 East Area SST WMAs that penetrate through the entire unconfined aquifer and have water level measurements from March 2005. In FY 2008 a new well, 299-E27-155, was drilled to basalt and installed southwest of WMA C. Based on local and regional data the thickness of the uppermost aquifer increases from north to south as the top of basalt dips into the Cold Creek syncline. The unconfined aquifer thickness ranges from 29 to 61 ft beneath WMA C based on water levels from groundwater monitoring wells and on regional mapping of the top of basalt (PNNL-14656) (Table 2-1).

**Table 2-1. Thickness of the Unconfined Aquifer Beneath WMA C**

Well Name	Elevation of Top of Basalt <sup>a,b</sup> (m amsl)	Elevation of Water Table <sup>c</sup> (m amsl)	Aquifer Thickness (m)
WMA C			
299-E26-8	113.02	122.00	8.98
299-E27-22	112.38 <sup>d</sup>	122.18	9.80

(after PNNL-15837 and RPP-23748)

<sup>a</sup> Elevation of top of basalt, except where noted.<sup>b</sup> Top of basalt elevation from PNNL-13024, *RCRA Groundwater Monitoring Plan for Single-Shell Tank Waste Management Area C at the Hanford Site*; PNNL-12261, *Revised Hydrogeology for the Suprabasalt Aquifer System, 200 East Area and Vicinity, Hanford Site, Washington*; RPP-14430, and Hanford Well Inventory System.<sup>c</sup> March 2005 data, except where noted.<sup>d</sup> July 2005.

amsl = above mean sea level.

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Current general groundwater flow directions and general flow rates are given in Table 2-2 for WMA C (PNNL-15670, *Hanford Site Groundwater Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2005*). The general flow rate has been unchanged since FY 2005. The most current groundwater flow direction is southwest to south-southwest with a flow rate of 0.09 m/day, based on contaminant migration of sulfate (DOE/RL-2008-01) (see Section 3.2.2). The water table is very flat over all of the 200 East Area; the flow directions given in Table 2-3 were estimated using in-situ methods and plume tracking in addition to interpreting water level data on a local scale (PNNL-15837). No recent published results of detailed hydrologic testing (e.g., tracer dilution tests, constant-rate pumping tests) are available for wells at WMAs C and A-AX. However, recent data are available from slug testing at several wells (see Table 2-3).

**Table 2-2. General Groundwater Flow Directions and Flow Rates for Single-Shell Tank WMA C in the 200 East Area**

Waste Management Area	Groundwater Flow Direction	Gradient	Groundwater Flow Rate <sup>a,b</sup> (m/day)
C	SW - SSW	0.0001	0.7 to 2.4

(from PNNL-15670)

<sup>a</sup> Groundwater flow rates are calculated using the Darcy equation.<sup>b</sup> The multi-stress slug test was used for the calculation of groundwater flow rate for WMA C.13  
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The range of velocities for WMA C is the same in Tables 2-2 and 2-3 because the same hydraulic conductivity values were used.

Multi-stress slug tests have been done at specific depth intervals in one well at WMA C. The results of those tests (Table 2-3) indicate the ranges in hydraulic conductivity that can be expected within a single well. The data show that the hydraulic conductivity and the calculated flow velocity can be expected to vary by several orders of magnitude within a single well. One similar test was performed at WMA T in the 200 West Area in a well for the Ringold Formation (member of Wooded Island unit E) sediments. The range of hydraulic conductivity in that well was 0.73 to 8.21 m/d. The aquifer for WMA C is in the undifferentiated H3/CCU/RF unit, and

1 the magnitude and range of the hydraulic conductivities is much larger than that found for the  
2 Ringold Formation.

3 **Table 2-3. Results from Slug Testing of Wells at WMA C**

Well	Hydraulic Conductivity (m/d)	Calculated Groundwater Flow Rate (m/d)
WMA C		
299-E27-22 <sup>a,b</sup> (75.1 – 75.9)	1900 – 2100 <sup>c</sup>	0.7 <sup>d</sup>
299-E27-22 <sup>a,b</sup> (76.8 – 77.4)	0.04 <sup>c</sup>	0.00003 <sup>d</sup>
299-E27-22 <sup>a,b</sup> (81.4 – 81.7)	6000 – 6900 <sup>c</sup>	2.3 <sup>d</sup>
299-E27-23 <sup>c</sup>	100 – 108 <sup>c</sup>	0.036 <sup>d</sup>

(after PNNL-15837)

<sup>a</sup> PNNL-14656.

<sup>b</sup> Numbers in parentheses are depth intervals tested (meters below ground surface).

<sup>c</sup> High K (oscillatory) analysis method.

<sup>d</sup> Estimated, using maximum hydraulic conductivity from this table and effective porosity of 0.3 and hydraulic gradient of 0.0001 from PNNL-15670.

<sup>e</sup> PNNL-13378, *Results of Detailed Hydrologic Characterization Tests – Fiscal Year 1999*; PNNL-13514, *Results of Detailed Hydrologic Characterization Tests – Fiscal Year 2000*; PNNL-14186, *Results of Detailed Hydrologic Characterization Tests – Fiscal Year 2002*; PNNL-14804, *Results of Detailed Hydrologic Characterization Tests – Fiscal Year 2003*.

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5 Several slug tests were completed prior to 1997 in wells near the 200 East Area SST farms. The  
6 hydraulic conductivities obtained from the earlier slug test ranged from 7 to 119 m/d and were  
7 generally lower than those measured in the more recent tests (PNNL-15837). The differences  
8 are the result of different testing and analysis methods used over time; different assumed values  
9 for certain parameters, such as effective porosity; and natural variation in lithologic properties  
10 that affect the hydraulic properties.

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12 After the beginning of Hanford Site operations during 1943, the water table rose about 27 m  
13 (89 ft) under the U Pond disposal area in the 200 West Area and about 9.1 m (30 ft) under B and  
14 Gable Mountain disposal ponds near the 200 East Area. The volume of water that was  
15 discharged to the ground at the 200 West Area was actually less than that discharged at the  
16 200 East Area. However, the lower hydraulic conductivity of the aquifer near the 200 West Area  
17 inhibited groundwater movement in this area resulting in a higher groundwater mound.

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19 The presence of the groundwater mounds locally affected the direction of groundwater  
20 movement, causing radial flow from the discharge areas. PNL-5506, *Hanford Site Water Table  
21 Changes, 1950 Through 1980 – Data Observations and Evaluation*, documented changes in  
22 water table elevations between 1950 and 1980. Until about 1980, the edge of the mounds  
23 migrated outward from the sources over time. Groundwater levels have declined over most of  
24 the Hanford Site since 1984 because of decreased wastewater discharges (PNNL-14548, *Hanford  
25 Site Groundwater Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2003*; DOE/RL-2008-01).

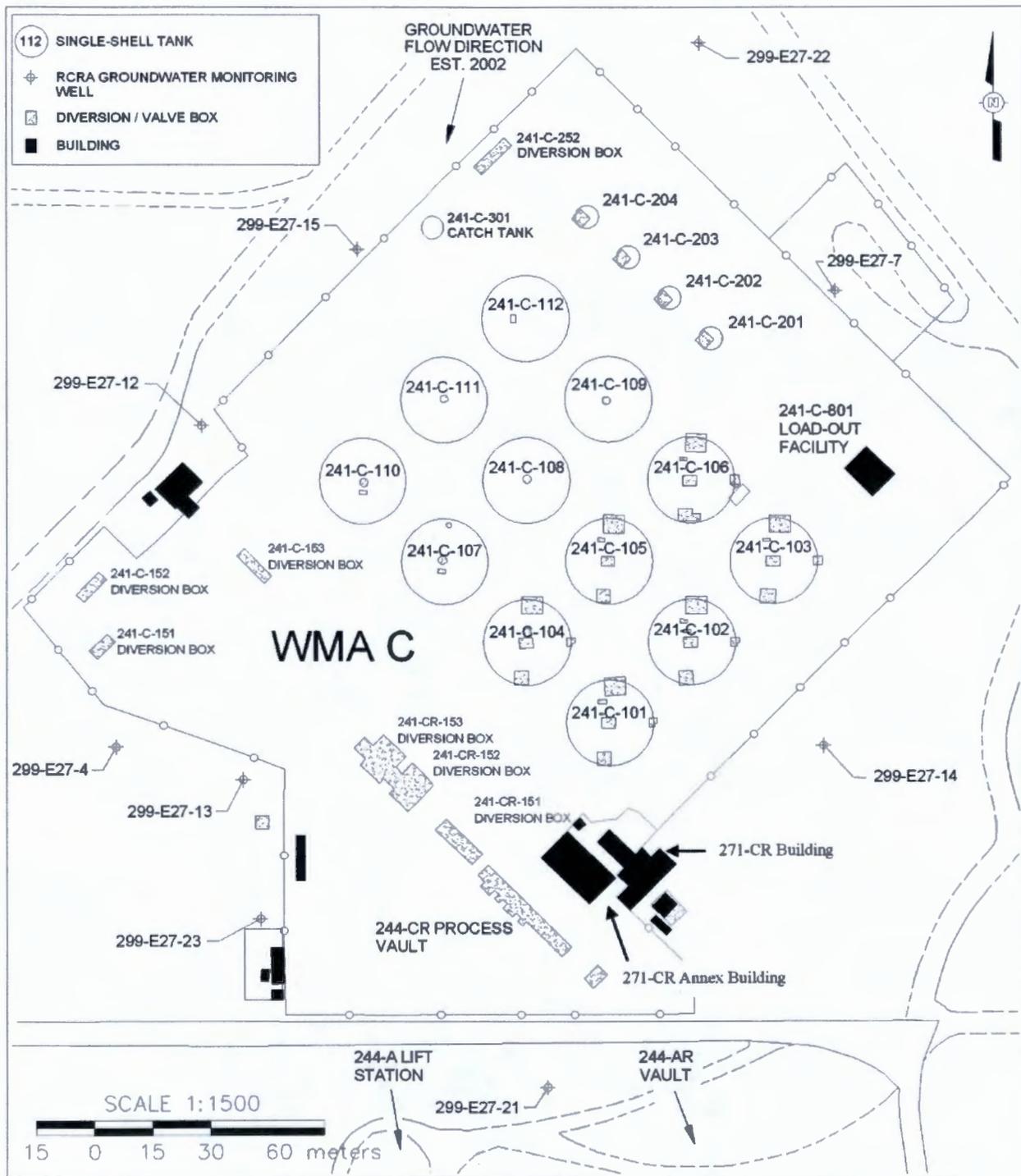
1 Horizontal hydraulic conductivities of sand and gravel facies within the Ringold Formation  
2 generally range from about 1 to 100 m/day, compared to 10 to 3000 m/day for the Hanford  
3 formation and the coarse-grained multilithic facies of the CCU (pre-Missoula gravels)  
4 (DOE/RW-0164, *Consultation Draft: Site Characterization Plan, Reference Repository*  
5 *Location, Hanford Site, Washington*; PNNL-13641, 2001. *Uncertainty Analysis Framework –*  
6 *Hanford Site-Wide Groundwater Flow and Transport Model*; PNNL-14058, *Prototype Database*  
7 *and User's Guide of Saturated Zone Hydraulic Properties for the Hanford Site*). Because the  
8 Ringold Formation sediments are more consolidated and partially cemented, they are about 10 to  
9 100 times less permeable than the sediments of the overlying Hanford formation. Before  
10 wastewater disposal operations at the Hanford Site, the uppermost aquifer was mainly within the  
11 Ringold Formation, and the water table extended into the Hanford formation at only a few  
12 locations [*Geology and Ground-Water Characteristics of the Hanford Reservation of the*  
13 *U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington* (Newcomb et al. 1972)]. However, wastewater  
14 discharges raised the water table elevation across the site. The general increase in groundwater  
15 elevation caused the unconfined aquifer to extend upward into the Hanford formation over a  
16 larger area, particularly near the 200 East Area. This resulted in an increase in groundwater  
17 velocity because of both the greater volume of groundwater and the higher permeability of the  
18 newly saturated Hanford formation sediments.

#### 19 **2.4 WMA C DESCRIPTION**

20 Since the Hanford Site started operating in the early 1940s, a large volume of information related  
21 to WMA C operations has been collected and evaluated. WMA C encompasses the C Farm  
22 located in the east central portion of the 200 East Area (Figure 1-1 and Figure 2-5) including soil  
23 and groundwater contaminated by C Farm operations. C Farm was constructed from 1944 to  
24 1945, and began operations in the late 1940s. In general, the WMA C boundary is represented  
25 by the fenceline surrounding the C Farm.

26  
27 The C Farm contains twelve 100-series tanks and four 200-series tanks. The 100-series tanks are  
28 23 m (75 ft) in diameter, have a 5-m (15 ft) operating depth, and have an operating capacity of  
29 1,892,700 L (530,000 gal) each. The 200-series tanks are 6 m (20 ft) in diameter with a 7.32-m  
30 (24 ft) operating depth and an operating capacity of 208,000 L (55,000 gal) each. Typical tank  
31 configuration and dimensions are shown in Figure 2-6. Only tanks 241-C-101 (C-101) through  
32 241-C-106 (C-106) have the concrete pits as shown in Figure 2-6. The other 100-series tanks are  
33 equipped with centrally located saltwell pump pits. The tanks sit below grade with at least 2 m  
34 (7 ft) of soil cover to provide shielding from radiation exposure to operating personnel. Tank  
35 pits are located on top of the tanks and provide access to the tank, pumps, and monitoring  
36 equipment.  
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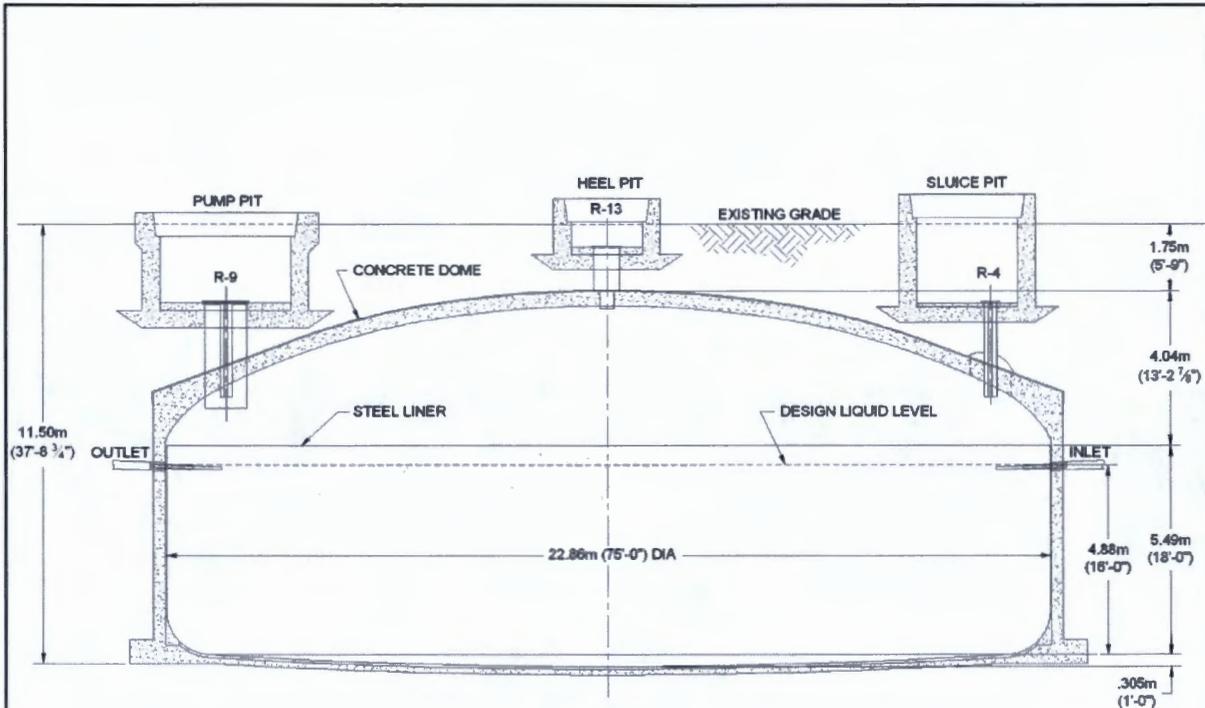
Figure 2-5. Location Map of WMA C and Surrounding Area



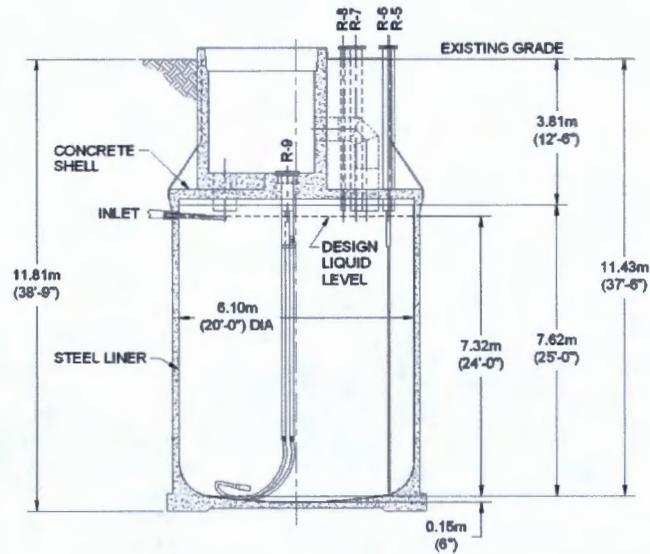
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Figure 2-6. Typical Configuration and Dimensions of SSTs in WMA C

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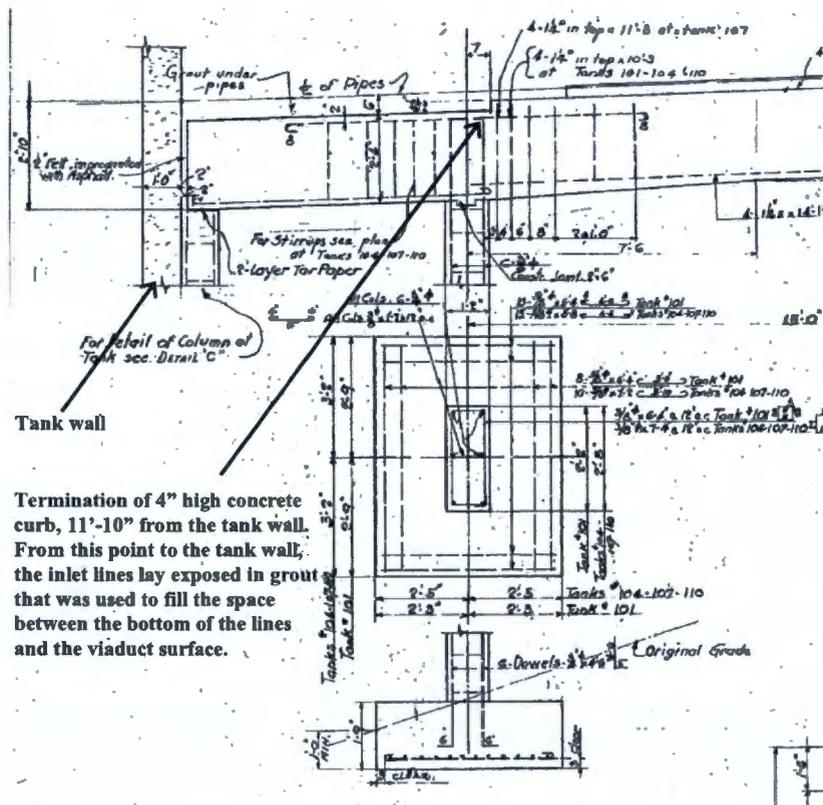
**241-C-200 SERIES SST**  
**55,000 GALLON CAPACITY**

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1 The SSTs were constructed in place with 3/8-in.-thick carbon steel (ASTM A283 Grade C)  
 2 lining the bottom and 1/4-in.-thick carbon steel lining the sides of a reinforced-concrete shell.  
 3 The tanks have concave bottoms (center of tanks lower than the perimeter) and a curving  
 4 intersection of the sides and bottom, where the carbon steel plate is 5/16-in. thick. The inlet and  
 5 outlet lines are located near the top of the liners (Figure 2-6). There are four inlet lines on each  
 6 tank, which are also known as nozzles. Pipelines from the diversion boxes to tanks C-101,  
 7 C-104, C-107, C-108, C-110, and C-111 are support by concrete viaducts, as shown in  
 8 Figure 2-7. The viaduct has a 4-in. high curb running along both edges. The curbing stops about  
 9 11 ft 10 in. from the tank wall. At about 9 ft 10 in. from the tank wall, the viaduct surface steps  
 10 down and the void space between the pipes and the viaduct surface is grouted. At this point the  
 11 viaduct begins fanning out from 2 ft 8 in. wide to 7 ft 4 in. wide to support the spread placement  
 12 of the fill lines through the tank wall. The concrete viaduct terminates 2 in. from the tank wall;  
 13 the void space is filled with 2-in. asphalt-impregnated felt (drawing W-74108, *Hanford Engineer*  
 14 *Works Building No. 241-T-U-B & C Concrete Details of Pipe Supports*).  
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Figure 2-7. Concrete Viaduct Supporting Pipelines



17 Tanks C-101, C-104, C-107, and C-110 each have one outlet line to the next tank in series.  
 18 Tanks C-102, C-105, C-108, and C-111 each have one additional inlet line and one outlet line.  
 19 Tanks C-103, C-106, C-109, and 241-C-112 (C-112) each have one additional inlet line from the  
 20

1 previous tank in the series. The lines connecting each tank are also referred to as "cascade" lines  
2 since they allowed transfer of fluids between tanks using gravity flow.

3  
4 To support the transfer and storage of waste within WMA C SSTs, there is a complex waste  
5 transfer system of pipelines (transfer lines), diversion boxes, vaults, valve pits, and other  
6 miscellaneous structures. Collectively, these are referred to as ancillary equipment, as shown in  
7 Figure 2-8.

8  
9 The 244-CR vault is located south of the tanks. The vault is a two-level, multi-cell, reinforced-  
10 concrete structure constructed below grade (DOE/RL-92-04, *PUREX Source Aggregate Area*  
11 *Management Study Report*), which contains four underground tanks along with overhead piping  
12 and equipment. Two tanks (TK-CR-001 and TK-CR-011) have a capacity of 170,343 L  
13 (45,000 gal) each. The other two tanks (TK-CR-002 and TK-CR-003) have capacities of  
14 55,494 L (14,700 gal) each. This vault and associated diversion boxes 241-CR-151,  
15 241-CR-152, and 241-CR-153 were constructed in 1951 and ceased operating in 1988.  
16 A schematic of the 244-CR vault is shown in Figure 2-9.

17  
18 The routing of liquid waste from the operations buildings to the tank farms was accomplished  
19 using underground transfer lines, diversion boxes, and valve pits. The diversion boxes housed  
20 jumpers (remote pipeline connectors) where waste could be routed from one transfer line to  
21 another. The diversion boxes are below-ground, reinforced-concrete boxes that were designed to  
22 contain any waste that leaked from the HLW transfer line connections. The interior surfaces of  
23 diversion boxes were coated with a chemically resistant paint (INDC-356-Vol3, *Construction*  
24 *Hanford Engineering Work U.S. Contract Number W-7412-ENG-1 Du Pont Project 9536*  
25 *History of the Project Volume III*, page 923). If waste leaked into a diversion box, it generally  
26 drained by gravity to nearby catch tanks where any spilled waste was stored and then pumped to  
27 SSTs (DOE/RL-92-04). Figure 2-10 shows a schematic of a typical diversion box. There are  
28 seven diversion boxes labeled 241-C-151, 241-C-152, 241-C-153, 241-C-252, 241-CR-151,  
29 241-CR-152, and 241-CR-153 located in the C Farm. An eighth diversion box, 241-C-154, is  
30 located across from the C Farm at the former 201-C Hot (or Strontium) Semiworks site.

31  
32 There are three valve boxes and one valve pit in the C Farm. A fourth valve box is located at the  
33 former 201-C Hot (or Strontium) Semiworks site. The valve boxes and pit contained valve  
34 assemblies that were used for routing the liquid waste through transfer lines. There is a valve  
35 box associated with the C-801 load-out facility with a drain to a drywell on the north side of  
36 C Farm (H-2-4581, *Valve Pit liner Arrangement*). There is a valve box located on the south side  
37 of C-112 at the 6 o'clock position and a valve box located on the south side of C-111 at the  
38 6 o'clock position (H-2-2909, *Piping Arrangement & Details First Cycle Waste Scavenging*  
39 *241-C Tank Farm*). These two valve boxes drained directly to the soil. There is one valve pit in  
40 the C Farm located at about the 9 o'clock position next to C-103 (H-2-73876, *Piping plan*  
41 *241-C Tank Farm*). This valve pit is a below-ground culvert with a reinforced-concrete floor  
42 with a drain to C-103.

Figure 2-8. Tank Infrastructure at WMA C

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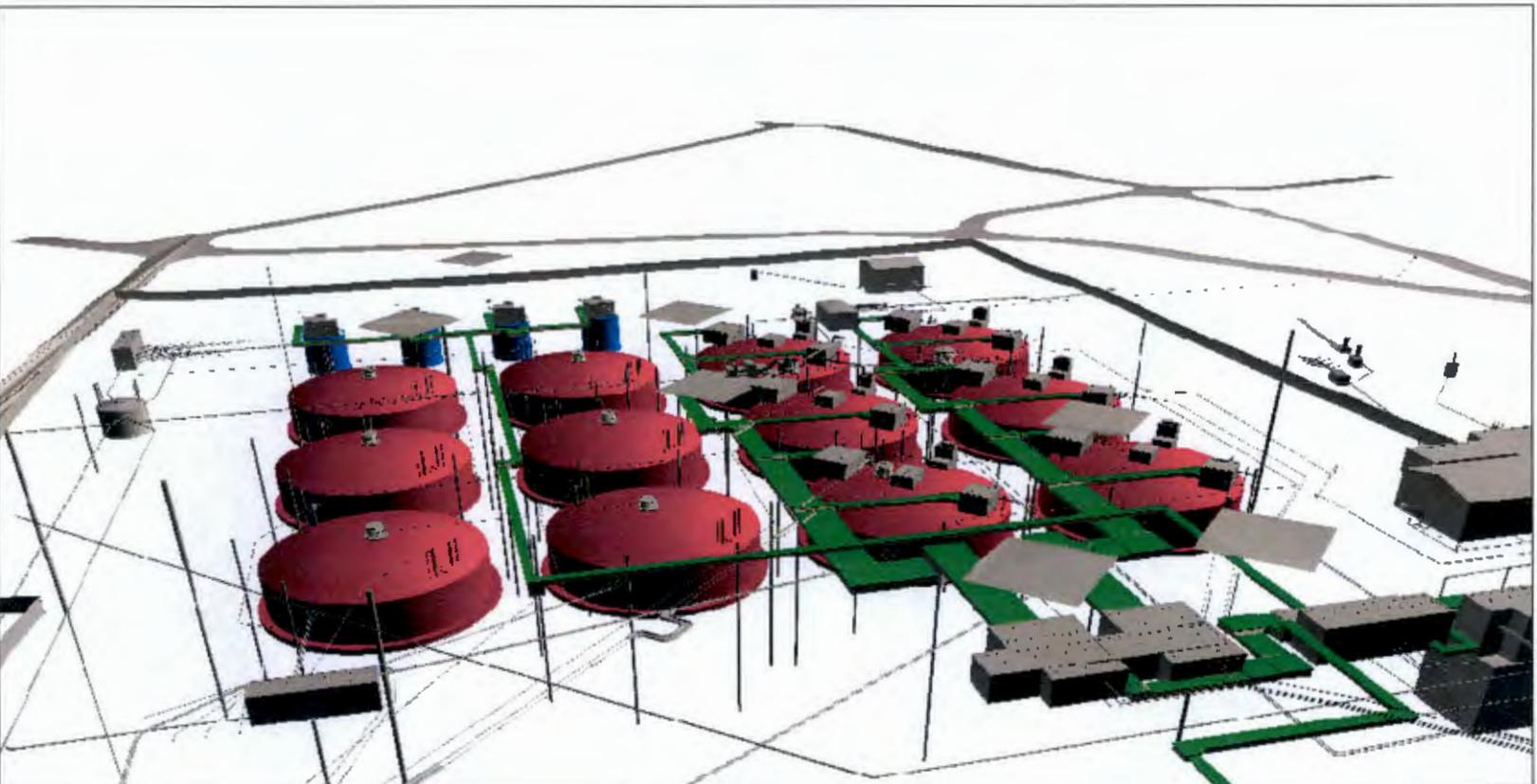
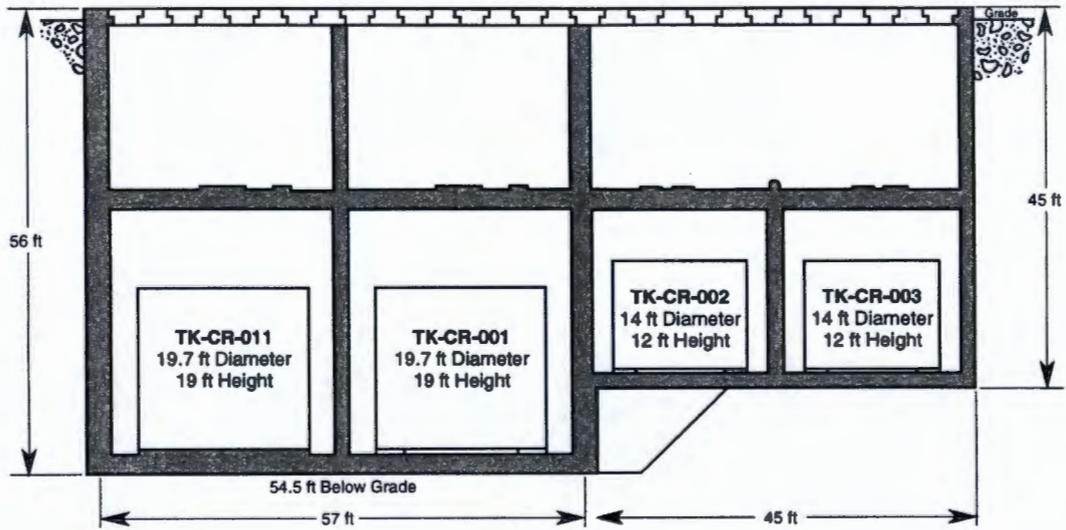


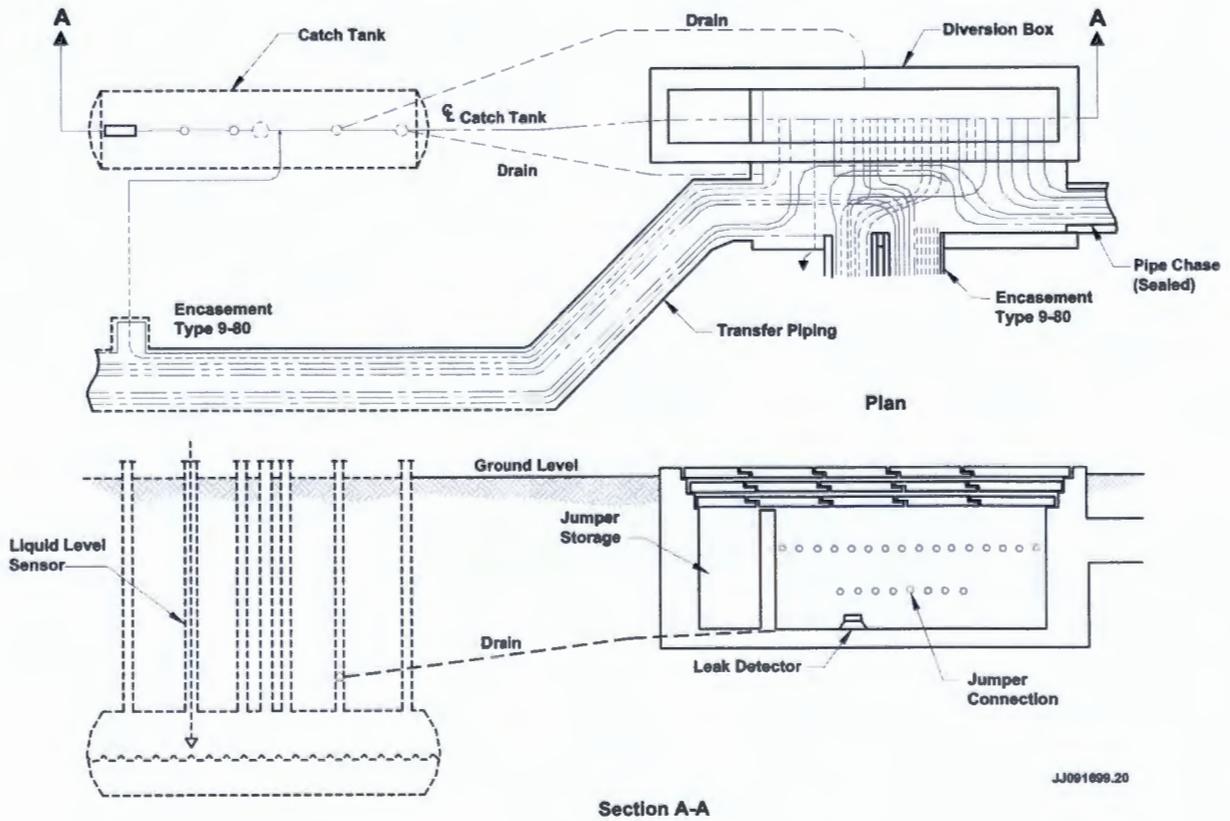
Figure 2-9. Schematic of the 244-CR Vault in WMA C.



2000/DCL/C/011  
(after 39208044.22)

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Figure 2-10. Schematic of a Typical Diversion Box Transfer System.



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## 2.4.1 History of WMA C

WMA C was constructed from 1944-1945 and originally consisted of the twelve 100-series tanks, four 200-series tanks, catch tank 241-C-301, four diversion boxes (241-C-151, 241-C-152, 241-C-153, and 241-C-252) and interconnecting pipelines. WMA C was originally designated to receive waste from the planned 221-C Bismuth Phosphate Plant. However, the 221-C Bismuth Phosphate Plant was canceled shortly after excavating the plant foundation. To utilize the tanks in the WMA C, diversion box 241-B-154 was installed to enable connections from the 221-B Bismuth Phosphate Plant to either the 241-B or C Farms (HW-10475-C, *Hanford Technical Manual Section C*, page 906 and 910). Two pipelines (8902 and V130) were installed in late 1945 from diversion box 241-B-154 to diversion boxes 241-C-151 and 241-C-152 to enable use of the tanks in WMA C (H-2-432, *Piping Between 241B and 241C*). Construction of WMA C was completed and turnover of the tank farm structures to operations occurred on February 10, 1945 (HW-7-1388-DEL, *Hanford Engineering Works Monthly Report February 1945*, page 16, and INDC-356-VOL3, page 840).

Following completion of construction, the tanks in the WMA C were not utilized until March 1946, starting with receipt of waste into the 100-series tanks, and receipt of waste in the 200-series tanks in September 1947. The operating history of the 100-series and 200-series tanks in WMA C is uniquely different and discussed separately in Sections 2.4.1.1 and 2.4.1.2. Additional facilities were constructed in WMA C in 1951-1952 and are also discussed in Sections 2.4.1.1 and 2.4.1.2.

### 2.4.1.1 100-Series Tanks

**Bismuth Phosphate Plant Wastes:** The 100-series tanks in WMA C began to receive metal waste from the bismuth phosphate process conducted in the 221-B Plant starting on March 12, 1946 (HW-7-3751-DEL, *Hanford Engineering Works Monthly Report March 1946*, page 20). By November 1947, tanks C-101 through C-106 were filled with bismuth phosphate metal waste (HW-8267-DEL, *Hanford Works Monthly Report November 1947*, page 29). Tanks C-107 through C-112 received first cycle decontamination waste mixed with cladding removal waste (designated as 1C/CW) from the 221-B Plant starting on April 24, 1946 (HW-7-4004-DEL, *Hanford Engineering Works Monthly Report April 1946*, page 20) and were filled by September 14, 1948 (HW-11226-DEL, *Hanford Works Monthly Report September 1948*, page 32).

Precipitation of some components (e.g., phosphate, plutonium, and aluminum) in the 1C/CW waste occurred while this waste was stored in tanks 241-C-107 through 241-C-112. Floating head suction pumps were installed in these SSTs, and waste transfer pipelines and jumpers were installed in 1951 to enable removal of the 1C/CW supernatant (H-2-2021 sheet 2, *First Cycle Evaporation 200 East Plot Plan*, and H-2-2076, *First Cycle Evaporation 241 B, C, BX & BY Tank Pump Arrangement & Details*). The floating head suction pump allowed the 1C/CW supernatant to be transferred from these tanks, while leaving the 1C/CW sludge in the tank. The 1C/CW supernatant contained in tanks C-107 through C-112 was transferred to tank 241-B-106 and then processed in the 242-B Evaporator from April 1952 (HW-27838, *Waste Status Summary, Planning and Scheduling Group Waste Control Manufacturing Department, April, May, June 1952*, page 9) to August 1952 (HW-27839, *Waste Status Summary, Planning and*

1 *Scheduling Group Waste Control Manufacturing Department, July, August, September 1952,*  
2 *page 20).* The concentrated 1C/CW supernatant generated in the 242-B Evaporator was stored in  
3 tanks 241-B-105, 241-B-107, 241-B-108 and 241-B-109. Removal of the 1C/CW supernatant  
4 left some 1C/CW solids in each tank. The supernatant was removed from tanks C-107 through  
5 C-112 to enable the use of these tanks for storage of waste from the 221-U Tributyl Phosphate  
6 (TBP) Plant.

7  
8 New facilities were constructed in WMA C in 1951–1952 to allow removal of the stored metal  
9 waste in C-101 through C-106 (and C-201 through C-204 as discussed in Section 2.3.1.2). New  
10 pump pits, sluice pits, and heel pits were constructed atop of these SSTs for installing waste  
11 retrieval equipment through tank risers. The 244-CR Process Tank Vault was installed for  
12 acidification, dissolution of solids, and blending the retrieved metal waste slurries. Diversion  
13 boxes 241-CR-151, 241-CR-152, and 241-CR-153 along with concrete-encased pipelines were  
14 installed for transferring metal wastes from the SSTs to the 244-CR vault. A control room, the  
15 271-CR building, was also constructed for operation of the 244-CR vault equipment.

16  
17 Beginning in October 1952, the metal waste supernates and solids stored in tanks C-101 through  
18 C-106 were sluiced to the 244-CR vault for acidification, dissolution of solids, blending, and  
19 transfer through the cross-site transfer pipelines to the 241-WR Diversion Station Vault in the  
20 200 West Area (HW-26047-DEL, *Hanford Works Monthly Report for October 1952*, page Ed-4).  
21 Some metal waste supernates from tank BY-109 (241-BY farm metal waste supernate receiver  
22 tank) were also transferred periodically from May 1954 (HW-32110, *Waste- Status Summary;*  
23 *Separations Section, Planning and Scheduling Separations – Operations*, page 4) through  
24 November 1954 (HW-33904, *Waste- Status Summary; Separations Section, Separations –*  
25 *Projects and Personnel Development Sub-section, November 30, 1954*, page 4) to C-104 for  
26 blending in the 244-CR vault. From the 241-WR Vault, the acidic metal waste solutions were  
27 processed in the 221-U TBP Plant for uranium extraction and nitric acid recovery (HW-19140,  
28 *Uranium Recovery Technical Manual*, chapters II and XIII). Nitric acid recovered in the TBP  
29 Plant was returned to the 241-WR Vault and transferred to the 244-CR (and 244-BXR,  
30 244-TXR, and 244-UR) Vaults for use in acidifying and dissolving metal waste slurries retrieved  
31 from the single-shell tanks. Metal waste removal from C-101 through C-106 was completed in  
32 April 1955 (SD-WM-TI-302, *Hanford Waste Tank Sluicing History*, page 84).

33  
34 **Tributyl Phosphate Plant Waste:** Tanks C-101 through C-112 were refilled with waste from  
35 the 221-U TBP Plant as the 1C/CW and metal waste was removed from these tanks. The TBP  
36 Plant waste began to be received in these tanks in November 1952 (HW-27840, *Waste Status*  
37 *Summary Separations Section Period 10/1952 thru 12/1952*, page 20). With the exception of  
38 tank 241-C-104, all of the 11 other 100-series tanks were reported to be filled with TBP Plant  
39 waste by early 1954. Tank C-104 received TBP Plant waste from C-112 in October 1955  
40 (HW-39850, *Waste- Status Summary; Separations Section, Separations – Projects and*  
41 *Personnel Development Subsection*, page 4), since this tank was being used for metal waste  
42 storage until late 1954.

43  
44 In November and December 1955 (HW-40208, *Waste- Status Summary; Separations Section,*  
45 *Separations – Projects and Personnel Development Subsection, November 30, 1955*, page 4; and  
46 HW-40816, *Waste- Status Summary; Separations Section, Separations – Projects and Personnel*

1 *Development Subsection, December 31, 1955, page 4*), TBP Plant supernatant waste was  
2 transferred from C-109 to the 244-CR vault for precipitation of cesium and strontium using  
3 ferrocyanide (so-called In Farm scavenging).<sup>1</sup> In late December 1955, TBP Plant supernatant  
4 waste was transferred from C-101 to the 244-CR vault for In Farm scavenging. The TBP Plant  
5 waste along with the ferrocyanide (FeCN) precipitate was discharged to C-109 for settling of the  
6 precipitate, with the supernatant then transferred to 216-BC-4 crib (HW-44784, *Radioactive*  
7 *Contamination in Liquid Wastes Discharged to Ground at Separations Facilities Through June*  
8 *1956, page 20*). Tank C-101 was then refilled with TBP Plant supernatant waste from C-104 in  
9 January 1956 (HW-41038, *Waste- Status Summary; Separations Section, Separations – Projects*  
10 *and Personnel Development Subsection, January 31, 1956, page 4*).

11  
12 In January 1956, TBP Plant supernatant waste was transferred from C-111 to 244-CR vault for  
13 In-Farm scavenging of <sup>137</sup>Cs and <sup>90</sup>Sr. Tank C-111 then served primarily as one of the settling  
14 tanks for FeCN (designated as waste type TFeCN) resulting from in-farm scavenging operations  
15 conducted in the 244-CR vault (HW-41812, *Waste Status Summary; Separations Section,*  
16 *Separations – Projects and Personnel Development Sub-Section, page 4*). In February 1956, the  
17 TBP Plant supernatant waste was transferred from C-108 and C-110 to 244-CR vault for  
18 ferrocyanide scavenging of cesium and strontium (HW-41812, page 4). In March and April  
19 1956, the TBP Plant supernatant waste was transferred from C-112 and C-105 to 244-CR vault  
20 for In-Farm scavenging, and then C-112 was used to receive TFeCN waste (HW-42394, *Waste*  
21 *Status Summary; Separations Section, Separations – Projects and Personnel Development*  
22 *Sub-Section, February 29, 1956, page 4, and HW-42993, Separations Section Waste- Status*  
23 *Summary for April 1956, page 4*).

24  
25 In September and October 1956, TBP Plant supernatant was transferred from C-101 to  
26 244-CR vault for In Farm scavenging (HW-45738, *Waste- Status Summary; Chemical*  
27 *Processing Department, Production Operation – Chemical Processing Department, September*  
28 *30, 1956, page 4, and HW-46382, Waste- Status Summary; Chemical Processing Department,*  
29 *Planning and Scheduling – Production Operation, October 1956, page 4*). The TBP Plant waste  
30 along with the ferrocyanide precipitate (designated as TFeCN waste) was discharged to  
31 tank 241-C-112 for settling of the precipitate with the supernatant then transferred to 216-BC-10  
32 crib (HW-48518, *Radioactive Contamination in Liquid Wastes Discharged to Ground at*  
33 *Separations Facilities Through December 1956, page 19*). In October 1956, part of the TBP  
34 Plant supernatant waste in C-107 was In-Farm scavenged (HW-46382, page 4). The TBP Plant  
35 supernatant wastes in C-102, C-103, and C-106 were In-Farm scavenged in April and May 1957  
36 (HW-50127, *Waste- Status Summary; Chemical Processing Department, Planning and*  
37 *Scheduling – Production Operation, April 30, 1957, page 4 and HW-50617, Waste- Status*  
38 *Summary; Chemical Processing Department, Planning and Scheduling – Production Operation,*  
39 *May 31, 1957, page 4*).

40  
41 Tank C-101 continued to be used through 1957 as the feed tank to the In Farm scavenging  
42 process conducted in the 244-CR vault. Tank C-101 received TBP Plant supernatant and  
43 242-B Evaporator bottoms wastes from the tanks listed in Table 2-4. The scavenged waste was  
44 transferred to C-108, C-109, C-111, and C-112 for settling of the TFeCN precipitate before

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<sup>1</sup> The 241-C tanks were sometimes referred to as tank 241-CR tanks when used in conjunction with the 244-CR vault for In Farm scavenging operations.

1 discharge to the 216-BC trenches and cribs. The In Farm scavenging of TBP Plant wastes was  
 2 completed in January 1958.

3  
**Table 2-4. TBP Plant Supernatant and 242-B Evaporator Bottoms Wastes  
 Transferred to Tank 241-C-101**

Tank	Volume (gal)	Date	Reference
241-BY-101	455,000	June 1957	HW-51348, <sup>a</sup> page 5
241-BY-102	717,000	June 1957	HW-51348, page 5
241-BY-101	227,000	July 1957	HW-83906-C RD, <sup>b</sup> pages 64
241-BY-103	551,000	July 1957	HW-83906-C RD, pages 64
241-BY-103	162,000	August 1957	HW-83906-C RD, pages 72
241-B-101	228,000	August 1957	HW-83906-C RD, pages 72
241-B-102	424,000	August 1957	HW-83906-C RD, pages 72
241-B-103	297,000	August 1957	HW-83906-C RD, pages 72
241-B-107	265,000	September 1957	HW-83906-C RD, page 80
241-B-108	399,000	September 1957	HW-83906-C RD, page 80
241-B-109	403,000	September 1957	HW-83906-C RD, page 80
241-B-106	379,000	October 1957	HW-83906-C RD, page 88
241-B-112	495,000	October 1957	HW-83906-C RD, page 88
241-BX-110	88,000	October 1957	HW-83906-C RD, page 88
241-BX-110	113,000	November 1957	HW-83906-C RD, page 97
241-BX-111	511,000	November 1957	HW-83906-C RD, page 97
241-BX-108	484,000	November 1957	HW-83906-C RD, page 97
241-BX-109	243,000	December 1957	HW-83906-C RD, page 104

4 <sup>a</sup>HW-51348, *Waste- Status Summary; Chemical Processing Department, Planning and Scheduling – Production*  
 5 *Operation June 1, 1957 – June 30, 1957.*

6 <sup>b</sup>HW-83906, *Chemical Processing Dept 200 W Area Tank Farm Inventory & Waste Reports 01/1957 Thru 12/1958.*

7  
 8 **PUREX, B Plant, REDOX, and Miscellaneous Wastes:** Following the period of TBP waste  
 9 storage, the C-100 series were used to store a wide variety of waste types as indicated by  
 10 Table 2-5. The calendar year each waste types were received into each tank is listed in  
 11 Table 2-5.

12  
 13 Waste receipt into each tank was intermittent. The following is a simplified description of the  
 14 waste types received into the C-100 series tanks from 1956 through 1978 (WHC-MR-0132,  
 15 *A History of the 200 Area Tank Farms*).

16  
 17 With the exception of C-103 and C-106, coating waste from the PUREX Plant was generally  
 18 received by all of the C-100 series tanks during 1956-1962. Tank C-102 continued to receive  
 19 coating waste from the PUREX Plant until 1968 and also received waste from the thorium  
 20 recovery process conducted at the PUREX Plant in 1966. Waste from washing the solvent in the  
 21 PUREX Plant (OWW) was generally received into C-102 (1968-1969), C-103 (1973), and C-104

Table 2-5. Waste Types Received into 241-C 100-Series Tanks (1956-1978)

Year	C-101	C-102	C-103	C-104	C-105	C-106	C-107	C-108	C-109	C-110	C-111	C-112
1956	TFeCN			CW	C W					OWW	OWW	TFeCN
1957			PSN	CW	C W	PSN/ OWW		TFeCN	TFeCN		CW/ TFeCN	TFeCN
1958				CW	C W							
1959					C W				CW		CW	
1960	CW	CW	CW		C W			CW			CW	CW
1961		CW					CW	CW			CW	HS
1962		CW					CW		HS		HS	HS
1963	PSN	CW	PSN		PSN	PSN					HS	
1964	PSN	CW					HS		HS		HS	
1965		CW	PSN				HS	HS	HS			
1966		TH / CW	PSN				BNW/HS		HS			
1967		CW					HS					
1968		CW/ OWW			PSN							
1969		OWW		OWW	PSN	PSS						
1970			IX	TH/ OWW/ PSN	PSN/ RSN	PSS	IX	OWW/ IX	IX	IX		IX
1971			IX	CW/ OWW	PSS	PSS						
1972			CW/ OWW	CW/ OWW	PSS					IX		
1973			Misc	Misc	PSS		Misc	Misc				
1974			Misc	Misc	PSS	BL						
1975			Misc	Misc	PSS	BL						
1976			Misc	Misc	PSS	BL						
1977						BL						
1978						BL						

Definitions:

Colors in table are used to highlight each waste type

**BL** B Plant strontium processing wastes and misc. wastes

**CW** coating waste from PUREX or REDOX Plants

**HS** 201-C Hot Semiworks waste

**IX** cesium denuded waste from ion exchange process in B Plant

**Misc** Sources may include research waste from Battelle Northwest (i.e., BNW) which is now PNNL, reactor decontamination waste, etc.

**OWW** Organic Wash Waste from PUREX Plant

**PSN** PUREX HLW supernatant

**PSS** PUREX Sludge Supernatant derived from washing PUREX HLW sludges in 244-AR Vault or 241-A and 241-AX tanks

**RSN** REDOX HLW Supernatant

**TFeCN** Ferrocyanide waste from 244-CR vault treatment of TBP waste

**TH** Thorium process waste from PUREX Plant

1 (1969-1972); however, C-110 and C-111 also received OWW in 1956. Tank C-104 also  
2 received waste from the thorium recovery process conducted at the PUREX Plant in 1970. The  
3 OWW contained normal paraffin hydrocarbon, tributyl phosphate, monobutyl phosphate, and  
4 dibutyl phosphate organic compounds. The supernatant fraction of the CW and OWW wastes  
5 were transferred via tanks in the 241-BX Farm to the 241-BY Farm for evaporation in the In-  
6 Tank Solidification system. Settled solids from the CW and OWW wastes accumulated in the  
7 C-100-series tanks.

8  
9 Waste from the 201-C Hot Semiworks (aka Strontium Semiworks) building was received into  
10 C-107, C-108, C-109, C-111, and C-112 from 1961 through 1967. The Hot Semiworks  
11 separated strontium from rare earth fission products from 1960-1967 and in 1967 conducted a  
12 campaign to separate the rare earth elements from a high-level waste (HLW) stream. After  
13 radiolytic decay of the rare earth fission products, the Hot Semiworks wastes were transferred  
14 via tanks in the 241-C and 241-BX Farms to the 241-BY Farm for evaporation in the In-Tank  
15 Solidification system.

16  
17 Tanks C-101 (1963-1964), C-103 (1957, 1963-1966), C-105 (1963, 1968-1970), and C-106 (1957  
18 and 1963) were used to store PUREX HLW supernatant (PSN) from 241-A and 241-AX tanks.  
19 Tanks C-105 (1971 - 1976) and C-106 (1969 - 1971) also received PUREX sludge wash  
20 supernatant (PSS) from 244-CR vault and from 241-A and 241-AX tanks. Tank C-105 also  
21 received REDOX HLW supernatant (RSN) from 241-SX and 241-TX tanks (1970-1971). The  
22 PSN, PSS, and RSN wastes were transferred to B Plant for ion exchange (IX) processing to  
23 separate cesium. Tanks C-107 through C-112 (1970) received waste from the B Plant IX process.  
24 Tank C-106 also received waste from the B Plant strontium separation process (1974-1978).

25  
26  
27 Several other miscellaneous waste streams were routed to tanks C-103 (1973-1976), C-104  
28 (1973-1976), C-107 (1973), and C-108 (1973). These include N Reactor decontamination waste  
29 and waste from research activities at the Hanford 300-Area Laboratories (HLO waste type), also  
30 known as Battelle Northwest (BNW waste type). The Hanford 300-Area Laboratories is now the  
31 Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL).

#### 32 33 **2.4.1.2 200-Series Tanks**

34 The operating history of the 200-series tanks is detailed in RPP-15408, *Origin of Wastes C-200*  
35 *Series Single-Shell Tanks*, and briefly summarized here.

36  
37 In September 1947, construction activities were completed to permit utilization of the 200-series  
38 tanks for storage of metal waste from the 221-B Bismuth Phosphate Separations plant  
39 (HW-7795-DEL, *Hanford Works Monthly Report September 1947*, page 26). Prior to this date,  
40 these tanks were empty. Tanks 241-C-201(C-201) through 241-C-204 (C-204) began to receive  
41 metal waste from the 221-B Plant in November 1947 (HW-8267-DEL, page 29) with these tanks  
42 reported as filled in January 1948 (HW-8931-DEL, *Hanford Works Monthly Report January*  
43 *1948*, page 27 and 28, and RPP-15408). In 1951-1952, jet pump pits and concrete-encased  
44 transfer pipelines to the 241-CR-151 master diversion box were installed on tanks C-201 through  
45 C-204 for retrieval of metal waste from these tanks. From December 1953 through February

1 1955, the metal waste supernatant and sludges present in C-201 through C-204 were  
2 intermittently retrieved and transferred to 244-CR vault and eventually to the 241-WR Vault.  
3 Tanks C-203 and C-204 received cold uranium (i.e., uranium that had not been irradiated in a  
4 reactor) waste from the 202-A PUREX Plant startup testing in November 1955. The cold  
5 uranium waste was removed from C-203 and C-204 in December 1955 and discharged to the  
6 216-A-19 ditch (HW-40763, *Separations Section Radiation Monitoring Subsection Monthly*  
7 *Progress Report December 1955*, page 6). Tanks C-201 through C-204 were then used from  
8 May 1955 through October 1956 to receive and store waste originating from research and  
9 development activities conducted at the 201-C Hot Semiworks facility in the 200 East Area of  
10 the Hanford Site. The cold uranium waste was removed from C-203 and C-204 before transfers  
11 of Hot Semiworks waste into these tanks was conducted.

12  
13 Tanks C-201 through C-204 were not used to receive waste after being filled with waste from the  
14 Hot Semiworks. The liquid in C-201, C-202, and C-204 was transferred to SST C-104 in 1970.  
15 The liquid in C-203 was transferred to SSTs C-104 and 241-C-109 in 1970. Residual liquids  
16 were subsequently transferred from these tanks into C-106 in 1980.

#### 17 **2.4.2 Components of WMA C**

18 The components included in WMA C are listed in Table 2-6. This list is extracted from  
19 Addendum 1 of RPP-13774, *Single-Shell Tank System Closure Plan*, which incorporates units  
20 listed on the RCRA Part A, Form 3, Rev. 8 permit application (DOE W-28/RL-88-21,  
21 *Dangerous Waste Permit Application, Form 3*), in addition to RCRA Past Practice (RPP),  
22 CERCLA Past Practice (CPP), and miscellaneous storage tank units. The list was modified to  
23 correct errors in the dates for the construction of some components as well as their description  
24 and was verified using essential drawing H-14-104175, *Waste Transfer Piping Diagram*  
25 *200 East Area*. While most WMA C components are physically located within the C Farm  
26 fenceline (also the WMA C boundary), some components extend beyond the fenceline (e.g.,  
27 pipelines and groundwater) or are located outside the fenceline (e.g., 241-C-154 diversion box).

#### 28 **2.4.3 Process Operations**

29 The waste storage activities in WMA C are discussed in Section 2.4.1. Process operations  
30 conducted in WMA C include metal waste retrieval (Section 2.4.3.1), ferrocyanide treatment of  
31 tanks wastes (Section 2.4.3.2), strontium/rare earth (Sr/RE) fission products processing  
32 (Section 2.4.3.3), PUREX acidified sludge (PAS) processing (Section 2.4.3.4), 241-A tank farm  
33 process condensate treatment testing (Section 2.4.3.5), and cesium and technetium recovery in  
34 the 241-C-801 Cask Loading Building (Section 2.4.3.6). The 244-CR vault played a pivotal role  
35 in all of these process operations except for loading casks in the 241-C-801 Cask Loading  
36 Building. In addition, the 244-CR vault was used to collect the supernate and interstitial liquids  
37 removed during interim stabilization of tanks in the 241-C Farm (RPP-6029, *244-CR Vault*  
38 *Interim Stabilization Project Plan*) as well as supernate and sludge removal from  
39 tank 241-CX-70 (SD-WM-TI-302, section 4.3). These wastes were transferred from  
40 244-CR vault tanks to double-shell tanks (DST).

Table 2-6. WMA C Components. (7 sheets)

Single-Shell Tanks			
Tank 241-	Constructed	Removed from Service	Constructed Operating Capacity L (gal)
C-101	1943-1944	1970	2,000,000 (530,000)
C-102	1943-1944	1976	2,000,000 (530,000)
C-103	1943-1944	1979	2,000,000 (530,000)
C-104	1943-1944	1980	2,000,000 (530,000)
C-105	1943-1944	1979	2,000,000 (530,000)
C-106	1943-1944	1979	2,000,000 (530,000)
C-107	1943-1944	1978	2,000,000 (530,000)
C-108	1943-1944	1976	2,000,000 (530,000)
C-109	1943-1944	1976	2,000,000 (530,000)
C-110	1943-1944	1976	2,000,000 (530,000)
C-111	1943-1944	1978	2,000,000 (530,000)
C-112	1943-1944	1976	2,000,000 (530,000)
C-201	1943-1944	1977	210,000 (55,000)
C-202	1943-1944	1977	210,000 (55,000)
C-203	1943-1944	1977	210,000 (55,000)
C-204	1943-1944	1977	210,000 (55,000)
Diversion boxes			
Unit 241-	Constructed	Removed from Service	Description
C-151	1944	1985	Interconnected 241-C-152, -153, and CR-151 diversion boxes
C-152	1944	1985	Interconnected 241-B-154 and -153 and C farm, associated with 241-C-301 catch tank
C-153	1944	1985	Interconnected 241-C-151 and -152 diversion boxes
C-154	1965-66	1985	Interconnected B-Plant to Building 201-C Hot Semiworks. Box located at Hot Semiworks (H-2-32887, <i>Promethium Transfer Line Diversion Box Plan, Sections &amp; Det's</i> )
C-252	1944	1985	Interconnected 241-C-151 diversion box and C Farm
CR-151	1952	1985	Interconnected 244-CR vault and C Farm
CR-152	1942	1985	Interconnected 244-CR vault and C Farm
CR-153	1942	1985	Interconnected 244-CR vault and C Farm
244-CR Vault (contains four tanks)			
Tank 244-	Constructed	Removed from Service	Description
CR-011	1951-1952	1988	Transfer of waste solutions from processes and decontamination operations.
CR-001	1951-1952	1988	
CR-002	1951-1952	1988	
CR-003	1951-1952	1988	

**Table 2-6. WMA C Components. (7 sheets)**

<b>Miscellaneous Tanks</b>	
<b>Facility Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
241-C-301	Catch tank; 36,000-gal capacity 20-ft radius by 20.25-ft tall reinforced-concrete interior painted with two coats of Amercoat Paint (INDC-356-Vol 3, page 923 and W-72903, <i>Hanford Engineering Works – Bld #241 T-U-B 20'-0" Catch Tank Arrangement and Concrete</i> )
<b>CR-003-TK/SMP</b>	<b>Tank/Sump</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Structures</b>	
<b>Facility Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
241-C-801	Cesium loadout facility
<b>Valve Pit/Boxes</b>	
<b>Facility Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
241-C	Valve pit located at 9-o'clock position adjacent to tank C-103
Unknown	Valve box located at 6-o'clock position south of tank C-112
Unknown	Valve box located at 6-o'clock position south of tank C-111
Unknown	Valve box located adjacent to C-801 building
<b>Tank Pits</b>	
<b>Facility Number<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Description</b>
241-C-01A	Pump pit
241-C-01B	Heel pit
241-C-01C	Sluice pit
241-C-02A	Pump pit
241-C-02B	Heel pit
241-C-02C	Sluice pit
241-C-03A	Pump pit
241-C-03B	Heel pit
241-C-03C	Sluice pit
241-C-04A	Pump pit
241-C-04B	Heel pit
241-C-04C	Sluice pit
241-C-05A	Pump pit
241-C-05B	Heel pit
241-C-05C	Sluice pit
241-C-06A	Pump pit
241-C-06B	Heel pit
241-C-06C	Sluice pit

<sup>1</sup> The pump pits, heel pits, and sluice pits are sometimes labeled as 241-CR-XX-YYY in documentation.

**Table 2-6. WMA C Components. (7 sheets)**

<b>Tank Pits</b>		
<b>Facility Number<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Description</b>	
241-C-07	No pit, covered saltwell caisson pump pit	
241-C-08	No pit, covered saltwell caisson pump pit	
241-C-09	No pit, covered saltwell caisson pump pit	
241-C-110	No pit, covered saltwell caisson pump pit	
241-C-111	No pit, covered saltwell caisson pump pit	
241-C-112	No pit, covered saltwell caisson pump pit	
<b>Tank Pits</b>		
<b>Facility Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	
241-C-201	Jet pump pit	
241-C-201	Condenser pit	
241-C-202	Jet pump pit	
241-C-202	condenser pit	
241-C-203	Jet pump pit	
241-C-203	Condenser pit	
241-C-204	Jet pump pit	
241-C-204	Condenser pit	
<b>Transfer Lines<sup>3</sup></b>		
<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Connecting Facilities</b>	
4012	241-CR-153-U4A	241-AX-151 D, E, F, and G-Cell
4013	241-AX-151 D, E, F, and G-Cell	241-CR-152-U3A
8002	241-C-103-03A-U1	241-CR-152-L13
8006	241-C-102-02A-U1	241-CR-152-L12
8010	241-C-101-01A-U1	241-CR-152-L11
8012	241-CR-152-U9,-U11,-U12	241-CR-151-U4
8014	241-C-103-03C-U1	241-CR-152-L10
8017	241-C-102-02C-U1	241-CR-152-L7
8020	241-C-101-01C-U1	241-CR-152-L9
8025	241-CR-152-U10	241-CR-151-U11
8031	241-C-101-01A-U3	241-CR-152-L14
8032	241-C-103-03A-U2	241-CR-152-U6
8035	241-C-103-03C-U2	241-CR-152-U5
8037	241-C-102-02A-U3	241-CR-152-L15
8038	241-C-102-02A-U2	241-CR-152-U4
8041	241-C-102-02C-U2	241-CR-152-U3

<sup>2</sup> The pump pits, heel pits, and sluice pits are sometimes labeled as 241-CR-XX-YYY in documentation.

<sup>3</sup> Does not include temporary hose-in-hose transfer pipelines.

**Table 2-6. WMA C Components. (7 sheets)**

<b>Transfer Lines (continued)</b>		
<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Connecting Facilities</b>	
8044	241-C-101-01A-U2	241-CR-152-U2
8047	241-C-101-01C-U2	241-CR-152-U1
8053	241-C-101-01C-U6	3-in. drain from 241-CR-152
8056	241-C-103-03B-U2	Connects to line 8002
8063	241-C-102-02B-U2	Connects to line 8006
8070	241-C-101-01B-U1	Connects to line 8010
8107	241-CR-152-L8	V844/241-CR-151-L8
8114	241-C-101-01B-U3	Capped nearby heel pump pit 241-C-101-01B formerly to C-103
8121	241-C-102-02C-U3	Former saltwell pumping line
8202	241-C-106-06A-U1	241-CR-153-L13
8206	241-C-105-05A-U1	241-CR-153-L12
8210	241-C-104-04A-U1	241-CR-153-L11
8212	241-CR-151-U3	241-CR-153-U9, U11, U12
8214	241-C-106-06C-U1	241-CR-153-L10
8217	241-C-105-05C-U1	241-CR-153-L7
8220	241-C-104-04C-U1	241-CR-153-L9
8225	241-CR-153-U10	241-CR-151-U10
8231	241-C-104-04A-U3	241-CR-153-L14
8232	241-C-106-06A-U2	241-CR-153-U6
8235	241-C-106-06C-U2	241-CR-153-U5
8237	241-C-105-05A-U3	241-CR-153-L15
8238	241-C-105-05A-U2	241-CR-153-U4
8241	241-C-105-05C-U2	241-CR-153-U3
8244	241-C-104-04A-U2	241-CR-153-U2
8247	241-C-104-04C-U2	241-CR-153-U1
8256	241-C-106-06B-U2	Connects to line 8235
8263	241-C-105-05B-U2	Connects to line 8206
8270	241-C-104-04B-U2	Connects to line 8210
8552	241-C-201,-202,-203,-204-U1	241-CR-151-U2
8555	241-CR-151-U5	241-C-201,-202,-203,-204-U2 and U-3
8601	241-CR-151-L1	244-CR-Tank-001
8603	244-CR-Tank-003	244-CR-Tank-001-U2
8609	244-CR-Tank-002-U2	244-CR-Tank-011
8613	244-CR-Tank-003-U2	244-CR-Tank-011
8616	241-CR-151-L5	244-CR-Tank-011-U1
8622	241-CR-151-L3	244-CR-Tank 001-U3

**Table 2-6. WMA C Components. (7 sheets)**

<b>Transfer Lines (continued)</b>		
<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Connecting Facilities</b>	
8624	241-CR-152-U8	241-CR-151-U7
8625	241-CR-153-U8	241-CR-151-U6
8630	241-CR-152-L1,-2,-3,-4,-5,-6	241-CR-151-U9
8631	241-CR-153- L1,-2,-3,-4,-5,-6	241-CR-151-U8
8644	241-CR-151-U12,-U13,-U15	241-CR-151-U12,-U13,-U15
8647	241-CR-151-L4	244-CR-Tank-003-U1
8648	241-CR-151-L6	244-CR-Tank-002-U1
8656	241-AX-151 connects to header for E thru G Cells	244-CR-Tank-003
8900	201-C Hot Semiworks Valve Box	244-CR-Tank-003-U10
8901/8649/V108/V837	221-B	244-CR-Tank-003-U11
8636/V105	241-CR-151-U1	241-C-151-L6
8653/8618	241-ER-151-L9	241-CR-151-U14
A4013	241-CR-152-U3A	241-AX-151-Washdown Connects to Header for E thru G Cells
Drain Line	241-C-102-02B-U3	241-C-Valve Pit-L1
Drain Line	241-C-103	241-C-Valve Pit
8253 Drain Line	241-C-104-04C-U6	241-CR-153
Drain Line	241-C-104-04B-U3	241-C-Valve Pit-L2
Drain Line	Cut and capped nearby 241-C-107-U1	241-C-Valve Pit-L3
Drain Line	Cut and capped nearby 241-C-108 Saltwell Pump Pit	Capped by 241-C-Valve Pit
Drain Line	Cut and capped nearby 241-C-109 Saltwell Pump Pit	Capped by 241-C-Valve Pit
Drain	241-C-110 Saltwell Pump Pit-U1	241-C-Valve Pit-L4
Drain	241-C-112 Saltwell Pump Pit-U1	241-C-Valve Pit-L5
Drain Line	244-CR-Tank-002	241-CR-151
Drain-301	241-C-106-06C-U8	Metal Filter Drain
Drain-302	241-C-106-06C-U9	Process Building Floor Drain
Drain	241-C-106-06A-U8	SL-100 encasement
SL-100	241-C-106-06A-U9	241-AY-102-02A
SN-200	241-C-106-06C-U6	241-AY-102-02A
Drain	241-C-106-06C-U7	SN-200 encasement
PAS-244	241-ER-153-9	244-CR-Tank-003-U13

**Table 2-6. WMA C Components. (7 sheets)**

<b>Transfer Lines (continued)</b>		
<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Connecting Facilities</b>	
SN-275	241-C-VP-U1,-U2,-U3,-U4,-U5,-U6	244-CR-Tank-003-U15
Cascade line	241-C-101-N5	241-C-102-B
Cascade line	241-C-102-A	241-C-103-B
Cascade line	241-C-104-A	241-C-105-B
Cascade line	241-C-105-A	241-C-106-B
Cascade line	241-C-107-A	241-C-108-B
Cascade line	241-C-108-A	241-C-109-B
Cascade line	241-C-110-A	241-C-111-N2
Cascade line	241-C-111-N1	241-C-112-B
Unknown	241-C-103-03B-U1	241-C-Valve Pit-L6
Unknown	241-C-104-04B-U3	241-C-Valve Pit-L2
Unknown	241-C-105-05B-U3	Capped by 241-C Valve Pit
Unknown	244-CR-Tank-002	244-CR-Tank-001-U1
V050	241-A-152-L7	241-C-104-R2
V051	241-A-152-L8	241-C-104-R2
V100	241-C-151-L1	241-C-153-U9
V1000	241-CR-152-U1A	244-CR-Tank-003-U14
V1001	241-CR-152-U4A	241-CR-153-U3A
V1002	241-CR-152-U6A	241-CR-153-U1A
V101	241-C-151-L2	241-C-104-04A-U4
V102	241-C-101-N3	241-C-151-L4
V103	241-C-105-N1	241-C-151-L3
V104	241-C-101-N4	241-C-151-L5
V105/8636	241-C-151-L6	241-CR-151-U1
V107	241-C-252-U4	241-C-151-L8
V108/812	241-C-151-U1	244-AR-Tank-002-T9
V109	241-C-151-U2	241-A-101-01A-U2
V110	241-C-151-U3	244-CR-Tank-003-U12
V113	241-C-151-U6	241-AX-101-01A
V113	241-C-151-U6	241-AX-103-03A-1
V-114 Drain Line	241-C-153, 241-C-152 and 241-C-151	241-C-301 Catch Tank
V115	241-C-105-05A-U8	241-C-152-L1
V118	241-C-152-L4	241-C-153-U6
V119	241-C-152-L5	241-C-153-U5

Table 2-6. WMA C Components. (7 sheets)

Transfer Lines (continued)		
Line Number	Connecting Facilities	
V120	241-C-152-L6	241-C-153-U4
V121	241-C-152-L7	Capped
V122	241-C-105-05A-U4	241-C-152-L8
V130	241-B-154-L8	241-C-152-U4
V136	241-C-153-L1	None identified
V137	241-C-111-N6	241-C-153-L2
V138	241-C-110-C3	241-C-153-L3
V139	241-C-110-C2	241-C-153-L4
V140	241-C-110-C1	241-C-153-L5
V141	241-C-153-L6	Capped
V142	241-C-153-L7	Capped
V143	241-C-107-C3	241-C-153-L8
V144	241-C-107-C2	241-C-153-L9
V145	241-C-107-C1	241-C-153-L10
V147	241-C-153-L12	None identified
V148	241-C-104-N3	241-C-153-L13
V149	241-C-104-N2	241-C-153-L14
V150	241-C-104-N1	241-C-153-L15
V-155 Drain Line	241-C-252	241-C-301 Catch Tank
V156	241-C-201-N4	241-C-252-L1
V157	241-C-201-N3	241-C-252-L2
V158	241-C-202-N4	241-C-252-L3
V159	241-C-202-N3	241-C-252-L4
V160	241-C-203-N4	241-C-252-L5
V161	241-C-203-N3	241-C-252-L6
V162	241-C-204-N4	241-C-252-L7
V163	241-C-204-N3	241-C-252-L8
V172	241-C-252-U1	Formerly connected to valve boxes and 241-C-104-R6, 241-C-107-R6, 241-C-108-R6, 241-C-109-R5, 241-C-110-R6, 241-C-111-R6 and 241-C-112-R5
V175	241-C-252-U5	201-C-Hot Semiworks Valve Box
V210/V111	241-B-154-L10	241-C-151-U4
V228	241-CR-153-U6A	241-ER-153-7
V843	241-CR-151-L9	241-C-102-R2
V844	241-CR-151-L8	241-C-102-R2

### 2.4.3.1 Metal Waste Retrieval

The 244-CR vault, diversion boxes 241-CR-151, -152, and 153, concrete-encased pipelines, and concrete pits atop tanks 241-C-101 through 241-C-106 (heel jet, pump, and sluicing pits) were constructed from 1951-1952 in WMA C. These WMA C facilities were part of other facilities constructed in 241-U, 241-T, 241-TX, 241-B, 241-BX, and 241-BY tanks farms, as well as major modifications of the 221-U Plant, that were used to retrieve and process metal wastes to recover uranium (HW-19140, *Uranium Recovery Technical Manual*). The pits atop of the tanks connect via concrete-encased underground pipelines to the 241-CR-152 and 241-CR-153 cascade diversion boxes, which have underground piping connections to the 241-CR-151 master diversion box (see Section 2.4.2). The 241-CR-151 master diversion box has concrete-encased underground pipelines connecting to the 244-CR vault (see Section 2.4.2).

The 244-CR vault contains a sludge accumulation tank (TK-CR-001), two sludge dissolution tanks (TK-CR-002 and TK-CR-003), and a process pump tank (TK-CR-011). An aboveground nitric acid tank (TK-CR-004) was used to add nitric acid to tanks TK-CR-002 and TK-CR-003 for acidifying sludge. Tank TK-CR-004 was relocated into the 271-CR annex building in 1963 (see Section 2.4.3.5). The 244-CR vault was originally equipped with an air supply and exhaust system that included a glass wool filter, exhaust fan, and stack (291-CR). A control house, building 271-CR, was also constructed to contain instrumentation, motor control centers, air compressors, ventilation, and operations and administrative facilities for operation of the 244-CR vault and metal waste retrieval equipment.

Metal waste sluicing in the C Farm started in October 1952 and completed in April 1955. Supernate was first removed from the tank to be sluiced using a transfer pump. The metal waste supernate was transferred to tank TK-CR-001 in 244-CR vault and then to the 241-WR vault to expose the sludge in the tank to be sluiced. Metal waste supernate was then transferred from tank TK-CR-001 back through two sluice nozzles that were installed in the tank being sluiced. The transfer pump was used to transfer the sludge slurry back to tank TK-CR-001. All waste transfers used the installed underground pipelines and the three diversion boxes, 241-CR-151, 241-CR-152, and 241-CR-153.

When sufficient sludge accumulated in the sludge accumulation tank (TK-CR-001), the sluicing was halted. Accumulated slurry was transferred from tank TK-CR-001 to one of the two sludge dissolution tanks (TK-CR-002 and TK-CR-003) in the 244-CR vault for dissolution with nitric acid. Sluicing could then be resumed to TK-CR-001 until the C Farm tank was emptied or sluicing operations were no longer able to effectively remove sludge. Then, a heel jet pump (installed in the heel jet pit) was used to remove the residual metal waste slurry from the tank to TK-CR-001. A periscope optical system was used to inspect tanks to verify sufficient metal waste sludge made been removed. Sluicing operations were repeated if the periscope inspection revealed significant sludge present in the tank.

The dissolved sludge was transferred from tanks TK-CR-002 and TK-CR-003 to a process pump tank (TK-CR-011). From TK-CR-011, the acidified waste was transferred through an underground stainless-steel pipeline connecting to the 241-CR-151, 241-ER-151, and 241-UX-154 diversion boxes to the 241-WR Vault in 200-West Area. The acidified waste was then transferred from the 241-WR Vault into the 221-U TBP Plant for uranium recovery. Nitric

1 acid recovered at the 221-U TBP Plant was transferred back to the 244-CR vault through a  
2 separate underground stainless steel pipeline connecting to the aforementioned diversion boxes.  
3 The recovered nitric acid solution was received into TK-004 located above ground at the  
4 244-CR vault and was used for acidification of subsequent sludge batches.

5  
6 The retrieval and processing of metal waste from the C-200-series tanks was similar to the  
7 100-series tanks with the exception of the retrieval equipment. From December 1953 through  
8 February 1955, the metal waste supernatant and sludges present in tanks 241-C-201 (C-201)  
9 through 241-C-204 (C-204) was intermittently retrieved and transferred to 244-CR vault. A jet  
10 pump and a sluicer were installed in each of the C-200-series tanks for removal of the stored  
11 metal waste supernate and sludge. Metal waste supernate was used to activate this jet and  
12 transfer supernate and sludge from each of the C-200-series tanks to sludge accumulation tank in  
13 the 244-CR vault. Once the sludge was exposed in the C-200-series tank, the sluicer was  
14 activated using supernate from the slurry accumulation tank in the 244-CR vault. Processing of  
15 the metal waste slurry in the 244-CR vault was the same as for the metal waste slurries retrieved  
16 from the 100-series tanks.

#### 17 **2.4.3.2 Ferrocyanide Treatment of Tank Wastes**

18 The 244-CR vault, which was previously used for metal waste recovery, was reused for  
19 precipitation of  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ , and  $^{60}\text{Co}$  from TBP wastes. A new chemical make-up facility, the  
20 241-C-601 building, was constructed adjacent to the 241-CR-271 control room building.  
21 Underground transfer piping to the 244-CR vault and necessary jumpers in diversion boxes also  
22 were installed (HW-34487, *Scavenging of Stored TBP Waste*). The 241-C-601 building has  
23 since been removed from WMA C. Inside the 241-C-601 building were chemical storage tanks  
24 for sodium hydroxide, nickel sulfate, sodium ferrocyanide, and calcium nitrate (HW-38223,  
25 *Project CG-603 – 4X Program Design Criteria for Calcium Nitrate Addition Facilities for the*  
26 *Scavenging of Stored TBP Wastes*). Strontium nitrate was sometimes substituted for calcium  
27 nitrate (HW-38955-REV, *"In-Farm Scavenging" Operating Procedure and Control Data*). The  
28 reaction of nickel sulfate and potassium ferrocyanide at pH ~9 with the TBP wastes in the  
29 244-CR vault resulted in the precipitation of cesium nickel ferrocyanide. The addition of  
30 calcium nitrate (or strontium nitrate) to the TBP wastes resulted in the precipitation of  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ .  
31 Later, sodium sulfide was also added to some waste batches in the 244-CR vault to promote  $^{60}\text{Co}$   
32 precipitation (WHC-MR-0089, *Status of TBP Scavenged Waste August 1955 to October 1957*,  
33 and WHC-MR-0110, *Cribbing of Scavenged Waste 200 West Area*).

34  
35 Ferrocyanide precipitation processing in the 244-CR vault is reported to have started on  
36 November 9, 1955 (HW-38955-REV), and completed in January 1958. The ferrocyanide treated  
37 TBP waste, referred to as TFeCN waste, was transferred from 244-CR vault to tanks 241-C-108  
38 (C-108), 241-C-109 (C-109), 241-C-111 (C-111), and 241-C-112 (C-112) for settling of the  
39 precipitates before discharge to the 216-BC trenches and cribs.

#### 40 **2.4.3.3 Sr/RE Fission Products Processing**

41 The 244-CR vault, the head-end section of the 202-A PUREX Plant, and the 201-C Strontium  
42 Semiworks building were used in 1961 through 1963 to recover  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  from HLW solutions  
43 (HW-66297, *Strontium-90 – Recovery and Lag Storage Interim Program*, and HW-72666, *Hot*  
44 *Semiworks Strontium -90 Recovery Program*). Beginning in August 1963, B Plant was used in

1 conjunction with the former three facilities to separate  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  and rare earth fission products ( $^{144}\text{Ce}$   
2 and  $^{147}\text{Pm}$ ) from HLW solutions. The Sr/RE processing activities were conducted from August  
3 1963 through February 1967 (RPP-16015, *Origin of Wastes in Single-Shell Tanks 241-B-110 and*  
4 *241-B-111*). None of the SSTs in C Farm received wastes from the Sr/RE processing conducted  
5 in PUREX and B Plants. However, C-107, C-108, C-109, C-111, and C-112 did receive waste  
6 from the Sr/RE purification processing conducted in the 201-C Strontium Semiworks building  
7 (see Section 2.3.1.1).

8  
9 The PUREX facility generated a first cycle raffinate solution from the solvent extraction  
10 reprocessing of irradiated reactor fuel (i.e., HLW). The first cycle raffinate solution was highly  
11 acidic and contained most of the fission products (e.g.,  $^{89/90}\text{Sr}$ ,  $^{144}\text{Ce}$ ,  $^{147}\text{Pm}$ , and  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ) that were  
12 separated from the uranium and plutonium during the reprocessing of irradiated reactor fuel.  
13 The acidity of the first cycle raffinate solution was reduced by addition of sugar and digestion at  
14 elevated temperature to decompose the nitric acid solution. In a section of the PUREX facility  
15 known as the head-end, first cycle raffinate solution was reacted with sodium sulfate and lead  
16 nitrate to precipitate strontium and rare earth (i.e., cerium and promethium) fission products  
17 (HW-63051, *The Recovery of Fission Product Rare Earth Sulfates from PUREX IWW*, and  
18 HW-69534, *Laboratory Development of a Carrier Precipitation Process for the Recovery of*  
19 *Strontium from PUREX Wastes*). Lead co-precipitated with strontium and increased the amount  
20 of strontium precipitated from the first cycle raffinate solution. The resulting strontium and rare  
21 earth precipitate was centrifuged and washed to separate the supernatant, which contained  
22 soluble fission products such as  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{95}\text{Zr-Nb}$ , and  $^{106}\text{Ru-Rh}$ . The supernatant containing the  
23 soluble fission products (e.g.,  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{95}\text{Zr-Nb}$ , and  $^{106}\text{Ru-Rh}$ ) was neutralized and transferred to  
24 underground storage tanks. The strontium and rare earth precipitate was metathesized to soluble  
25 carbonates by addition of sodium carbonate. The strontium and rare earth carbonate precipitates  
26 were then dissolved in nitric acid and transferred to B-Plant via 244-CR vault for further  
27 processing.

28  
29 In B-Plant, the strontium nitrate/rare earth nitrate solutions were processed to form separate  
30 solutions containing strontium and rare earths (HW-77016, *B-Plant Phase I Information*  
31 *Manual*). The strontium nitrate/rare earth nitrate solution was reacted with oxalic acid to  
32 precipitate the rare earths along with lead, leaving strontium in solution. The precipitate was  
33 centrifuged to separate the strontium solution from the rare earth precipitate. The strontium  
34 solution was stored in B-Plant and transferred periodically to the 201-C Strontium Semiworks  
35 building via the 244-CR vault for purification. The rare earth precipitate was dissolved in nitric  
36 acid and stored in B-Plant for further processing.

37  
38 Lead was removed from the rare earth solution by adding sodium hydroxide solution to form  
39 soluble plumbite and insoluble rare earth hydroxide precipitates (HW-81373, *Removal of Lead*  
40 *from B-Plant Cerium and Rare Earth Fraction*; RL-SEP-197, *Chemical Processing Department*  
41 *Monthly Report December 1964*, page G-2, and HAN-90907, *Monthly Status and Progress*  
42 *Report for February 1965*, page 21). The plumbite was separated from the rare earth hydroxide  
43 precipitate by centrifugation and discarded to the SSTs. The rare earth hydroxide precipitate was  
44 washed with sodium hydroxide solution to remove soluble lead and the wash solution was also  
45 discarded to the SSTs. The rare earth hydroxide precipitate was dissolved in nitric acid, stored in  
46 B-Plant, and eventually transferred to the 201-C Strontium Semiworks building via 244-CR vault  
47 for purification.

1  
2 Processing of strontium and rare earth solutions within B-Plant continued until June 1966  
3 (HAN-95105-DEL, *Monthly Status and Progress Report for June 1966*, page 15). Separations of  
4 strontium and rare earths from the first cycle raffinate solution continued to be conducted in the  
5 head-end section of the PUREX facility through February 8, 1967 (HAN-96805-DEL, *Monthly  
6 Status and Progress Report for February 1967*, page AIII-4). The strontium and rare earth  
7 solution was transferred from PUREX to the 244-CR vault for storage from July 1966 through  
8 February 1967 while equipment modifications were conducted at B-Plant.

#### 9 **2.4.3.4 PAS Processing**

10 The sludges stored in the 241-A and 241-AX Farms contained high concentrations of <sup>90</sup>Sr that  
11 required removal to reduce the heat load in these tanks. The sludges in these tanks were sluiced  
12 from 1968 through 1978 (SD-WM-TI-302, section 3), with the sludge collected in the  
13 244-AR Vault. The <sup>90</sup>Sr bearing sludge was washed to remove soluble salts and <sup>137</sup>Cs then  
14 dissolved in nitric acid in the 244-AR Vault. The dissolved sludge, designated as PAS solution  
15 was transferred to the 244-CR vault. From the 244-CR vault, the PAS solution was transferred  
16 to B Plant for centrifugation and <sup>90</sup>Sr processing using solvent extraction (ARH-CD-691,  
17 *Strontium Recovery from PUREX Acidified Sludge*).

#### 18 **2.4.3.5 241-A Tank Farm Process Condensate Treatment Testing**

19 A micro-pilot plant was installed in the 271-CR building and was operated from January 1960  
20 through April 1963 to evaluate activated carbon and ion exchange materials for separating  
21 organics and fission products from the 241-A Tank Farm Process Condensate (TFPC). The  
22 micro-pilot plant was shut down in April 1963 and replaced by an engineering-scale pilot plant  
23 that was constructed from 1962 through September 1963 in an annex building adjacent to the  
24 271-CR building. The engineering-scale pilot-plant in the 271-CR annex was operated from  
25 September 1963 through March 1965 and included a steam stripper, a vertical leaf filter, an  
26 electro dialysis unit and a thin bed ion exchanger (Letter 7G420-MEJ-06-007, "Waste Discharged  
27 to the 216-C-8 Crib").

28  
29 Floor and process drains in the 271-CR and 271-CR annex buildings connected to an  
30 underground vitrified clay pipeline that discharged to the 216-C-8 French drain. Letter  
31 7G420-MEJ-06-007 summarizes the analyses of the TFPC waste stream located in reference  
32 documents as well as the various tests conducted in the 271-CR and 271-CR annex buildings.  
33 Although process records are incomplete, a minimum of 31,780 gal of treated TFPC was  
34 discharged to the French drain 216-C-8 from January 1960 through March 1965.

#### 35 **2.4.3.6 241-C-801 Cask Loading Building**

36 In 1962, building 241-C-801 was constructed to enable recovery of <sup>137</sup>Cs from PUREX HLW  
37 solutions. The 241-C-801 building was used from 1963 through 1968 to load cesium and  
38 occasionally technetium onto casks containing ion exchange material [Letter  
39 7G400-03-SMM-003, "Shipment of Cesium-137 and Strontium-90 from the Hanford Site (1961  
40 through 1977)"].  
41

1 A cask would be staged in the 241-C-801 building and connected to waste transfer piping at a  
2 shielded enclosure within the 241-C-801 building. Tank waste (PUREX P1 and P2 waste types)  
3 was transferred from C-103 through underground piping to a valve pit located inside 241-C-801.  
4 The tank waste would then flow into the cask, the target radionuclide would be absorbed by the  
5 ion exchange material (Decalso<sup>®4</sup>), and then waste would flow back to C-102.

6  
7 The 201-C Strontium Semiworks building was also used in conjunction with the C-801 cask  
8 station to demonstrate the separation of <sup>99</sup>Tc from alkaline HLW solutions. Approximately 1 kg  
9 of <sup>99</sup>Tc was separated from HLW that was stored in C-Farm SSTs in October 1963  
10 (HW-79377-C, *Chemical Laboratory Monthly Report October 1963*, page C-7; and HW-79480,  
11 *Chemical Processing Department Monthly Report for October 1963*, page G-2). The HLW  
12 solution was passed through a shielded cask in the 241-C-801 building that contained Decalso<sup>®</sup>  
13 ion exchange material to separate cesium. The effluent solution from the cesium cask was then  
14 passed through a separate shielded cask in the 241-C-801 building that contained IRA-401<sup>®5</sup> ion  
15 exchange material, which adsorbed technetium from the waste solution. The Strontium  
16 Semiworks received the cask that was loaded with technetium in November 1963, eluted and  
17 concentrated the technetium, which was then loaded into a smaller cask for transfer to the  
18 Hanford Laboratories located in the 300 Area (HW-79768, *Chemical Processing Department*  
19 *Monthly Report for November 1963*, page G-2). A second campaign to recover an additional  
20 1 kg of <sup>99</sup>Tc from HLW stored in C Farm was conducted in August through September 1964 in  
21 the same manner as the first campaign (HW-83876, *Chemical Processing Department Monthly*  
22 *Report for August 1964*, page B-2 and HW-84354, page B-1).

23  
24 The cask loading area within the 241-C-801 building has a drain line connecting to the valve pit.  
25 The valve pit and cask loading area have separate drain lines connecting to a drywell located  
26 outside of the tank farm fence (drawings H-2-4573, *Engineering Flow Diagram, Cesium*  
27 *Loadout Facility*, and H-2-4554, *Plot Plan – Roads Drawing Schedule, Cesium Loadout*  
28 *Facility*). This drywell is located approximately 23 m (75 ft) north of the 241-C-801 building,  
29 outside the tank farm fence (DOE/RL-88-30, *Hanford Site Waste Management Units Report*,  
30 rev. 16, page 659). No record was located that provides information on the volume and types of  
31 wastes potentially discharged to this drywell. An unknown amount of PUREX P1 and P2 waste  
32 types along with decontamination solutions may have been discharged to this drywell as a result  
33 of operations conducted at the 241-C-801 building.

#### 34 **2.4.4 Unplanned Releases**

35 Fourteen UPRs have occurred within or adjacent to WMA C. The following brief descriptions of  
36 the UPRs are summarized from the Waste Information Data System (WIDS) General Summary  
37 Reports (DOE/RL-88-30) and represent the best information available on the nature and extent  
38 of releases. There is substantial uncertainty in the volume and content of UPRs from  
39 components within the WMA C. The UPR sites will be addressed as potentially contributing  
40 sources to the soil component and will be part of the soil component investigation and cleanup.

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<sup>4</sup> Decalso<sup>®</sup> is a synthetic, sodium aluminosilicate gel manufactured by the Permutit Company, New York.

<sup>5</sup> IRA-401<sup>®</sup> is a styrene, di-butyl benzene ion exchange bead manufactured by the Rohm and Haas Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- 1 a. UPR-200-E-16 is a surface spill that resulted from a leak in an overground transfer  
2 pipeline between tanks C-105 and C-108. The surface spill associated with this release is  
3 located approximately 18 m (60 ft) northeast of tank C-105 and occurred in 1959. The  
4 spilled liquid was classified as coating waste from the PUREX process and was an  
5 estimated 50 gal.
- 6 b. UPR-200-E-27 is located just east of the 244-CR vault and extends east beyond the tank  
7 farm fenceline. DOE/RL-92-04 indicates the surface contamination was deposited in  
8 1960, but does not identify the source(s) of the contamination. However, the November  
9 1960 monthly report for the Tank Farm Contractor states the particulate contamination  
10 was due to work in 241-C Farm diversion boxes and 244-CR vault (HW-67459,  
11 *Chemical Processing Department Monthly Report for November 1960*, pages B-2 and  
12 B-3). Since the UN-200-E-27 release consisted of airborne particulate contamination, the  
13 impact was limited to the ground surface.
- 14 c. UPR-200-E-68 is wind-borne surface contamination spread from the 241-C-151  
15 diversion box. The release occurred in 1985 and was subsequently decontaminated to  
16 background radiation levels or covered with clean soil for later decontamination (the  
17 source document is inconclusive). Sometime after the release, the 241-C-151 diversion  
18 box was opened, flushed, and sprayed with Turco Fabrifilm<sup>6</sup> to physically fix  
19 contamination to the structure surface.
- 20 d. UPR-200-E-72 occurred in 1985 and is located south of WMA C near the 216-C-8 crib.  
21 The source of the contamination was buried contaminated waste. The waste posed little  
22 release potential because the contamination was fixed in place with Turco Fabrifilm. The  
23 source of the contamination was determined to be from the burial of previously  
24 undocumented contaminated material. The area was surrounded with a chain and posted  
25 as a Surface Contamination Area; however, the site is no longer marked or posted. No  
26 information regarding the buried material was given in the WIDS report; it is assumed  
27 that the contamination extends to the depth of the buried material, but the aerial extent  
28 and depth are not known. The volume of contamination was not specified.
- 29 e. UPR-200-E-81 is located northeast of the 244 CR vault near the 241-CR-151 diversion  
30 box. It occurred as a result of a leak in an underground transfer pipeline in October 1969.  
31 The estimated 36,000 gal of waste leaked from the pipeline consisted of PUREX coating  
32 waste. The site was covered with 0.5 m (18 in.) of backfill and clean gravel.
- 33 f. UPR-200-E-82 occurred in December 1969. The source was determined to be the feed  
34 line running between tank C-105 and the 221-B building. The leak was discovered near  
35 the 241-C-152 diversion box. The liquid release, an estimated 2600 gal, flowed from the  
36 vicinity of the 241-C-152 diversion box to the northeast, downgrade, until it pooled into  
37 an area measuring approximately 0.46 m<sup>2</sup> (5 ft<sup>2</sup>) outside the WMA C fence. The  
38 contaminated site was covered with 2 ft of dirt in 1969 (RPP-RPT-29191, *Supplemental*  
39 *Information Hanford Tank Waste Leaks*, pages 128-129). The WIDS report states that  
40 additional decontamination of the area was performed in 1985. A gunite cap was  
41 subsequently installed on the soil surface above this leak location.

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<sup>6</sup> Turco Fabrifilm is a registered trademark of Turco Products, Westminster, California.

- 1 g. UPR-200-E-86 is a spill that resulted from a leak in a pipeline used to transfer waste from  
2 the 244-AR vault to WMA C. The depth of the leaking pipeline was approximately 2 m  
3 (8 ft) below ground surface (bgs). The release occurred in March 1971 near the  
4 southwest corner of WMA C, outside the fence. The spill consisted of 25,000 Ci of  $^{137}\text{Cs}$   
5 in an estimated 17,385 gal of waste (RHO-CD-673, *Handbook 200 Areas Waste Sites*).  
6 The soils surrounding the pipeline were sampled, and it was determined the  
7 contamination had not penetrated below 6 m (20 ft). The contamination plume volume  
8 was estimated at 37 m<sup>3</sup> (1300 ft<sup>3</sup>). The surface of the release site has been stabilized with  
9 "shotcrete." The release site is demarcated with concrete AC-540 marker posts and signs  
10 indicating "Underground Radioactive Material." A gunite cap was subsequently installed  
11 on the soil surface above this leak location.
- 12 h. UPR-200-E-91 is located approximately 30 m (100 ft) from the northeast side of the tank  
13 farm. It resulted from surface contamination that migrated from WMA C. The date of  
14 the occurrence, its areal extent, and the nature of the contamination are not specified.  
15 DOE/RL-92-04 states that the contaminated soil was removed, and the area was released  
16 from radiological controls.
- 17 i. UPR-200-E-99 is surface contamination that resulted from numerous piping changes  
18 associated with the 244-CR vault. It is located south of 7th Street, directly south of the  
19 244-CR vault, and was established as a release site in 1980, although the actual  
20 occurrence date is unknown. A radiological survey conducted in support of herbicide  
21 applications in 1981 found no detectable contamination in the release area. As a result of  
22 the radiological survey, surface contamination postings were removed on March 5, 1981,  
23 and the area was released from the radiation zone designation.
- 24 j. UPR-200-E-100 is a surface spill of unknown volume and constituents that occurred in  
25 1986. It is located about 60 m (197 ft) and east of WMA C and surrounds the 244-A lift  
26 station.
- 27 k. UPR-200-E-107 is a surface spill located north of the 244-CR vault inside WMA C.  
28 DOE/RL-92-04 states that a spill occurred on November 26, 1952, when a pump  
29 discharged an estimated 5 gal of liquid to the ground surface during a pump installation.  
30 The spilled waste was TBP waste from 221-U building. Decontamination of the ground  
31 and equipment was reported to have been immediately undertaken. "Due to the  
32 magnitude of the ground contamination, it was decided to excavate a hole and blade the  
33 contamination earth into the hole" (RPP-RPT-29191 page 103).
- 34 l. UPR-200-E-118 is located in the northeast portion of the tank farm and extends north up  
35 to about 300 m (1000 ft) beyond the fenceline. It was the result of an airborne release  
36 from C-107 that occurred in April 1957. The highest exposure rate was estimated at  
37 50 mrem/hour at the ground surface (DOE/RL-92-04).
- 38 m. UPR-200-E-136 is a release in 1969 of 64,345 to 90,840 L (17,000 to 24,000 gal) of  
39 waste from C-101. The quantity and type of waste released from C-101 is uncertain  
40 (RPP-ENV-33418).

- 1 n. UPR-200-E-137 occurred when, as stated in WIDS, “water entered tank C-203, migrated  
2 through the saltcake, and either became entrained in the saltcake or leaked out of the  
3 tank.” The leak was 1514 L (400 gal) of PUREX HLW. The waste in C-203 was  
4 subsequently determined to be sludge and was retrieved to a DST in 2006.

5 In addition to the documented UPRs, there are additional events that potentially have resulted in  
6 the UPR of wastes within WMA C. Potential sources of additional unplanned waste releases in  
7 WMA C include waste losses through spare inlet nozzles or cascade lines and additional pipeline  
8 leaks not previously reported in WIDS. These potentially new UPRs were identified through  
9 review of the operational history for C Farm (RPP-ENV-33418) and are summarized in the  
10 following.

11 The SSTs in WMA C are equipped with horizontal inlet nozzles. Process waste transfer  
12 pipelines were inserted through the inlet nozzle and protruded into the tank. As discussed in  
13 RPP-ENV-33418, a loose seal was installed around the process waste transfer pipeline at the  
14 nozzle. The 100-series tanks are also arranged in four cascades of three tanks each. After filling  
15 the first tank in the cascade, waste then flows to the second and once filled, the waste flows to  
16 the third and final tank in the cascade.

- 17
- 18 a. Tank waste may have been discharged from the tank inlet nozzles if the waste elevation  
19 in the tank exceeded the elevation of the inlet nozzles. Cascade lines which lie below the  
20 spare inlets in elevation are also submerged when the waste level exceeds the spare inlet  
21 level. The cascade lines consist of a 4-in. schedule 80 pipe welded to the steel liners in  
22 the SSTs. The 4-in. pipe is encased inside an 8-in. schedule 80 pipe when traversing  
23 between SSTs, but the outer pipe is not sealed to the inner pipe and waste leakage could  
24 occur if the inner pipe is breached. When the waste exceeds the operating capacity of the  
25 tank, it would appear the waste must find an outlet over the top of the tank liner, breach a  
26 weak spot in the cascade line (perhaps where it exits or enters the tank liner), or breach  
27 the spare inlet lines. Dates and waste types present in WMA C tanks that filled with  
28 waste above the elevation of the spare inlet nozzles are summarized in Table 2-7.
- 29 b. Additional pipeline failures that may have resulted in the loss of tank waste within the  
30 C Farm are summarized in Table 2-8. Insufficient information was available to estimate  
31 the volume of tank waste potentially discharged to the soil from the spare inlet nozzles or  
32 newly identified pipeline failures.

**Table 2-7. Potential Waste Losses Through Spare Inlets on WMA C Tanks**

Tank	Date	Waste Type Present in Tank
C-101	June 1965–December 1967	Received waste from CR vault. Tank contains CR vault waste (28 kgal), PUREX P2 (452 kgal), and Coating Waste (CWP2) (94 kgal).
C-103	October 1953–March 1957	TBP waste
C-103	June 1961–December 1961	PUREX CWP2
C-104	August 1958	PUREX CWP1
C-104	June 1965–March 1966	After receiving 15,000 gal of unknown waste type (likely PUREX CWP2 based on RL-SEP-332, page B-2) from 244-CR vault, the tank was filled above the spare inlets. Majority of waste in tank is PUREX CWP2
C-105	Pre-October 1967	Waste type unknown; soil contamination found beneath spare inlet nozzles during excavation in October 1967
C-106	November 1951	Water added to metal waste (MW2)
C-106	December 1965–March 1966	PUREX P2 HLW supernate
C-109	June 1961–December 1961	PUREX CWP2
C-109	June 1965–March 1968	Tank received 19,000 gal from 201-C Sr Semiworks (HS). Tank contains 112,000 gal of evaporator bottoms (BT-SltCk), 300,000 gal of PUREX CWP2, and 142,000 gal of Sr Semiworks waste (HS).
C-111	May 1957	TBP waste
C-111	September 1957	Scavenged 242-B BT-SltCk waste (i.e., concentrated 1C/CW and TBP wastes)
C-201	December 1955 – January 1956 June 1961–June 1963	201-C Hot Semiworks waste from PUREX flowsheet tests (Note: This is not waste type HS).
C-202	January 1957–March 1957 June 1957–October 1958 June 1961–December 1963	201-C Hot Semiworks waste from PUREX flowsheet tests (Note: This is not waste type HS). Last waste transferred into tank was 201-C building flush solutions.
C-204	March 1968–March 1970	201-C Hot Semiworks waste from PUREX flowsheet tests (Note: This is not waste type HS) and 201-C building flush solutions.

**Table 2-8. Potential Pipeline Failures Not Previously Reported in DOE/RL-88-30 (2 sheets)**

Date	Waste Type	Event Description from RPP-ENV-33418
6-1964	HS - 201C Strontium Semiworks Waste	"The underground process line from the 252-C diversion box to 112 tank, C Tank farm, failed. The failed pipeline was isolated. Jumpers were fabricated and installed to establish a new process route." The failed pipeline is line V172.
11-1964	Cesium Depleted PUREX HLW Supernate (P1)	Installation was completed on an alternative effluent return route from the C-801 (801-C) Cesium Loadout Building to Tank 103-C. See drawing H-2-4574, <i>Process &amp; Service Piping Tanks to Loadout Station</i> for details of this piping. A three-way ball valve was inserted in the C-801 (801-C) effluent return line to SST C-102 to enable routing waste to SST C-103 or C-102.
2-1965	PUREX CWP2	"On February 18, 1965, the 244-CR Vault was found flooded up to approximately the level of the tank tops. Immediate steps were taken to reduce the liquid level by jetting the solution to the 011 Tank. Partial cause of the flooding is attributed to a failure in the coating waste line which enters the 151-CR diversion box. Drainage from this diversion box collects in the 002-CR vault sump. Water from a sampler flush line and drainage from rain and snow contributed to the liquid level in the vault. To date, the 001, 002, and 003 sumps have been emptied, and the 011 sump is being emptied, to the 011 Tank. This liquid is being pumped from the 011 Tank to Tank 103-A in the 241-A Tank Farm. In trying to establish a coating waste routing from the PUREX Plant to the 241-C Tank Farm a leak was also discovered in the underground line adjacent to the 152-A Diversion Box. Because of the two apparent leaks in this line it has been abandoned as being unusable."
3-1965	PUREX CWP2	"A liquid level rise in Tank 103-C, the cesium feed tank, was apparently caused by a failed line in the encasement between the 152-CR diversion box and Tank 102-C which permitted coating waste from the PUREX Plant to leak into the encasement and drain to Tanks 101-C, 102-C, and 103-C via the tank pump pits. Coating waste has been routed through a spare line to Tank 102-C and no further leaks have been detected. The coating waste solution accumulated in Tank 103-C did not significantly affect cesium loading capability as a cask was loaded normally following the incident." Note: Pipeline 8041 is inside a concrete encasement was used to route the PUREX CW to SST C-102 (see drawing H-2-44501, sheet 92). This encasement traverses from diversion box 241-CR-152 along the west side of SSTs C-101, C-102, and C-103. In order for the PUREX CW to drain into SSTs C-101, C-102, and C-103, the encasement containing the failed transfer pipeline must have partially filled with waste. The integrity of this encasement is unknown and may have leaked waste to the soil. Drawing H-2-2338, sheet 45 indicates pipeline 8041 is out of service. Pipeline 8041 connects from nozzle U-3 in the 241-CR-152 diversion box and nozzle U-2 in pit 02C atop SST C-102.
5-1966	PUREX CWP2	"A leak in the PUREX coating waste route (152-CR diversion box) was detected by an abnormal liquid level increase of the 002CR vault sump. The leaking flexible jumper in the 152CR diversion box was replaced."  Note: Diversion box 241-CR-152 and 244-CR Vault sump are concrete structures with painted surfaces. It is uncertain whether leaked waste was contained inside diversion box 241-CR-152 and 244-CR Vault sump.

**Table 2-8. Potential Pipeline Failures Not Previously Reported in DOE/RL-88-30 (2 sheets)**

Date	Waste Type	Event Description from RPP-ENV-33418
Pre-1988	PUREX P2 supernate	<p>Pipeline V-103 - "Earlier investigations of the extremely high levels of contamination found between Tanks 104-C and 105-C (Environmental Protection Deviation Report 87-10). The following observations were documented at the time and were the bases for the conclusion that both tanks were sound:</p> <p>The fill line V-103 was stated to have been abandoned at an earlier date due to pipeline leakage, and the activity noted in DW 30-03-02 could have been due to migration of pre-existing contamination that was first seen in the exploratory scans. This line was part of the old PUREX supernate (PSN) transfer route from Tank 241-AX-101. The material was thermally hot, and water injection was required to maintain a temperature below 60°C. The cause of failure was believed to have been due to thermal shock induced by the intermittent transfers.</p> <p>In-tank photographs failed to show any evidence that either tank was unsound. However, the Tank 241-C-105 photos indicated that the tank had been filled to a level above that of the cascade and sidefill pipelines. The possibility of leakage through the wall penetration seals was discussed.</p> <p>The liquid levels in Tank 241-C-105 and -104 remained at a high level for almost six months after the first exploratory well scans, and the observed activities, including that in DW 30-03-02, had remained stable throughout, whereas seepage from either tank would normally have been seen as steadily increasing radiation at the 35 to 41 feet farm excavation depth. The activity at this depth however has diminished in all wells since 1974."</p>
Unknown	Unknown	Line V112 is identified as a leaker adjacent to diversion box 241-C-151. The date and amount of waste leaker from this pipeline is unknown.

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### 3. WASTE MANAGEMENT AREA C SITE CHARACTERIZATION EFFORTS

This chapter provides a summary evaluation of sources and current contaminant distribution in the vadose zone and groundwater underlying WMA C. It also identifies potential corrective action objectives and requirements. The information on known and suspected contamination is presented in section 3.1 of RPP-14430 and in RPP-35484. Additional data to support improved understanding of the nature and extent of contamination at WMA C will be collected during the field investigation described in this work plan.

Limited characterization of the soils was completed during the Phase 1 RCRA corrective action process from 2004 to 2007. The characterization effort focused on sites with the highest observed  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  contamination (on the order of  $10^7$ - $10^8$  pCi/g). This approach was taken because high inventory levels of mobile contaminants (e.g.,  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  and nitrate) are invariably associated with high  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  content). The results of the Phase 1 characterization efforts are documented in RPP-35484. Additional field characterization activities have been undertaken since the publication of RPP-35484. These activities are described in RPP-35169, *Near Term Data Quality Objectives for Vadose Zone Characterization Waste Management Area C*, and Appendix D of RPP-PLAN-35341, *Work Plan for Near-Surface Vadose Zone Characterization Utilizing the Hydraulic Hammer/Direct Push Technology for 35 Direct Pushes in FY08*. The near-term DQO supports characterization efforts that have been conducted at UPR-86 and UPR-81 at WMA C.

This chapter contains information that could be used for portions of the RCRA TSD closure plans, including the nature and extent of contamination, facility description, and current RCRA interim status groundwater monitoring requirements.

#### 3.1 KNOWN AND SUSPECTED CONTAMINATION

A summary of available data and conditions is needed to effectively develop a characterization plan designed to collect data to support a determination of the presence of contamination at a site caused by a given event or activity. A summary of available WMA C data regarding source, sediments, and groundwater contamination is presented in the following subsections and RPP-ENV-33418 and RPP-35484.

When considering the data in Sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, it is important to note the amount of radioactive decay that has taken place since the data were gathered. For example, the half-life of  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  is 30.2 years, approximately the time between 1968 and 1998. Thus,  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  levels would, in 1998, have been approximately half of their 1968 values. Where possible, the dates for radionuclide inventories have been given, but calculations of the decayed inventories through the present time have not been made.

##### 3.1.1 Sources

The source terms for WMA C are dependent on nuclear and chemical aspects of the processes that generated the waste. The inventory of chemicals and radionuclides lost to the vadose zone in WMA C is a function of the waste types stored in the tanks and other facilities over their decades of use. Because of its long operational history, C Farm received waste generated by all

1 of the major processes as discussed in Section 2.4.3. Best estimates of specific sources for each  
2 leak event are provided in RPP-ENV-33418.

3  
4 Sources of releases include fluid discharges, tank waste through tank leaks, ancillary equipment  
5 leaks, and failures (e.g., diversion boxes, transfer and cascade pipelines). These releases  
6 impacted the sediments. These releases are discussed in detail in RPP-ENV-33418.

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8 Based on reassessment of tank waste loss events in C Farm, C-101 has a loss estimate of  
9 20,000 gal. Tank C-105 has an estimated leak loss range from 40 to 2000 gal. The C-105 leak  
10 was targeted in the Phase 1 characterization efforts because of the presence of high <sup>137</sup>Cs  
11 (>10,000,000 piCi/g) in drywell 30-05-07. Tank C-110 waste loss appears to be the result of a  
12 tank overflow through spare inlet nozzles and is less than 2000 gal. Waste loss from C-111  
13 indicates that the liquid level decrease can be attributed to evaporation. Available information  
14 on specific leak events is provided in RPP-ENV-33418.

15  
16 Leaks from ancillary equipment were observed and recorded when sufficient fluid reached the  
17 surface from the buried, but near-surface, sources. The primary parts of the ancillary equipment  
18 system responsible for the surface spills appear to be the collection points for fluids being  
19 transferred around the tank farm (e.g., diversion boxes, valve pits, and catch tanks).  
20 Numerous pipes feed into these collection points. The pipes were frequently attached, detached,  
21 and reattached as part of normal operations because the permanent pipelines would become  
22 clogged or unusable. Plugging of underground pipelines resulted in waste escaping containment,  
23 especially transfer and cascade lines. RPP-ENV-33418 provides information that 11 pipelines in  
24 WMA C are known or are suspected to have failed (Table 2-8). In addition, C-101, C-103,  
25 C-104, C-105, C-106, C-109, C-201, C-202, and C-204 have potential waste losses from spare  
26 inlets (Table 2-7). An effort to investigate these tanks related to spare inlet losses are being  
27 conducted under the near-term field sampling activities (RPP-PLAN-35341 Appendix D).

28  
29 Other support facilities and other operations within and adjacent to the tank farm may have been  
30 sources for contamination. Some of these facilities are listed in the following:

- 31  
32 a. A pit for steam cleaning heavy equipment was dug during 1954 northeast of C-103  
33 (241-CR Steam Cleaning Pit). The pit has been covered but is not delimited above  
34 ground in any way other than being within the C Farm fence (HW-60807, *Unconfined*  
35 *Underground Radioactive Waste and Contamination in the 200 Areas, 1959*). Thus, its  
36 exact location is unknown.
- 37 b. A 300-ft x 800-ft burial ground, known as dry waste garden #12, went into service in  
38 1956, located 500 ft north of the north corner of the C Farm. It received boxed waste  
39 from the PUREX Plant containing both plutonium and mixed fission products. One  
40 trench was filled, while two are open as of 1959 (HW-60807).
- 41 c. A construction burial ground was completed in 1958. It is a plot 150 ft x 500 ft located  
42 2000 ft north of 241-C at the northwest edge of the burning pit. It was used to handle  
43 equipment from 293-A construction and the temporary PUREX canyon ventilation  
44 barricade used for the new crane addition (HW-60807).

- d. The cask loading area within the C-801 building has a drain line connecting to the valve pit. The valve pit and cask loading area have separate drain lines connecting to a drywell located outside of the tank farm fence (drawings H-2-4573 and H-2-4554). This drywell is located approximately 23 m (75 ft) north of the C-801 building, outside the tank farm fence (DOE/RL-88-30, rev. 16, page 659). No record was located providing information on the volume and types of wastes potentially discharged to this drywell. An unknown amount of PUREX P1 and P2 waste types along with decontamination solutions may have been discharged to this drywell as a result of operations conducted at the C-801 building.

### 3.1.2 Releases to Soils

Fourteen UPRs have occurred in WMA C that were recorded (see Section 2.4.4). Of these releases, only UPR-200-E-82 was investigated as part of the Phase 1 characterization effort. UPR-200-E-82 is a pipeline leak of 2600 gal containing 4.34 Ci/gal of <sup>137</sup>Cs. It was chosen for Phase 1 characterization due to the presence of soil samples containing 550,000,000 pCi/g of <sup>137</sup>Cs (ARH-1945, *B Plant Ion Exchange Feed Line Leak*). Section 2.4.4 discusses these UPR sites that have impacted the soils.

Twelve UPRs are known or thought to have occurred within or adjacent to WMA C within the designated DQO boundary. These UPR sites are of the highest priority for characterization as expressed by Ecology. There is uncertainty in the nature and extent of UPRs from components within WMA C. Estimates of contaminant release volumes, inventories, and locations for some UPRs are included in the WIDS. There are several sites mentioned in the source documents and WIDS that do not provide direct indication of some of their locations, making confirmation sampling of the waste sites more difficult.

Consolidated UPRs (i.e., within the WMA C DQO boundary and collectively documented in Appendix B of HFFACO (Ecology et al. 1989) under the operable unit for WMA C (200-PO-3) include the following:

UPR-200-E-16	UPR-200-E-72	UPR-200-E-86	UPR-200-E-118
UPR-200-E-27	UPR-200-E-81	UPR-200-E-91	UPR-200-E-136
UPR-200-E-68	UPR-200-E-82	UPR-200-E-107	UPR-200-E-137

Section 2.4.4 provides a complete discussion of these 12 consolidated UPR sites. Section 2.4.4 has additional UPRs associated in the vicinity of WMA C that are outside the designated DQO boundary. Two of the UPRs are associated with tank leaks [i.e., UPR-200-E-136 (tank C-101) and UPR-200-E-137 (tank C-203)]. An additional two UPRs are outside the designated DQO boundary (UPR-200-E-200-99 and UPR-200-E-100) but are addressed in Section 2.4.4.

In addition, various operations in the tank farm may have contributed to releases to the soils. Floor and process drains in the 271-CR and 271-CR annex buildings connected to an underground vitrified clay pipeline that discharged to the 216-C-8 crib. Letter 7G420-MEJ-06-007 summarizes the analyses of the TFPC waste stream from reference documents as well as the various tests conducted in the 271-CR and 271-CR annex buildings. Although process records are incomplete, a minimum of 31,780 gal of treated TFPC was

1 discharged to the crib 216-C-8 from January 1960 through March 1965. Potential leaks from  
 2 pipelines within C Farm may have also impacted the soils as described in Section 2.4.4.  
 3 Approximately 10 miles of pipelines exist inside the WMA C fenceline boundary. One of these  
 4 lines is a candidate for additional investigation under 200-IS-1 (DOE/RL-2002-14,  
 5 *Tanks/Lines/Pits/Boxes, Septic Tank and Drain Fields Waste Group Operable Unit RI/FS Work*  
 6 *Plan and RCRA TSD Unit Sampling Plan; Includes: 200-IS-1 and 200-ST-1 Operable Units*).

7  
 8 As discussed in Section 2.4.3.6, the C-801 cask loading building had process piping going to it as  
 9 well as a return line. An additional return line was also completed, providing an alternative  
 10 effluent return route from the C-801 cesium load-out building to tank C-103 in November 1964.  
 11 See drawing H-2-4574 for details of this piping. A three-way ball valve was inserted in the  
 12 C-801 effluent return line to C-102 to enable routing waste to C-103 or C-102. The process  
 13 waste stream being treated was a cesium-depleted PUREX HLW supernate (P1). After the <sup>137</sup>Cs  
 14 was removed, 60% of the <sup>99</sup>Tc was then removed before returning the waste stream to the tanks.  
 15 No records were found to explain the need for a second return line, but its construction may  
 16 indicate concerns about the integrity of the initial return line and possible waste losses. Section  
 17 2.4.3.6 provides more detail, and the line replacement is discussed in Table 2-8.

18  
 19 For C-101 and its 20,000-gal leak volume as discussed in Section 3.1.1, soil contamination was  
 20 also present. In 1970, several new drywells (30-01-01, 30-01-06, 30-01-09, and 30-01-12) were  
 21 installed around C-101. Drywells 30-01-01 and 30-01-12 were installed in March 1970.  
 22 Drywell 30-01-06 was installed in January 1970. Drywell 30-01-09 was installed in April 1970.

23  
 24 During the drilling of the fourth drywell on March 17, 1970, 5000-10,000 c/m contamination  
 25 was encountered at the 38-ft level and drilling was terminated (ARH-1526-1, *Chemical*  
 26 *Processing Division Daily Production Reports, January 1970 through March 1970*, page 130).  
 27 Drilling of the fourth drywell was resumed on March 18, 1970, and 5000 to 10,000 c/m  
 28 contamination was encountered between the 42- and 48-ft level, but after 48 ft, no contamination  
 29 was seen (ARH-1526-1, page 132). Drilling of the fourth drywell around C-101 was reported as  
 30 being completed on March 24, 1970 (ARH-1526-1, page 138). Contamination was not reported  
 31 as being encountered during the drilling of other wells around C-101. It is not clear which  
 32 drywell is referred to as the "fourth" in ARH-1526-1. Since this is the last drywell installed  
 33 around C-101 in 1970, it is thought that the "fourth" drywell is in reference to drywell 30-01-09.  
 34 According to RHO-CD-896, *Review of Classification of the Nine Hanford Single-Shell*  
 35 *"Questionable Integrity" Tanks*, page 46, drywell number 30-01-09 was found to have  
 36 contamination between the 29- and 36-ft levels when first monitored, which is consistent with  
 37 the "fourth" drywell being 30-01-09.

### 38 **3.2 NATURE AND EXTENT OF CONTAMINATION DETERMINED FROM** 39 **PHASE 1 INVESTIGATIONS**

40 An understanding of the nature and extent of subsurface contamination in the vadose zone in  
 41 WMA C is needed to determine where additional characterization efforts are required beyond  
 42 Phase 1 and the characterization activities addressed in RPP-35169. For the Phase 1  
 43 characterization effort, before the field investigation was conducted, preliminary conceptual  
 44 models of the subsurface contamination were developed (RPP-14430) that were based on  
 45 historical tank farm operations records (RPP-7494, *Historical Vadose Zone Contamination from*

1 *the A, AX, and C Tank Farm Operations*), geology and hydrology (RPP-14430), and gross  
2 gamma and spectral gamma logging data (e.g., RPP-8321, *Analysis and Summary Report of*  
3 *Historical Dry Well Gamma Logs for the 241-C Tank Farm-200 East Area*; GJO-HAN-92,  
4 *Vadose Zone Characterization Project at the Hanford Tank Farms: Tank Summary Data Report*  
5 *for Tank C-110*; GJO-98-39-TAR, *Hanford Tank Farms Vadose Zone: C Tank Farm Report*;  
6 GJO-98-39-TARA, *Hanford Tank Farms Vadose Zone: Addendum to the C Tank Farm Report*).  
7 For a review of subsurface contamination in the groundwater, see PNNL-13024; PNNL-16439,  
8 *Hanford Site Groundwater Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2006*; and DOE/RL-2008-01 with updates  
9 in the annual Hanford Site Groundwater Monitoring reports through FY 2007.

10  
11 The following discussions concerning the nature of contamination at specific areas within  
12 WMA C are organized to first address those sites for which characterization activities were  
13 conducted as part of the Phase 1 field investigation. These sites include the potential leak from  
14 C-105 and the pipeline leak to the west of C Farm near diversion box 241-C-152  
15 (UPR-200-E-82). Additional sites that are known to have contamination are discussed to provide  
16 as comprehensive a description of contamination within WMA C as possible. The discussions  
17 for other sites are largely based on historical information and are, therefore, less detailed.

18  
19 At borehole C4297 near C-105, soil samples were taken at different depths and analyzed for  
20 radionuclide and chemical content, and hydrogeologic characteristics. The data from these sites  
21 are summarized in this section, with additional soils characterization data provided in  
22 RPP-35484; PNNL-15503, *Characterization of Vadose Zone Sediments Below the C Tank Farm:*  
23 *Borehole C4297 and RCRA Borehole 299-E27-22*; and DOE/ORP-2008-01.

24  
25 At UPR-200-E-82, soil samples were taken from different direct pushes at different depths, and  
26 similar analyses were conducted. These data are summarized below with more detailed  
27 discussions of these data provided in PNNL-15617, *Characterization of Vadose Zone Sediments*  
28 *from C Waste Management Area: Investigation of the C-152 Transfer Line Leak*.  
29 Characterization of the UPR-200-E-82 site was selected preferentially over two other UPRs,  
30 UPR-200-E-86 and UPR-200-E-81, for the initial characterization effort because of higher  
31 reported <sup>137</sup>Cs contamination (ARH-1945) and more easily interpreted characterization data.  
32 From this perspective, additional characterization was considered more likely to significantly  
33 improve the understanding of waste distribution in the vadose zone. The other two UPRs  
34 (UPR-200-E-86 and UPR-200-E-81) were also pipeline leaks associated with waste transfer  
35 facilities west of C Farm. Under the near-term DQO (RPP-35169), the releases from  
36 UPR-200-E-81 and the UPR-200-E-86 are presently being investigated.

37  
38 After completion of initial plans for WMA C and initiation of field activities, a preliminary  
39 surface geophysical exploration (SGE) using a high-resolution resistivity (HRR) technique was  
40 implemented at WMA C (RPP-RPT-31558, *Surface Geophysical Exploration of C Tank Farm at*  
41 *the Hanford Site*). Although not part of the original characterization plan, this technique has  
42 been used at other waste sites in the 200 Areas (PNNL-14948, *Plume Delineation in the BC*  
43 *Cribs and Trenches Area*, RPP-RPT-28955, *Surface Geophysical Exploration of T Tank Farm at*  
44 *the Hanford Site*; RPP-RPT-30976, *Surface Geophysical Exploration of S Tank Farm at the*  
45 *Hanford Site*; RPP-RPT-31557, *Surface Geophysical Exploration of U Tank Farm at the*  
46 *Hanford Site*; and showed enough promise to be used at other locations such as WMA C.  
47 The objective of the preliminary investigation was to collect and analyze an initial set of

1 resistivity data to identify low-resistivity regions that could be correlated to soil inventory  
2 records. The resistivity data was used to aid in selection of locations for conventional sampling  
3 and analysis for this work plan. Section 3.2.1.2 provides more information on the SGE  
4 deployment and results. Results from these field activities, coupled with evaluation of historical  
5 processing records and previous characterization data, have led to a better understanding of the  
6 nature and extent of subsurface contamination in WMA C, as described in Section 3.2.1.

### 7 **3.2.1 Vadose Zone**

8 The major investigation finds from the Phase 1 characterization activities are summarized as  
9 follows:

- 10 a. Chemical analyses of sediments retrieved from borehole C4297 near C-105 showed  
11 several features characteristic of tank waste vadose zone contamination. These included  
12 high  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  and nitrate concentrations between 135 and 160 ft bgs and an altered zone just  
13 below the tank bottom between 45 and 60 ft bgs with elevated pH values (8 to 9.3) and  
14 high sodium content (32 to 131  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ). Please see section 3.2.1.1 and RPP-35484 for  
15 further information.
- 16 b. A shallower contaminated zone, within borehole C4297 sediments, contained elevated  
17  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  and  $^{154}\text{Eu}$  concentrations at approximately 13 ft bgs, and a  $^{60}\text{Co}$  contamination zone  
18 between 40 and 60 ft bgs. This contamination is attributed to loss of waste from one or  
19 more transfer lines.
- 20 c. Direct-push sediment sample data around UPR-200-E-82 showed maximum  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  and  
21 nitrate concentrations at the deepest sampling location, approximately 80 ft bgs, and  
22 underneath the estimated leak location. These data suggest that the leak fluids and  
23 mobile contaminants have penetrated at least 80 ft bgs and are likely present at greater  
24 depths. Recent high  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  concentrations at nearby monitoring wells (299-E27-23, 299-  
25 E27-4, 299-E27-13, 299-E27-21, and 299-E27-14) may indicate that some fraction of this  
26 waste has entered the unconfined aquifer.
- 27 d. Surface geophysical exploration in WMA C showed one large anomalous resistivity zone  
28 centered around C-104 and a smaller zone between C-108 and C-109. The sources of  
29 these anomalies are not well understood nor are the depth intervals at which they occur.

#### 30 **3.2.1.1 Sampling Results**

31 Borehole C4297 was drilled near the source of the C-105 leak near the southwest portion of  
32 tank C-105 and close to drywell 30-05-07 where high  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  ( $>10^7$  pCi/g) concentrations were  
33 measured at and below tank bottom depth as summarized in Section 3.2.1 indicating that tank  
34 waste contamination is present through the zones discussed. The C4297 borehole laboratory data  
35 indicates the following:

- 36 a. An elevated pH zone, 8 to 9.3, between 40 and 52 ft bgs.
- 37 b. Elevated water leachable anion concentrations of nitrate, carbonate, sulfate, chloride, and  
38 fluoride occur at discrete depth intervals. Elevated fluoride (1 to 2  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ) and carbonate  
39 (44 to 158  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ) occur just below the backfill from 40 to 52 ft bgs for fluoride and from  
40  
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1 40 to 60 ft bgs for carbonate, generally coincident with the high pH zone. Conversely,  
2 the highest concentrations of nitrate, sulfate, and chloride are deeper in the vadose zone.  
3 Chloride concentrations (3 to 21  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ) are highest between 135 and 196 ft bgs, nitrate  
4 concentrations (11 and 20  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ) are highest between 133 and 195 ft bgs, and sulfate  
5 concentrations (52 to 133  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ) are highest between 133 and 161 ft bgs.

- 6
- 7 c. Variable water leachable concentrations of cations (sodium, calcium, magnesium, and  
8 strontium) occur at discrete depth intervals. Sodium concentrations are elevated (32 to  
9 131  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ) between 40 and 60 ft bgs, coincident with the high pH zone. A secondary zone  
10 of slightly elevated sodium concentrations (20 to 24  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ) occurs in the backfill between  
11 12 and 40 ft bgs. Calcium, magnesium, and strontium are clearly concentrated (25 to 30,  
12 8 to 11, and 0.12 to 0.14  $\mu\text{g/g}$ , respectively) between 133 and 137 ft bgs. Conversely,  
13 these cations are depleted ( $< 2$ ,  $< 0.5$ , and  $< 0.004$   $\mu\text{g/g}$ , respectively) in the high sodium  
14 concentration zone between 40 and 60 ft bgs (see Figure 3-1).
- 15
- 16 d. Water leachable concentrations of trace constituents ( $^{99}\text{Tc}$ , uranium, and molybdenum)  
17 are present at distinguishable concentrations with depth (see Figure 3-2). Technetium-99  
18 is present between 40 and 159 ft bgs, and concentrations are bimodal with depth. Highest  
19 concentrations (0.4 to 8.4 pCi/g) occur from 133 to 154 ft bgs, with less elevated  
20 concentrations (0.14 to 2.6 pCi/g between 40 and 66 ft bgs). Elevated uranium  
21 concentrations (0.007 to 0.01  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ) occur between 40 and 60 ft bgs, coincident with the  
22 high pH zone. Molybdenum is elevated (0.01 to 0.1  $\mu\text{g/g}$ ) between 55 and 65 ft bgs.
- 23
- 24 e. Gamma energy analysis for gamma-emitting radionuclides indicated  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  activity  
25 (between 3 and 32 pCi/g) near the surface (2 to 12 ft bgs) and  $^{60}\text{Co}$  (between 0.1 and  
26 0.5 pCi/g) at greater depth (41 to 66 ft bgs).

27

28 Characterization data pertinent to the tank waste release from pipeline V122 (UPR-200-E-82)  
29 west of the C Farm in 1969 are summarized in this section. The types of available data include  
30 sediment sample analyses from 20 vertical direct-push probeholes surrounding the  
31 UPR-200-E-82 site, a gunite cap covering the pipe leak, and six slanted direct-push probeholes  
32 that were directed underneath the cap from peripheral locations. Integration of this information  
33 leads to the following key observations.

34

35 Water extracts from recovered vadose zone sediment samples are routinely high in nitrate and  
36 sodium with respect to water extracts from ambient sediments collected at a site not contacted by  
37 tank waste (water extract data from the H2 Hanford formation sediments collected at  
38 borehole 299-E33-338 south of the B Farm are used for comparison). In numerous instances,  
39 pH values are also more alkaline. These observations indicate that essentially the entire area  
40 investigated by these direct-push probes has been contacted by alkaline and enriched nitrate and  
41 sodium fluids.

42

43 Water extracts of sediments from vertical probehole data show two distinct near-surface areas  
44 (10 to 20 ft bgs) contaminated by  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  (up to 3.3 pCi/g dry sediment) and Hanford-processed  
45 uranium (up to 0.77  $\mu\text{g/g}$  dry sediment). These areas are just to the southwest and northeast of  
46 the UPR-200-E-82 site leak location and may indicate the lateral extent of the leak. Water  
47 extract data show varying degrees of alkalinity and enrichment in sodium and nitrate.

Figure 3-1. Distribution of pH and Major Anions and Cations in Borehole C4297 Sediments

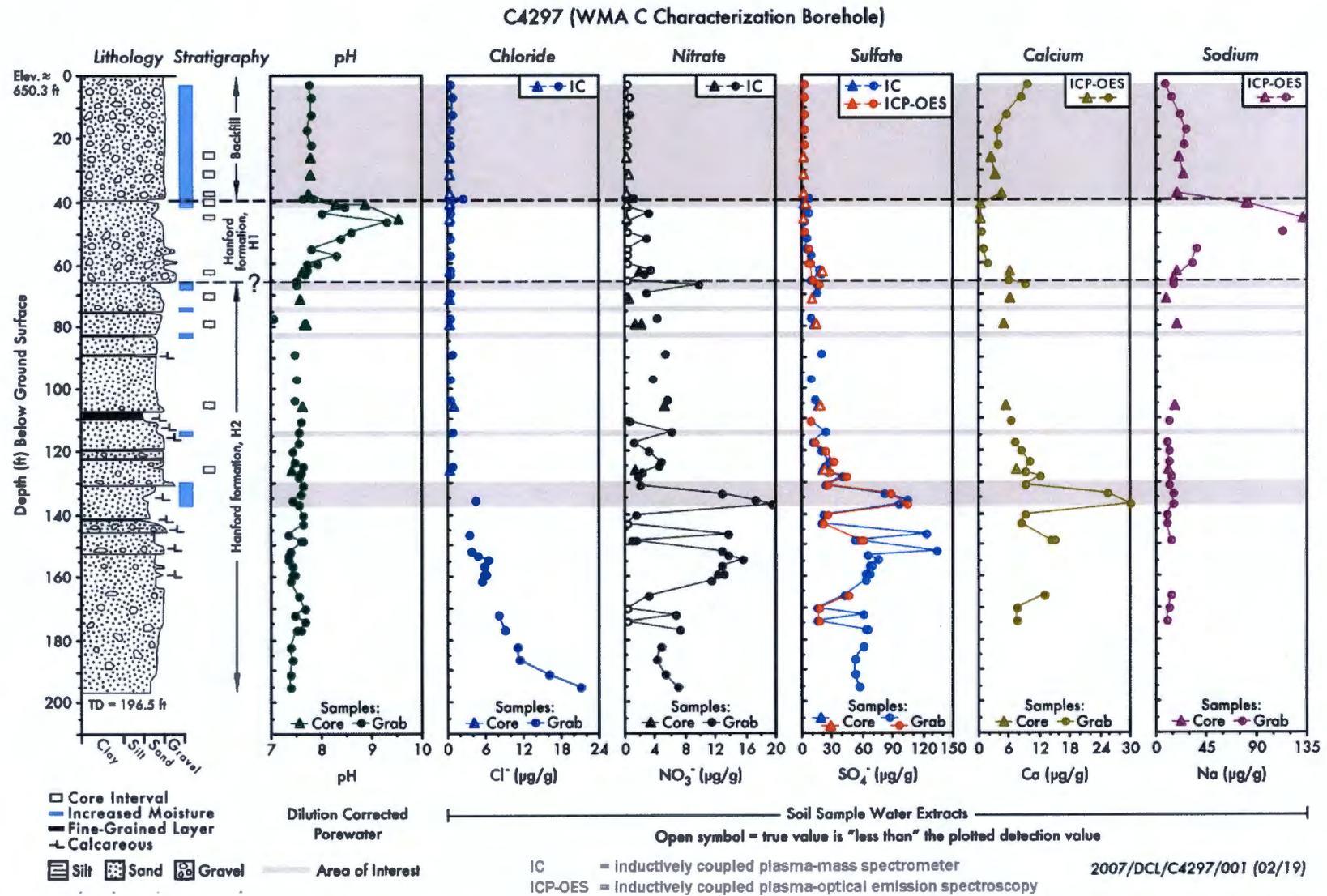
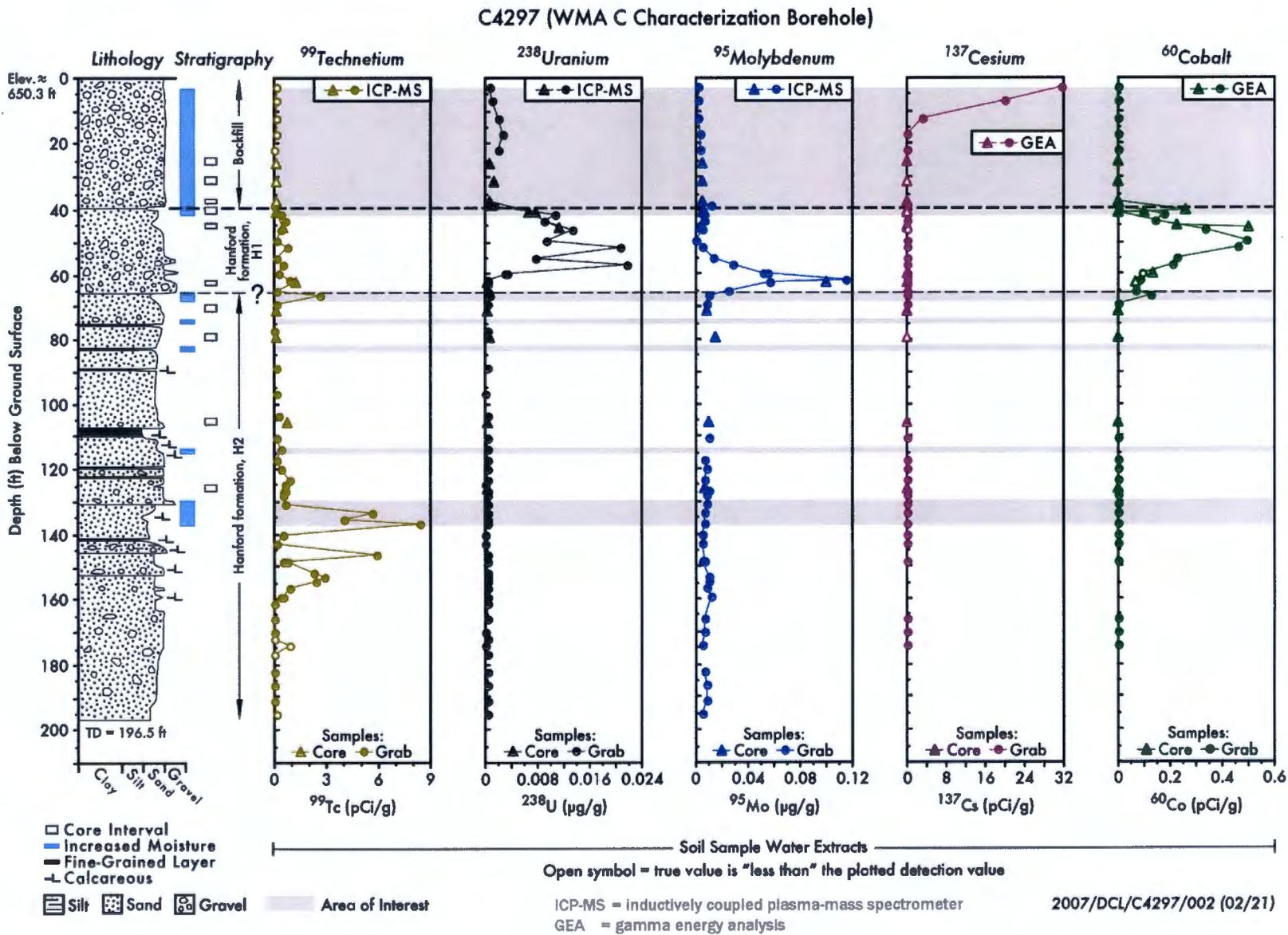


Figure 3-2. Distribution of Trace Mobile Constituents in Borehole C4297 Sediments



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1 Slant probehole data closest to the UPR-200-E-82 site leak location and sampled at the greatest  
2 depth (approximately 80 ft bgs) show maximum and coincident water extractable <sup>99</sup>Tc (10 to  
3 30 pCi/g dry sediment) and nitrate (10 to 20 µg/g dry sediment).

4  
5 From the information presented in RPP-35484, it is concluded that the UPR-200-E-82 site tank  
6 waste fluids have migrated to at least 80 ft bgs since the leak event in 1969. Conversely,  
7 estimates of the lateral extent of the leaked fluid are less certain. The more contaminated zones  
8 to the southwest and northeast of the breached pipeline location are consistent with lateral  
9 spreading of that leak but may also be an indication of separate leak events. Both of these  
10 locations are close to diversion boxes and associated extensive pipeline infrastructure typical of  
11 diversion boxes. Given the ubiquitous sodium and nitrate enrichment in water extracts from  
12 sediments throughout the sampled area, multiple losses of waste fluids are plausible.

13  
14 At the C-108/C109 anomaly, neither of the drywells within the anomaly footprint contain  
15 significant levels of gamma-emitting contamination. The closest indication of a source term is at  
16 drywell 30-08-02, where <sup>137</sup>Cs and <sup>154</sup>Eu peak at approximately 20 ft bgs, suggesting another  
17 transfer line leak. Examination of more recent geophysical logging shows at least four episodes  
18 of contamination in this drywell: one prior to 1976, between 1989 and 1997, between 1997 and  
19 2002, and between 2002 and 2006. In each episode, <sup>60</sup>Co appears to have started at  
20 approximately 40 ft bgs and moved downward to approximately 80 ft bgs. Whether this leak is  
21 related to the apparent anomaly just to the west is unclear. Soil chemistry data from borehole  
22 C4297 can be used to estimate major aqueous species.

### 23 **3.2.1.2 Preliminary Surface Geophysical Exploration Results**

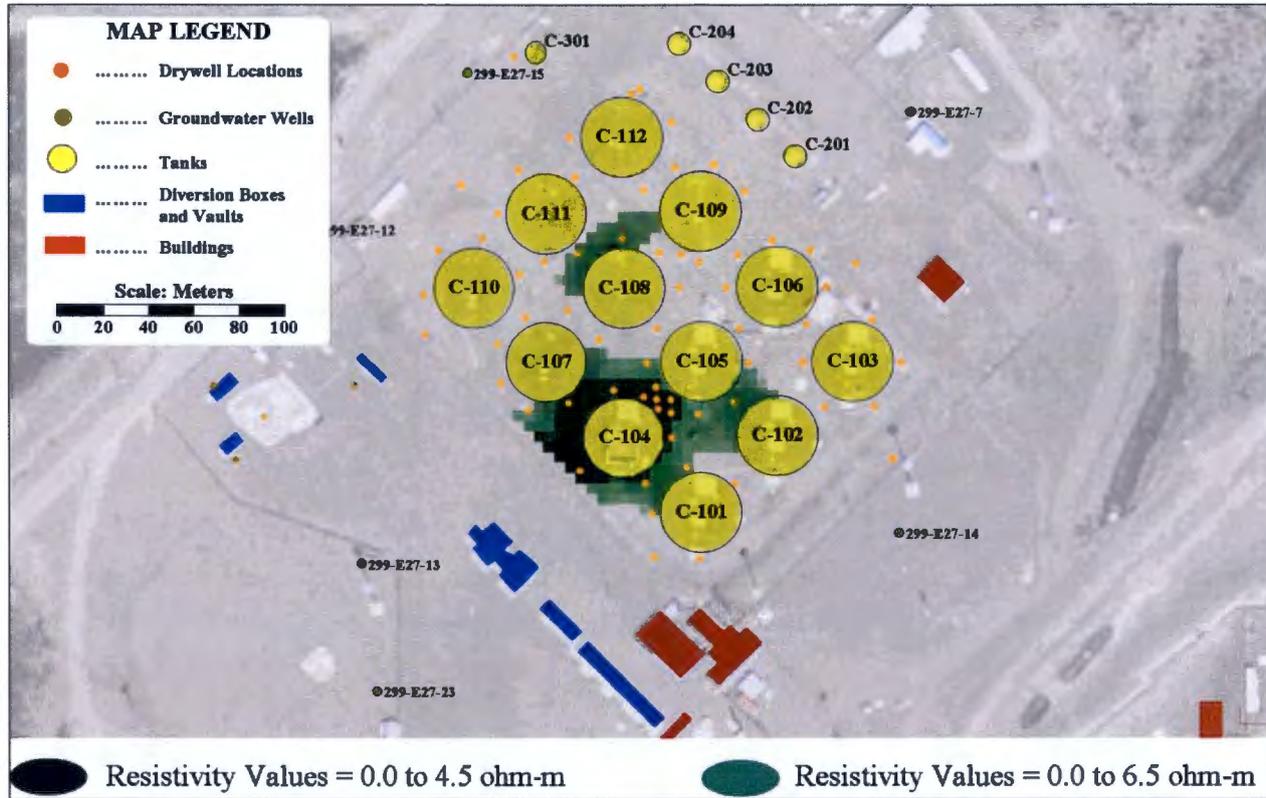
24 In August 2005, a reconnaissance-level geophysical survey of C Farm was made using electrical  
25 resistivity techniques (RPP-RPT-31558). The usefulness of this technique was predicated on the  
26 concept that the intrinsic ability of vadose zone soils to conduct electric current can be changed  
27 with the addition of high salt waste fluids. If so, measurable contrasts in conductivity (or the  
28 inverse property resistivity) between contaminated versus uncontaminated soils can occur. In  
29 particular, increases in nitrate and sodium content in contaminated soil are hypothesized to  
30 facilitate soil conductivity properties, thereby lowering measured resistivity values. By passing  
31 electric current through large volumes of soil using numerous transmission pathways, a  
32 qualitative, three-dimensional picture of waste distribution may be derived. The additional  
33 advantage of this method is that large volumes of soil can be tested fairly easily in this manner.

34  
35 The preliminary geophysical investigation was performed by collecting resistivity data using  
36 69 drywells within the tank farm and with a set of eight monitoring boreholes (e.g., groundwater  
37 wells), one buried electrode installed in the west end of the tank farm, and four surface electrode  
38 arrays outside of the farm. The four surface electrode arrays were run parallel to the tank farm  
39 fenceline. Only the well-to-well electrode readings provided resistivity data having the capability  
40 to identify and delineate contaminant plume features within and around tank farms.

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42 Areas of low resistivity are shown in Figure 3-3 for the C Farm. Areas with low resistivity are  
43 most likely associated with increased soil and/or inorganic salt concentration provided by waste  
44 solutions contacting vadose zone soil. Specific areas of low-resistivity values within the C Farm

1 are a region near tanks C-101, C-102, C-104, C-105, and C-107, along with a smaller low-  
 2 resistivity zone near C-108.

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 4 **Figure 3-3. Well-to-Well Surface Geophysical Exploration Results for Drywells Only**



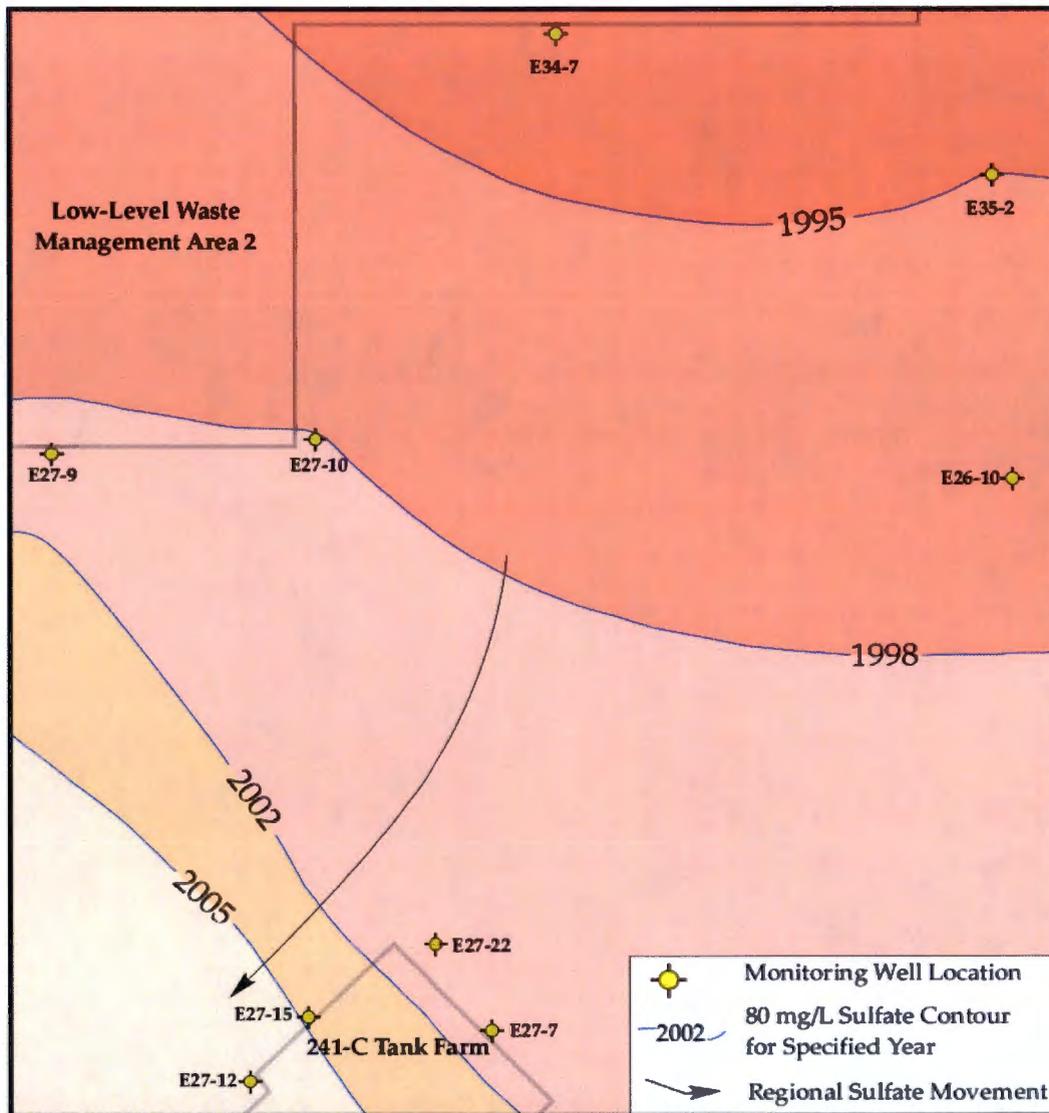
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### 7 3.2.2 Groundwater

8 The primary contaminants observed at this site are sulfate,  $^{99}\text{Tc}$ , and nitrate. Also, there are  
 9 elevated chloride concentrations and low levels of cyanide at some wells. Sulfate concentrations  
 10 are influenced by high levels of regional sulfate contamination migrating into the area from the  
 11 northeast as the aquifer recedes towards a pre-Hanford water table (Figure 3-4). A time series of  
 12 the 80 mg/L contour illustrates the movement of sulfate into and across WMA C to the  
 13 southwest. The source of the sulfate associated with the draining aquifer is being investigated  
 14 under the BP5 RI/FS under CERCLA. This mapping also confirms the southwest flow direction  
 15 across the site.

16  
 17 At WMA C, nitrate,  $^{99}\text{Tc}$ , and sulfate have been the most significant contaminants found in  
 18 underlying groundwater. In addition, low levels of cyanide have been observed in the  
 19 groundwater in some wells. Nitrate concentrations have generally increased in all monitoring  
 20 wells. Maximum  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  concentrations (approximately 8400 pCi/L) occurred in June 2004 in  
 21 monitoring well 299-E27-4 near the southwest corner of WMA C. Technetium-99 concentration  
 22 levels have declined since then to 2510 pCi/L in 2007. In several monitoring wells to the east  
 23 and southeast of groundwater monitoring well 299-E27-4 (299-E27-13, 299-E-27-14, and  
 24 299-E27-23),  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  concentrations have generally increased since the late 1990s, and all of these

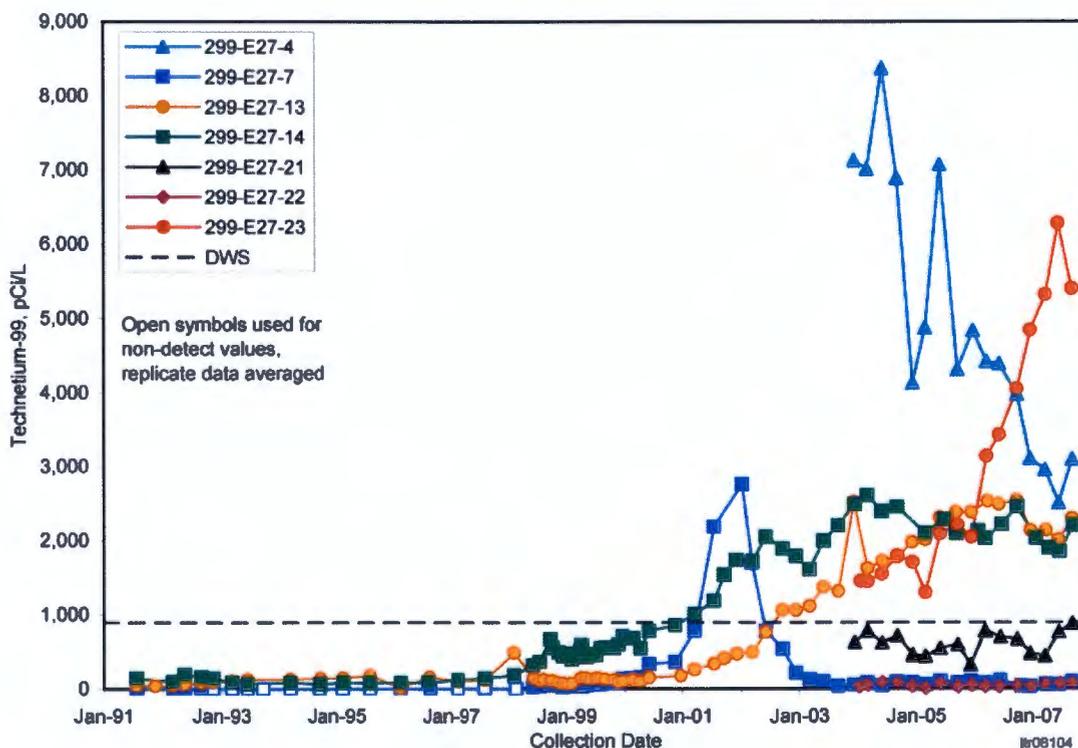
1 **Figure 3-4. Time Series Contours Illustrating the Regional Control of Sulfate from High**  
 2 **Values Associated with the Receding Aquifer Along the Basalt Subcrop.**  
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4 Note: Movement of sulfate contours over time confirms southwest flow at WMA C.  
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7 monitoring wells currently have concentrations near or in excess of 2000 pCi/L (Figure 3-5).  
 8 This suggests a tank waste source near monitoring well 299-E27-4 and the ongoing development  
 9 of a plume toward the east beneath WMA C. Transfer line losses of PUREX waste  
 10 (UPR-200-E-82 in 1969 and UPR-200-E-86 in 1971) occurred very near to monitoring well  
 11 299-E27-4 (southwest of well E27-12 shown in Figure 3-4 and Figure 2-5) and because of their  
 12 proximity, either are plausible sources of the contamination seen in that well. If one or both of  
 13 these releases are sources of current groundwater contamination, additional high volume  
 14 discharges seem necessary to have caused the current contamination. That is, the estimated  
 15 volumes lost during the leak events (2600 and about 17,400 gal from UPR-200-E-82 and  
 16 UPR-200-E-86, respectively). DOE/RL-2008-01 suggests that the trends of nitrate to <sup>99</sup>Tc  
 17 concentration ratios for each well (299-E27-13, 299-E27-4, and 299-E27-23) may be three  
 18 different sources for groundwater contamination on the southwest side of WMA C.

1 **Figure 3-5. Recent Technetium-99 Concentrations in Samples**  
 2 **from Groundwater Monitoring Wells in WMA C**

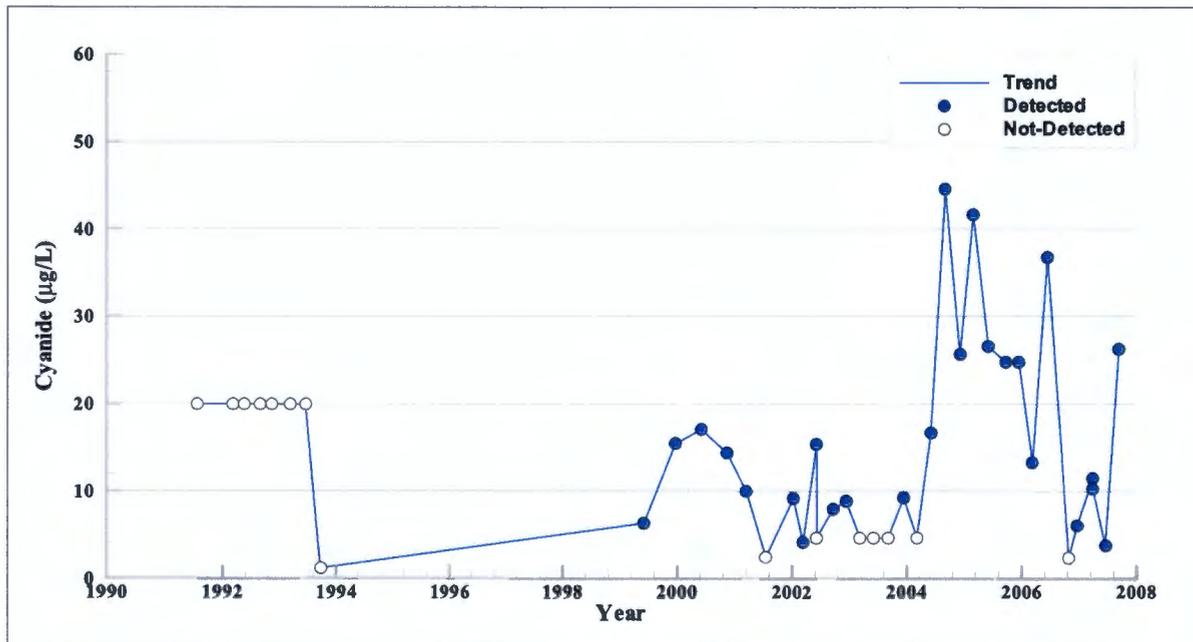


4 The other occurrence of high  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  at WMA C occurred in upgradient monitoring well 299-E27-7  
 5 in January 2002, when a relatively sharp peak value of 2760 pCi/L was measured. This high  
 6  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  spike dropped rapidly within several months. At this time period, regional sulfate  
 7 contamination began migrating into the area from the northwest. It is not known if these  
 8 observations are related. However, DOE/RL-2008-01 suggests  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  contamination observed in  
 9 FY 2002 at groundwater monitoring well 299-E27-7 is currently affecting the groundwater  
 10 quality in well 299-E27-23 based on overlapping trends of nitrate to  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  concentration ratios for  
 11 each well.

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 13 The last contaminant of interest is cyanide. Cyanide-contaminated waste was a byproduct of the  
 14 uranium recovery process completed in the early 1950s to separate uranium from metal waste  
 15 generated by the bismuth phosphate process. This process was TBP-based and was known as  
 16 TBP waste. Because the TBP waste volume exceeded tank storage capacity, intentional  
 17 discharges to the subsurface were needed. The main impediment to subsurface discharge was  
 18 extremely high concentrations of fission products, particularly  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ , in TBP waste. To scavenge  
 19  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  from TBP waste, a ferrocyanide-based separation process was used. Numerous facilities at  
 20 C Farm were used for this process. These included tanks that stored TBP and scavenged TBP  
 21 waste, the 244-CR vault where scavenging took place, and various diversion boxes and pipes  
 22 through which waste was transferred. Thus, tank farm operations occurred that could have lost  
 23 cyanide-contaminated waste to the subsurface. Although WMA C facilities were used in the  
 24  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  separations processes, the intentional discharges to the subsurface  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  did not take place  
 25 at or nearby to WMA C.

1 The largest and most consistent cyanide concentrations in monitoring wells around WMA C  
 2 occur at upgradient monitoring well 299-E27-7 on the northeast side of WMA C. Unequivocal  
 3 cyanide concentrations were first measured in October 1999 and reached a maximum value of  
 4 about 45 µg/L in September 2004. The latest measurement in June 2007 was 3.8 µg/L  
 5 (Figure 3-6). Cyanide has also been measured sporadically at all other WMA C monitoring  
 6 wells to the north, west, and south of monitoring well 299-E27-7. In these locations cyanide  
 7 concentrations have ranged from non-detected to 18 µg/L.

9 **Figure 3-6. Cyanide Concentrations at Groundwater Monitoring Well 299-E27-7**



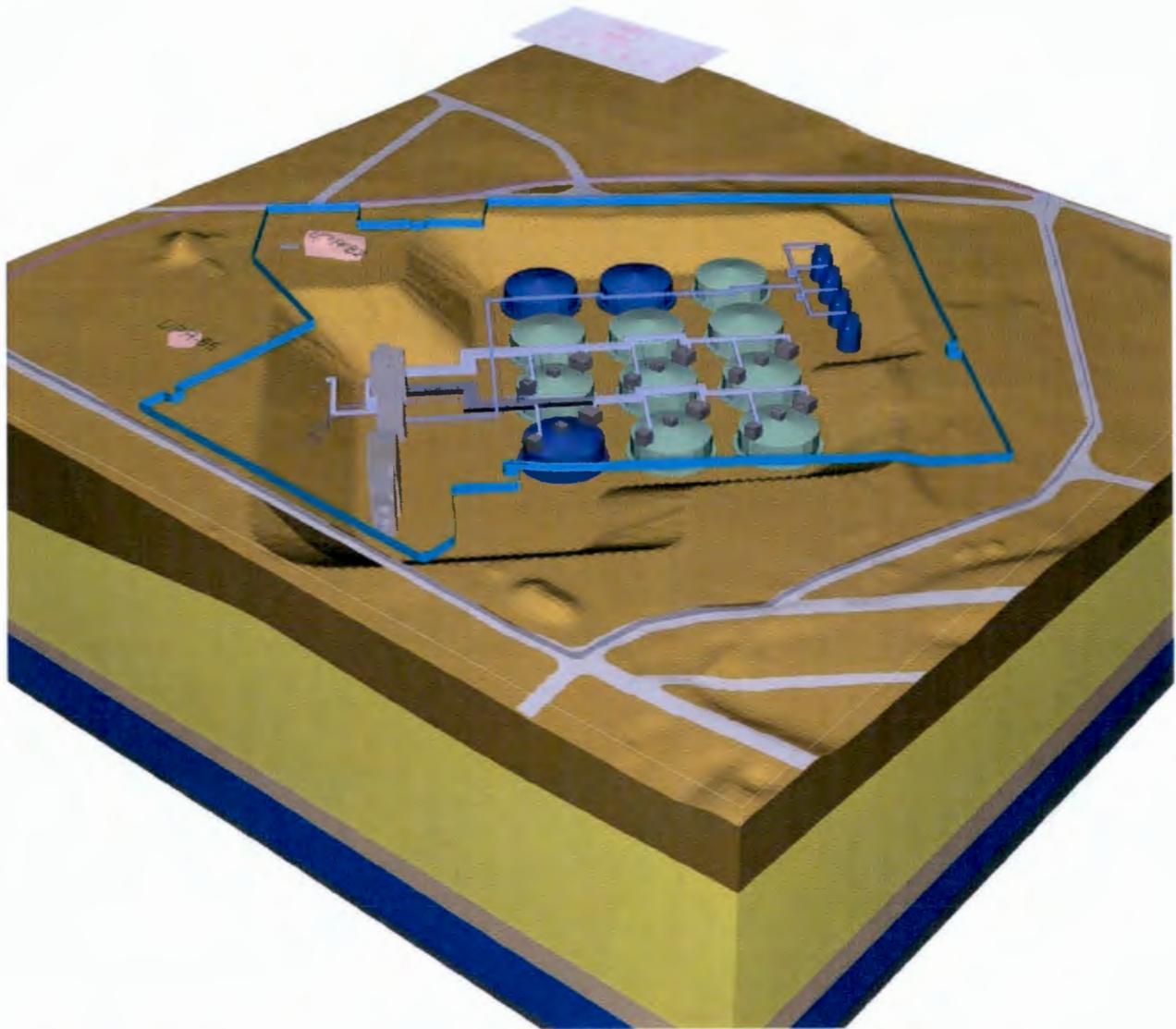
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 13 Currently, a particular leak event from this operation period is not known that could have been  
 14 the precursor to the current groundwater contamination. One point of entry into the unconfined  
 15 aquifer appears to be near the 299-E27-7 location. Therefore, groundwater has been impacted by  
 16 some waste releases in WMA C (RPP-35484 and DOE/RL-2008-01). However, evaluations of  
 17 groundwater contamination and remediation are not in the scope of this Phase 2 work plan.  
 18 Investigating groundwater contamination under WMA C is part of the 200-BP-5 groundwater  
 19 operable unit RI/FS conducted by DOE-RL (DOE/RL-2007-18, *Remedial Investigation/  
 20 Feasibility Study Work Plan for the 200-BP-5 Groundwater Operable Unit*).

### 21 3.2.3 Three-Dimensional Physical Representation of WMA C

22 For this work plan, a three-dimensional computer representation of WMA C using the data  
 23 collected to date was prepared. Figure 3-7 is one view from a three-dimensional representation  
 24 of WMA C. The complete three-dimensional model was imported into an Adobe® Portable  
 25 Document Format<sup>8</sup> (PDF) that allows any user with Adobe Reader to use Adobe's  
 26 three-dimensional tool to manipulate the model (e.g., rotate, zoom, pan, add layers, etc.)

<sup>8</sup> Adobe® Portable Document Format is a registered trademark of Adobe Systems Incorporated, San Jose, California.

1 **Figure 3-7. Three-Dimensional Computer Representation of WMA C**



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3 The model includes the following:

- 4 a. WMA C fenceline, nearby roads, and the DQO boundary.
- 5 b. Topographic information major contour lines are every 2.5 m (shown in blue) and minor
- 6 contour lines (light green).
- 7 c. Major geologic units; click on the colors in the stratigraphic legend to add and remove
- 8 layers; contour lines are also provided for the top of each stratigraphic unit.
- 9 d. Infrastructure: SSTs (100-series, 200-series), CR vaults, most but not all diversion boxes,
- 10 and major pipelines.
- 11 e. Contaminant concentrations for  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Co}$ , nitrate, and  $^{99}\text{Tc}$ . Cesium-137 and  $^{60}\text{Co}$
- 12 measurements were collected as part of the spectral gamma logging efforts of the late

1 1990s (GJO-HAN-92, GJO-98-39-TAR, GJO-98-39-TARA), while the nitrate and <sup>99</sup>Tc  
 2 were measured from samples taken as part of the Phase 1 characterization activities.

3 f. A set of predetermined views.

4  
 5 The model along with instructions for manipulating the model is included in Appendix C.  
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### 8 3.3 CONCEPTUAL MODELS

9 The National Research Council in "Conceptual Models of Flow and Transport in the Fractured  
 10 Vadose Zone," (NRC 2001) defines a conceptual model as "... an evolving hypothesis  
 11 identifying the important features, processes, and events controlling fluid flow and contaminant  
 12 transport of consequence at a specific field site in the context of a recognized problem."  
 13 Furthermore, Dr. Eileen Poerter (Colorado School of Mines), while giving the 2006 Darcy  
 14 Lecture for the National Groundwater Association, recommended using "multiple working  
 15 hypotheses" (alternative conceptual models) when studying complex geohydrologic systems.  
 16 This section provides an overview of the alternative conceptual models supporting the DQO  
 17 process for the Phase 2 characterization data needed for the WMA C CMS. As more data are  
 18 collected during the Phase 2 characterization activities, these conceptual models will be updated  
 19 and revised as necessary.  
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21 With regard to the unintentional discharge of waste from SST farm infrastructure into the  
 22 subsurface at various waste management areas on the Central Plateau, the nature and extent of  
 23 contaminant release and subsequent migration have been conceptualized in terms of the source  
 24 term properties (e.g., contaminant inventory and release mechanisms), the driving forces that  
 25 move contaminants (e.g., recharge rates) and the properties of the medium through which  
 26 contaminants move (e.g., subsurface stratigraphy). The following discussion emphasizes the  
 27 variability of key factors over time (e.g., the local water flux controlling contaminant migration  
 28 can vary by orders of magnitude when considering the leak event, operational recharge events,  
 29 and long-term recharge through an engineered cover). Similarly, some critical factors may differ  
 30 depending on the location (e.g., variability in operational fluid discharges at one WMA versus  
 31 another that contact and move contaminants in the subsurface).

#### 32 3.3.1 Alternative 1: Phase 1 Conceptual Model

33 This model is documented in Chapter 16 and Appendix A of DOE/ORP-2008-01 and was  
 34 derived from process records, gross gamma logging information collected from the 1960s  
 35 through the 1990s,<sup>9</sup> spectral gamma data collected in the late 1990s to early 2000s,<sup>10</sup> and the data

<sup>9</sup> See reports on analysis of historical gross gamma data (HNF-3136, HNF-3531, HNF-3532, HNF-3831, HNF-4220, HNF-5433, RPP-6088, RPP-6353, RPP-7729, RPP-8321, RPP-8820, RPP-8821).

<sup>10</sup> See DOE's Grand Junction Office reports and Associated Addendum: Vadose Zone Characterization Project at the Hanford Tank Farms: DOE/ID/12584-268, DOE/ID/12584-268A, GJO-96-2-TAR, GJO-96-2-TARA, GJO-97-13-TAR, GJO-97-13-TARA, GJO-97-14-TAR, GJO-97-14-TARA, GJO-97-1-TAR, GJO-97-1-TARA, GJO-97-30-TAR, GJO-97-30-TARA, GJO-97-31-TAR, GJO-97-31-TARA, GJO-98-39-TAR, GJO-98-39-TARA, GJO-98-40-TAR, GJO-98-40-TARA, GJO-98-64-TAR, GJO-98-64-TARA, GJO-99-101-TAR, GJO-99-101-TARA, GJO-99-113-TAR, GJO-99-113-TARA.

1 collected during the Phase 1 characterization efforts conducted from 2000 to 2007.<sup>11</sup> One of the  
2 primary goals of the Phase 1 characterization effort was to understand the relationship of the  
3 inventory of contaminants (that adversely impact groundwater) observed in the vadose zone to  
4 the concentrations of those contaminants in the groundwater. To accomplish this, the Phase 1  
5 characterization effort collected soil samples at major leaks within a WMA with known high  
6 <sup>137</sup>Cs concentrations (10,000,000 pCi/g) in the nearby soils to find depth of the mobile  
7 contaminants (i.e., <sup>99</sup>Tc, nitrate, etc.) based on the relationship between <sup>137</sup>Cs and <sup>99</sup>Tc in the  
8 fission process (i.e., if high <sup>137</sup>Cs is present, then <sup>99</sup>Tc should also be present, but deeper because  
9 <sup>99</sup>Tc does not adsorb onto the soil).

10  
11 The complete Phase 1 conceptual model is described in DOE/ORP-2008-01 (Appendix A).  
12 Rather than evaluating individual leaks sequentially, the summary discussion in Appendix A is  
13 oriented toward comparisons of similar information related to several leak events where possible,  
14 particularly the larger leaks that are more completely characterized. The purpose of these  
15 comparisons is to emphasize and describe those key characteristics and processes that are  
16 common to all leak events and therefore are indicative of systematic behavior. At the same time,  
17 it is important to keep in mind that each tank waste release site is unique in some way and that  
18 site-specific factors not emphasized in this general discussion may provide significant impacts to  
19 contaminant behavior in the subsurface. These factors, which must be determined from site-  
20 specific evaluation, may result in more refined or alternative conceptual models that are most  
21 appropriate for a given site.

22  
23 At a summary level, the following key characteristics and processes in Sections 3.3.1.1 through  
24 3.3.1.4 are concluded to be the primary components of the conceptual model and common to all  
25 major tank leak events.

### 26 **3.3.1.1 Initial Leak Period**

- 27 a. Unintentional discharges of tank waste were events that occurred because waste transfer  
28 pipelines and storage tanks were compromised and allowed waste releases to the  
29 subsurface. The primary degrading waste storage conditions of tanks were overheating  
30 and overfilling.
- 31 b. Following release into the vadose zone, waste fluids increased ambient moisture content  
32 and perturbed the local geochemical conditions at the point of entry and beyond. Natural  
33 physical and chemical processes sometime after the leak event began to eliminate these  
34 perturbations.
- 35 c. Waste fluids were distributed rapidly over limited areas of the vadose zone until ambient  
36 moisture contents were essentially restored. Key characteristics and processes were  
37 unsaturated flow and lateral migration that resulted from hydrogeologic controls.  
38 Consequently, waste contacted an expanded vadose zone volume compared to the initial  
39 volume of the released waste.

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<sup>11</sup> See Field Investigation Reports (RPP-7884, RPP-10098, RPP-23752, DOE/ORP-2008-01 Appendixes L and M, RPP-35484 and RPP-35485).

- 1 d. Chemical reactions between tank waste fluid and the vadose zone soil-water system  
2 occurred as waste fluids were distributed in the vadose zone. Key characteristics and  
3 processes were moderation of the high local elevated pH conditions typical of tank waste  
4 fluids and sorption/precipitation/desorption of reactive contaminants onto soil surfaces.  
5 In some cases, tank waste chemistry altered the reactivity of specific contaminants  
6 relative to their behavior under ambient conditions [notably, for waste with high sodium  
7 content (SX-108), <sup>137</sup>Cs mobility was temporarily enhanced]. By the time ambient  
8 moisture content was essentially reestablished, contaminants were variably distributed in  
9 the vadose zone volume contacted by tank waste, depending on their reactivity.  
10 Maximum distribution occurred for nonreactive constituents (e.g., <sup>106</sup>Ru, <sup>99</sup>Tc, and  
11 nitrate).

### 12 3.3.1.2 Current Conditions

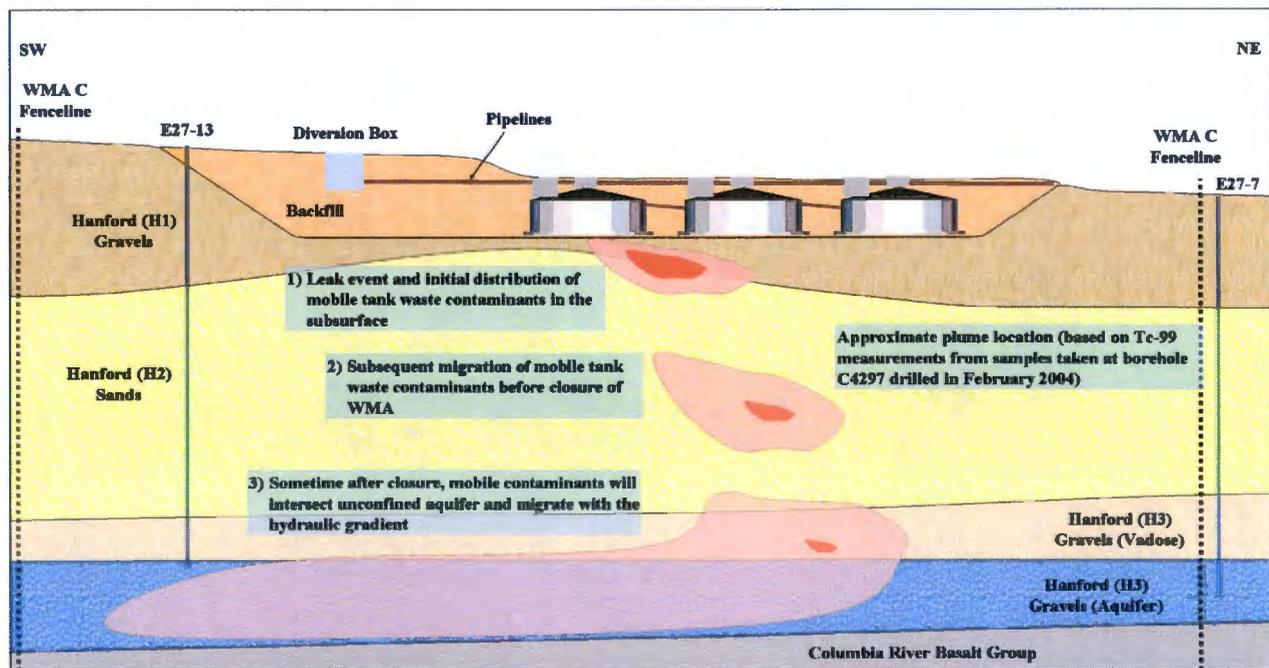
- 13 a. Following the initial waste fluid release and distribution into the vadose zone, lateral and  
14 vertical waste migration continued, but controlling physical and chemical processes  
15 changed in some respects. Migration was driven by local recharge conditions that were  
16 dictated by the permeability of the gravel/sand fill that covers the SST system in the tank  
17 farm. Chemical reactions continued that were primarily controlled by the ambient  
18 environment.
- 19 b. To date, observable migration has occurred only for nonreactive to slightly reactive  
20 contaminants (mostly nitrate and <sup>99</sup>Tc and to a lesser extent <sup>60</sup>Co, chromium, and  
21 uranium, where present). The exception to this observation is at the SX-108 leak where  
22 enhanced <sup>137</sup>Cs mobility occurred due to the presence of high sodium concentrations in  
23 the tank waste (RPP-10098, *Field Investigation Report for Waste Management*  
24 *Area B-BX-BY*). Under these conditions, sodium sorbs preferential on soil phase sorption  
25 sites.
- 26 c. Under natural recharge conditions through a gravel cover, vertical migration rates of  
27 1 to 3 ft/year in the Hanford formation of the vadose zone for <sup>60</sup>Co have been observed at  
28 a few dry wells in WMAs C and B-BX-BY, most notably at dry wells 22-03-09,  
29 22-06-05 (HNF-3532, *Analysis of Historical Gross Gamma Logging Data from BY Tank*  
30 *Farm*) and 30-08-02 (RPP-8321).
- 31 d. A total of 11 characterization boreholes were installed during the Phase 1 characterization  
32 activities. Technetium-99 was found approximately between 85 ft bgs and 150 bgs for  
33 the 200 West WMAs and 130 to 170 ft bgs for the 200 East WMAs  
34 (DOE/ORP-2008-01). Drilling depths ranged from 115 ft bgs in TX tank farm to  
35 264 ft bgs in B tank farm and were sufficient to reach and in some cases pass through a  
36 maximum concentration zone where <sup>99</sup>Tc concentrations at the deepest location were one  
37 or more orders of magnitude below the highest recorded values in the borehole. Based on  
38 these analyses, the bulk of the inventory for <sup>99</sup>Tc is inferred to still reside in the vadose  
39 zone, approximately 70 to 150 ft above the unconfined aquifer. However, mobile tank  
40 waste contaminants (e.g., <sup>99</sup>Tc, NO<sub>3</sub>) have impacted groundwater as indicated by  
41 groundwater monitoring well analysis.
- 42 e. The lower CCU is present in the 200 West Area but not in the 200 East Area.

3.3.1.3 Future Conditions

- a. Future migration rates are expected to diminish if an engineered barrier is installed. If installed, an engineered barrier is expected to reduce recharge rates from approximately 100 mm/y to much less than 1.0 mm/yr for some time (PNNL-14744). This rate may experience an eventual small increase with barrier degradation. Ambient chemical conditions will be maintained and only highly mobile or slightly retarded contaminants ( $K_d < 0.6$  mL/g) will reach the unconfined aquifer in a period of several thousand years. For those mobile contaminants currently in the shallow vadose zone, significant increases in travel time and reductions in peak groundwater concentrations relative to current conditions are projected.
- b. For those contaminants deeper in the vadose zone, the engineered barrier is less effective, and if no remedial actions take place, the inventory of nonreactive contaminants in the vadose zone will continue to migrate to the unconfined aquifer causing the ground concentrations to rise and to peak over the maximum contaminant level (MCL) sometime in the future (RPP-7884, *Field Investigation Report for Waste Management Area S-SX*; RPP-10098; RPP-23752, *Field Investigation Report for Waste Management Areas T and TX-TY*; DOE/ORP-2005-01).

These general periods are shown as different plume locations in Figure 3-8. The depicted plumes can be considered as the distribution of highly mobile contaminants that always migrate with the waste fluid. The data and analytical results collected during Phase 1 characterization indicates the bulk of the contaminant inventory remains in the vadose zone.

Figure 3-8. Alternative 1: Phase 1 Conceptual Model



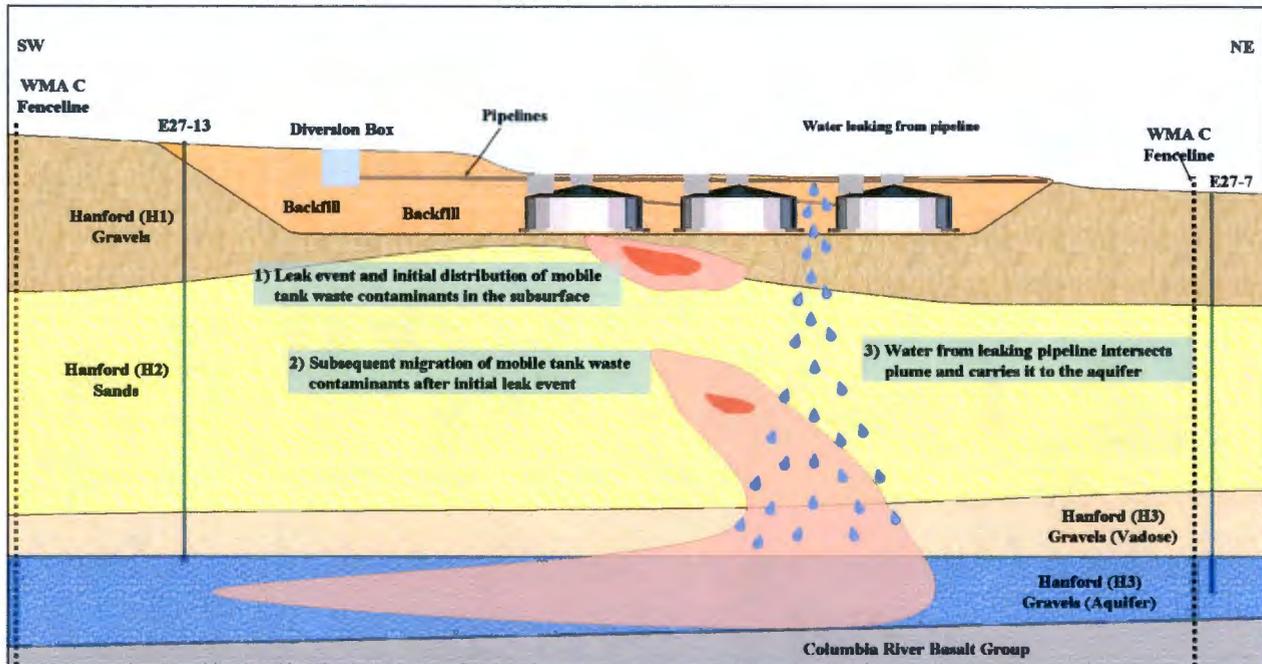
#### 3.3.1.4 Importance of Water as a Driving Force

Despite the measurement of the highest levels of nonreactive to slightly reactive contaminants (<sup>99</sup>Tc, chromium, nitrate, and cyanide) in the vadose zone approximately 70 to 120 ft above the water table, groundwater monitoring data from wells near waste management area fencelines indicate that some tank waste has reached the aquifer in discrete locations, notably on the southern side of the SX Farm, the east side of S Farm, the northeastern corner of the T Farm and, east of BX Farm and south of C Farm. These sites are noted for high <sup>99</sup>Tc concentrations (above the MCL of 900 pCi/L) in nearby groundwater monitoring wells and high uranium concentrations (above the MCL of 30 µg/L) at BX Farm as well. If these contaminants were initially present in leaked tank waste, the conceptual model described above must be expanded to include these observations.

Examination of site-specific conditions at the WMAs suggests a mechanism that explains these observations. This mechanism is enhanced recharge of raw water or waste water by one or more of the following: (1) localized unintentional releases from leaking pipelines, (2) flooding of the tank farm due to rapid snow melting, and/or (3) intentional releases from nearby cribs, trenches, and ditches. The following are specific examples of known enhanced recharge within the WMAs:

- a. At the southeast corner of SX Farm, a several year period of steady water loss from an operating raw water pipeline (pipes are not routinely monitored at all and normal construction specifications allow minimal leakage rates) in the early 1990s was indicated by sustained growth of a tree at that location. Also, during field characterization, the moisture content in sediments retrieved from a nearby borehole was anomalously high, suggesting recent additions of water to the vadose zone locally (RPP-7884). Enhanced recharge (RPP-7884, Appendix E and Attachment E3; DOE/ORP-2005-01) through a vadose zone area previously contaminated by tank waste would accelerate the migration rate of mobile contaminants in the vadose zone and in several instances has apparently driven these contaminants completely through the vadose zone and into the nearby unconfined aquifer (see Figure 3-9).
- b. Water losses of several gallons per minute for several years above a vadose zone contaminated by tank waste could result in effective recharge rates well above average recharge rates from precipitation of about 100 mm (4 in.) per year. For example, if a pipe joint leak occurs at the rate of 0.5 gpm, the yearly volume output is 262,800 gal. If this fluid volume migrates through a flux plane of 100 m<sup>2</sup>, the equivalent annual volume discharge from ambient recharge of 100 mm/yr would be 2642 gal. Thus, the leak recharge rate is effectively 100 times the ambient recharge rate. This differential can quickly increase with higher leak rates and/or distribution over smaller flux planes.
- c. At T Farm, there was a large snow melt event in February 1979, which created temporary ponding over the farm followed by rapid infiltration into the subsurface. At that time, the drywells were not grouted to 90 ft and could have provided preferential pathways for vertical migration to that depth (RPP-23752). Flooding events probably occurred at other tank farms in the past during site operations. In 2001 and 2002, interim measures were conducted to mitigate flooding on tank farms.

1 **Figure 3-9. Expanded Phase 1 Conceptual Model Accounting for Artificial Recharge due**  
 2 **to Pipeline Leak**  
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- 6 d. Large intentional discharges of raw water or waste water occurred in cribs, trenches, and
- 7 ditches close to WMAs B-BX-BY and U. WMA B-BX-BY is bounded on the west and
- 8 north by cribs that have received approximately 30,000,000 gal of liquid effluent. At this
- 9 location, a perched water table is observed approximately 220 to 240 ft bgs. If tank waste
- 10 as it travels through the vadose zone encounters a perched water table, the perched water
- 11 table will impact when and where contaminants from the vadose zone will enter the
- 12 unconfined aquifer. At WMA U, the 216-U-14 trench is located to the east, while
- 13 216-Z-20 trench is located west to the West. Large volumes of water (~346,000,000 gal)
- 14 were discharged to these trenches of water during their operational lifetime. Perching
- 15 occurred on top of the CCU and elevated moisture content was observed in the vadose
- 16 zone at WMA U (DOE/ORP-2008-01, Appendix M; RPP-35485, *Field Investigation*
- 17 *Report for Waste Management Area U*). Intentional discharges to cribs, ditches, and
- 18 trenches ceased in the mid-1990s.

19 It is inferred from these observations that when enhanced recharge encounters preexisting tank

20 waste in the vadose zone, this preexisting tank waste can be transported to the unconfined

21 aquifer. Because of the detrimental impact of enhanced recharge in the tank farms, a series of

22 interim corrective actions (Section 3.5) have been implemented to prevent enhanced recharge.

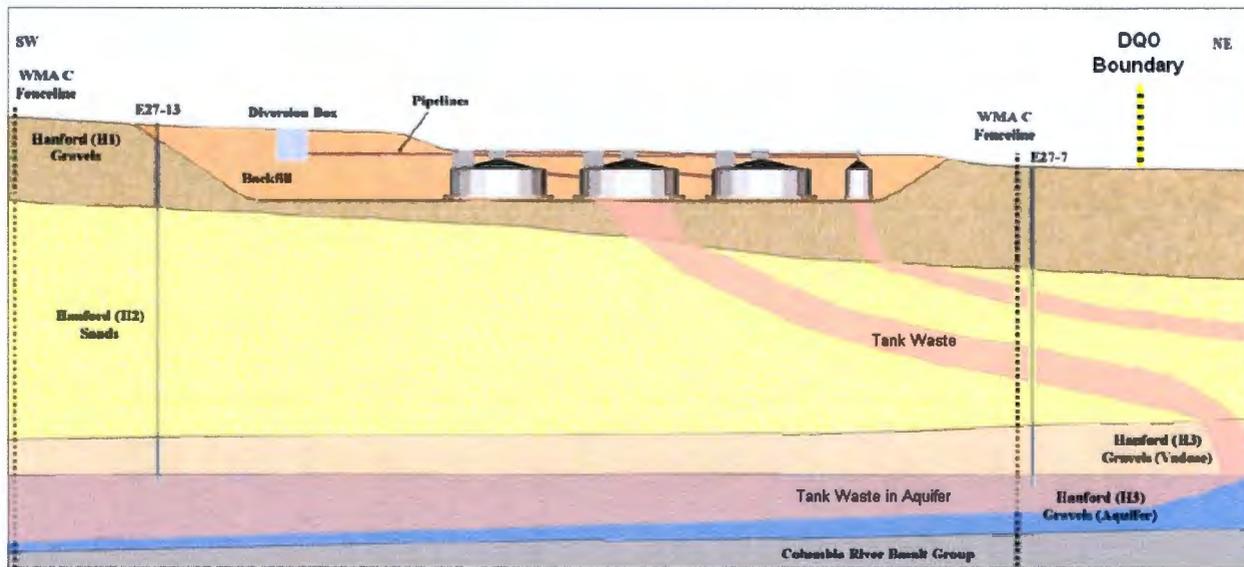
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**3.3.2 Alternative 2: Movement of Contaminants Down Stratigraphic Dip Conceptual Model**

Dr. Stan Sobczyk has provided an updated depiction of the 2007 conceptual model (see Figure 3-10). Dr. Sobczyk bases this conceptual model on the following:

- a. Tank and/or pipelines leak.
- b. Tank waste migrates primarily vertically through backfill and H1 gravels.
- c. Tank waste and moisture migrates primarily laterally through the H2 sands following stratigraphic dip.
- d. Tank waste migrates primarily vertically through the coarser material in the lower H2 and H3 gravels until it reaches groundwater.
- e. Tank waste is denser than groundwater and sinks in the aquifer as it is transported to the southwest under the tank farm.

**Figure 3-10. Alternative 2: Movement of Contaminants down Stratigraphic Dip Conceptual Model**



Dr. Sobczyk has suggested a similar conceptual model for the release from BX-102 for the movement of uranium from the BX-102 overfill event. The conceptual model provided by Dr. Sobczyk is being used in the DQO process for the Phase 2 characterization efforts at WMA C, which will include sampling to assess this conceptual model as discussed in Section 4.4.2.

**3.3.3 Alternative 3: Preferential Pathways Conceptual Model**

Preferential pathways have been hypothesized as a method of moving contaminants through the vadose zone. These are typically small-scale features with physical properties that can enhance the movement of contaminants vertically downward through the vadose zone. The ones cited

1 most frequently at Hanford are poorly constructed wells and/or clastic dikes. Of these two  
2 features, the poorly constructed well would likely be associated with larger void spaces and  
3 therefore allow a greater migration rate.

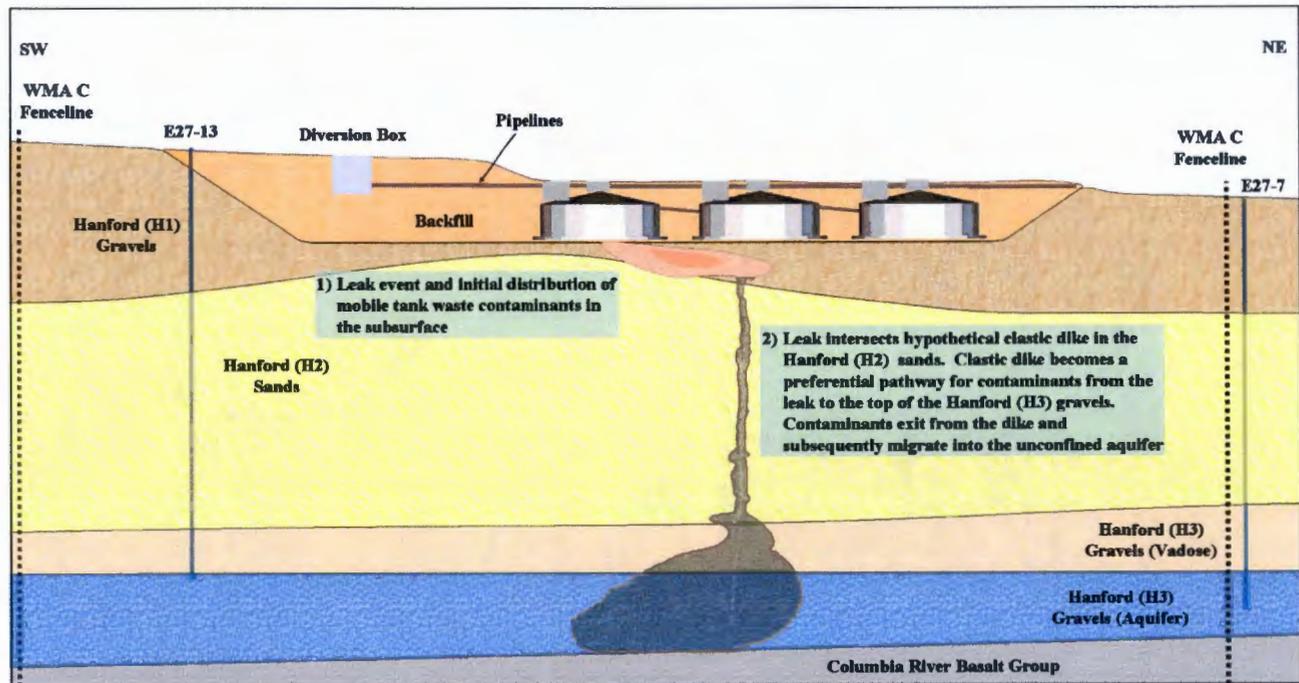
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5 Poorly constructed wells might allow the contaminant to move vertically downward between the  
6 casing and the surrounding media. However, at tank farms, the depth of almost all drywells  
7 within the tank farms is 100 ft bgs, while groundwater is 230 to 300 ft bgs. Therefore, it is  
8 unlikely that a poorly constructed drywell within a tank farm is providing a preferential pathway  
9 all the way to groundwater. On the other hand, in some locations nearby groundwater  
10 monitoring wells extend to the aquifer and could have provided a sufficient pathway for aquifer  
11 contamination. This may have occurred in WMA B-BX-BY where some <sup>99</sup>Tc and uranium from  
12 the BX-102 leak may have reached the unconfined aquifer.

13  
14 Clastic dikes are common structures that occur in many geologic units in the Pasco Basin and  
15 vicinity (BHI-01103, *Clastic Injection Dikes of the Pasco Basin and Vicinity – Geologic Atlas*  
16 *Series*). Clastic dikes are tabular and tapered intrusive bodies that are composed of continental  
17 clastic sediments. BHI-01103 contains a photograph (Figure 9-44 on p. 9-55) of irrigation on top  
18 of a clastic dike. In this photograph, water can be seen moving down the clastic dike until it  
19 reached the bottom of the dike, at which point, water began spreading laterally and vertically.  
20 This photograph illustrates the potential for clastic dikes to become preferential pathways.  
21 However, it should be noted that BHI-01103 in describing this clastic dike noted the following:

- 22  
23
- 24 • *The highest observed hydraulic infiltration within an infilling unit was in a*  
25 *random occurrence dike network located in Lind Coulee east of Warden,*  
*Washington (32 km north of the Pasco Basin).*
  
  - 26 • *The rate of moisture movement was not measured, but water could be*  
27 *observed moving down the dike at rates estimated at least 10 times the rates*  
28 *observed in other dikes in this study. The clastic dike acted as a conduit to*  
29 *transmit soil moisture downward through a preferential pathway to the base*  
30 *of the dike before spreading out into the host sediments.*
  
  - 31 • *The very high moisture velocity in the infilling unit that was observed is due to*  
32 *the unconsolidated, well-sorted nature of the sediments. The characteristics*  
33 *of this infilling unit are unique compared to infilling units observed in the*  
34 *Pasco Basin and vicinity.*

35 Clastic dikes have been noted in the vicinity of all tank farms. However, due to the small-scale  
36 nature of these features, it is not possible to address this conceptual model in the DQO process  
37 for Phase 2 characterization, but movement down a hypothetical clastic dike can be captured in  
38 the CMS assessment of groundwater impacts. The likelihood of effectively locating, retrieving,  
39 and analyzing clastic dike materials is too small to successfully execute a dedicated  
40 characterization effort. Instead, modeling analyses must be relied on to evaluate the significance  
41 of this conceptual model as a mechanism for enhancing contaminant migration through the  
42 vadose zone. Figure 9-44, p. 9-55 of BHI-01103, was used to develop a conceptualization of  
43 contaminant movement down a clastic dike (Figure 3-11).

1 **Figure 3-11. Alternative 3: Preferential Pathways (Clastic Dikes) Conceptual Model**



5 **3.3.4 Alternative 4: Unknown Leak Event Conceptual Model**

6 Another possibility that could occur within a tank farm is a waste pipeline leak that did not  
 7 manifest itself at the surface. The transport of contaminants from a new source, such as an  
 8 unknown leak event, would follow one of the previous transport models.

9  
 10 Each WMA contains miles of pipeline; it is plausible that one or more of these pipelines leaked  
 11 without any knowledge of such a leak. These leaks, if they occurred, could lead to large volumes  
 12 (i.e., >30,000 gal) of waste discharged over a period of years resulting in localized volumes of  
 13 soil with elevated levels of tank waste contaminants. Figure 3-12 shows this conceptualization.

14  
 15 If it can be demonstrated that SGE can discriminate subsurface anomalies in the tank farm  
 16 environment, it may be possible to target specific areas that may be representative of this model.  
 17 A final determination of the application of SGE to help locate unknown leaks will be made  
 18 following the confirmation testing around UPR-81, UPR-82, and UPR-86.

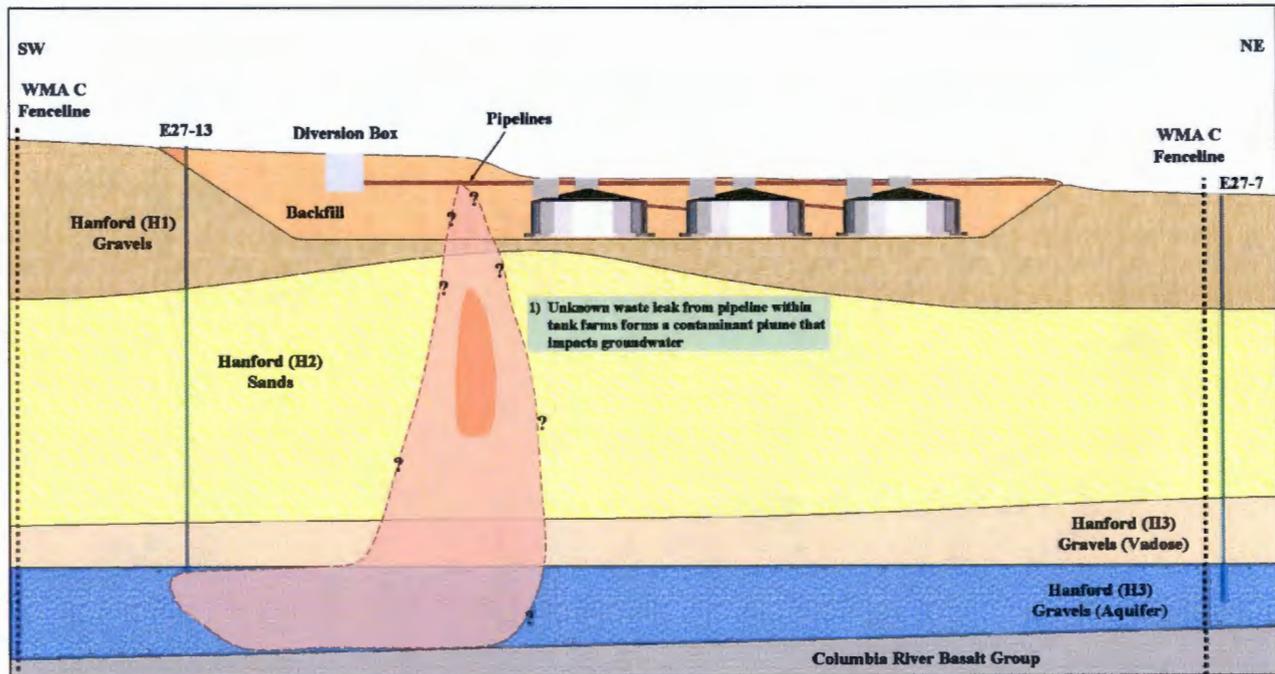
19 **3.3.5 Application of Conceptual Models to WMA C**

20 The generalized conceptual models for tank farm releases and migration through the vadose zone  
 21 can be further refined for WMA C based on known and suspected releases. These models can be  
 22 organized into five source term/location configurations:

- 23  
 24 a. Interior portions of the tank farm including the C-100-series tanks and associated  
 25 infrastructure.  
 26 b. C-200-series tanks and associated infrastructure.

- c. Pipelines and diversion boxes in the western portion of the tank farm.
- d. Pipelines and drains located outside of the tank farm.
- e. Airborne contaminated surface sites outside of the tank farm.

**Figure 3-12. Alternative 4: Unknown Leak Event Conceptual Model**



### 3.3.5.1 Conceptual Model for Interior Portions of the C Farm

The conceptual model for UPRs within the interior portion of C Farm includes consideration of the generalized conceptualization for alternative conceptual models 1, 2, and 4 and is based on information from characterization borehole C4297 located between C-104 and C-105. This borehole was drilled to a depth of 196 ft bgs with  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  being reported to a depth of 160 ft bgs. At this location, the bulk of the  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  inventory has not yet reached groundwater, because  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  was not detected below 160 ft. These data do not indicate that the C-105 leak caused this contamination as a likely source of high  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  concentration levels in the nearby unconfined aquifer. However, since no other sources of the high  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  levels outside of WMA C are readily inferred, at least one groundwater contamination source within or adjacent to WMA C must be considered, necessitating further characterization near the tanks. Other events at WMA C are potential sources for contamination of the groundwater. These events (e.g., tank leaks, overfilling tanks, and pipeline leaks) can be either known (tank C-101 overfill) events or unknown events.

The Phase 1 conceptual model and alternative conceptual models 1 and 3 capture the concept that the migration of contaminants may have had a stronger lateral migration and has reached groundwater. In addition, the possibility exists that within the interior of the tank farm of the

1 100-series tanks there is one or more unknown releases (model 4) that have occurred and  
2 migrated to at least 175 ft bgs and possibly to groundwater.

### 3 3.3.5.2 Conceptual Model for C-200-Series Tanks

4 This conceptual model is based on alternative conceptual models 1 and 2. This model is also  
5 based on the information associated with UPR-200-E-137 for C-203, which indicates that over a  
6 period of 2 to 3 years, precipitation apparently entered this tank and then leaked out in 1984.  
7 The volume of the leak has been estimated at 400 gal (HNF-EP-0182, *Waste Tank Summary*  
8 *Report for Month Ending June 30, 2008*) containing PUREX waste with the uranium and  
9 plutonium still present (RPP-15408). In addition, documents indicate that the C-200-series tanks  
10 may have been overfilled leading to a release through the spare inlet ports. This conceptual  
11 model assumes the potential that all four C-200 tanks may have released waste but in relatively  
12 small volumes; waste migration is attenuated by the small volume released, and it is expected  
13 that evidence of a leak would be detected below the tanks and that the waste has not yet migrated  
14 to groundwater.

### 15 3.3.5.3 Conceptual Model for 244-CR Vault, Pipelines, and Diversion Boxes in C Farm

16 This conceptual model for releases at these locations includes consideration of alternative  
17 conceptual models 1, 2, and 4; and is also based on information associated with UPR-82,  
18 UPR-86, UPR-81, and documented flooding of the 244-CR vault. This western portion of the  
19 C Farm conceptual model represents contaminant releases occurring in the upper regions of the  
20 vadose zone from pipeline leaks and documented flooding. In addition, the conceptual model for  
21 UPR-82 and UPR-86 includes consideration of contaminant migration being attenuated by the  
22 placement of gunite piles over these sites. As part of the Phase 1 characterization effort, a  
23 number of vertical and slant probeholes were drilled at UPR-82. The vertical probeholes were  
24 drilled to a depth of 30 ft bgs around the outer edges of the gunite pile over this pipeline leak,  
25 while the deepest slant probehole was drilled to a depth of 80 ft bgs directly under this location.  
26 Technetium-99 was found at this depth. Since the probehole did not penetrate through the <sup>99</sup>Tc  
27 contamination, further characterization at this location is warranted with the goal of penetrating  
28 through the <sup>99</sup>Tc contamination. Furthermore, a number of probeholes will be used to collect  
29 samples at UPR-81, near the CR vaults.

### 30 3.3.5.4 Conceptual Model for Near Surface, Shallow Releases Associated with C Farm

31 The conceptual model for these includes consideration alternative models 1, 2, and 4. This  
32 model is also based on information associated with the 216-C-8 French drain, 241-C-801 valve  
33 drain, UPR-72, and associated pipelines and drains.

34  
35 Although process records are incomplete, a minimum of 31,780 gal of treated 241-A TFPC was  
36 discharged to the 216-C-8 French drain from January 1960 through March 1965  
37 (Letter 7G420-MEJ-06-007). At the cesium loadout facility (241-C-801 building) located in the  
38 northeastern corner of the WMA C, cesium and technetium were loaded onto casks containing  
39 ion exchange resin. The origin of the waste was from C-104 and consisted of PUREX P1 and P2  
40 tank waste. The valve pit connected to the loadout facility had a drain line connected to a  
41 drywell drain outside of the tank farm fence. While no records have been located that provide  
42 information on volumes or types of waste that were potentially discharged to the drain from the

1 valve pit, the potential for discharges to have occurred exists. UPR-72 is assumed to be buried  
2 radioactive material.

3  
4 This conceptual model represents planned release sites that are known or suspected to have  
5 contributed to vadose zone contamination. Migration of contaminants could vary from little or  
6 no migration or to a depth of 160 ft or more. The potential for these releases to have reached  
7 groundwater is unknown because of the uncertainty in the volumes released and other  
8 influencing factors.

### 9 **3.3.5.5 Conceptual Model of Contaminated Surface Sites Associated with C Farm**

10 The conceptual model for these sites describes surface contamination. This model is based on  
11 information associated with UPR-200-E-16, UPR-200-E-27, UPR-200-E-68, UPR-91, UPR-107,  
12 UPR-115, and UPR-118. All represent surface contamination from airborne releases of small  
13 volumes, and the contamination is expected to be at or near the ground surface (<15 ft).

- 14
- 15 a. UPR-200-E-16 is a surface spill that resulted from a leak in an overground transfer  
16 pipeline between tanks C-105 and C-108. The surface spill associated with this release is  
17 located approximately 18 m (60 ft) northeast of tank C-105 and occurred in 1959. The  
18 spilled liquid was classified as coating waste from the PUREX process and was an  
19 estimated 50 gal.
  - 20
  - 21 b. UPR-200-E-27 is located just east of the 244-CR vault and extends east beyond the tank  
22 farm fenceline. DOE/RL-92-04 indicates the surface contamination was deposited in  
23 1960, but does not identify the source(s) of the contamination. However, the  
24 November 1960 monthly report for the Tank Farm Contractor states the particulate  
25 contamination was due to work in 241-C Farm diversion boxes and 244-CR vault  
26 (HW-67459, pages B-2 and B-3). Since the UN-200-E-27 release consisted of airborne  
27 particulate contamination, the impact was limited to the ground surface.
  - 28
  - 29 c. UPR-200-E-68 is wind-borne surface contamination spread from the 241-C-151  
30 diversion box. The release occurred in 1985 and was subsequently decontaminated to  
31 background radiation levels or covered with clean soil for later decontamination (the  
32 source document is inconclusive). Sometime after the release, the 241-C-151 diversion  
33 box was opened, flushed, and sprayed with Turco Fabriform<sup>12</sup> to physically fix  
34 contamination to the structure surface.
  - 35
  - 36 d. UPR-91 is located approximately 100 ft from the northeast side of the tank farm and  
37 resulted from surface contamination that migrated from WMA C. The contaminated area  
38 was scraped and contaminated material removed (DOE/RL-92-04).
  - 39
  - 40 e. UPR-107 is a surface spill located north of the 244-CR vault, inside WMA C.  
41 DOE/RL-92-04 states that a spill occurred on November 26, 1952, when a pump  
42 discharged an estimated 5 gal of liquid to the ground surface during a pump installation.  
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<sup>12</sup> Turco Fabriform is a registered trademark of Turco Products, Westminster, California.

- 1 f. UPR-115 is located east of C Farm, south of 8th Street, across an unnamed gravel road.  
 2 Routine radiological surveys confirm radiological contamination in this area. No surveys  
 3 can be found to provide information about the radiological conditions inside the posted  
 4 area. Very little is known about this posted area. In 1980, a larger area of posted  
 5 contamination was located in the same vicinity. The contaminated soil from  
 6 UPR-200-E-91 was removed in 1981. It is difficult to determine if the two sites are  
 7 related. In June 2004, 200-E-115 was stabilized with gravel and posted as an  
 8 Underground Radioactive Material Area.
- 9
- 10 g. UPR-200-E-118 is located in the northeast portion of the tank farm and extends north up  
 11 to about 300 m (1,000 ft) beyond the fenceline. It was the result of an airborne release  
 12 from C-107 that occurred in April 1957.
- 13

### 14 3.4 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

15 The Phase 2 master work plan provides the process for performance assessments in the RCRA  
 16 corrective action process. This process is governed by HFFACO, Appendix I, Section 2.5  
 17 (Ecology et al. 1989) which states that the performance assessment must address the  
 18 requirements in RCRA, HWMA, *Clean Water Act of 1972 (CWA)*, *Safe Drinking Water Act of*  
 19 *1974 (SDWA)*, and CERCLA, as well as the *Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA)*.

20

21 To meet RCRA, HWMA, CWA, SDWA, and CERCLA requirements, the performance  
 22 assessment evaluates the impacts associated with contaminants in the soils based on reasonable  
 23 maximum exposure<sup>13</sup> from possible future land use options (e.g., residential, industrial) for  
 24 groundwater and direct contact exposure pathways, as well as ecological risk receptors.  
 25 Furthermore, it provides estimates of media cleanup standards (OSWER Directive 9902.3-2A)  
 26 for scenarios where risks exceed performance objectives and will be used for evaluating CMAs.

27

28 *Atomic Energy Act of 1954* requirements are met through DOE O 435.1, *Radioactive Waste*  
 29 *Management*, which requires the dose to representative members of the public for (1) all  
 30 exposure pathways and (2) air pathway be evaluated along with release of radon from the facility  
 31 (DOE M 435.1-1, *Radioactive Waste Management Manual*, Chap IV, Sections P 1A – 1C).

32

33 It is expected that the WMA C performance assessment will be divided into two major sections:  
 34 impacts to human health and impacts to the ecological environment. A summary of the approach  
 35 for calculating impacts to human health is provided in Section 3.4.1. This is a summary because  
 36 the methods and assumptions that will be used in WMA C PA will be determined through the  
 37 ongoing performance assessment working sessions started with Ecology, NRC, EPA, Tribal  
 38 Nations, and interested stakeholders that began in February 2009 after issuance of Revision 0 of  
 39 this document in December 2008. These agreements will take into account, as appropriate, the  
 40 assumptions and methodologies used by Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental  
 41 Impact Statement. The methodology and approach for calculating ecological risk is provided in  
 42 Section 3.4.2 and may be modified through the ongoing process started with Ecology, NRC,

<sup>13</sup> In WAC-173-340-708(3)(b): The reasonable maximum exposure is defined as the highest exposure that is reasonably expected to occur at a site under current and potential future site use.

1 EPA, Tribal Nations, and interested stakeholders to develop the scope, methods and assumptions  
2 of the performance assessment through a series of working sessions.

3  
4 The ecological risk approach follows guidance given in “Terrestrial Ecological Evaluation  
5 Procedures” (WAC 173-340-7490) and DOE-STD-1153-2002, *A Graded Approach for*  
6 *Evaluating Radiation Doses to Aquatic and Terrestrial Biota*, EPA/630/R-95/002F, *Guidelines*  
7 *for Ecological Risk Assessment*, EPA/540-R-97-006, *Ecological Risk Assessment Guidance for*  
8 *Superfund: Process for Designing and Conducting Ecological Risk Assessments (Interim Final)*,  
9 EPA 910-R-97-005, *EPA Region 10 Supplemental Ecological Risk Assessment Guidance for*  
10 *Superfund*. This approach is provided in Section 3.4.2.

### 12 3.4.1 Estimated Impacts to Human Health

13 After submittal to Ecology in December 2008 of Revision 0 of this document, a process was  
14 developed in February 2009 and is ongoing that addresses performance assessment scope,  
15 methods, and assumptions. The ongoing process started with Ecology, NRC, EPA, Tribal  
16 Nations, and interested stakeholders to develop the scope (conceptual exposure model,  
17 conceptual site model, selection of numerical codes, etc.) of the performance assessment through  
18 a series of working sessions or workshops will address various performance assessment  
19 attributes.

20  
21 The schedule for the working sessions is provided in Table 3-1.

22  
23 **Table 3-1. Proposed Schedule of Working Sessions**

Num.	Subject	Date
0.	Goal/Process	February 24 – 25, 2009
1.	Residual Inventory	May 5–7, 2009
2.	Assessment Context/General Conceptual Model	September 1– 3, 2009
3.	Soil Inventory	October 27– 29, 2009
4.	Man-made system #1 (detailed conceptual model, data) (recharge)	January 26– 29, 2010
5.	Cumulative Analysis	March30– April 1, 2010
6.	Natural system (detailed conceptual model, data)	May 25 – 27, 2010
7.	Man-made system #2 (detailed conceptual model, data) (recharge)	July 27 – 29, 2010
8.	Dosimetry (detailed conceptual model, data)	September 28 – 30, 2010
9.	Numeric codes (as well as topics not covered sufficiently above)	January 25 – 27, 2011
10.	Results from Initial Model Results (contents of Maintenance Plan)	August 30 – September 1, 2011
11.	Placeholder	October 25 –27, 2011
12.	Results from Final Model Results	January 24 – 26, 2012

1 The results from sampling and other characterization activities will be used to update the  
 2 contaminant distribution models or inventory models as needed and to support the performance  
 3 assessment. This work plan also will support the CMS decision-making process. This work plan  
 4 focuses on identifying and gathering the characterization information that will be needed for  
 5 evaluating the selection of the preferred remedy(ies) from the CMS alternatives. Results of the  
 6 characterization activities will be used for evaluating risk to potential receptors and for the CMS  
 7 alternative analyses. Results from sampling conducted under this workplan will support the  
 8 inventory models used in the performance assessment shown in Table 3-1. These models will  
 9 support the exposure models to be used in the performance assessment. Because of the multiple  
 10 requirements by multiple agencies, numerous exposure scenarios will be performed. The major  
 11 exposure scenarios are listed in respect to the responsible agency. The agencies are listed in  
 12 alphabetical order.

13  
 14 For DOE/ORP, the following exposure scenarios include:

- 15 ○ All pathway
- 16 ○ Air pathway
- 17 ○ Radon
- 18 ○ Inadvertent Human Intruder

19  
 20 Note: The all pathway includes groundwater and soil media related to ingestion, dermal contact,  
 21 and inhalation. These exposure scenarios are based on requirements in DOE O 435.1 and its  
 22 associated manual and guidance.

23  
 24 For EPA, the *Anticipated* Central Plateau Exposure Scenarios include:

- 25 ○ Rural Resident.
- 26 ○ Institutional Control (IC) Caretaker.
- 27 ○ Adult Recreational Trespasser.
- 28 ○ Youth Recreational Trespasser.
- 29 ○ Construction Worker.
- 30 ○ Two Tribal Subsistence Lifeways scenarios provided by the Yakama Nation and the  
 31 Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

32  
 33 These exposure scenarios are based on requirements in various EPA requirement and guidance  
 34 documents and designed to meet CERCLA requirements under the HFFACO.

- 35  
 36 ● Ecology
  - 37 ○ Unrestricted
  - 38 ○ Industrial

39  
 40 These exposure scenarios are based on requirements in *Model Toxics Control Act* (MTCA) and  
 41 its implementing requirements in WAC 173-340 and designed to fulfill RCRA requirements  
 42 under the HFFACO.

### 43 **3.4.2 Ecological Risk Assessment Approach**

44 Sections 3.4.2.1 through 3.4.2.5 describe the general approach for conducting the ecological risk  
 45 assessment (ERA) for WMA C. The ERA is an element of the CMS alternatives evaluation

1 process for all of the waste management areas associated with the SST farms. WMA C is the  
 2 first WMA to undergo implementation of corrective actions under the CMS. Information  
 3 developed under the ERA process will be used in the development and analysis of CMAs,  
 4 including the no-action alternative. To maintain consistency across the Hanford Site, the ERA  
 5 for WMA C will adopt relevant methodology and data that were used in the Central Plateau  
 6 ecological risk assessment (CPERA). This ecological risk assessment is not tiering off of the  
 7 CPERA, just adopting consistence methods to maintain consistency.

### 8 **3.4.2.1 Ecological Risk Assessment Requirements and Guidance**

9 The SST system at WMA C will require cleanup under both the RCRA TSD closure and RCRA  
 10 corrective action requirements. As part of RCRA corrective action, certain applicable  
 11 requirements of MTCA cleanup regulations (WAC 173-340) that are incorporated into the  
 12 WAC 173-303, "Dangerous Waste Regulations," including WAC 173-340-357, "Quantitative  
 13 Risk Assessment of Clean-Up Action Alternatives," must be followed. WAC 173-340-357  
 14 requires assessment of ecological risk as part of the determination of cleanup levels and remedial  
 15 action alternatives. The MTCA addresses hazardous chemicals but does not address the  
 16 radionuclide contaminants which are known to have been released into the environment at  
 17 WMA C. To address chemical and radiological ecological risks, the WMA ERAs will be  
 18 performed in accordance with two guidance documents:

- 19 a. WAC 173-340-7490, "Terrestrial Ecological Evaluation Procedures."
- 20 b. DOE-STD-1153-2002, *A Graded Approach for Evaluating Radiation Doses to Aquatic*  
 21 *and Terrestrial Biota.*
- 22 c. EPA/630/R-95/002F, *Guidelines for Ecological Risk Assessment.*
- 23 d. EPA/540-R-97-006, *Ecological Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Process for*  
 24 *Designing and Conducting Ecological Risk Assessments (Interim Final).*

#### 25 **3.4.2.1.1 Washington Administrative Code Terrestrial Ecological Evaluation Procedures.**

26 WAC 173-340-7490 prescribes a protocol for evaluating risks to terrestrial receptors from  
 27 chemical (nonradionuclide) constituents in soil. WAC 173-340-7490 establishes a tiered  
 28 approach for assessing risk and determining cleanup levels that are protective of terrestrial soil  
 29 biota, plants, and animals. Tiers are based on exclusions for certain types of sites, simplified  
 30 ecological evaluations, and site-specific evaluations. Site-specific terrestrial ecological  
 31 evaluation methodology (WAC 173-340-7493, "Site-specific terrestrial ecological evaluation  
 32 procedures") identifies a variety of methods that may be used to evaluate risks and determine  
 33 protective cleanup levels for terrestrial organisms. The process also has provisions for allowing  
 34 certain sites to "exit" from further consideration if specified criteria are met.

35 **3.4.2.1.2 DOE Graded Approach for Evaluating Radionuclides.** The International Atomic  
 36 Energy Agency (IAEA) has concluded that chronic radiation doses below 0.1 rad/day will not  
 37 harm terrestrial animal populations, and that chronic dose rates below 1 rad/day are unlikely to  
 38 have an adverse effect on terrestrial plants or aquatic biota (IAEA, *Effects of Ionizing Radiation*  
 39 *on Plants and Animals at Levels Implied by Current Radiation Protection Standards*).

1 DOE-STD-1153-2002 was developed to address risks of radiation doses to aquatic and terrestrial  
2 biota based on the IAEA dose standards. DOE-STD-1153-2002 provides a graded approach to  
3 ecological risk evaluation and contains Level 1 biota concentration guides (BCG) for  
4 radionuclides in soil, sediment, and water that equal the 0.1 and 1 rad/day threshold dose levels.  
5 For exposure to multiple radionuclides, the technical standard uses the sum of the fractions (i.e.,  
6 sum of the fractional dose contributions from each radionuclide) to calculate the total dose. The  
7 Level 1 screening methodology is used primarily to prioritize actions for sites with the greatest  
8 potential for generating adverse effects. If the calculated dose is greater than the BCG for a  
9 given radionuclide, the initial screening level has been exceeded, indicating that the second step,  
10 a site-specific evaluation, should be performed.

11  
12 The software program RESRAD-BIOTA (Version 1.21, ANL 2006) was developed as the  
13 calculation tool that is currently approved, updated, and supported for implementing  
14 DOE-STD-1153-2002. The code serves as the DOE's "next generation" biota dose evaluation  
15 tool and duplicates the Level 1 screening (i.e., BCGs) and analysis methods contained in  
16 DOE-STD-1153-2002. RESRAD-BIOTA is the most current and extensive source of BCGs.

17  
18 The BCGs, calculation tools, and general methodology for evaluating the risk from radionuclide  
19 exposures to ecological receptors will be used for radionuclide evaluation in the WMA C ERA.

#### 20 **3.4.2.2 Summary of Ecological Risk Assessment Approach**

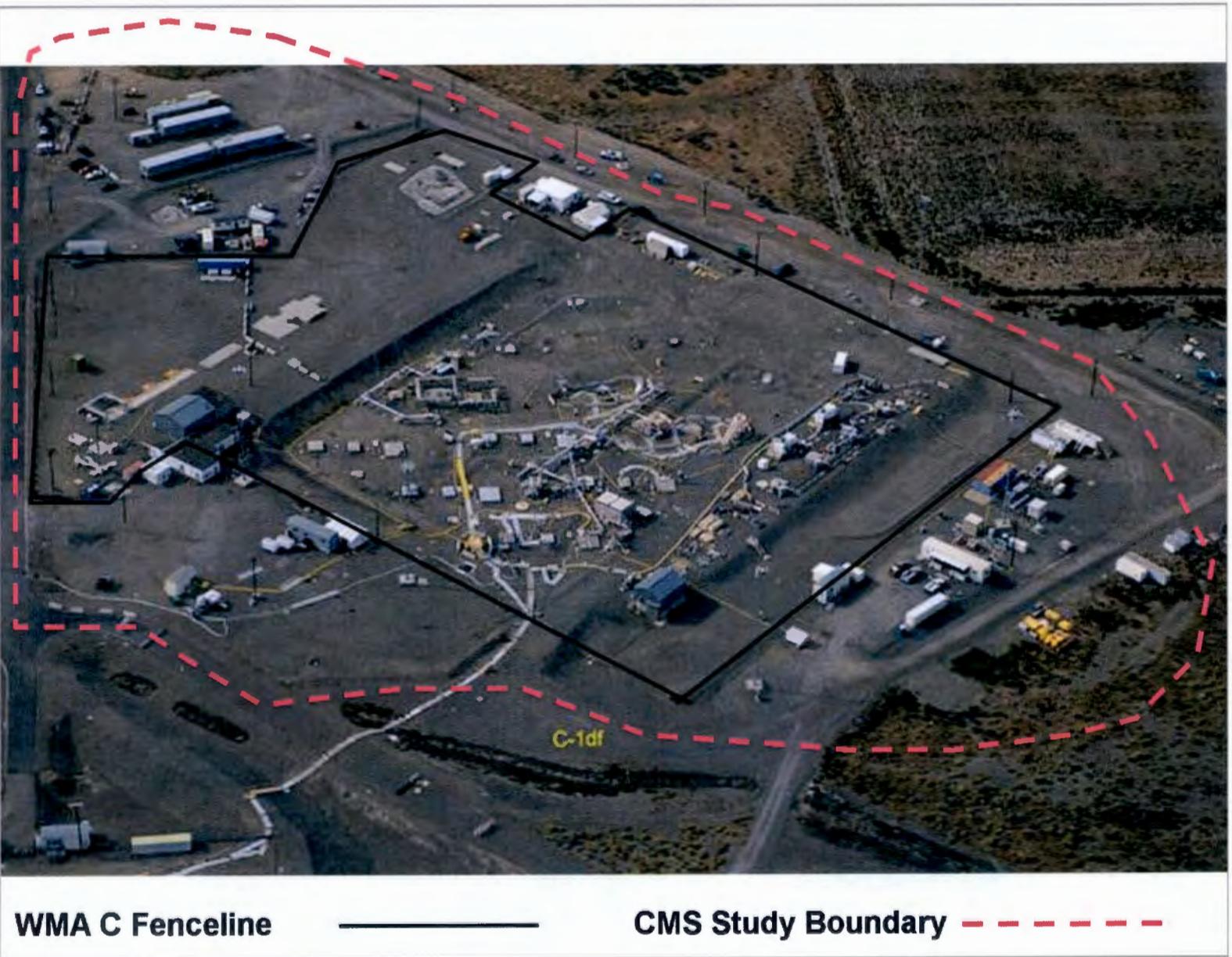
21 The geographical scope of the WMA C ERA will generally be defined as the WMA C proper  
22 plus a buffer area with a 100-m width outside of the fenceline (Figure 3-13). This is also known  
23 as the "CMS Boundary." The areas inside the WMA C fenceline are currently managed such  
24 that there is no viable habitat by using herbicides and pesticides on a regular basis and fences are  
25 placed around the perimeter to keep larger animals out of the WMAs, including WMA C (see  
26 Section 2.2). However, adjacent areas outside of the fence offer potential habitat that could  
27 support receptor species. Current conditions outside the fenceline may be indicators of future  
28 colonizing species and receptors.

29  
30 The purpose of the WMA C ERA is to

- 31 a. Evaluate potential threats to the terrestrial and aquatic environment from releases of  
32 hazardous substances (chemicals and radionuclides) associated specifically with  
33 WMA C.
- 34 b. Determine whether a release of hazardous substances to soil may pose a threat to the  
35 terrestrial environment.
- 36 c. Characterize existing or potential threats to plants or animals exposed to hazardous  
37 substances in soil.
- 38 d. Establish site-specific cleanup standards, as applicable.
- 39 e. Facilitate selection of a corrective action by developing information necessary to conduct  
40 evaluations of CMAs.

41  
42 Documentation resulting from the ERA for WMA C will ultimately guide development and  
43 implementation of corrective measures at WMA C and other SST WMAs.

1 **Figure 3-13. Aerial Photograph of WMA C Facility Boundary (Black).**  
2 (Geographical extent of the ERA will include habitat within 100 m  
3 outside of the facility boundary)  
4



### 3.4.2.3 Implementation of Ecological Risk Assessment Approach

The ERA approach for WMA C (as well as the other SST WMAs) is guided by WAC 173-340-7490. Specifically, WAC 173-340-7493 will be used.

There are two elements in planning a site-specific terrestrial ecological evaluation. Both elements are performed in consultation with and approval by Ecology. The two elements are the following:

- a. Completing the problem formulation step.
- b. Selecting one or more methods under WAC 173-340-7493(3) for addressing risks identified in the problem formulation step.

**3.4.2.3.1 Problem Formulation.** Ecological risk assessment problem formulation identifies the chemicals of ecological concern, the exposure pathways, terrestrial receptors of concern, and includes a toxicological assessment in accordance with WAC 173-340-7493(2)(a)(i) through (iv). Each of these elements of the problem formulation are briefly described in the following. Also included to meet EPA guidance is assessment of aquatic receptors of concern as it relates to WMA C.

**Identification of Chemicals of Ecological Concern.** WAC 173-340-7493 identifies hazardous substances of concern that should be considered in a site-specific terrestrial ecological evaluation. Metals, pesticides, chlorinated organics, nonchlorinated organics, and petroleum are identified as priority constituents in Table 749-3 of WAC 173-340-900, "Tables" "Model toxics control act—cleanup." Priority constituents identified in Table 749-3 (WAC 173-340-900) that are expected to be present as a result of a release of tank waste to soil within the 0 to 4.6 m (0 to 15 ft) depth will be evaluated in the ERA.

Based on process knowledge and existing radiological survey or soil characterization data, radionuclides are known to be present within WMA C. DOE-STD-1153-2002 will be used to evaluate compliance with specified limits on radiation dose to populations of terrestrial biota. Specifically, DOE-STD-1153-2002 provides dose evaluation methods that can be used to meet the requirements for protection of biota in DOE O 540.1A, *Environmental Protection Program*, and DOE Order 5400.5 *Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment*, and the dose limits for protection of biota developed or discussed by the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP 1991) and IAEA (1992).

RPP-23403, *Single-Shell Tank Component Closure Data Quality Objectives*, presents a comprehensive list of volatile organic, semivolatile organic, general organic, inorganic, and radionuclide constituents expected in tank waste. RPP-23403 bins tank waste constituents for analysis as either "primary" or "secondary" constituents. Primary constituents are those likely to be present in SSTs that may be analyzed by reliable methods and within the constraints of the DQOs. Secondary constituents are those that are reported using the methods for primary contaminants but not identified specifically as primary constituents. Secondary constituents that require evaluation in the risk assessment may be moved to the primary constituent list. WAC Table 749-3 (WAC 173-340-900) contains soil indicator concentrations for several of the primary and secondary tank waste constituents identified during the SST DQO process (RPP-23403). Nearly all primary and secondary radionuclide constituents identified in

1 RPP-23403 have paired BCGs for the protection of terrestrial and aquatic receptors  
2 (DOE-STD-1153-2002, ANL 2006).

3  
4 Available data on contaminants in the soil will be used to determine which substances in WAC  
5 Table 749-3 (WAC 173-340-900) and RESRAD-Biota Level 1 BCGs (ANL 2006) are present in  
6 WMA C. The identification process for contaminants of potential ecological concern (COPEC)  
7 will consider the likelihood that primary and secondary constituents are sufficiently persistent  
8 and accessible within WMA C to cause exposure to terrestrial receptors.

9  
10 **Exposure Pathway Identification.** An exposure pathway is the pathway that a hazardous or  
11 radioactive substance takes or could take from its source to the exposed organism. The exposure  
12 pathway describes the mechanism by which an individual or population is exposed or has the  
13 potential to be exposed to hazardous substances. Each exposure pathway includes an actual or  
14 potential source or release from a source, an exposure point, and an exposure route. If the  
15 exposure point differs from the source of the hazardous substance, the exposure pathway also  
16 includes a transport/exposure medium. Examples of exposure pathways include but are not  
17 limited to dermal contact with or ingestion of contaminated soil, uptake of soil contaminants by  
18 biota resulting in exposure to a receptor, or secondary transport and exposure via consumption of  
19 contaminated prey items.

20  
21 Understanding the exposure pathways and mechanisms are important for evaluating CMAs. The  
22 ERA will identify and document potential pathways from contaminant sources to terrestrial biota  
23 within WMA C and adjacent areas.

24  
25 **Terrestrial Receptors of Concern.** Terrestrial receptors of concern to be evaluated in the ERA  
26 will be representative of the taxonomic groupings identified in WAC 173-340-7493(2)(a)(iii).  
27 Receptor groups include soil biota (invertebrates), vascular plants, ground-feeding birds, ground-  
28 feeding small mammal predators, and herbivorous small mammals. To strengthen the pathway  
29 evaluation, two higher trophic predatory species, the badger and the red-tailed hawk, will be  
30 considered in the WMA C ERA.

31  
32 **Aquatic Receptors of Concern.** Aquatic receptors of concern will be evaluated through  
33 numerical modeling.

34  
35 **Toxicological Assessment.** The purpose of the toxicological assessment is to identify  
36 significant adverse effects to the receptors of concern that may result from exposure to the  
37 chemicals of ecological concern [WAC 173-340-7493(2)(a)(iv)]. The toxicological assessment  
38 consists of an ecological effects evaluation using the hazardous substance soil indicator  
39 concentrations for primary and secondary SST contaminants established in WAC 173-340-900,  
40 Table 749-3, for the protection of plants, soil biota, and wildlife. The ecological effects  
41 evaluation for radionuclides in soil will be performed using RESRAD Biota Level 1 BCG values  
42 for primary and secondary contaminants provided for the protection of terrestrial plants and  
43 wildlife (DOE-STD-1153-2002, ANL 2006).

44  
45 Soil contamination data for soil depths ranging from 0 to 4.6 m (0 to 15 ft) will be assembled  
46 from existing sources such as borehole and vadose zone characterization reports, results from  
47 Phase 2 characterization activities, monitoring reports, radiological field survey results, and other

1 available sources for WMA C. Maximum concentrations for each primary and secondary  
2 nonradionuclide listed in Table 749-3 (WAC 173-340-900) will be evaluated against its  
3 respective published screening values for terrestrial plants, soil biota, and wildlife. Maximum  
4 radionuclide concentrations in existing soil data or radiological field survey data will be  
5 compared to applicable Level 1 soil BCGs that are provided for protection of radiological effects  
6 on terrestrial plants and animals (as reported from RESRAD-BIOTA, Version 1.2.1, ANL 2006).

7  
8 Soil data collected to support the human health risk investigation for WMA C will also be  
9 included in the toxicological assessment for terrestrial ecological receptors of concern.

10  
11 Table 3-2 provides soil indicator concentrations for nonradionuclides published in  
12 WAC 173-340-900 (Table 749-3) for the contaminants that have been identified as primary or  
13 secondary contaminants in SST DQO (RPP-23403), plus pesticides and petroleum products.  
14 Table 3-3 provides BCGs for terrestrial plants and wildlife for radionuclides in soil, as published  
15 in DOE-STD-1153-2002 and the current version of its companion software, RESRAD-BIOTA  
16 (currently Version 1.21, ANL 2006) for the contaminants identified as primary or secondary  
17 contaminants in RPP-23403.

18 **3.4.2.3.2 Risk Evaluation.** Following the problem formulation is the risk evaluation step. The  
19 purpose of the risk evaluation is to assemble the information necessary to develop cleanup levels  
20 and adequately support the selection and evaluation of corrective action alternatives in the CMS.  
21 Ecological risk evaluation methods will follow guidance published in WAC 173-340-7493(3).

22  
23 During the toxicological assessment performed under the problem formulation step, analytical  
24 results for soil will be compared to the available soil indicator concentrations presented in  
25 Table 749-3 of WAC 173-340-900 and BCGs established in RESRAD-BIOTA (ANL 2006) and  
26 DOE-STD-1153-2002. Any analyte that exceeds the published soil indicator concentration for a  
27 terrestrial receptor will be identified as a COPEC and the need for corrective action will be  
28 established. However, if analytical data do not signify an exceedance of a soil indicator  
29 concentration for a given receptor, a combination of additional measures may be taken to further  
30 evaluate potential risk.

31  
32 **Soil Indicator Concentrations.** For hazardous substances published in Table 749-3  
33 (WAC 173-340-900) where a soil indicator concentration for a given receptor is not assigned, an  
34 indicator concentration can be developed in accordance with WAC 173-340-7493(4).  
35 Two approaches would be applied: further literature survey and development of a wildlife  
36 exposure model.

- 37 a. **Literature Survey.** Indicator concentrations for soil biota and plants may be developed  
38 by consulting the scientific literature using methods provided by the Oak Ridge National  
39 Laboratory (ORNL/TM-13391, *Methods and Tools for Estimation of the Exposure of*  
40 *Terrestrial Wildlife to Contaminants*).
- 41 b. **Wildlife Exposure Model.** Indicator concentrations for wildlife would be developed as  
42 prescribed in WAC 173-340-7493(3)(c) using wildlife exposure model parameters  
43 published in WAC 173-340-900 Tables 749-4 and 749-5.

**Table 3-2. Ecological Indicator Soil Concentrations (mg/kg) for Protection of Terrestrial Biota (2 sheets)**  
(Benchmarks adapted from WAC 173-340-900 Table 749-3)

Hazardous Substance	Plants <sup>a</sup>	Soil Biota <sup>a</sup>	Wildlife <sup>a</sup>	SST Priority <sup>b</sup>
<b>Metals</b>				
Aluminum (soluble salts)	50			Primary
Antimony	5			Primary
Arsenic III <sup>c</sup>			7	Primary
Arsenic V <sup>c</sup>	10	60	132	Primary
Barium	500		102	Primary
Beryllium	10			Primary
Boron	0.5			Secondary
Bromine <sup>d</sup>	10			
Cadmium	4	20	14	Primary
Chromium (total)	42	42	67	Primary
Cobalt	20			Primary
Copper	100	50	217	Primary
Fluorine <sup>e</sup>	200			
Iodine <sup>f</sup>	4			
Lead	50	500	118	Primary
Lithium	35			Secondary
Manganese	1,100		1,500	Primary
Mercury, inorganic	0.3	0.1	5.5	Primary
Molybdenum	2		7	Secondary
Nickel	30	200	980	Primary
Selenium	1	70	0.3	Primary
Silver	2			Primary
Technetium <sup>f</sup>	0.2			
Thallium	1			Primary
Tin	50			Secondary
Uranium	5			Primary
Vanadium	2			Primary
Zinc	86	200	360	Primary
<b>Pesticides<sup>g</sup></b>				
Aldrin			0.1	Secondary
Benzene hexachloride (including lindane)			6	Secondary
Chlordane		1	2.7	
DDT/DDD/DDE (total)			0.75	
Dieldrin			0.07	Secondary
Endrin			0.2	Secondary
Hexachlorobenzene			17	

**Table 3-2. Ecological Indicator Soil Concentrations (mg/kg) for Protection of Terrestrial Biota (2 sheets)**  
(Benchmarks adapted from WAC 173-340-900 Table 749-3)

Hazardous Substance	Plants <sup>a</sup>	Soil Biota <sup>a</sup>	Wildlife <sup>a</sup>	SST Priority <sup>b</sup>
Heptachlor/heptachlor epoxide (total)			0.4	
Pentachlorophenol	3	6	4.5	Secondary
<b>Other Chlorinated Organics</b>				
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene		20		Primary
1,2-Dichloropropane		700		Secondary
1,4-Dichlorobenzene		20		Secondary
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol	4	9		Primary
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol		10		Primary
Chlorobenzene		40		Primary
PCB mixtures (total) <sup>h</sup>	40		<b>0.65</b>	Primary
<b>Other Nonchlorinated Organics</b>				
Acenaphthene	20			Primary
Benzo(a)pyrene			12	Secondary
Di-n-butyl phthalate	200			Primary
Nitrobenzene		40		Primary
Phenol	70	30		Secondary
Styrene	300			Secondary
Toluene	200			Primary
<b>Petroleum</b>				
Gasoline range organics		100	5,000 except that the concentration shall not exceed residual saturation at the soil surface	
Diesel range organics		200	6,000 except that the concentration shall not exceed residual saturation at the soil surface	

<sup>a</sup> Blank cells indicate that no value is available for analyte-receptor combination.

<sup>b</sup> Only Primary and Secondary contaminants from the SST DQO (RPP-23403) are included in this table except for pesticides and petroleum where all pesticides listed in WAC 173-340-900 Table 749-3 are included. Pesticides and petroleum are considered primary analytes for ecological risk. For primary analytes, if detected a numerical value is reported, if not detected, analytes are reported with a less than minimum detection limit (MDL). For secondary organic analytes, if detected a numerical value is reported as an estimate, if not detected, the analytes are not reported. This is the same process used in SST DQO RPP-23403.

<sup>c</sup> Total arsenic is reported [same as SST DQO (RPP-23403)].

<sup>d</sup> Bromine is reported as bromide [same as SST DQO (RPP-23403) where it was classed as secondary].

<sup>e</sup> Fluorine is reported as fluoride [same as SST DQO (RPP-23403) where it was classed as primary]

<sup>f</sup> Included in the radionuclide analysis, radionuclide will be converted from radioactivity to mass using specific activity. <sup>129</sup>I- and <sup>99</sup>Tc were both classed as primary in SST DQO (RPP-23403).

<sup>g</sup> In addition to the semivolatile organic analysis, EPA Method 8080 for pesticides will also be run to meet the reporting requirements for ecological indicator soil concentrations.

<sup>h</sup> Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) reported as both arochlor and total PCBs.

**Table 3-3. Soil Biota Concentration Guides for Terrestrial Animals and Plants.  
(Adapted from RESRAD-BIOTA Level 1 Terrestrial Evaluation, ANL 2006)**

Nuclide	Terrestrial Animal BCG (pCi/g)	Terrestrial Plant BCG (pCi/g)	SST Priority
Americium-241	3.9E+03	2.2E+04	Primary
Carbon-14	4.8E+03	6.1E+04	Primary
Curium-242	2.1E+03	7.9E+04	Primary
Curium-244	4.1E+03	1.5E+05	Primary
Cobalt-60	6.9E+02	6.1E+03	Primary
Cesium-137	2.1E+01	2.2E+03	Primary
Europium-152	1.5E+03	1.5E+04	Primary
Europium-154	1.3E+03	1.3E+04	Primary
Europium-155	1.6E+04	1.5E+05	Primary
Tritium (H-3)	1.7E+05	1.7E+06	Primary
Iodine-129	5.7E+03	1.7E+05	Primary
Neptunium-237	3.9E+03	8.2E+03	Primary
Plutonium-238	5.3E+03	1.8E+04	Primary
Plutonium-239	6.1E+03	1.3E+04	Primary
Antimony-125	3.5E+03	3.5E+04	Primary
Strontium-90	2.3E+01	3.6E+03	Primary
Technetium-99	4.5E+03	2.2E+04	Primary
Thorium-228	5.3E+02	6.4E+03	Primary
Thorium-230	1.0E+04	1.8E+05	Primary
Thorium-232	1.5E+03	2.4E+04	Primary
Uranium-233	4.8E+03	5.2E+04	Primary
Uranium-234	5.1E+03	5.2E+04	Primary
Uranium-235	2.8E+03	2.7E+04	Primary
Uranium-238	1.6E+03	1.6E+04	Primary

1  
2 **Tissue Analysis and Dietary Exposure Modeling.** Small mammal tissue sampling and analysis  
3 is proposed as a supplemental method for evaluating contaminant pathways and risks to wildlife  
4 receptors (Appendix B). Small mammals would be collected in available habitat adjacent to the  
5 WMA C fenceline where potential overlap may occur between small mammal home range and  
6 the occurrence of soil contamination within WMA C.

7  
8 Results of tissue analyses would be used to evaluate contaminant exposure of small mammals via  
9 direct contact or ingestion of soil, as well as serve as inputs to dietary exposure models for upper  
10 trophic level receptors (i.e., badger and red-tailed hawk).

11  
12 While tissue analysis are not specifically identified as a means of evaluation in  
13 WAC 173-340-7493, the information obtained from such data is valuable for documenting  
14 potential for contaminant transport and biotic uptake to higher trophic, predatory species of  
15 wildlife.

16 **3.4.2.3.3 Uncertainty Analysis.** The WMA ERA will include a qualitative uncertainty  
17 analysis to identify specific causes of uncertainties and evaluate their potential impact on the risk

1 estimates. Other considerations of uncertainties, including natural variability, range and  
2 uncertainty of potential risks, and methods to reduce uncertainty will also be documented in  
3 accordance with WAC 173-340-7493(5).

#### 4 **3.4.2.4 Hanford Site Ecological Risk Assessments and Related Activities**

5 The WMA C ERA is a component of the broadly scoped SST ERA that will be conducted as part  
6 of the CMS for the SST farm. The ERAs for tank farms will support closure decisions for the  
7 Hanford Site. This section briefly summaries the other assessment and monitoring projects  
8 relevant to characterizing ecological risks at the Hanford Site. The following subsections briefly  
9 summarize the Central Plateau Ecological Risk Assessment and River Corridor Baseline Risk  
10 Assessment which are relevant to characterizing ecological risks at the Hanford Site. In addition  
11 to the risk assessments described below, other ecological risk assessments have also been  
12 conducted at Hanford (e.g., Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment  
13 [DOE/RL-96-16, *Screening Assessment and Requirements for a Comprehensive Assessment,*  
14 *Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment*], the Waste Treatment Plant, 100 Areas,  
15 300 Area, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory surveys).

16 **3.4.2.4.1 Central Plateau Ecological Risk Assessment.** The CPERA evaluates risks to  
17 ecological receptors from waste sites in the 200 Area under current conditions. The purpose of  
18 the CPERA is to characterize the potential for ecological risk to support waste-site remedy  
19 decision making and to fulfill the CERCLA requirements for evaluating baseline ecological risk  
20 to the surface and near-surface environment of the Central Plateau. Work conducted for the  
21 CPERA was conducted using CERCLA guidance for ecological risk assessment  
22 (EPA/540/R-97/006, *Ecological Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Process for*  
23 *Designing and Conducting Ecological Risk Assessments (Interim Final)*) and included regulator  
24 and stakeholder interviews and workshops; identification of contaminants of potential ecological  
25 concern and potential ecological risk receptors (DOE/RL-2001-54, *Central Plateau Ecological*  
26 *Evaluation*); and identification of DQOs (WMP-20570, *Central Plateau Terrestrial Ecological*  
27 *Risk Assessment Data Quality Objectives Summary Report – Phase I*; WMP-25493, *Central*  
28 *Plateau Terrestrial Ecological Risk Assessment Data Quality Objectives Summary Report –*  
29 *Phase II*; and WMP-29253, *Central Plateau Terrestrial Ecological Risk Assessment Data*  
30 *Quality Objectives Summary Report – Phase III*); SAPs (DOE/RL-2004-42, *Central Plateau*  
31 *Terrestrial Ecological Sampling and Analysis Plan – Phase I*; DOE/RL-2005-30, *Central*  
32 *Plateau Terrestrial Ecological Sampling and Analysis Plan – Phase II*; and DOE/RL-2006-27,  
33 *Central Plateau Terrestrial Ecological Sampling and Analysis Plan – Phase III*) and field  
34 characterization activities ((D&D-28419, DTS-RPT-077, *Central Plateau Terrestrial Ecological*  
35 *Sampling Report – Phase I*; and DTS-RPT-078, *Central Plateau Terrestrial Ecological Sampling*  
36 *Report – Phase II*).

37  
38 Specific investigations conducted for the CPERA included collection and analysis of soil, biota,  
39 soil gas, and media associated with West Lake. Soils were analyzed for metals, polychlorinated  
40 biphenyls (PCB) (including PCB congener analyses), organochlorine pesticides, and  
41 radionuclides. Supporting soil measurements (e.g., soil nutrients, pH, total organic carbon, and  
42 particle size) also were collected to aid in risk interpretation. Vegetation surveys were  
43 performed to evaluate relative abundance, diversity, and measures of habitat quality. Biota  
44 collected included ground-dwelling invertebrates, lizards, and small mammals. Each biotic

receptor was analyzed for tissue concentrations of contaminants. Lizards and small mammals also were examined in the field for gross abnormalities. Relative abundance was estimated for invertebrates, lizards, and small mammals. These activities have culminated in extensive information to identify and calculate the potential for risks to the environment from concentrations of Hanford Site contaminants on the Central Plateau (DOE/RL-2007-50, *Central Plateau Ecological Risk Assessment Report*).

Operable unit decisions for Central Plateau waste sites and groundwater are supported by remedial investigations and feasibility studies. These decisions are supported by the CPERA. The CPERA report (DOE/RL-2007-50) presents the results of the ERA for the Central Plateau waste sites. The groundwater operable unit decisions address remedies for existing groundwater plumes and are intended to ensure that contaminant plumes are contained within the Central Plateau and do not pose a future threat to the River Corridor or Columbia River.

**3.4.2.4.2 River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment.** The River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment (RCBRA) evaluated risks from CERCLA waste sites to human health and the environment (DOE/RL-2007-21, *Risk Assessment Report for the 100 Area and 300 Area Component of the River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment*). The RCBRA waste are located in the 100 Area, 300 Area, and portions of the 600 Area. The RCBRA also evaluated adjacent riparian and near-shore environs of the Columbia River. Results of the RCBRA will be used to support development of final Records of Decision in the Hanford Site River Corridor. Remedial actions are currently being performed in contaminated areas of the River Corridor under Interim Action Records of Decision. The ERA component of RCBRA was conducted using EPA/540/R-97/006 and included numerous regulator and public workshops and meetings. The RCBRA involved development of a work plan (DOE/RL-2004-37, *Risk Assessment Work Plan for the 100 Area and 300 Area Component of the RCBRA*), a DQO process report (BHI-01757, *DQO Summary Report for the 100 Area and 300 Area Component of the River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment*), and a SAP (DOE/RL-2005-42, *100 Area and 300 Area Component of the RCBRA Sampling and Analysis Plan*). The RCBRA project employed similar sampling strategies and methods to characterize risk in the terrestrial portion of the assessment as the CPERA. Given the similarity of terrestrial site sampling between RCBRA and Central Plateau projects, data from both projects were shared for performing risk analyses.

#### **3.4.2.5 Ecological Risk Assessment Schedule**

The schedule showing the following activities for the ecological risk assessment is provided in Chapter 6.

- **Compilation of Existing Data**
  - Ecological/field Descriptive Information
  - Analytical Data
- **Problem Formulation**
  - Identification of Chemicals of Ecological Concern
  - Exposure Pathway Identification
  - Terrestrial Receptors of Concern
  - Toxicological Assessment (including benchmark evaluation)

- 1       • Risk Evaluation -
- 2           - Tissue Analysis and Dietary Exposure Modeling
- 3       • Uncertainty Analysis

4

5 If no relevant existing data are available for analysis, collection of supplemental samples (soils  
6 for human health risk assessment, small mammal tissues for exposure model) would be  
7 coordinated with the problem formulation phase of the ERA. If existing data are available to  
8 perform initial steps of the ERA through the toxicological assessment, supplemental soil and  
9 tissue data may be collected as necessary following problem formulation prior to risk evaluation.

### 10 **3.5 IDENTIFICATION OF CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN**

11 The DQO for this work plan (RPP-RPT-38152) used the same approach as RPP-23403 for  
12 developing analytical parameters. In this approach, “primary” constituents were identified from  
13 the Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application, Form 3, Revision 8, for the  
14 SST system [Letter 03-ED-009, “Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application  
15 Form 3, Revision 8, for the Single-Shell Tank (SST) System”] (Part A), underlying hazardous  
16 constituents, 10 CFR 61.55, “Licensing Requirements for Land Disposal of Radioactive Waste,”  
17 and identified potential risk contributors. Analytical methods were identified for the primary  
18 constituents. In addition to the identified constituents, a number of these methods can also detect  
19 many other chemicals or radionuclides. These other or “secondary” analytes will be evaluated  
20 and reported using strategies described in RPP-23403.

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22 This approach was adopted in D&D-30262, *Data Quality Objectives Summary Report for the*  
23 *200-IS-1 Operable Unit Pipelines and Appurtenances*, for tank farm pipelines and associated  
24 appurtenances and associated UPRs. In addition, WMP-28945, *Data Quality Objective*  
25 *Summary Report in Support of the 200-BP-5 Groundwater Operable Unit Remedial*  
26 *Investigation/Feasibility Study Process*, identifies constituents that will be analyzed as part of the  
27 groundwater characterization. The analytes from these documents were considered in  
28 formulating the analytical parameters for the DQO supporting this work plan.

29

30 Extensive lists of sample analysis methods and analytes (chemicals and radionuclides, see  
31 section 4.5 of RPP-RPT-38152) were identified during the DQO. However, not all methods will  
32 be performed on every sample. Analysis methods that will be performed or analytes that will be  
33 available on specific samples are identified in Section 3.5.1.

#### 34 **3.5.1 Stepped Approach for Evaluating Tank Waste Contaminants of Concern**

35 To optimize the cost-effectiveness of this characterization effort, the analysis of vadose zone  
36 samples will use a two-tiered step approach. This is consistent with previous tank farm  
37 characterization efforts conducted in support of the Phase 1 RFI process. There are two key  
38 variables in this approach: the concentration of any hazardous substance or radionuclide and the  
39 risk created by these constituents. Step 1 is to assess if there are chemicals present that are of  
40 concern in the context of human health and biotic risk. If the answer is yes, we proceed to  
41 step 2, which will provide the data to determine the extent of the risk created by the presence of  
42 contaminants in the Phase 2 RFI/CMS. If the answer to step 1 is no, then no further sampling at  
43 that location would be conducted. The two-step approach was developed in the DQO process

and is described in the WMA C DQO (RPP-RPT-38152). Step 1 will employ a method-based screening process to determine if the soil has been contaminated with tank waste. A select set of threshold indicator constituents will be used to indicate the presence of tank waste. If any one of the tank waste indicator threshold is met, then the full suite of step 2 analytes will be analyzed (see Section 4.0 of RPP-RPT-38152). The Step 1 analytes and their threshold values<sup>14</sup> are as follows. The criteria for selecting these "threshold indicator constituents" are based on these constituents being historically associated with tank waste, indicative of tank farm constituents released into the environment and driving human health risk, and the most detected constituents in Phase 1 investigations.

<sup>238</sup> U	Detected at or above 1.39 pCi/g.
<sup>239</sup> Pu	Detected at or above 0.0233 pCi/g.
<sup>137</sup> Cs	Detected at or above 1.37 pCi/g.
<sup>90</sup> Sr	Detected at or above 0.262 pCi/g.
NO <sub>3</sub> (as NO <sub>3</sub> )	Detected at or above 232 µg/g.
Cr (for Cr-6)	Detected at or above 26.8 µg/g.
<sup>99</sup> Tc	Detected at the Method Detection Limit.
<sup>129</sup> I	Detected at the Method Detection Limit.
CN	Detected at the Method Detection Limit.

Uranium-238, <sup>239</sup>Pu, <sup>137</sup>Cs, <sup>90</sup>Sr, NO<sub>3</sub>, and Cr are present at low levels in Hanford background soil. The stated thresholds are met only if the contaminants are detected and the detected concentrations are at or above the stated values. Sample analysis will be performed using a two-step approach. Step 1 analytes and methods are a subset of Step 2 analytes and methods. If a Step 1 threshold is met or exceeded, then all Step 2 methods (minus methods already performed in Step 1) will be performed. The sampling and analysis plan (Appendix A/ RPP-PLAN-38777) provides more detail on the sampling and analysis for this work plan. The stepped approach will also be further evaluated following the examination of the sample results from the first five direct pushes. The approach may be modified after consultation with Ecology.

The following methods would be performed on samples to acquire the above analytes: inductively coupled plasma/mass spectroscopy, alpha energy analysis, inductively coupled plasma spectroscopy, ion chromatography, gamma energy analysis (GEA), separation/beta counting for <sup>90</sup>Sr, separation/GEA for <sup>129</sup>I, spectrophotometric for cyanide, and semivolatile organic analysis by gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy (GC/MS) for tributyl phosphate. Cobalt-60 concentration will be obtained by GEA along with <sup>137</sup>Cs. Cobalt-60 and <sup>99</sup>Tc sample results will be used to assess the relationship of these radionuclides in the soil.

<sup>14</sup> DOE/RL-92-24, *Hanford Site Background: Part 1, Soil Background for Nonradioactive Analytes*, Volume I. DOE/RL-96-12, *Hanford Site Background: Part 2, Soil Background for Radionuclides*.

### 3.5.2 Optimizing for Organics and PCBs, Pesticides, and Gasoline and Diesel Range Organics

Five direct-push locations have been identified as candidate sites that have the highest potential for providing data on organic waste releases associated with tank wastes. The five candidate direct-push sites are associated with UPR-81 (three locations) and on the northwest and northeast side of SST C-103 (two locations). For these two sites, WIDS indicates that the release occurred in the waste transfer line near the 241-CR-151 Diversion Box on October 15, 1969. The release is associated with the 241-CR-151 Diversion Box, the 241-C-102 tank and the PUREX 202-A Building. The source of the release was in an underground transfer line from the 202-A Building to the 241-C-102 tank via the 241-CR-151 diversion box. LAUR-93-3605, *Analysis of the History of 241-C Farm* states:

“An organic layer was noted in C-102 in 1969 and reported (Anderson, T. D. “Organics in 102-C Tank,” letter to W. L. Godfrey, October 2, 1969) to be 36 kgal. This organic layer was subsequently transferred to C-103 in a P-10 pumping of C-102 in 1975. There is a recorded transfer of 111 kgal in '75-4, but the level change in C-102 indicated that only 25 kgal was transferred, with another 8 kgal in '78-3, for a total of 33 kgal. Presumably, this combined 33 kgal transfer was largely the organic layer, and would have left 3 kgal in C-102.”

The event description in Table 2-8 in this document for row Date = 3-1965 Waste Type = PUREX CWP2 is given below

“A liquid level rise in Tank 103-C, the cesium feed tank, was apparently caused by a failed line in the encasement between the 152-CR diversion box and Tank 102-C which permitted coating waste from the PUREX Plant to leak into the encasement and drain to Tanks 101-C, 102-C, and 103-C via the tank Pump pits. Coating waste has been routed through a spare line to Tank 102-C and no further leaks have been detected. The coating waste solution accumulated in Tank 103-C did not significantly affect cesium loading capability as a cask was loaded normally following the incident.

Note: Pipeline 8041 is inside a concrete encasement was used to route the PUREX CW to SST C-102 (see drawing H-2-44501, sheet 92). This encasement traverses from diversion box 241-CR-152 along the west side of SSTs C-101, C- 102, and C- 103. In order for the PUREX CW to drain into SSTs C-101, C-102, and C-103, the encasement containing the failed transfer pipeline must have partially filled with waste. The integrity of this encasement is unknown and may have leaked waste to the soil. Drawing H-2-2338, sheet 45 indicates pipeline 8041 is out of service. Pipeline 8041 connects from nozzle U-3 in the 241-CR-152 diversion box and nozzle U-2 in pit 02C atop SST C-102.”

Based upon this information it would appear that the potential exists that more than one release may have occurred in and around CR-151, CR-152 and C-101/102/103 tanks from 1965 to 1969. While waste is referenced as PUREX coating waste in WIDS or PUREX cladding waste in this document, the presence of organics is documented in tank C-102 during this time frame. While these data are inconclusive that a release of organic contaminated waste occurred the rationale for selecting sites in the DQO was to identify areas of known or suspected releases having some

1 potential for containing organic contamination. It was felt that sample locations "L" and "P"  
2 satisfied these criteria which are located at each end of the encasement.

3  
4 At these five locations, following the spectral gamma and neutron logging, the entire suite of  
5 analytes will be analyzed in the sample zones. Tributyl phosphate will be used as the indicator  
6 organic for the occurrence of any organic contamination associated with tank waste. Tributyl  
7 phosphate is a known tank waste contaminant because it was used extensively as a solvent in the  
8 reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel. Tributyl phosphate was chosen because it has the highest  
9 probability of being found. It is the only organic constituent other than acetone and 2-Butanone  
10 found above detection limits in all tank residual samples and it is found at higher concentrations  
11 75 to 73,000 µg/g (mg/kg) which is 10 to 100,000 times higher than all other organics including  
12 PCB. It was presented during the DQO process that if TBP is not found then it is unlikely that  
13 other organic (i.e., volatile organic analysis, semi-volatile organic analysis, diesel range  
14 organics/gasoline range organics, PCBs) contaminants related to tank waste would be found.  
15 The DQO team agreed to use this compound as an indicator for tank waste organics.

16  
17 Furthermore, if the data for the organic analytes from the pre-retrieval samples taken at the  
18 C-200 Tanks is examined, the Best Basis Inventory reports the following organic analytes were  
19 found above the MDL in the pre-retrieval samples: Butylbenzylphthalate, 1-Butanol, Acetone,  
20 Aroclor 1254, 2-Butanone, Xylenes (total), Xylene (m & p), Trichloroethene, Xylene (o),  
21 Hexone, Methylenechloride, and Toluene. The mean concentrations for Butylbenzylphthalate,  
22 1-Butanol, and Acetone were 66.7 µg/g, 16.8 µg/g, and 1.01 µg/g, respectively. The only PCB  
23 above MDL was Aroclor-1254 with a mean concentration of 0.46 µg/g. 2-Butanone had a mean  
24 concentration of 0.29 µg/g, with the rest of the non-detected organic analytes having a mean  
25 concentration of less than 0.1 µg/g. Tri-butyl phosphate was found as a tentatively identified  
26 compound (TIC) in all of the pre-retrieval samples with the highest concentration found at C-204  
27 at greater than 200,000 µg/g. Tri-butyl phosphate in the post-retrieval samples for these tanks  
28 had results ranging from ~5,000 mg/kg (C-201) to ~73,000 mg/kg (C-204).

29  
30 Other organic compounds found above detection limits in some, but not all tank residuals, are  
31 Butylbenzylphthalate (3.27 mg/kg (C-103)), Di-n-butylphthalate (6.11 mg/kg C-103, 6.08 mg/kg  
32 C-204), Hexone (2.27E-02 mg/kg C-202), and Xylenes (Total) (2.0E-02 mg/kg C-203).

33  
34 If TBP is not detected in any of the samples, then organics will be eliminated from the list of  
35 contaminants of potential concern (COPC) and not analyzed for at other locations in WMA C. If  
36 TBP is detected in any of the samples, then organics will remain on the list of COPCs and  
37 organic compounds will be analyzed for as part of the step 2 suite of analytes following a  
38 detection of the step 1 tank waste trigger constituents. Other volatile and semivolatile  
39 compounds were rejected as either not being indicators of tank waste or more importantly are  
40 common laboratory contaminants. For example, the following compounds are recognized as  
41 common laboratory contaminants detected in the analysis for volatile and semivolatile organics.

- 42  
43 • Volatiles  
44 - Methylene chloride.  
45 - Acetone.  
46 - 2-Butanone.

- 1       - bis-2 Ethylhexyl Phthalate.
- 2       - Diethyl Phthalate.
- 3       - Benzyl Phthalate.
- 4       - Chloroform (volatile organic compound).
- 5       • Semivolatiles
- 6       - Common Phthalate contaminants.
- 7       - n-Butyl Phthalate.
- 8       - n-Octyl Phthalate.

9  
10 If observed in samples, the associated blanks will be considered when deciding if these are from  
11 contamination associated with a tank release or a laboratory source. This list of contaminants is  
12 not all inclusive. However, the list serves to illustrate the potential for false positive results  
13 being reported due to laboratory contamination. Identifying common laboratory contaminants  
14 and accounting for their influence on how data are interpreted will improve the decision error by  
15 reducing the potential for false positives to be interpreted as contaminants being present and the  
16 risk that a decision is made to remediate a site that is not contaminated.

17  
18 Polychlorinated biphenyls are of specific concern to direct contact and ecological risk and will be  
19 sampled in the near-surface vadose zone only. Three vadose zone samples will be collected in  
20 the region of 0 to 15 ft bgs at the five direct-push locations (15 samples) and analyzed for  
21 Aroclors and congeners. If polychlorinated biphenyls are not detected in any of the samples,  
22 then they will be eliminated from the list of COPCs and not analyzed for at other locations in  
23 WMA C. If PCBs are detected in any of the samples, then they will remain on the list of COPCs  
24 and be analyzed for as part of the step 2 suite of analytes following a detection of the step 1 tank  
25 waste trigger constituents. The results from the initial five samples will be used to attempt to  
26 establish a correlation between PCB Aroclors and congeners that would support future analysis  
27 for only PCB Aroclors.

28  
29 Pesticide application is widespread throughout the tank farms as part of operation and  
30 maintenance activities to prevent vegetation from becoming established. Petroleum products  
31 were also used, principally as fuels. At these five sites, samples collected from 0 to 14 ft will be  
32 evaluated for pesticides and petroleum. If a pesticide or petroleum product is detected at or  
33 above its threshold value in any of the five samples, then they will remain on the list of COPCs  
34 and will be analyzed for as part of the step 1 suite of screening analytes at subsequent sample  
35 locations. If no pesticides or petroleum products are detected at the five sites, they will be  
36 dropped from further analysis. The pesticides and petroleum products that will be analyzed are  
37 the following:

39	Aldrin	0.1 mg/kg
40	Benzene hexachloride (including lindane)	6 mg/kg
41	Chlordane	1 mg/kg
42	DDT/DDD/DDE (total)	0.75 mg/kg
43	Dieldrin	0.07 mg/kg
44	Endrin	0.2 mg/kg
45	Hexachlorobenzene	17 mg/kg
46	Heptachlor/heptachlor epoxide (total)	0.4 mg/kg

1	Pentachlorophenol	3 mg/kg
2	TBP	Detected at MDL
3	Gasoline range organics	100 mg/kg
4	Diesel range organics	200 mg/kg

5  
6 Gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy will be used to screen for pesticides to determine if a  
7 method-based analysis for pesticides is required. If the GC/MS analysis does not detect any of  
8 the pesticides, no further analysis will be conducted. Organic chemicals will be analyzed by the  
9 following methods: GC/MS for volatile organic compounds (VOC), extraction and GC/MS [or  
10 gas chromatography/flame ionization detection (GC/FID)] for semivolatile organic compounds  
11 (SVOC), and gas chromatography/electron capture detection (GC/ECD) for PCBs. In addition, a  
12 number of samples will be analyzed by high resolution gas chromatography/high resolution mass  
13 spectrometry (HRGC/HRMS) for PCB congeners.

### 14 3.6 INTERIM MEASURES

15 This section describes the interim measures that have been evaluated and/or implemented as they  
16 relate to WMA C. Interim measures are initial response actions that can be taken while  
17 characterization activities are under way and while long-term strategies are being developed to  
18 reduce the impacts of past releases on groundwater under RCRA. Interim measures do not  
19 require comprehensive evaluation in a CMS. Interim measures identified to date for WMA C  
20 focus on actions to minimize infiltration and contaminant migration to groundwater. Interim  
21 measures have been implemented at WMA C during the past several years.

22  
23 Corrective measures are response actions that are intended to reduce contaminant migration to  
24 groundwater to acceptable regulatory levels. Corrective measures require the balancing of risk,  
25 benefits, and costs. In general, corrective measures involve a substantial commitment of  
26 resources, require a more thorough evaluation prior to implementation, and are intended to  
27 provide a more permanent solution to the long-term threats posed by a contaminant release.  
28 Detailed evaluation of the proposed WMA C corrective measures will be undertaken in the  
29 Phase 2 RFI/CMS report based on the results of this Phase 2 field investigation for WMA C and  
30 the field investigation report for WMAs C and A-AX (RPP-35484). An accelerated CMS would  
31 be required if an imminent threat or danger to the public or environment arises.

32  
33 Current interim measures that have been implemented include the following (DOE/ORP-2008-01  
34 Appendix K):

- 35 a. All waterlines within WMA C have been cut and capped or pressure tested.
- 36 b. All groundwater wells and drywells have watertight caps.
- 37 c. Several run-on control structures were constructed adjacent to WMA C.

38 Some waterlines were not needed, thus they were abandoned, effectively removing them as  
39 sources of inadvertent recharge.

40  
41 RPP-5002, *Engineering Report, Single-Shell Tank Farms Interim Measures to Limit Infiltration*  
42 *Through the Vadose Zone*, identified wells and drywells as "unfit for use." These wells are  
43 potential preferential pathways for downward contaminant migration. The majority of wells  
44 identified in RPP-5002 are the drywells used to monitor movement of contaminants through the

1 vadose zone. The Tank Summary Data Reports associated with GJO-98-39-TAR discuss  
2 drywells (i.e., boreholes) that should be sealed and abandoned or decommissioned in accordance  
3 with WAC 173-160, "Minimum Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Wells."  
4 These include boreholes 30-00-10, 30-00-06, 30-00-03, 30-00-09, and 30-00-12. Borehole  
5 30-00-10 is blocked at a depth of about 52 ft, and the perforated casing in this borehole might  
6 provide a migration path for shallow contaminants to reach greater depths. The other boreholes  
7 all are perforated and provide a potential avenue for enhanced migration downward into the  
8 vadose zone. Borehole 30-08-03 should be plugged and abandoned (GJO-98-39-TAR and  
9 RPP-35484).

10  
11 Upgradient surface water run-on control measures consist of some combination of regarded  
12 ground surfaces, soil/gravel berms, asphalt pavement, concrete curbs, gutters and valley drains,  
13 and culverts. All of these were constructed outside the SST farms to prevent surface water from  
14 pressurized waterline leaks outside of the tank farm boundary and unusual meteorological events  
15 from flowing onto the tank farm areas.

16  
17 During FY 2002, several run-on control structures were designed and constructed adjacent to  
18 WMA C. Berms were placed to redirect surface water away from the tank farm surfaces, and  
19 curbs and gutters were placed along the roadways to redirect runoff.

20  
21 In addition, historical pipeline leak events (e.g., UPR-200-E-82 and UPR-200-E-86) have gunite  
22 caps placed on the surface. These gunite caps provide an interim solution to the long-term threats  
23 posed by contaminant releases by minimizing infiltration, contaminant migration to groundwater,  
24 and contaminant exposure to present-day workers.  
25

#### 4. WORK PLAN RATIONALE AND APPROACH

The Phase 2 RCRA corrective action process is the RCRA-specified method by which UPRs to the environment are characterized and corrective action alternatives are evaluated and implemented if required to minimize potential risks to human health and the environment. Furthermore, this RCRA-specified method is consistent with the CERCLA method for characterization and remediation. HFFACO (Section 7.1) lists and compares the major steps involved with cleanup of RCRA and CERCLA "past practices" and concludes they are functionally equivalent (see also Section 3.1.2 of RPP-PLAN-37243). Objectives and data needs must be identified before designing a data collection program to support the Phase 2 RFI/CMS process. The data collected are used as a basis for making an informed risk management decision regarding the most appropriate corrective action(s) to implement. The data needs for field characterization efforts at WMA C were identified through a DQO process (RPP-RPT-38152) that was executed based on the requirements established in the HFFACO commitments (Ecology and DOE 2007). The data identified in the DQO process will be collected in accordance with HFFACO Milestone M-45-60 (i.e., this work plan), HFFACO Milestone M-45-00, and HFFACO Appendix I.

##### 4.1 RATIONALE

Further understanding of subsurface conditions and contaminant migration processes is required to support decision-making on interim measures and corrective measures (Section 3.2.3). A comprehensive list of data needed to support these decisions was developed based on the current level of understanding in a DQO process (RPP-RPT-38152). However, it is generally recognized on both a technical and regulatory basis that present knowledge of existing contaminant concentrations, contaminant inventory, distribution of contaminants in the vadose zone from past releases, and uncertainties associated with contaminant migration processes is insufficient to support future decision-making for corrective actions. Therefore, there is a need to collect additional information through Phase 2 field and laboratory investigations, which will be supplemented by ongoing groundwater and vadose zone monitoring data, to support decisions on corrective actions and WMA closure. Groundwater monitoring data are collected on a regular basis as part of the RCRA groundwater monitoring program, while vadose monitoring (HRR leak detection monitoring and leak detection mitigation and monitoring) takes place during waste retrieval operations.

Characterization objectives and data needs for WMA C were developed during the DQO process (RPP-RPT-38152) carried out under the Phase 2 Master Work Plan (RPP-PLAN-37243) and this work plan. The development of this document and characterization activities for Phase 2 were supported by the DQO process.

The DQO process (EPA QA/G-4, *Guidance on Systematic Planning Using the Data Quality Objectives Process*) is a planning approach, based on the scientific method,<sup>15</sup> for defining the decisions that any data collected should satisfy. The EPA seven-step DQO process and several

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<sup>15</sup> The scientific method involves the principles and processes regarded as characteristic of or needed for scientific investigation, including rules for concept formation, conduct of observations and experiments, and validation of hypotheses by observations or experiments.

1 associated activities and workshops were implemented to support preparation of this work plan.  
2 These workshops included participants from the TOC, Ecology, DOE, and other key Hanford  
3 Site programs (see also Section 1.2). As appropriate, the DQO process included project  
4 managers from Ecology and DOE, with technical support by the TOC staff, and input from other  
5 key Hanford Site programs and agencies.

6  
7 The DQO process provides assurance that the type, quantity, and quality of environmental data  
8 used to support remediation decisions are suitable for the intended application. The process  
9 establishes a consistent, cooperative, and streamlined approach that encourages optimum use of  
10 available data, information, and technical resources.

11  
12 Before initiating meetings to discuss characterization activities to be conducted during Phase 2,  
13 the Tank Farm Vadose Zone Program technical team conducted a review of existing information  
14 that included published and unpublished reports, interpretations of historical and recent  
15 geophysical survey data, and information from previous DQO meetings. To prioritize data needs  
16 for inclusion in the Phase 2 characterization effort, a review of the available information on the  
17 current state of knowledge of WMA C subsurface contamination was conducted by the Tank  
18 Farm Vadose Zone Program technical team. The review results are summarized in Chapters 2, 3,  
19 and 5 of this work plan.

20  
21 A series of DQO meetings were held from February 6, 2008, to June 18, 2008, that focused  
22 specifically on the data needs for the field characterization efforts to be conducted at WMA C.  
23 These meetings served to identify the following:

- 24  
25 a. Existing data and what is currently known about WMA C.  
26 b. Data needs that will likely be satisfied by Phase 2 characterization activities.  
27 c. Options for data collection from the additional characterization activities.

28 These meetings included representatives from Ecology, DOE, and Hanford Site contractors.  
29 Meetings held as a part of the DQO process involved varying levels of involvement by all  
30 participants. The DQO meetings provided a foundation of existing information and identified  
31 characterization options for consideration by the decision makers.

32  
33 Through the DQO process, the primary goal of the WMA C field investigation was determined  
34 to be implementation of vadose zone characterization activities that will support the iterative  
35 process of improving the understanding of inventory (i.e., nature and extent of past releases) and  
36 contaminant migration processes (fate and transport) necessary to support risk assessments. This  
37 work plan focuses on additional characterization data needed to support near-term CMA  
38 decisions as they relate to soils within and immediately surrounding WMA C. The  
39 characterization effort is designed to provide data that, when combined with historical data,  
40 including data collected under the Phase 1 RCAP and near-term field investigations, will allow  
41 informed corrective measures decisions to be made. Additional engineering data associated with  
42 corrective measure technologies provided in RPP-ENV-34028, *Central Plateau Vadose Zone*  
43 *Remediation Technology Screening Evaluation* and cost and implementability studies will  
44 provide the additional information needed to make CMA decisions. This work plan only

1 implements the additional soil characterization data needed to fulfill the WMA C DQO  
2 (RPP-RPT-38152).

3  
4 The rationale for this Phase 2 RFI/CMS work plan is based on the various conceptual site models  
5 presented in Section 3.3 and regulator input through the DQO process. Ecology expressed the  
6 desire to achieve the following goals during this Phase 2 characterization effort: (1) evaluating  
7 UPR sites associated with WMA C, (2) addressing stakeholder concerns related to contaminant  
8 migration, (3) near-surface (less than 15 ft bgs) soil sampling to support direct contact and  
9 ecological risk assessment, and (4) other potential areas of unintentional releases associated with  
10 the <sup>99</sup>Tc groundwater contamination and ability to close WMA C after retrieval completion. The  
11 sampling strategy is focused on addressing these data needs. The rationale for site selection is  
12 given in Section 4.4.

#### 13 4.2 DATA NEEDS

14 Current understanding of the nature and extent of contamination at WMA C is based largely on  
15 order-of-magnitude estimates of past leak volumes and inventories and on historical information  
16 on the distribution of gamma-emitting radionuclides measured to a depth of 100 to 150 ft bgs  
17 using drywells located around the tanks and groundwater monitoring from groundwater  
18 monitoring wells. Historical drywell gross gamma data were collected from the early 1960s  
19 through 1994; however, detailed analysis of the gross gamma data has only recently been  
20 conducted. For the C Farm, RPP-8321 was issued on this subject.

21  
22 Comprehensive spectral gamma logging of all drywells in WMA C was completed in the 1996  
23 through 1999 period as a baseline, then revisited in 2000, and after 2000 as necessary to support  
24 waste retrieval leak loss determinations as specified in tank waste retrieval work plans and  
25 additional vadose zone characterization investigation needs. In 2000, a new analysis technique, a  
26 high rate logging system, was deployed to measure <sup>137</sup>Cs concentration levels in high gamma  
27 flux zones where the spectral gamma logging system was unable to collect usable data because  
28 of high dead times and detector saturation from the baseline period. Spectral gamma logging  
29 reports were issued for C Farm (GJO-98-39-TAR and GJO-98-39-TARA). Spectral gamma  
30 logging data provide insight into the distribution and movement of specific gamma-emitting  
31 contaminants (e.g., <sup>137</sup>Cs, <sup>60</sup>Co). More recently, soil characterization data have been collected  
32 that partially indicate the distribution of non-gamma-emitting mobile tank waste contaminants  
33 including <sup>99</sup>Tc, hexavalent chromium, and nitrate (see Section 3.2). While there are emerging  
34 data on the distribution and movement of tank waste contamination in the groundwater, the data  
35 are not sufficient to support more than qualitative hypotheses on the specific sources of  
36 contaminants responsible for the observed groundwater contamination. Specific sources were  
37 identified through field investigations conducted at C-105 (borehole C4297), direct pushes at  
38 UPR-200-E-82, UPR-200-E-86, and UPR-200-E-81. At UPR-200-E-82, <sup>99</sup>Tc and nitrate were  
39 found at a depth of approximately 80 ft bgs with maximum and coincident concentration of  
40 water-extractable <sup>99</sup>Tc (10 to 30 pCi/g dry sediment) and nitrate (10 to 20 µg/g dry sediment)  
41 (RPP-35484).

42  
43 In borehole C4297, elevated concentrations of several constituents in the sediments are attributed  
44 to fluids from C-105. An elevated pH zone (8.0 to 9.3) occurs between 40 and 52 ft bgs. The  
45 primary set of tank waste constituents includes <sup>99</sup>Tc, sulfate, nitrate, and sodium. Elevated

1 concentrations of water-extractable <sup>99</sup>Tc (approximately 0.14 to 8.4 pCi/g dry sediment) extend  
2 between 40 and 159 ft bgs, and show a bimodal distribution with depth. Peak concentrations of  
3 water-extractable <sup>99</sup>Tc and nitrate were measured at depths between 133 and 154 ft bgs.  
4 Elevated water-extractable sodium concentrations (20 to 131 µg/g) range from 20 to 60 ft bgs,  
5 with a well defined peak concentration zone between 40 and 60 ft bgs (RPP-35484).

6  
7 During the DQO process, the participants determined that the primary focus of the Phase 2 data  
8 collection effort at WMA C should be directed toward further characterizing the contamination  
9 sources in association with CMAs for the soils. This effort should improve the understanding of  
10 leak inventory and distribution to support testing and refining a site-specific conceptual model  
11 for past operational leaks and contaminant migration processes. A number of characterization  
12 technologies, including screening techniques, were considered. Because the current  
13 understanding of the distribution of radionuclides in the contaminated vadose zone is still limited  
14 and is based primarily on indirect evidence, the focus of the Phase 2 data collection program at  
15 WMA C will be on sampling the vadose zone soils in areas of known releases that includes  
16 spills, tank leaks, and overfill events within the tank farms and analyzing the samples for a range  
17 of contaminants of interest and in areas where it is suspected there has been a release that has not  
18 been documented in WIDS. These sites have been identified in a review of process records.

19  
20 Isotopic analysis of vadose zone porewater and groundwater to identify sources was not  
21 considered in the DQO process (RPP-RPT-38152) for the following reasons:

- 22  
23 1. No other liquid waste disposal facilities (i.e., cribs, trenches, ditches, etc.) nearby  
24 WMA C; releases from WMA C are considered the source of contamination to the  
25 groundwater (RPP-35484).
- 26  
27 2. The difficulty in identifying a particular tank as a source because of the timing and  
28 nature of the waste streams to each individual tank (see Table 2-5).

29  
30 RCRA guidance (EPA 530/SW-89-031, *Interim Final RCRA Facility Investigation Guidance –*  
31 *Development of an RFI Work Plan and General Considerations for RCRA Facility*  
32 *Investigations*) and CERCLA guidance (EPA 540/G-89-004, *Guidance for Conducting Remedial*  
33 *Investigations and Feasibility Studies Under CERCLA – Interim Final*) states that if suspected  
34 releases are confirmed during initial investigations, further characterization of such releases will  
35 be necessary. This characterization includes identification of the type and concentration of  
36 hazardous waste or hazardous constituents released, the rate and direction at which the releases  
37 are migrating, and the distance over which releases have migrated. Therefore, UPRs will be  
38 addressed as potentially contributing sources to the vadose zone in WMA C and the  
39 characterization efforts will support the risk assessment and subsequent alternatives evaluation to  
40 select a corrective action. In addition to the UPRs that exist within the WMA boundary, there  
41 are UPRs that are either adjacent to the boundary but outside the fenceline or are in close enough  
42 proximity to the WMA and therefore warrant integration in RCRA corrective action process  
43 planning.

### 4.3 CHARACTERIZATION OPTIONS

Known or suspected release sites are described in Sections 2.4.3 and 2.4.4. They are the sources for the potentially contaminated soils still remaining to be characterized and are briefly discussed in Sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2. These known or suspected release sites present characterization options for further investigation.

RPP-ENV-38838, *Tank Farm Vadose Zone Program Characterization Processes*, identifies and describes the possible characterization technologies that could be deployed for this effort, including a description of the advantages and disadvantages of each characterization technology. Through the DQO process (RPP-RPT-38152), characterization options include direct push technology, targeted and WMA C SGE, as well as drywell and groundwater monitoring well spectral gamma logging to investigate possible contamination in the soils at WMA C. The selection of characterization technologies is described in Section 4.6.

The direct push technology has been capable of obtaining a sample as deep as 240 ft bgs. It has the capability of obtaining more than one sample per probehole and does not bring up cuttings that need to be disposed of. This provides the same objective as drilling a deep borehole given the data collection objectives.

The SGE technology provides a nonintrusive method of delineating potential release sites across an area. This method is being tested at three locations within WMA C DQO boundary to determine if deep electrodes will provide valuable vertical dissemination of potential releases high in salt content. The first test of the high-resolution, three-dimensional SGE with deep electrodes was conducted as part of Revision 0 of this work plan. The test ran from October 2008 to July 2009 at UPR-200-E-81 with the results documented in RPP-RPT-41236, *Surface Geophysical Exploration of UPR 200-E-81 Near the C Tank Farm*. The SGE testing at UPR-200-E-81 acquired three-dimensional resistivity data, using electrodes placed at depth, coupled with incorporation of a priori information on infrastructure, resulted in a quantitative reduction in the magnitude, size and depth of the low resistivity feature identified at UPR-200-E-81. Depth of the buried electrodes relative to the depth of the low resistivity feature was the most relevant variable in the analysis.

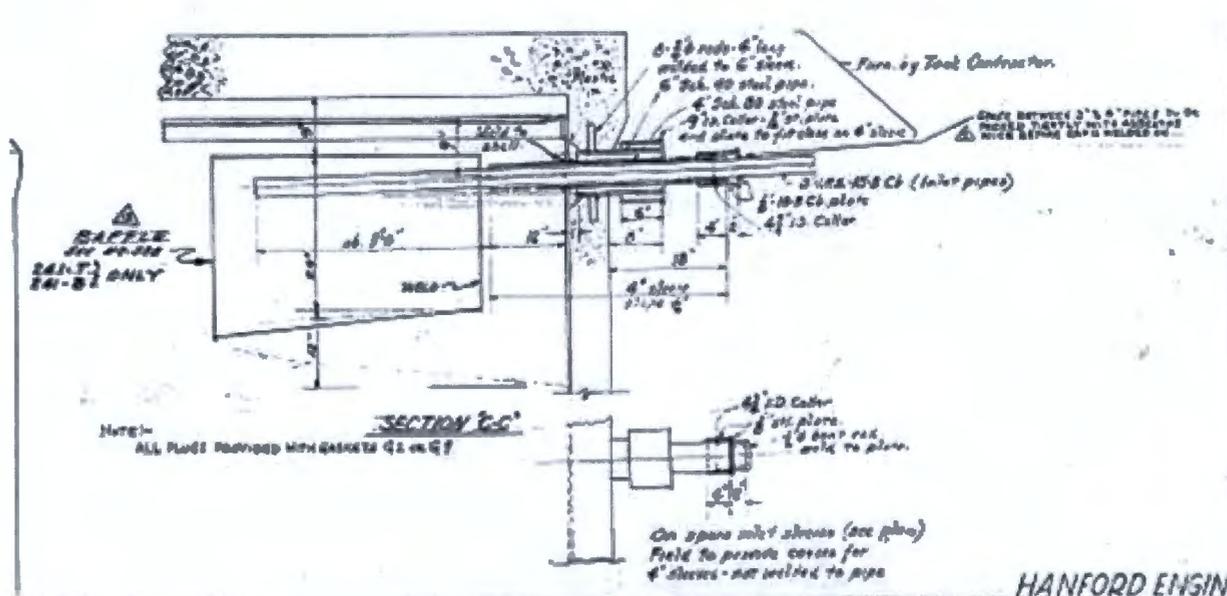
Drywell and groundwater monitoring well spectral gamma logging has been used in the tank farms and is a proven technology. Based on review of this data, it was determined some of the groundwater monitoring wells have not been logged and 8 years have passed since the last drywells were logged. Thus, this effort is to resolve data gaps that could support migration of contaminants, in particular  $^{60}\text{Co}$  migration.

Some of the characterization options will have to address the spare inlet ports that may have been breached as discussed in Section 2.4.4. Additional information is provided in Section 4.3.1 to understand why these spare inlet ports were specifically selected. Additional probable contamination areas that exist in other supporting facilities associated in and around WMA C are discussed in Section 4.3.2.

4.3.1 Potential Waste Losses from Spare Inlet Nozzles

The SSTs in the C Farm are each equipped with four horizontal inlet nozzles, as shown in Figure 4-1 (W-72742, Hanford Engineering Works Bldg. 241, 75' Diameter Storage Tanks T-U-B & C Arrangement drawing, and W-72743, Hanford Engineering Works 20'-0" Diameter Storage Tanks Arrangement Bldg # 241-T, 241-U, 241-B, 241-C). While Figure 4-1 depicts a typical inlet nozzle for the 200-series SSTs, the inlet nozzles were constructed the same way in the 100-series SSTs. An inlet nozzle consists of an inner 4-in.-diameter schedule 80 steel pipe with an outer 6-in.-diameter schedule 40 steel pipe. The outer 6-in.-diameter steel pipe is imbedded in the concrete sidewall of the SST, attached to the exterior of the carbon steel sidewall using mastic, and protrudes ~8 in. from the exterior of the tank wall. The 4-in.-diameter steel pipe is inserted through the 6-in.-diameter steel pipe, protrudes ~12-in. inside the SST and ~18-in. beyond the exterior of the concrete sidewall of the SST. The 4-in.-diameter steel pipe is welded to the sidewall of the carbon steel tank. An 8-in.-diameter steel collar is tightly fitted around the 6-in.-diameter steel pipe where the 4-in.-diameter steel pipe exits this outer pipe. Process waste lines, which are 3-in. inner diameter, 11 gauge 18-8Cb (i.e., an early form of stainless steel) tubing, are inserted through the 4-in.-diameter steel pipe and extend ~4 ft inside the SST.

Figure 4-1. 20-Foot Diameter SST Detail Showing Inlet Nozzles (Best Image Available)



The elevation of the four inlet nozzles for the 100-series SSTs is 17 ft 4 in. from the center of the tank bottom (H-2-1744, Tank Farm Riser & Nozzle Elev). The elevation of the four inlet nozzles for the 200-series SSTs is 24 ft 7 in. from the center of the tank bottom (H-2-1744). All inlet nozzles on the 100-series SSTs in C Farm are located at approximately the 8 o'clock position relative to north being 12 o'clock. For the 200-series SSTs, two spare inlets are located approximately at the 12:30 o'clock position, and two spare inlets are located approximately at the 9:30 o'clock position relative to north being 12 o'clock.

1 The process waste lines connecting to the inlet nozzles on SSTs C-101, C-104, C-107, C-108,  
2 C-110, and C-111 are supported by concrete troughs (W-74108 and H-2-2929, *Waste Fill Lines*  
3 *& Clean Outs 1<sup>st</sup> Cycle Waste 241-C Tank Farm*). The concrete supports are 30 in. tall and  
4 32 in. wide, except for C-101, which are 30 in. tall but only 26 in. wide. The concrete support  
5 beams have a 4-in.-tall shoulder, resulting in a 24-in. (only 18 in. for C-101) wide trough running  
6 down the center of the beam.

7  
8 Process waste lines from diversion box 241-C-252 connect to two inlet nozzles on each of the  
9 C-200 series SSTs and are supported by concrete troughs (W-74317, *Hanford Engineering*  
10 *Works Building No. 241 T-U-B & -C Concrete Details of Pipe Supports (20' Dia. Tanks)*). The  
11 other two inlet nozzles are spares on the C-200 series SSTs and are not supported. For the  
12 200-series SSTs, the concrete-support troughs are 37-in. tall and 20-in. wide with a 4-in.-tall  
13 shoulder. The interior width of the trough supporting the pipelines is 12-in.

14  
15 Some of the inlet nozzles on the SSTs are spares and do not have installed process waste lines.  
16 The design for the SSTs identified a 4.5-in.-diameter cover was to be placed over the  
17 4-in.-diameter spare inlet nozzles (see Figure 4-1). It is known that some of the spare inlet  
18 nozzles are poorly sealed. SST BX-102 was overfilled in February 1951 and waste was lost to  
19 the ground through the spare inlet nozzles (HW-20742, *Loss of Depleted Metal Waste Supernate*  
20 *to Soil*). As part of the investigation into the waste loss from SST BX-102, spare inlet nozzles on  
21 several SSTs were examined (specific tanks were not identified). This investigation revealed  
22 "...that some [inlet nozzles] have blanks which are welded tight, some have wooden plugs  
23 driven into the spare nozzle covered by a cap and sealed with waterproofing, and some have caps  
24 covered with waterproofing membrane and then sealed in cement" (HW-20742, page 5).

25  
26 Based on the SST BX-102 waste loss investigation, the potential exists that some waste may  
27 have been similarly released in the C Farm if any of the SSTs were filled above the height of the  
28 spare inlet nozzles. If waste losses occurred through the spare inlets for SSTs C-101, C-104,  
29 C-107, C-108, C-110, and C-111, the waste may have been contained and channeled along the  
30 concrete troughs.

31  
32 The waste volumes in all WMA C SSTs were reported monthly from January 1945 through  
33 December 1960 (except no data for August 1951 through March 1952), semiannually from  
34 January 1961 through June 1965, quarterly from September 1965 through September 1976, and  
35 monthly thereafter. SSTs were removed from service in January 1981 and no waste additions  
36 were allowed after this date.

37  
38 Based on a review of waste volume data for the WMA C tanks, SSTs C-101, C-103, C-104,  
39 C-106, C-109, C-111, C-201, C-202, and C-204 were filled with waste above the elevation of the  
40 spare inlet nozzles on several occasions. This overfilling could have potentially resulted in waste  
41 leaking from these SSTs into the surrounding soil. The date and waste type present in each SST  
42 when the tank was filled with waste above the elevation of the spare inlet nozzles are  
43 summarized in Table 2-7.

### 4.3.2 Planned Release Facilities Such As Cribs, Drains and Discovery Sites

There are several facilities in and around WMA C which were designed to discharge into the vadose zone. No documentation that discharges occurred has been located. These facilities include the following:

- a. **Cesium Loadout Facility Drain** – The cask loading area within the 241-C-801 building has a drain line connecting to the valve pit. The valve pit and cask loading area have separate drain lines connecting to a drywell located outside of the tank farm fence (drawings H-2-4573 and H-2-4554). This drywell is located approximately 23 m (75 ft) north of the C-801 building, outside the tank farm fence (DOE/RL-88-30, page 659). No record was located that provides information on the volume and types of wastes potentially discharged to this drywell. An unknown amount of PUREX P1 and P2 waste types along with decontamination solutions may have been discharged to this drywell as a result of operations conducted at the C-801 building.
- b. **271-CR French Drains, Drywell Drain, and Tile Fields** – The 271-CR Building had several drains associated with it that were located both inside and outside of the WMA C fenceline. Drains included a French drain, drywell drains, and two tile fields. The two tile fields were associated with the septic tank system. An original tile field was replaced with a second expanded system along with a new septic tank. One of the drains appears to have been associated with a condensate line. Waste releases to the remainder of the drain systems, if any, is unknown and does not have associated documentation.
- c. **200-E-115** – Located east of C Farm, south of 8th Street, across an unnamed gravel road. As a result of routine surveys confirming radiological contamination in this area, the Dyncorp Integrated Soil, Vegetation, and Animal Control group submitted a Waste Site Information Form to WIDS in 2000. The site was classified as Discovery until programmatic responsibility and ownership were determined in March 2001. No surveys can be found to provide information about the radiological conditions inside the posted area. Very little is known about this posted area. During an interview with the Dyncorp Radiological Group in October 2000, an assumption was made that the area was posted by the CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Inc. East Tank Farm Radiological Control Group. A review of underground pipeline locations did not indicate a pipeline at this location. In 1980, a larger area of posted contamination (see UPR-200-E-91) was located in the same vicinity. The contaminated soil from UPR-200-E-91 was removed in 1981. Because so much time has passed, it is difficult to determine if the two sites are related. In June 2004, 200-E-115 was stabilized with gravel and posted as an Underground Radioactive Material Area.

### 4.4 SITE SELECTION

During the DQO process, it was determined that 23 areas of interest, referred to as sites, would be characterized using a variety of characterization techniques. Sections 4.4.1 through 4.4.7 provide the rationale for choosing these 23 sites.

#### 4.4.1 Site Selection using Alternative 1: Phase 1 Conceptual Model

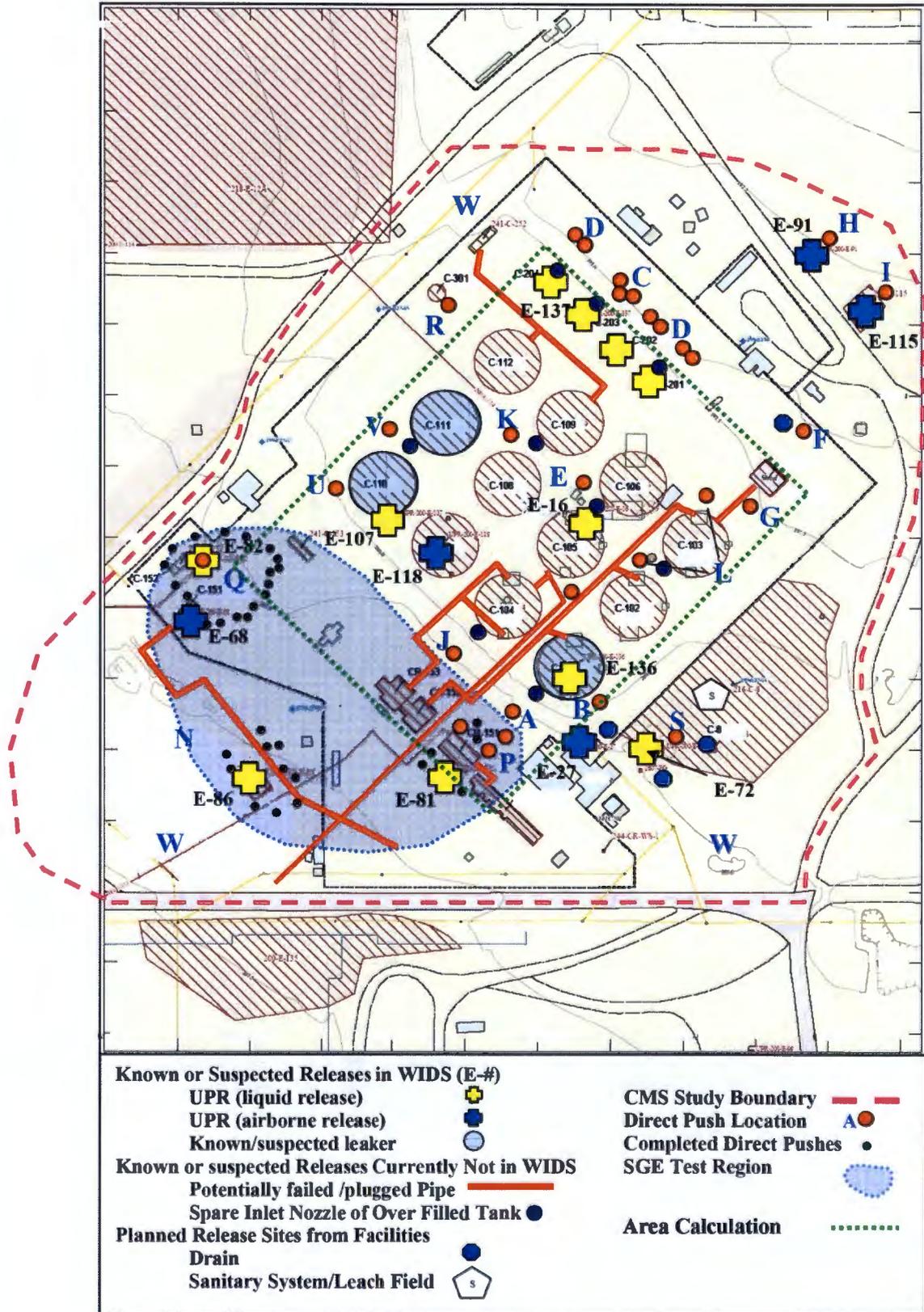
The Phase 1 conceptual model was used to select a number of sites to investigate. These sites consist of known or potential release sites that may have impacted the soils (Figure 4-2). To support tanks that may have been overfilled and potentially lost waste out the spare inlet ports, sites A (C-101) and J (C-104) were chosen.

Sites B, C, D, R, U, and V were chosen to support possible tank leaks and/or overfill events that lack existing drywell monitoring coverage. This includes southeast side of C-101 (Site B), the C-200-series tanks (Sites C and D), and C-801 (Site R). Sites B, C, D, U, and V are also being investigated to evaluate alternative conceptual model 2. For Sites U and V associated with tanks C-110 and C-111 respectively, it should be recognized that a low probability of hitting the contamination exists, based on the historic gamma logging and spectral gamma logging as reported in in Section 5 of GJO-98-39-TARA. The report states, "There appears to be little contamination around tanks C-110 and C-111, both of which are assumed leakers." It goes on to say, "Historical logs near tank C-111 showed no evidence of a past leak from this tank." It does suggest that the contaminants may have migrated downward and did not extend laterally to reach the surrounding monitoring boreholes (i.e., drywells). Therefore, the probability of hitting contamination under tank C-111 is quite low. The basis for placing tank C-111 as a "leaker" is a level decrease of 8.5 inches from 1965 through 1969 that would equal a total of 23,400 gal. In 1989, the leak loss value assigned was a 5.5 kgal leak. New temperature data can document the tank evaporation over this time period to account for this decrease as noted in *Tank 241-C-111 Leak Assessment Report*, RPP-ASMT-39155, dated October 2008. If a slant probehole beginning at the west-southwest corner of the tank is not feasible, then this slant probehole should not be installed because of the low probability of hitting any contaminants. This point of entry would align with the point of release associated with an overfill at the spare inlet ports and would be following the direction of the assumed release under the tank (i.e., down stratigraphic dip and lateral spreading from the point of release), exactly the same strategy and alignment used on the SX-108 slant borehole (see RPP-7884 for the rationale of placement). This strategy would support alternative conceptual model 2 of the work plan.

Although UPR-200-E-82 (Site Q) was investigated during Phase 1, it will be further investigated as part of this work plan. At UPR-200-E-82, the highest concentration of <sup>99</sup>Tc and nitrate was found at 80 ft bgs (RPP-35484, *Field Investigation Report for Waste Management Areas C and A-AX*). This limiting depth (80 ft bgs) was a result of the characterization limitations of the direct push technology deployed at that time using a slant probehole to collect the sample. This slant probehole at the time of deployment eliminated the possibility of going deeper in light of the gunite cap on top of this UPR. A vertical push through the gunnite cap had been proposed but not implemented due to radiological control requirements. Instead, four direct push holes will be placed to a depth of approximately 200 ft, one on each side of the UPR, and multi-depth electrodes will be placed. A three-dimensional SGE survey will be conducted to map the extent of any electrical anomaly resulting from this release. Since the time of the leak in December 1969 to sometime after 1991, UPR-82 was covered in sand and gravel. Sometime after 1991, the gunite cap was placed over it. This provided for over 20 years of recharge over this UPR at 100 mm/yr, providing an opportunity to evaluate the Phase 1 conceptual model or evaluate alternative conceptual models 2 and 4.

Figure 4-2. Sample Locations for Phase 2 Characterization

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1 Sites P and S are also being investigated under this conceptual model. Site P (UPR-200-E-81)  
2 was chosen because a 36,000-gal pipeline leak occurred in 1969. At Site S (216-C-8 French  
3 drain) approximately 32,000 gal of treated tank farm processing condensate was discharged to  
4 the French drain 216-C-8 from January 1960 through March 1965. Site S is also being  
5 investigated to evaluate alternative conceptual model 2.

#### 6 **4.4.2 Site Selection using Alternative 2: Movement of Contaminants Down Stratigraphic** 7 **Dip**

8 Data to support the alternative conceptual model 2 of movement of contaminants down  
9 stratigraphic dip, are sites K (C-108), E (between C-109 and C-106), L (C-103 and C-106), and F  
10 (Building C-801 chemical drain). One of the problems is that waste loss from locations L and F  
11 could be commingled with other waste loss sources. As documented in RPP-35484, migration of  
12  $^{60}\text{Co}$  both laterally and vertically has occurred in the vadose zone from the C-108 transfer line  
13 leak and migrated to the northeast (downdip) toward C-106. Investigation at these sites will  
14 provide data to support this conceptual model.

15  
16 Movement of  $^{60}\text{Co}$  has been detected from the vicinity of C-108 laterally to the east and  
17 downward to greater than 120 ft bgs near drywell 30-06-10. It is possible this contamination  
18 originated from a transfer line leak (GJO-98-39-TARA).

19  
20 Between C-108 and C-109, a transfer line leak source is indicated by contamination in  
21 drywell 30-08-02 (RPP-14430). High  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  concentrations occur between 20 and 22 ft bgs and  
22 peak at 1100 pCi/g in this zone. A  $^{154}\text{Eu}$  peak (24 pCi/g) is coincident with  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  and the more  
23 mobile  $^{60}\text{Co}$  is present between 50 and 80 ft bgs at concentrations up to 10 pCi/g. These  
24 contaminants were present when the drywell was installed in 1974. This contaminant plume  
25 appears to extend at least to drywell 30-06-10 where a similar  $^{60}\text{Co}$  plume occurs between 86 and  
26 115 ft bgs at lesser concentrations (up to 1 pCi/g). Cobalt-60 also occurs to a lesser degree in  
27 drywell 30-09-01 at 90 to 95 ft bgs. This location may represent the eastern extent of this  
28 contaminant plume. Other nearby drywells may also contain contamination that has migrated  
29 from this source.

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31 These drywells (30-09-06, 30-09-07, and 30-09-02) along with drywells 30-08-02 and 30-06-10  
32 contain mobile  $^{60}\text{Co}$  that migrated in the 1980s between 40 and 115 ft bgs, according to the gross  
33 gamma record. The apparent lag time between initial discharge to the vadose zone before 1974  
34 and the observed  $^{60}\text{Co}$  migration in the 1980s may indicate additional leakage or enhanced  
35 migration instigated by artificial recharge (RPP-14430).

36  
37 At the tank C-108/C-109 anomaly, neither of the drywells within the anomaly footprint contains  
38 significant levels of gamma-emitting contamination. The closest indication of a source term is at  
39 drywell 30-08-02, where  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  and  $^{154}\text{Eu}$  peak at approximately 20 ft bgs, suggesting another  
40 transfer line leak. Examination of more recent geophysical logging shows at least four episodes  
41 of contamination in this drywell: one prior to 1976, between 1989 and 1997, between 1997 and  
42 2002, and between 2002 and 2006. From 1976 to 2006,  $^{60}\text{Co}$  appears to have migrated from  
43 approximately 40 ft bgs to approximately 80 ft bgs. Whether this anomaly is related to the  
44 apparent anomaly just to the west is unclear.

1 Site B (southeast side of C-101) and S (216-C-8) are also being investigated under this  
 2 conceptual model because low levels (0.6 pCi/g) of <sup>60</sup>Co were measured in the vadose zone  
 3 between 130 and 250 ft bgs at groundwater well 299-E27-14. It has been speculated that the  
 4 <sup>60</sup>Co has migrated to this well from either a C-101 tank leak or is the result of disposal to  
 5 216-C-8 French drain.

#### 6 **4.4.3 Site Selection using Alternative 3: Preferential Pathways Conceptual Model**

7 Alternative conceptual model 3, preferential pathways, is a possible transport mechanism, but as  
 8 noted in Section 3.3.3, it could not be addressed in the DQO and no characterization sites were  
 9 selected using this conceptual model. In addition, Section 3.6 identifies drywells and  
 10 groundwater monitoring wells that may provide a conduit for preferential pathways for  
 11 contaminant migration to the groundwater.

#### 12 **4.4.4 Site Selection using Alternative 4: Unknown Leak Event Conceptual Model**

13 Another possible conceptual model is the unknown leak event or events (alternative conceptual  
 14 model 4). Each WMA contains miles of pipelines and infrastructure, like catch tanks and valve  
 15 boxes. It is plausible that leaks could occur along these pipelines. With the numerous waterline  
 16 leaks that have been documented in the past within tank farms as the hydraulic driving force,  
 17 contaminants could have migrated downward faster than under normal recharge. This  
 18 conceptual model could also be applied to small releases from tanks, like catch tank C-301.  
 19 These are known as "hot spots." However, the ability to locate "hot spots" at WMA C is  
 20 problematic. For locating hot spots, the EPA recommends using a systematic grid sampling  
 21 design (EPA QA/G-5S, *Guidance on Choosing a Sampling Design for Environmental Data for*  
 22 *Use in Developing a Quality Assurance Project Plan*). This methodology places a sampling grid  
 23 over an area and sampling within the grid to find a hot spot. The size of individual grid elements  
 24 is dependent on the size of the hot spot. Applying this technique at WMA C is impracticable for  
 25 two reasons:

- 26 a. Because the size of the area to be sampled (WMA C) is large (~700,000 ft<sup>2</sup> or 16 acres)  
 27 and the hot spots are expected to be relatively small (<625 ft<sup>2</sup> or 25 ft x 25 ft), a very  
 28 large number of samples would have to be taken to locate a hot spot.
- 29 b. A portion of the WMA C is inaccessible to a drill rig/direct push rig due to the  
 30 underground infrastructure (tanks, pipelines, and diversion boxes), aboveground retrieval  
 31 equipment, and topography. For example, the most likely area for finding hot spots  
 32 would be near and around the SSTs. This area is shown by the green dotted rectangle in  
 33 Figure 4-2. The area of this rectangle is approximately 210,000 ft<sup>2</sup>; however, the area  
 34 within this rectangle that cannot be sampled due to underground infrastructure is  
 35 approximately 90,000 ft<sup>2</sup>. Thus, 45% of the sampling grid in the area of the SSTs could  
 36 not be sampled.

37  
 38 To address site selection of unknown leak events, the following two methods will be employed:  
 39 judgmental sampling and SGE. Judgmental sampling (EPA QA/G-5S) uses historical  
 40 information to best select a site. In this case, information presented in Section 2.4.3.6 infers that  
 41 certain pipelines may have leaked. One of these pipelines existed between building C-801 and  
 42 C-103 (Site G). According to historical records, a pipeline was installed to complete an

1 alternative effluent return route from the building C-801 tank C-103. Since one already existed,  
2 this installation could imply a problem existed in the old line, including a leaking pipeline.

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4 The other method is SGE, in which the resistivity of the underlying strata is measured, thereby  
5 providing an indirect indication of where pipelines, tanks, and other infrastructure may have  
6 leaked into the environment. Because waste fluids at tank farms contain nitrate that can reduce  
7 the electrical resistivity of the underlying strata, the resistivity measurements will be made at site  
8 N (UPR-81, UPR-82, and UPR-86) and compared against samples taken at these sites.  
9 Furthermore, samples collected at site P (UPR-81) will be used to compare analytical data  
10 against resistivity data. Using the results from the testing of SGE at site N, a plan would be  
11 developed to interrogate WMA C and surrounding environment using SGE. This is designated  
12 as Site O. Advances that are realized in the application of SGE will be considered in developing  
13 additional deployments of this characterization approach.

#### 14 **4.4.5 Site Selection for Surface Contamination**

15 UPR-200-E-91 (Site H) was a large area of contaminated soil, located north and east of the  
16 C Farm. In 1981 contaminated soil was removed from this area and taken to another location  
17 (UPR-200-E-56). The radiological posting was removed in 1981. This release site is no longer  
18 marked or posted. This site was selected to verify the soils were removed. Waste site 200-E-115  
19 (Site I) is selected as a site with surficial contamination that was discovered in October 2001.

#### 20 **4.4.6 Site Selection for Geophysical Logging**

21 In addition to the list of sites that will be investigated, updated drywell spectral gamma  
22 monitoring of tanks C-103, C-104, C-106, C-108, C-109, C-110 C-111, and C-112 (Site M) will  
23 be conducted to investigate changes that may have occurred since 2000 as it relates to <sup>60</sup>Co  
24 migration. In addition to the drywells inside the WMA fenceline, the following groundwater  
25 wells would also be logged: 299-E27-12, 299-E27-13, 299-E27-14, and 299-E27-15 (Site W).  
26 These wells were selected because they are the only groundwater wells near WMA C that have  
27 not been logged, except 299-E27-14 that was last logged in the 1990s.

#### 28 **4.4.7 Groundwater Sampling Activities**

29 Groundwater sampling activities at the WMA C RCRA wells are conducted under the Soil and  
30 Groundwater Remediation Project. Groundwater samples are collected and analyzed in  
31 accordance with DOE/RL-2009-77, *Interim Status Groundwater Quality Assessment Plan for the*  
32 *Single Shell Tank Waste Management Area – C*. This monitoring plan supersedes the previous  
33 groundwater monitoring plan (PNNL-13024, as revised) to incorporate changes that have  
34 occurred at WMA C. The most significant change at WMA C is the recent exceedance of the  
35 critical mean by the indicator parameter specific conductance. Furthermore, the dangerous  
36 constituent cyanide has been found in groundwater beneath the WMA C, and no upgradient  
37 source for cyanide has been identified. The first round of groundwater sampling under the new  
38 groundwater plan is scheduled to occur late in the 2009 calendar year. The analytes in the first  
39 round of sampling were developed from RPP-23403 and Appendix IX of 40 CFR 264. The  
40 results from these groundwater sampling activities will be available to the preparers of the  
41 RFI/CMS. No sampling of groundwater will be conducted as part of these characterization

1 efforts. If any new RCRA groundwater monitoring wells are installed, the monitoring results  
2 from the new well would be used to further assess the conceptual models as they relate to  
3 groundwater flow.

#### 4 **4.5 SITE CHARACTERIZATION**

5 For this work plan, site characterization will be performed at the 23 sites identified in Figure 4-2.  
6 The site characterization activities include the following:

- 7 a. Soil collection and analysis through direct push technology (Section 4.5.1).
- 8 b. Tissue sampling for ERA (Section 4.5.2).
- 9 c. Drywell and groundwater monitoring well geophysical logging (Section 4.5.3).
- 10 d. SGE (Section 4.5.4).

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12 The characterization options selected for implementation at WMA C for this work plan are  
13 provided in Table 4-1. Table 4-1 includes the sampling method, implementation design, and  
14 objective. Not shown in Table 4-1 is the development of a geophysical logging tool that can  
15 detect beta emitters, which is also addressed in this work plan (Section 4.5.5).

16  
17 Soil samples for chemical analysis will be collected using direct push technology at 18 of the  
18 23 selected sites. The number of sampling direct pushes ranges from one to three at each site for  
19 a total of up to 29 direct pushes. Furthermore, a demonstration of SGE with deep electrodes is  
20 also planned at Site N. Site N includes the following unplanned release sites UPR-200-E-81,  
21 UPR-200-E-82, UPR-200-E-86. At each of these UPRs, high-resolution, three-dimensional SGE  
22 with deep electrodes is scheduled to be demonstrated. The first demonstration has already  
23 occurred at UPR-200-E-81 as part of revision 0 of this work plan. The demonstration ran from  
24 October 2008 to July 2009 at UPR-200-E-81 with the results documented in RPP-RPT-41236.  
25 Soil samples for contaminant analysis were also collected at this UPR and will be available later  
26 in the calendar year to compare results from the SGE against the chemical analysis. The  
27 UPR-200-E-82 is the next scheduled waste site for SGE to be deployed. Following the  
28 demonstration, if SGE is successful at Site N for resolving depth of contaminants with deep  
29 electrodes, a plan would be developed to deploy SGE to encompass the WMA C DQO boundary.  
30 Additionally, new spectral gamma and moisture logging would be performed at tanks C-103,  
31 C-104, C-106, and C-108 through C-112. This work is contingent on available funding and on  
32 whether the direct push installation schedule is consistent with other schedule priorities.  
33 Additional characterization technology development (see Section 4.5.5) also is contingent on  
34 available funding.

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36 The initial (Phase 1) site-specific investigation conducted between FY 2004 through FY 2007  
37 entailed the installation of one vertical borehole near C-105 along with the application of direct  
38 push technology at UPR-82 (vertical and slant probeholes). To complement these data, direct  
39 pushes were conducted around UPR-86 and UPR-81 in FY 2008 (RPP-35169) that will provide  
40 additional information about contamination in the south portion of C Farm. The sampling plan  
41 consists of vertical and slant probeholes using direct push technology near selected waste  
42 releases along with SGEs around UPR-81, UPR-82, and UPR-86 and potentially WMA C.  
43 Spectral gamma and moisture logging around certain tanks with drywells that have detected <sup>60</sup>Co  
44 will be logged as will the groundwater monitoring wells that have not been spectral gamma  
45 logged in the past.

**Table 4-1. Sample Plan WMA C Phase 2 Characterization for RFI/CMS (3 sheets)**

Map Design	Group <sup>a</sup>	Location	Deployment	Number of Direct Pushes	Average Number of Samples <sup>c</sup>	Known or Suspected Event	Objective	Accessibility	Ecology/ Stakeholder Interest
A	G3	Spare inlet 241-C-101	Direct push, slant	1-2	8	Tank overflow. Loss through spare inlet	Characterize C-101 release and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	High
B	G2	241-C-101, south side	Direct push, vertical or slant	1	8	Tank release	Characterize C-101 release and refine conceptual models 1 and 2	Good	High
C	G4	241-C-203	Direct push, slant	3	3: 0-15 ft 15: >15 ft	Tank leak and/or tank overflow. Loss through spare inlet	Determine if C-200 actually leaked and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	Moderate to high
D	G4	241-C-201 241-C-202 241-C-204	Direct push, slant	1-2/tank	8	200 series tank leaks	Determine if C-200 actually leaked and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	Moderate, depending on C-203 results
E	G2	Between 241-C-106 and 200-C-109	Direct push, vertical	1	8	Suspected release	Assess <sup>60</sup> Co and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	High
F	G2	Bldg C-801 chemical drain	Direct push, vertical	1	8	Suspected release site	Assess release of PUREX waste, <sup>137</sup> Cs and <sup>99</sup> Tc, and <sup>60</sup> Co and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	Moderate to high
G	G2	Between Bldg C-801 and 241-C-103	Direct push, vertical	1	8	Suspected transfer line release site	Assess release and <sup>60</sup> Co and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	High
H	G5	Northeast side of E-91	Direct push, vertical	1	8	Surface release	Surface exposures and assess <sup>60</sup> Co and surface release conceptual Model	Good	High
I	G5	Northeast side of E-115	Direct push, vertical or slant	1	8	Surface release	Surface exposures and assess <sup>60</sup> Co and surface release conceptual model, refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	High
J	G3	241-C-104	Direct push, slant	1	8	Tank release	Assess suspected release and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	High
K	G2	241-C-108	Direct push, vertical or slant	1	8	Transfer line leak, hot dry well (09-02)	Assess suspected release and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Poor	High

**Table 4-1. Sample Plan WMA C Phase 2 Characterization for RFI/CMS (3 sheets)**

Map Design	Group <sup>a</sup>	Location	Deployment	Number of Direct Pushes	Average Number of Samples <sup>c</sup>	Known or Suspected Event	Objective	Accessibility	Ecology/ Stakeholder Interest
L	G2	241-C-103 and 241-C-106	Drywell logging and direct push, vertical	2	8	Potential transfer line leak and tank overflow	Update logging data for <sup>60</sup> Co, <sup>137</sup> Cs, uranium, and moisture and assess potential release and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	Moderate
M	G7	241-C-104, 108, 109, 110, 111, and 112	Drywell logging	N/A	N/A	N/A	Update logging data for <sup>60</sup> Co, <sup>137</sup> Cs, uranium, and moisture	Fair to good	Moderate
N	G8	UPR-86, UPR-82 and UPR-81	SGE	N/A	N/A	N/A	Test SGE: resolve depth with deep electrodes; define plume at UPRs-81, -82 and -86; refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	High
O	G9	WMA C	SGE	N/A	N/A	N/A	3-D vision of suspected releases – may lead to supplemental sample locations	Good	High
P	G1	UPR-81	Balance of direct pushes to complete characterization for soil sampling	3	8	Known release site	Characterize release and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	High
Q	G6	UPR-82	(1) 4 adjacent direct pushes to support placement of strings of deep electrodes for 3D SGE per Map Design N; (2) Direct push through center, depending on SGE results <sup>b</sup>	1	8	Known release site	Test SGE: resolve depth with deep electrodes; define plume at UPR-82; refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Poor due to shotcrete cover	High
R	G2	241-C-301 Catch Tank	Direct push vertical	1	8	Unlined concrete catch tank	Assess potential catch tank release and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	Moderate to high

**Table 4-1. Sample Plan WMA C Phase 2 Characterization for RFI/CMS (3 sheets)**

Map Design	Group <sup>a</sup>	Location	Deployment	Number of Direct Pushes	Average Number of Samples <sup>c</sup>	Known or Suspected Event	Objective	Accessibility	Ecology/ Stakeholder Interest
S	G5	UPR-72 and C-8 Drain	Direct push vertical	1	8	Buried radioactive material and French drain from 241 CR Building are in this area	Assess presence of buried material and potential releases to C-8 drain and refine conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	Moderate to high
T	TBD	TBD, based on SGE data for entire WMA	TBD, direct push vertical and/or slant	TBD	TBD	Previously unknown release sites	TBD	TBD	Moderate to high
U	G3	C-110	Direct push, slant or vertical	1	8	Tank leak and/or tank overflow. Loss through spare inlet	Characterize C-110 release and conceptual conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Fair	High
V	G2	C-111	Direct push vertical	1	8	Tank leak and/or tank overflow. Loss through spare inlet	Characterize C-111 release and conceptual models 1, 2, and 4	Good	High
W	G9	299-E27-12, 299-E27-13, 299-E27-14, 299-E27-15	Log groundwater monitoring wells outside of WMA C	N/A	N/A	N/A	Log wells to collect data on U, <sup>60</sup> Co, <sup>137</sup> Cs, and moisture	Good	High

<sup>a</sup> Group refers to the expected work package associated with the characterization effort broadly defined as follows:

- G1 = Direct push at UPR-81 (covered by existing work package).
- G2 = Vertical direct pushes at nine investigative sites around the 100-series SSTs.
- G3 = Slant direct pushes at three investigative sites around the 100-series SSTs.
- G4 = Slant direct push at the C-200 Series tanks.
- G5 = Outside the WMA, vertical direct push at the investigative sites.
- G6 = Vertical direct push through gunite at UPR-82.
- G7 = Drywell logging at select dry wells.
- G8 = Three separate SGE areas at the following locations: UPR-81, UPR-82, and UPR-86.
- G9 = Deploy SGE at WMA C taking into account the results from testing at site N.

<sup>b</sup> Sampling design details for Sampling Site Designation Q are applicable to the single direct push that may be undertaken for sampling. Additional probe holes will be placed to support logging/electrode placement.

<sup>c</sup> Values include one surface sample.

1 Table 4-1 shows the current understanding of access availability (i.e., October 2008) for each of  
2 the 23 sites. Specific sample locations will be selected based on defined site limitations (slope of  
3 the ground surface), and infrastructure constraints (see Figures 4-3 and 4-4). The actual sample  
4 locations will be established following the field survey with ground-penetrating radar (GPR) and  
5 other site preparation activities. This work plan calls for a sample to be taken at ground surface  
6 (i.e., 0 to 1 ft bgs). Although every attempt will be made to collect this sample, the gravel  
7 surface in tank farms may prevent taking a sample that contains environmentally sensitive media  
8 (i.e., soil particles less than 2 mm in diameter). If this is the case, pictures of the sampling site  
9 showing the gravelly nature of the land surface and the reason as to why a sample will not be  
10 taken will be documented in borehole/site completion reports.

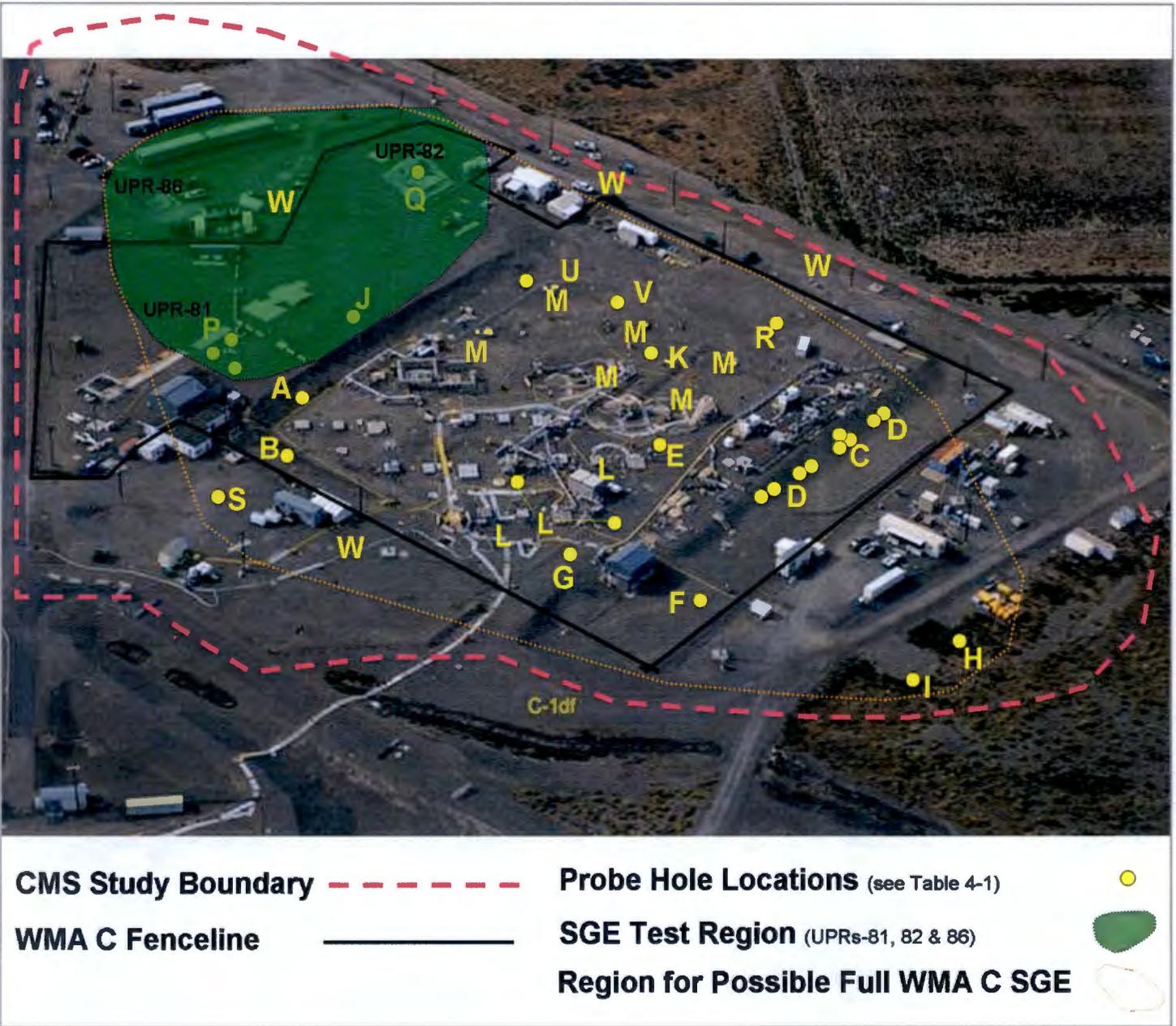
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12 The GPR and electrical surveys will define where subsurface conflicts exist, which will help  
13 define acceptable sample locations. During the survey, aboveground conflicts will also be  
14 defined.

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16 The request to twin soil samples from new groundwater well boreholes with soil samples from  
17 direct push is a reasonable technical request that was provided by the Nez Perce in review of  
18 Revision 0 of this work plan. Although soil samples from direct pushes have been acquired, they  
19 are spatially separated by tens of feet from soil samples associated with boreholes. These soil  
20 samples can be compared and have shown similarities in pH and moisture content. However,  
21 with the potential changes in soil properties that might occur over those distances a meaningful  
22 comparison related to the differences in techniques is problematic. It would be more beneficial  
23 to have direct push soil samples that were located a few feet (~2 ft) apart from soil samples from  
24 the new groundwater monitoring well(s) borehole to allow a more valid comparison. The soil  
25 samples from the direct pushes and the proposed new groundwater well(s) can be compared and  
26 similarities in analytical values can be demonstrated. This twinning exercise will also support  
27 the technical merits of using moisture as an indicator for soil sampling targets. If we are  
28 successful in placing two new groundwater wells within 100 ft of the WMA C boundary, we  
29 propose placing twin direct push probe holes with those wells. If we cannot place the new wells,  
30 we will place the direct push probes holes to twin the geophysical logging of existing wells.  
31 Furthermore, this approach will also allow us to collect soil samples from new groundwater  
32 wells. The exact location will be dependent on waste retrieval activities associated with access  
33 to various locations. The preferred location as recommended by the Nez Perce and concurred  
34 with DOE-ORP and the contractor would be close to existing groundwater wells 299-E27-7 or  
35 299-E27-14, which have shown groundwater impacts related to regional contamination as well  
36 as contamination associated with WMA C; however, the location may be modified due to  
37 existing site conditions and waste retrieval operations.

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39 A planning process will be conducted to address collection of vadose zone data during  
40 installation of a planned RCRA groundwater monitoring well similar to the one conducted for  
41 299-E27-22 (PNNL-13024).

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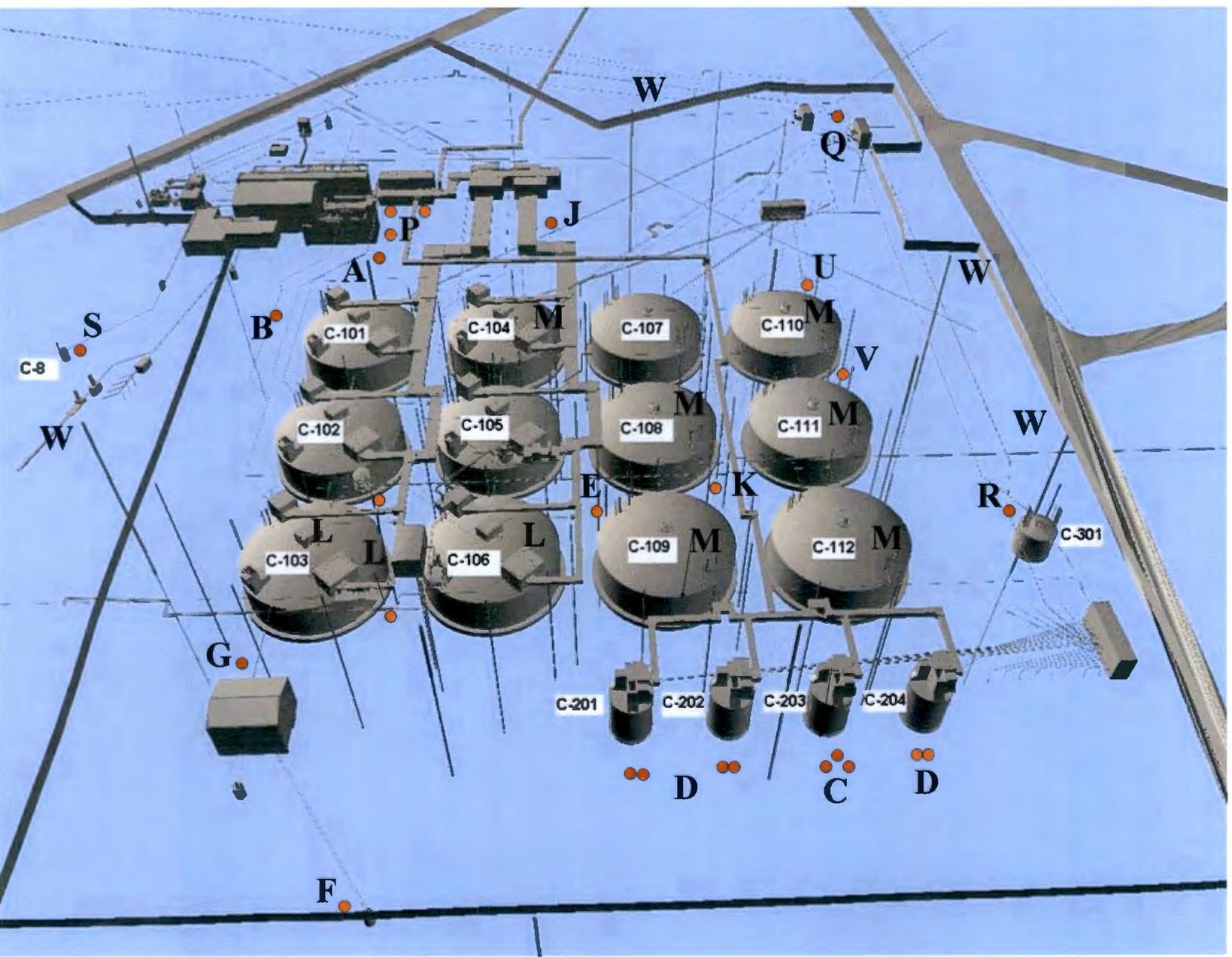
Figure 4-3. Surface Facilities, Candidate Sample Locations, and Surface Geophysical Exploration Interrogation Areas



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Figure 4-4. Candidate Sample Locations and Infrastructure Constraints



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1 For planning purposes, drill cutting samples will be collected in conjunction with the installation  
2 of a RCRA groundwater monitoring well that may be drilled near WMA C. From this well,  
3 near-continuous sediment samples from about 10 ft bgs to refusal will be collected. Drill  
4 cuttings and driven splitspoon samples will be collected from 10 ft bgs to near the total depth of  
5 the water table. Selected portions (21 samples) of the driven samples and cuttings will be  
6 analyzed for chemical and physical characteristics. From each stratigraphic unit, potential  
7 vertical locations for analyses will include stratigraphic contacts, weathered bedding structures,  
8 and lithologic facies changes. Splitspoon-driven soil samples will be taken every 10 ft starting at  
9 50 ft bgs for a total of 21 samples. Inorganic chemicals, pH, moisture, and radionuclide suite of  
10 analyses will be performed on the samples.

11  
12 Deployment of direct-push technology at the proposed locations in WMA C would be expected  
13 to continue to address a number of questions related to the concentration and distribution of  
14 contaminants, including the following:

- 15 a. What contaminants are present that are routinely identified as contaminants of concern  
16 (COC) from a groundwater impact standpoint (e.g., <sup>99</sup>Tc, nitrate)?
- 17 b. What are the contaminant concentrations of <sup>137</sup>Cs and other COC in the upper 15 ft of the  
18 soils to provide soil data to support direct exposure and ecological risk assessment?
- 19 c. What is the vertical extent of the COC in the backfill material?
- 20 d. What is the horizontal extent of the COC across the areas of interest?
- 21 e. What are the potential drivers (e.g., sediment moisture profile) in the upper portion of the  
22 vadose zone that could control the migration of contaminants?

23 This option was selected because a probehole at these locations would provide source  
24 characterization data over the majority of WMA C along with distribution of contaminants at the  
25 locations of interest from WMA C. Source characterization would:

- 26 a. provide a basis for verifying estimating current location of COC inventories in the vadose  
27 zone
- 28 b. support evaluation of the spatial correlations between concentrations of COC and existing  
29 gamma data
- 30 c. support assessment of contaminant mobility, potential drivers (e.g., moisture content),  
31 and the effects of releases on soil properties to support predictive numerical modeling  
32 efforts necessary to evaluate potential future groundwater impacts, the associated risks,  
33 corrective measures, and further characterization as warranted.

34  
35 Source characterization efforts also would involve identifying what contaminants are present  
36 and, subsequently, identifying the potential COCs for corrective action and closure decisions as  
37 they relate to soil and groundwater contamination.

#### 38 **4.5.1 Installation of Vertical/Slant Probeholes**

39 Several options were considered for collection of vadose zone data. The preferred option is  
40 installation of direct push probehole(s). The direct push technology has been capable of

1 obtaining a sample as deep as 240 ft bgs. It has the capability of obtaining more than one sample  
2 per probehole and does not bring up cuttings that need to be disposed. Furthermore, it does not  
3 take up as much space as a conventional drilling rig, which allows it to be deployed at more  
4 locations within the WMA C. The direct push technology provides the same objective as drilling  
5 a deep borehole given the data collection objectives. Up to 27 direct push probeholes are  
6 planned for 16 sampling locations. While the approximate locations for each probehole are  
7 shown on Figures 4-2 through 4-4, the exact locations for each probehole are dependent on the  
8 accessibility and subsurface interferences to the site, which will be determined after the results of  
9 a GPR survey become available. Vadose zone samples will be collected after the initial push is  
10 conducted and evaluated with soil moisture and gamma data. The precise sampling depths will  
11 be based on review of the geophysical logging data collected from the exploratory probehole. It  
12 is expected that the modified bismuth-germanium oxide logging tool (Section 4.6) will reduce  
13 the risk of selecting the wrong horizon to sample because of the lower detection limits associated  
14 with this tool.

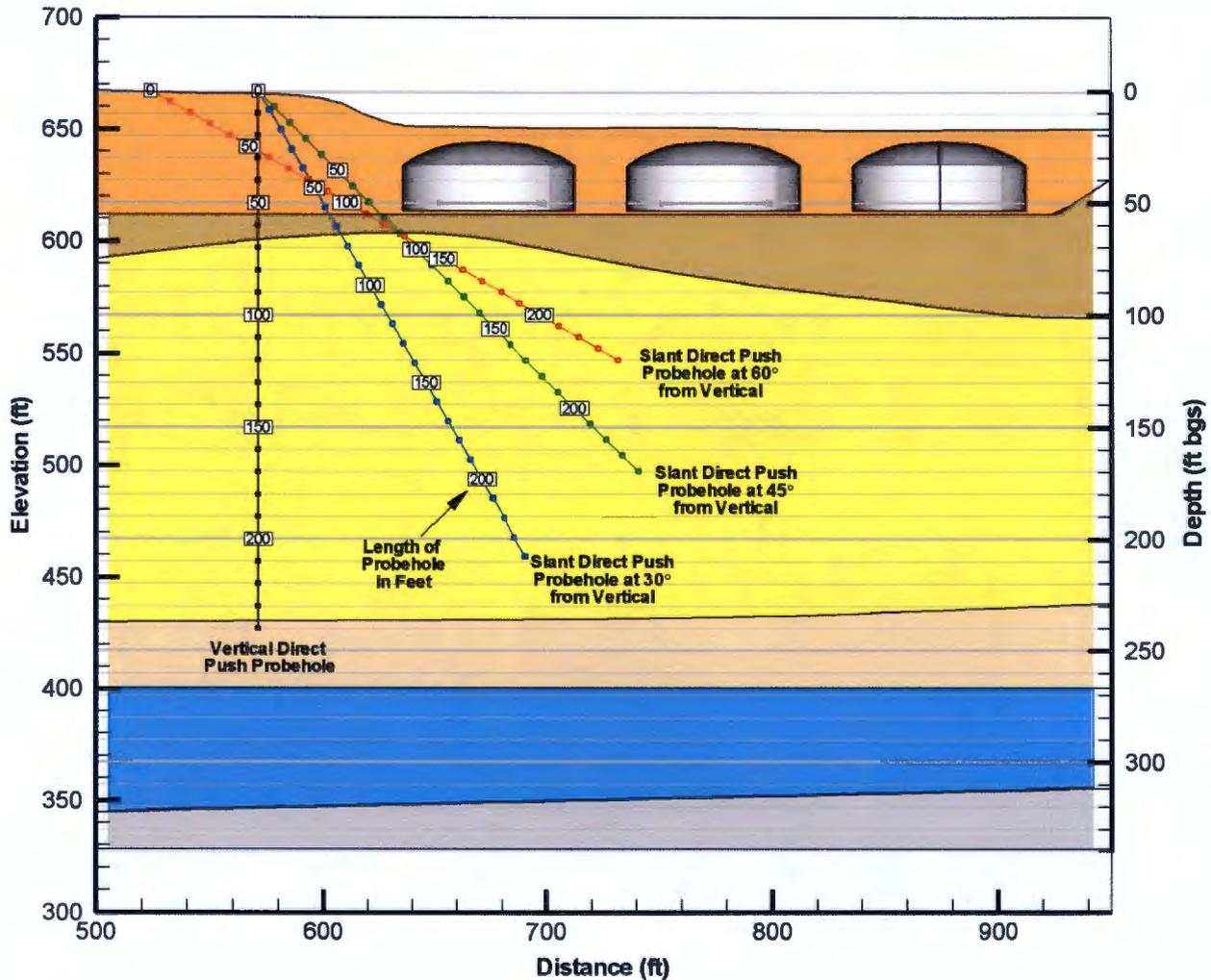
15  
16 For planning purposes, it is assumed that all direct push probeholes will be vertical, except for  
17 the probeholes at Sites A, C, D, J, and possibly Site U. At those sites, the probeholes would be  
18 slanted because the slope of the hill on the southwestern side of tanks C-101, C-104, C-110  
19 (Sites A, J, and U) and the northeastern side of the C-200-series tanks (Figure 2-2, cross-sections  
20 A and B) prohibit placing the direct push rig close to the outlet ports at these tanks.

21  
22 The goal of slanted direct push probeholes is to find evidence of tank fluids that have leaked into  
23 the vadose zone. Therefore, at these sites, the target region for samples is within 10 ft of the tank  
24 bottom. The exact angle, 30, 45, or 60 degrees, of the probehole to intersect the target region  
25 will be determined by field conditions (e.g., where can the direct push rig set up to avoid existing  
26 infrastructure). Figures 4-5 and 4-6 delineate possible angles for the slant holes at the 100-series  
27 tank and 200-series tanks, respectively. In these figures, the lines represent the probehole  
28 divided into 50-ft lengths with every 10-ft length marked. The slant boreholes at the  
29 C-200-series would also be extended to the southwest beyond the tanks to collect soil samples  
30 directly below pipelines running between the C-200-series and C-100-series tanks.

#### 31 **4.5.1.1 Direct Push Sampling Technique**

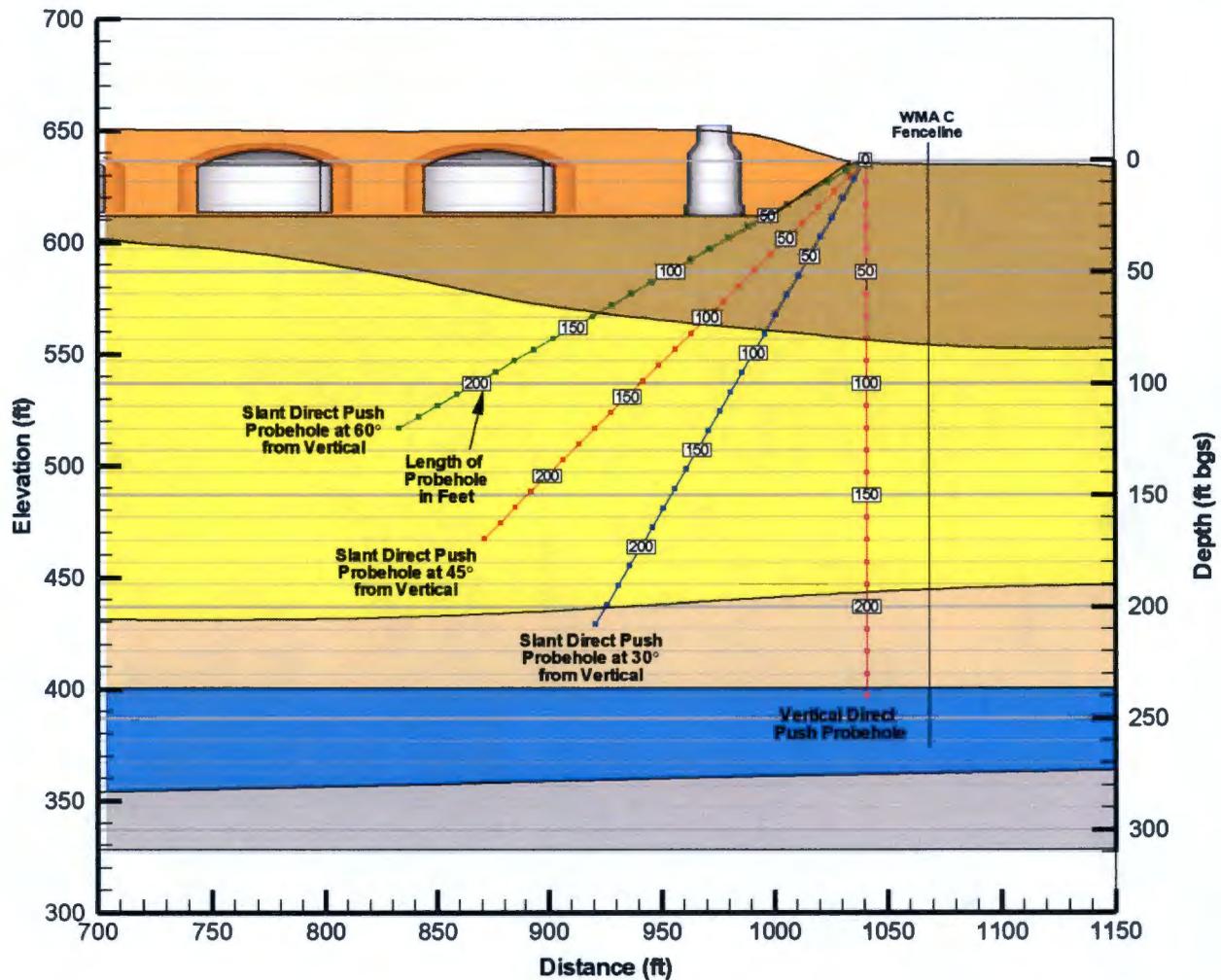
32 The direct push technology uses a dual-wall percussion system to obtain multiple samples in a  
33 single probehole location. Driving will be conducted with outer push tubing that is currently  
34 planned to be 6.67 cm (2.625 in.) OD x 4.76 cm (1.875 in.) ID and inner tubing that is 3.17 cm  
35 (1.25 in.) OD x 2.7 cm (1.08 in.) ID. The dual-wall system with a "dummy" tip will be advanced  
36 to the predetermined sample depth. The tubing will be back-pulled 0.06 m (approximately 2 in.)  
37 to 0.12 m (approximately 5 in.) to relieve pressure and materials from the drive shoe and tip.  
38 When sampling depth is achieved and the rods back-pulled for sampling, the removable tip will  
39 be removed by extracting the inner rods. On removal of the inner string of tubing, a sampler will  
40 be attached to the inner string and returned to the bottom of the outer casing/push tubing and  
41 positioned against the inner receiver face of the drive shoe. The inner and outer tubing strings  
42 are "locked" together by use of a proprietary method, and the entire assembly is advanced  
43 through the targeted sample interval.

Figure 4-5. Possible Configurations for a Slant Probehole at the 100-Series Tanks



The sampler body holds three stainless steel liners that are currently planned to be 3.17 cm (1.25 in.) OD x 2.7 cm (1.08 in.) ID. After the sampler is advanced approximately 0.6 m (2 ft), the inner string is released and retrieved to the surface. The liners are removed from the sampler body and surveyed. Trained sample-handling technicians document recovery, sample condition, and volume recovery percent, and then package and transport the sample to the selected laboratory for analysis. The “dummy” tip is reattached to the inner string and returned to the bottom and placed in the casing shoe. The entire assembly is advanced to the next designated sample depth, and the process is repeated until all sample depths are achieved or the tubing meets refusal (i.e., the inability of the direct push method to advance further into the vadose zone). On completion of the final sample extraction or on meeting refusal, the dummy tip or sampler is removed and the probehole is decommissioned in accordance with WAC 173-160 requirements.

Figure 4-6. Possible Configurations for a Slant Probehole at the 200-Series Tanks



#### 4.5.1.2 Sequencing Direct Push Sampling

Technically, to collect the data to meet the goals of the DQO, sampling should be sequenced correctly. Sites to be used for the evaluation of organic data (Section 3.8.2) should be the first sites investigated. For WMA C, these sites are Sites P and L (Table 4-1). Before soil sampling at other sites as listed in Table 4-1, the results of the organic analyses at Sites P and L should be reported to determine if further organic analyses at other sites associated with this work plan is warranted. However, while preparing this work plan, the waste retrieval schedule was modified to include 244-CR vault which may prohibit accessibility at the identified organic sampling site P. Furthermore, above ground infrastructure near C-103 may prevent early sampling at site L. Therefore, discussions with DOE and Ecology will be initiated during the review of this work plan by Ecology for determining how to proceed with identifying new organic sites within the DQO boundary of WMA C or analogous organic sites at new locations other than WMA C for the purpose of evaluating organic chemical data.

1 Additionally, Sites F and G should be investigated before Sites H and I. If contamination is not  
2 found at depth at Sites F and G, the depth of the direct push at Sites H and I will stop at 15 bgs.  
3 Sites H and I were located to address surficial contamination at UPR-200-E-91 and 200-E-115,  
4 but depths of the direct pushes can be extended if it appears contaminants are moving down dip  
5 northeasterly. If contamination is found at depth at Sites F and G, then the depth of the direct  
6 pushes at Sites H and I will be extended based on the information from Sites F and G. The  
7 purpose of extending the depth of these direct pushes is to provide information related to  
8 contaminant movement down dip (alternative conceptual model 2).

#### 9 **4.5.1.3 Ground-Scanning**

10 Prior to implementing direct push sampling and SGE activities, ground scans are conducted to  
11 verify drawings that show areas containing buried equipment, underground structures, and  
12 pipelines. Ground scans typically use GPR, which uses a transducer to transmit frequency  
13 modulated electromagnetic energy into the ground. Interfaces in the ground, defined by  
14 contrasts in dielectric constants, magnetic susceptibility, and, to some extent, electrical  
15 conductivity, reflect the transmitted energy. The GPR system measures the travel time between  
16 transmitted pulses and the arrival of reflected energy. The reflected energy provides the means  
17 for mapping subsurface features of interest. The display and interpretation of GPR data are  
18 similar to those used for seismic reflection data. When numerous adjacent profiles are collected,  
19 often in two orthogonal directions, a plan view map showing the location and depth of  
20 underground features can be generated.

#### 21 **4.5.1.4 Direct Push Sampling Strategy**

22 For planning purposes, the following summarizes the sampling strategy (RPP-ENV-38838) at  
23 each vertical direct push site:

- 24 a. At each site, a minimum of two direct push probeholes pushes will be completed. The  
25 initial probehole is logged for both gross gamma using the modified bismuth-germinate  
26 oxide tool (Section 4.6) and neutron moisture. Following logging, single deep or multi-  
27 depth electrodes are installed for SGE. The second push is for soil sampling based on the  
28 data observed from the first push. An exception to this process will be applied at  
29 UPR-82, where four pushes will be made for the sole purpose of installing multi-depth  
30 electrodes in support of SGE at that location. Resulting resistivity data will be used to  
31 determine whether additional characterization action is appropriate at UPR-82.
- 32 b. The depth of the first push would be to no greater than 200 ft bgs or refusal at all sites  
33 except H, I, and S. This target depth is based on the observation of  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  and nitrate at  
34 160 ft bgs at borehole C4297 and  $^{60}\text{Co}$  concentrations above 0.1 pCi/g between 150 and  
35 160 ft bgs at well 299-E27-4. The depth at Site S would be to 260 ft bgs or refusal based  
36 on  $^{60}\text{Co}$  above 0.1 pCi/g at nearby well 299-E27-14. At Sites H and I, the depth of the  
37 direct push would be 15 ft unless data from Sites F and G indicate that the direct pushes  
38 at Sites H and I should be deeper.
- 39 c. Deep electrodes are placed near the base of the initial probehole and at a depth of  
40 approximately 50 ft bgs. Multi-depth electrodes have an electrode every 20 ft from the  
41 bottom to a depth of approximately 40 ft bgs.

- 1 d. For the second probehole at depths less than 15 ft bgs, three samples are targeted to be  
 2 taken at 5-, 10-, and 14-ft bgs in the vadose zone. The purpose of collecting samples in  
 3 the first 15 ft is to provide data for the direct exposure pathway and to provide initial data  
 4 for ecological risk by comparing soil concentrations against WAC Table 749-3  
 5 (WAC 173-340-900) and RESRAD-Biota Level 1 BCGs (ANL 2006).
- 6 e. For depths greater than 15 ft bgs, the depth location for sampling individual horizons  
 7 would be done by reviewing the gamma and moisture logs of the first direct push, along  
 8 with the following information: any leak loss inventory information pertinent to the site,  
 9 geologic summary of the area, operational history, and historical characterization data at  
 10 that site. The selection of sampling horizons will be done in an open meeting in which  
 11 TOC staff, DOE, Ecology, EPA, and other site contractors are invited.

12  
 13 The sampling strategy for the sites with slant probeholes is the same as for vertical probeholes  
 14 with the following exceptions:

- 15 a. The angle of the slant probehole would be determined after the GPR survey is completed.
- 16 b. The length of slant direct pushes at the C-100-series tanks would be no greater than 200 ft  
 17 or refusal, while for the 200-series tanks, the length would be no greater than 160 ft or  
 18 refusal. The exact length depends on the setup location and the angle of the direct push.  
 19 The goal of the probeholes is to find evidence of tank fluids that have leaked into the  
 20 environment. The target zone for sampling is between 5 and 10 ft for sampling of the  
 21 tank bottom. Additionally, the direct push probeholes placed at the C-200-series tanks  
 22 would be extended to sample soils beneath the pipelines running between the C-200  
 23 series and the C-100-series tanks.
- 24 c. For slant probeholes, three soil samples (direct exposure and ecological risk) would be  
 25 taken in the upper 15-ft of the vadose zone. The location along the length of these  
 26 probeholes will be determined by the angle of the probehole, but samples would be  
 27 collected at 5-, 10-, and 14- ft bgs. See item d for the vertical probeholes; deeper samples  
 28 will be taken using the same methodology as outlined in item e of the vertical probeholes.
- 29 d. One deep electrode would be installed at the base of the initial slant probehole.

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 31 Should contamination be found in any of the soil sampling probeholes at their total depth,  
 32 additional or other characterization technologies may be deployed to define the maximum depth  
 33 of contamination at an unspecified date in the future. This data would be shared with Ecology to  
 34 determine a path forward and implemented before corrective measures in the deep vadose zone  
 35 area of interest. If the decision is to collect additional samples at deeper depths, then either this  
 36 work plan will be amended or a separate work plan will be prepared which states the  
 37 characterization technique to be used (direct push, borehole, etc.), the number of samples to be  
 38 taken at depth, the total depth of the new characterization hole, and how to complete the new  
 39 hole in accordance to WAC 173-160.

#### 40 **4.5.1.5 Surficial Sampling at Direct Push Locations**

41 In addition to taking samples within each probehole, a soil sample would also be taken from  
 42 0 to 1 ft bgs at each direct push site. The purpose of these surficial samples is to collect data to  
 43 be used in calculating direct exposure pathway, as well as the ecological risk. The sample would

1 be analyzed for the chemicals and radionuclides listed in Tables 3-1 and 3-2, respectively, using  
2 the approach given in Section 3.5. This work plan calls for a sample to be taken at ground  
3 surface (i.e., 0 to 1 ft bgs). Although every attempt will be made to collect this sample, the  
4 gravel surface in tank farms may prevent taking a sample that contains environmentally sensitive  
5 media (i.e., soil particles less than 2 mm in diameter). If this is the case, pictures of the sampling  
6 site showing the gravelly nature of the land surface and the reason as to why a sample will not be  
7 taken will be documented in borehole/site completion reports.

#### 8 **4.5.2 Tissue Sampling**

9 Presently, WMA C is managed in a way to eliminate, to the extent possible, the intrusion of  
10 plants and animals into the facilities. However, WMA C may have an impact on animals located  
11 outside WMA C. Therefore, in addition to the soil samples taken to evaluate ecological risk  
12 (Section 4.5.1.4), small mammal tissue sampling and analysis would be completed as a  
13 supplemental method for evaluating contaminant pathways and risks to wildlife receptors.  
14 Animals would be collected from around the perimeter of WMA C for tissue sampling.  
15 Appendix B provides the sampling and analysis instruction for collecting these samples.

#### 16 **4.5.3 Geophysical Logging**

17 Based on concerns raised by stakeholders and Tribal Nations related to the presence and mobility  
18 of  $^{60}\text{Co}$ , spectral gamma as well as moisture logging would be done for the drywells associated  
19 with tanks C-103 and C-106. In addition, past releases from transfer lines in this vicinity may  
20 have impacted the soil as well as tank overflow events. The purpose of the spectral gamma  
21 logging would be to update the data collected during the baseline spectral gamma analysis  
22 conducted in 1998 (GJO-98-39-TAR) and 2000 (GJO-98-39-TARA). In addition, spectral  
23 gamma analysis in drywells around tanks C-104 and C-108 through C-112 would be performed  
24 to update the spectral gamma and moisture logging data to provide insight into changes that may  
25 have occurred since 2000. Figure 4-7 shows the locations of the drywells in WMA C.

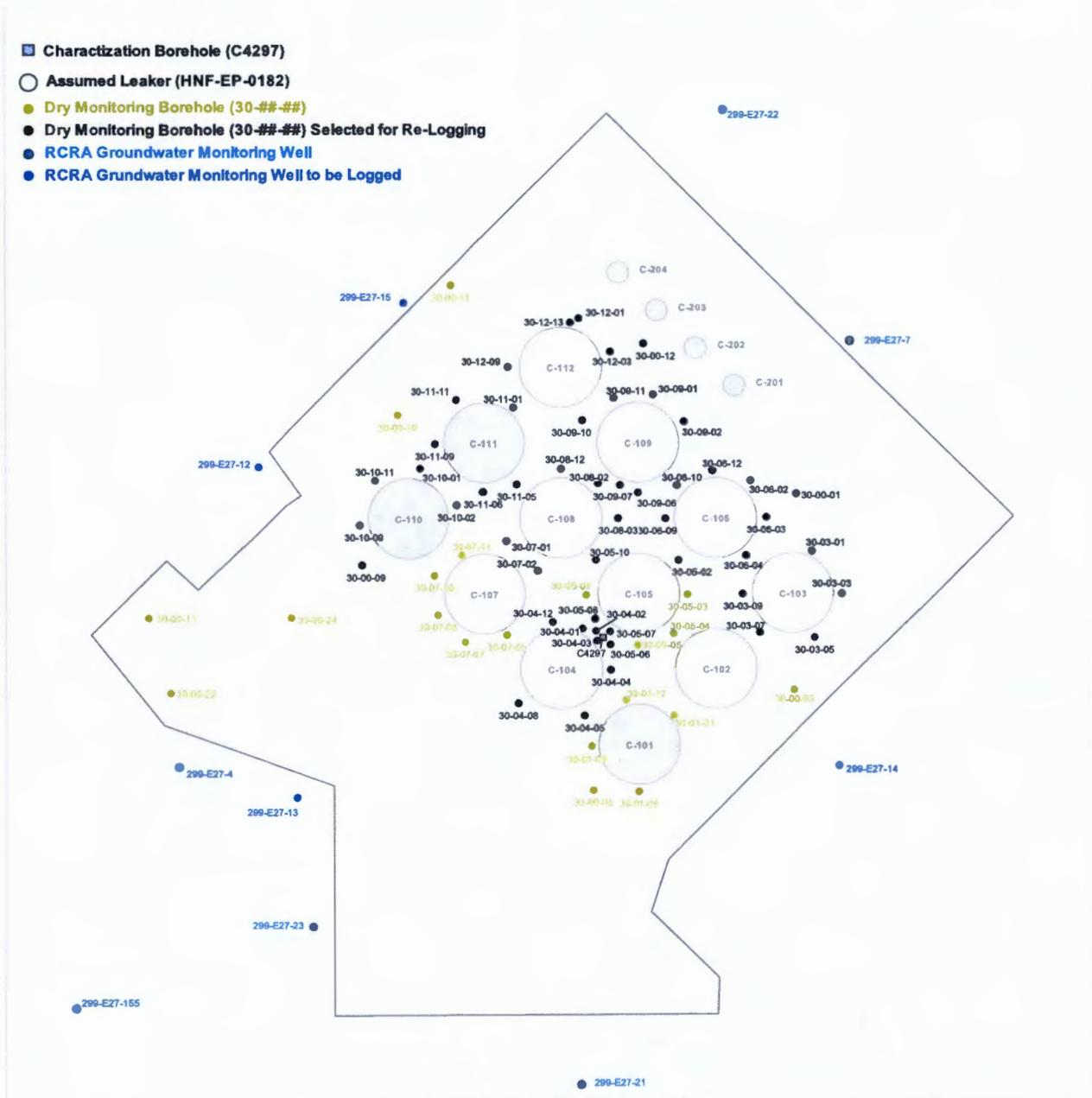
26  
27 Furthermore, three RCRA groundwater monitoring wells have not been logged with the spectral  
28 gamma tool (299-E27-12, 299-E27-13, and 299-E27-15). Therefore, geophysical logging would  
29 also be conducted at these wells as well as at 299-E27-14, which was last logged in the 1990s.  
30 All other groundwater monitoring wells were logged within the last 5 to 6 years and those wells  
31 will not be logged. The spectral gamma tool deployed should measure  $^{137}\text{Cs}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Co}$ ,  $^{235}\text{U}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  
32 and other gamma emitters in the soils as well as calculate a region of interest to provide a  
33 minimum detection limit for the tool. As part of the spectral gamma logging, KUT logs are also  
34 generated which are used to evaluate the location for tops of the stratigraphic layers.

#### 35 **4.5.4 Surface Geophysical Exploration**

36 One of the characterization options considered and selected during the DQO process was SGE.  
37 This method of indirect investigation is proposed around UPR-200-E-81, UPR-200-E-82, and  
38 UPR-200-E-86. The SGE methodology and its results would be interpreted with the insight of  
39 the direct push results from around these waste sites. In addition, electrodes at depth have been  
40 installed at these sites and would provide a first-of-its-kind opportunity to determine a three-  
41 dimensional version of SGE. If successful, the three-dimensional "vision" into the soils would

1 aid in locating investigative direct pushes or boreholes to find waste with ionic strength,  
2 potentially <sup>99</sup>Tc and other mobile contaminants. Part of this work is to evaluate the relationship  
3 between electrical resistivity and waste fluid concentrations taken from probehole samples.  
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5 **Figure 4-7. Drywell and RCRA Groundwater Monitoring Locations to be Logged**  
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8 The task involves a three-dimensional resistivity survey surrounding UPRs -81, -82, and -86.  
9 Buried electrodes have been placed at each of these sites (UPR-82 = one, UPR-81 = six (four  
10 locations with two dual electrodes), and UPR-86 = four). Four additional arrays of vertical  
11 multi-depth electrodes are planned for placement adjacent to UPR-82. In addition,  
12 approximately 300 surface electrodes would be placed at each UPR. The preliminary plan is to

1 treat each of these UPRs individually. The region is rich with underground piping. Each of the  
2 sites was reported as the location of significant loss of waste to the environment. Direct push  
3 investigation in each UPR region as part of the near-term work plan (RPP-PLAN-35341) would  
4 be used to verify the sites identified waste signatures commensurate with the leak loss estimate  
5 for the individual site and contrasted to the SGE results for each individual site. The results  
6 would be reported in the RFI/CMS report that fulfills HFFACO Milestone M-45-61.

7  
8 Surveys that entail approximately 300 surface survey electrodes, arranged for a fully three-  
9 dimensional interrogation are to be performed. Conceptually, this single string of electrodes  
10 would be placed so that each of the UPR locations is centered in the grid. Depth of interrogation  
11 is dependent on the size of the source and the resistivity contrast. The buried electrodes for each  
12 site would be included in the grid. At UPR-81, the preliminary results from the direct push at  
13 this location show the highest concentration of nitrate (199 mg/g) was found at 42 to 43 ft bgs.  
14 Therefore, the target depth for SGE at this location would be approximately 50 ft. The results  
15 from the deployment at the UPRs would be used to determine how SGE will be deployed over  
16 the entire WMA C. Using the results and lessons learned from the deployment of SGE at UPRs  
17 -81, -82, and -86, this work plan will be updated or a supplemental work plan will be generated  
18 to describe the field activities to support the deployment of SGE over the WMA C DQO  
19 boundary. In anticipation, single depth or strings of multi-depth electrodes will be placed at each  
20 direct push location during logging hole decommissioning.

21  
22 During collection of the resistivity data, it will be necessary to deactivate cathodic protection and  
23 electrical leak detection systems in the region. Because of increased tripping hazards associated  
24 with the cables and perceived electrical hazards, access to the farm will be severely restricted  
25 during this activity.

#### 26 **4.5.5 Develop New Characterization Technology**

27 At the present time, the only way to measure levels of <sup>99</sup>Tc contamination in the soil is to take  
28 samples to send to the laboratory for analysis. This methodology is labor intensive and provides  
29 samples only at chosen intervals (see Section 4.5.1.3). The development of a <sup>99</sup>Tc sensor that  
30 can be deployed during the placement or decommissioning of direct push probeholes could  
31 quickly indicate where sampling intervals should be located and avoid costs associated with null  
32 sample results. Such a sensor would be based on robust, existing technology of silicon beta  
33 detectors, noting that very few long-lived beta-emitting radionuclides exist in the Hanford  
34 sediments. The development of this sensor would be in two stages, a laboratory testing stage  
35 followed by deployment in the field. The prototype <sup>99</sup>Tc sensor would first be built and tested in  
36 the laboratory. If testing of the laboratory prototype proved successful, then a <sup>99</sup>Tc sensor that  
37 could log small-diameter probeholes would be built and field tested.

38  
39 This work is contingent on available funding. If successful, development of this <sup>99</sup>Tc sensor  
40 would provide cost-effective soil sampling related to the mobile contaminants of <sup>99</sup>Tc and nitrate  
41 that impact groundwater by only sampling in direct push probeholes that the <sup>99</sup>Tc sensor  
42 identified as having <sup>99</sup>Tc. The interest in this new technology was recognized through data needs  
43 workshops conducted for Phase 2 RFI/CMS processes and was shared with Ecology, who  
44 expressed an interest in deployment in WMA C. This new characterization technology, <sup>99</sup>Tc  
45 sensor, could aid in the selection of soil samples in addition to the standard use of gross gamma

1 and neutron moisture logging data that is conducted before soil sampling decision-making (see  
2 Section 4.5.1.4). However, due to the developmental nature of this technology, it is not apparent  
3 that the <sup>99</sup>Tc sensor will be ready for field deployment in time to support site characterization  
4 activities at WMA C.

#### 5 **4.6 OPTIMIZING SAMPLING**

6 Based on data needs identified in the DQO meetings, a number of options were considered for  
7 the Phase 2 characterization effort at WMA C. These characterization options included using  
8 direct-push technology and nonintrusive geophysical techniques (e.g., SGE) and updating  
9 spectral gamma logging around tanks C-103 and C-106 and C-104, C-108, C-109, C-110, C-111,  
10 and C-112 as well as groundwater monitoring wells 299-E27-12, 299-E27-13, 299-E27-14, and  
11 299-E27-15. These options are based on characterization techniques and innovative technologies  
12 identified in RPP-PLAN-37243 and RPP-ENV-38838 for methods that have been successfully  
13 used on the Hanford Site. These options and potential deployment locations were evaluated in  
14 terms of the type of information that could be provided, as well as the technical risk associated  
15 with deployment during Phase 2. Although all of the options considered could provide valuable  
16 data that would serve to improve the understanding of subsurface contamination, a number of the  
17 options were considered to be of lesser value or not feasible due to technical risk for the  
18 characterization effort to be implemented beginning in FY 2009. The accessibility of some of  
19 these sites is limited by waste retrieval operation equipment located on the surface and  
20 subsurface infrastructure interferences for WMA C. The list of characterization options  
21 considered during the DQO process, along with the rationale for including or omitting each  
22 option from Phase 2 effort, is provided.

23  
24 RPP-16608, *Site Specific SST Phase 1 RFI/CMS Work Plan Addendum for WMAs A-AX, C,*  
25 *and U*, evaluated sampling and analysis options and alternative field sampling technologies.  
26 That evaluation and the experience gained during implementation of the Phase 1 RFI field  
27 investigation has resulted in identifying the following sampling technologies for the initial Phase  
28 2 characterization efforts: direct push, SGE, and borehole logging. These technologies allow for  
29 investigations for the presence of contaminants in the vadose zone to be conducted using both  
30 indirect and direct evaluation techniques. Subsurface investigations will include geophysical  
31 logging using spectral gamma and moisture, SGE, and soil sampling using direct push  
32 technology.

33  
34 Direct push technology is planned for use during the initial Phase 2 characterization of the  
35 vadose zone in WMA C. The advantage of this technology is ease in deployment, better option  
36 of evaluating lateral extent of contamination, no contaminated soil cutting being brought to the  
37 surface, and lower costs. The direct push technology plans to use the dual string approach where  
38 multiple samples can be collected. The dual string (2.625 in. OD) approach can collect a 1.08 in.  
39 x 24 in. sample at multiple depths. In the 200 East Area, the direct push technology has  
40 demonstrated the ability to go to great depths (~200 ft) thus providing the opportunity to use its  
41 advantages, especially no contaminated soil cuttings being brought to the surface. This is an  
42 advantage over traditional drilling of a borehole that is more expensive, provides no ability to  
43 easily evaluate lateral extent of contamination, and brings contaminated soil cuttings to the  
44 surface.

1 The disadvantages of this technology are (1) the quantity of sample material available for  
2 analysis, and (2) the small diameter of the probeholes prevents use of high resolution logging  
3 tools. The depth limitations mean that the lateral extent of contamination may be determined but  
4 not necessarily the full vertical extent. The ability to collect multiple samples in a given  
5 probehole results in a 51% decrease in the volume of sample that can be collected. In the past,  
6 gamma geophysical logging in small diameter probeholes was limited to sodium iodide crystal.  
7 The vadose zone program used this tool for a rapid scan (4 ft/minute) for identifying zones of  
8 elevated gamma counts. At times, zones of elevated gamma counts were re-logged with longer  
9 count times to acquire a limited spectral speciation. The lower limit of detection with the sodium  
10 iodide crystal is about 10 pCi/g. Lower detection limits, such as 0.1 pCi/g, and better spectral  
11 speciation requires a 4-in. cased well. However, recently at TY Farm, a modified bismuth  
12 germinate oxide (BGO) logging tool was successfully deployed by Pacific Northwest  
13 Geophysics (PNG) that contains a small diameter (approximately 2.54 cm crystal), which allows  
14 detecting gamma radiation at lower levels than the sodium-iodide crystal. This tool and its  
15 modifications are briefly described.

16  
17 The BGO crystal has a high density matrix which allows for capture of high energy gamma rays,  
18 especially in comparison to a sodium iodide detector, which has a lower density crystalline  
19 structure. The ability to capture high energy gamma rays allows the tool to be utilized for  
20 spectral interpretation of high-energy gamma-emitting nuclides such as thorium (2775 KeV) and  
21 more precise quantification of mid-level energetic gamma rays such as the 1173 and 1332 KeV  
22 energy spectra from cobalt.

23  
24 The BGO tool was previously deployed in C Farm for characterization of direct push exploration  
25 probes surrounding the C-152 Diversion Box in 2005. At that time the BGO instrumentation  
26 was operating in an analog mode. That is, all detector signals were transmitted up-hole for  
27 processing at surface. PNG identified two problems with the original BGO tool that caused  
28 degradation of the signal clarity and resolution. These were (1) using complete analog mode  
29 created a baseline drift issue caused by heat buildup in the down-hole electronics and surface  
30 processors, and (2) magnetic fields generated by the impacts on the direct-push tubing created  
31 electromagnetic interference, which led to signal degradation. The first problem was corrected  
32 by converting the system to a digital mode where all energy changes detected by the BGO crystal  
33 are processed by a downhole processor (multi-channel analyzer) and transmitted to a surface  
34 recorder in a digital mode. The second problem was addressed by containing the detector within  
35 three layers of mumetal (a nickel alloy), which shields the electronics from the magnetic field  
36 effects instead of one layer. These changes have resulted in reduced signal noise and removal of  
37 baseline drift due to heat buildup due to signal density in the surface multi-channel analyzer.

38  
39 In this modified configuration, recent calibration efforts and field deployment data have  
40 demonstrated the detector is capable of detecting cesium concentrations as low as 0.5 pCi/g and  
41 cobalt as low as 0.6 pCi/g. In addition to the low man-made radionuclide detection levels the  
42 KUT (potassium, uranium, thorium) ratios provided by the BGO have allowed for improved  
43 lithologic interpretations from geophysical log data. The major drawback to this logging tool is  
44 the longer count times (3.3 minutes/ft). The calibration of the BGO logging tool will be  
45 described in the logging report for the TY direct push due out in the second quarter of 2009.

1 In the event that sampling via direct-push technology does not provide the necessary  
2 information, subsequent revisions of the DQO would be used to address supplemental sampling  
3 approaches. The data gathered through application of direct-push technology will be available to  
4 target those regions requiring deeper investigation through other established techniques (drill and  
5 sample, drive and sample, etc.).  
6

7 The Tank Farm Vadose Zone Program technical team plans to use existing information and the  
8 characterization data collected during the Phase 1 and near-term (FY 2008) characterization to  
9 develop a best basis or best estimate of the concentration and distribution of COC in WMA C in  
10 addition to the sampling and analysis in this work plan. This will involve the integration and  
11 synthesis of historical data, process knowledge, in-tank inventory models, and the  
12 characterization data collected during Phase 1. The integration and synthesis of these data will  
13 require interpolation and extrapolation due to the limitations of collecting samples within the  
14 tank farms. This effort will result in a conceptualization of COC concentrations and distributions  
15 that would be used to evaluate human health and environmental risks.

#### 16 **4.7 INVESTIGATIVE SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS AND DATA VALIDATION**

17 Samples and data will be collected during the vertical/slant probehole installation while driving  
18 the casing and by conducting geophysical surveying as described in the SAP presented in  
19 Appendix A. Periodic sediment samples will be collected. Sample lengths will be reduced if  
20 necessary when penetrating known hot zones to reduce worker exposure. All samples will be  
21 field screened for radiation, sealed, refrigerated, and shipped for analysis. Laboratory analyses  
22 will be performed on the sediment samples for radiological and geochemical constituents, as  
23 described in Appendix A. Limited analysis for physical parameters (e.g., moisture retention and  
24 hydraulic conductivity) may also be performed on sediments that show visible evidence of being  
25 altered by the leak chemistry (e.g., cementation, discoloration).  
26

27 Data from the vertical probeholes determined by project management to be relevant for the  
28 purpose of validation will be made available by the primary laboratory on request. Validation  
29 will be performed in accordance with the quality assurance program description in Attachment 1.  
30



## 5.1 INTEGRATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES

Several ongoing Hanford Site characterization, remediation, and other activities may impact or be impacted by the Phase 2 RCAP activities. Integration of these activities is important to optimize the use of resources and provide an understanding of cumulative impacts. Currently, the Soil and Groundwater Remediation Project has lead contractor responsibility for integrating all groundwater and vadose zone activities. The Soil and Groundwater Remediation Project is managed by the Plateau Remediation Contractor. The RCAP is committed to integrating planning, field activities, and analyses with principal interfaces in support of these integration projects. The Phase 2 master work plan (RPP-PLAN-37243) discusses project scope, points of contact, and integration needs.

Integration will primarily occur through monthly project reporting as well as coordination and involvement during DQO activities. Additional benefit can be gained through communication on innovative technology lessons learned and by coordinating resources through multi-project teams. The overall integration management plan discusses these interfaces (DOE/RL-2007-20, *Hanford Integrated Groundwater and Vadose Zone Management Plan*). The overall integration strategy is also provided in Chapter 5 of the Phase 2 master work plan (RPP-PLAN-37243).

Project management occurs throughout the RCRA corrective action process. Project management is used to direct and document project activities so that the objectives of the work plan are met and the project remains within budget and on schedule. Other project management activities include day-to-day supervision of and communication with project staff and support personnel; meetings; control of cost, schedule, and work; records management; progress and final reports; quality assurance; health and safety; and community relations.

The project management objectives throughout the course of the Phase 2 WMA C process as identified in HFFACO Milestone M-45-60, -61 and -62 (Ecology et al. 1989) are to direct and document project activities so the data and evaluations generated meet the goals and objectives of the work plan and to ensure that the project is kept within budget and on schedule. General project management objectives are to (1) ensure the safety of the work force and the affected environment, (2) direct and document project activities, (3) ensure that project goals and objectives are met, and (4) administer the project within budget and schedule. The Phase 2 WMA C DQO workshop defined the specific scope and schedule elements. These elements resulted in the development of a DQO report (RPP-RPT-38152) that provided the data needs and characterization locations identified in the DQO process.

## 5.2 FIELD INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES

The following sections summarize the planned tasks that will be performed during the Phase 2 RFI/CMS work plan for WMA C for the soils within and immediately surrounding the WMA C that were impacted by tank farm activities. Planned tasks include the following:

- a. Planning.
- b. Field investigation.
- c. Management of waste.

1 d. Laboratory analysis and data validation.

2 These tasks and subtasks reflect the work structure that will be used to manage the work and  
3 develop the project schedule provided in Chapter 6.

4 **5.2.1 Planning**

5 The planning subtask includes tracking and coordinating activities to be completed and  
6 documentation that must be completed before the Phase 2 RFI/CMS field activities can begin.  
7 This includes interfacing with other organizations and/or project managers who will be providing  
8 information for presentation in the Phase 2 RFI/CMS report due to Ecology on December 31,  
9 2010, to fulfill HFFACO Milestone M-45-61. It also included conducting a DQO process with  
10 Ecology, ORP, TOC, and integration with Plateau Remediation Contractor and RL personnel for  
11 coordination of activities associated with the groundwater operable unit 200-BP-5 that is under  
12 WMA C (RPP-RPT-38152).

13  
14 In addition to this work plan, which fulfills HFFACO Milestone M-45-60, radiological work  
15 permits, excavation permits, supporting surveys (e.g., cultural, radiological, wildlife, utilities),  
16 work instructions, personnel training, and the procurement of materials and services  
17 (e.g., drilling and geophysical logging services) also will be required. In addition,  
18 characterization locations identified in the SAP (Appendix A) will be located using GPR and  
19 staked using a global positioning satellite system.

20  
21 Attachment 2 provides a health and safety plan that outlines health and safety requirements for  
22 field investigation activities. This health and safety plan in coordination with TFC-PLN-43,  
23 *Tank Operations Contractor Health and Safety Plan*, ensures protection of onsite investigators.  
24 Initial surface radiological surveys will be performed to document any radiological surface  
25 contamination and background levels in and around the sampling locations. This information  
26 will be used to document initial site conditions.

27 **5.2.2 Field Investigation**

28 The field investigation task involves performing data-gathering activities in the field that are  
29 required to satisfy the DQOs. The field characterization approach is summarized in Section 4.2  
30 and detailed in the SAP and sampling and analysis instructions provided in Appendixes A and B.  
31 The scope includes soil sampling and analysis to characterize the vadose zone soil at selected  
32 locations and geophysical logging. Groundwater is another component of WMA C and is being  
33 evaluated under DOE/RL-2007-18. Major subtasks associated with the field investigation  
34 include the following.

- 35 a. Conduct direct-push installations for geophysical logging, soil sample collection, and  
36 deep electrode placement.
- 37 b. Conduct probehole geophysical surveying and analysis (e.g., neutron, gross gamma).
- 38 c. Obtain sediment samples to analyze for the presence and concentration of contaminants  
39 and to evaluate alterations of the sediments from waste chemistry effects.
- 40 d. Obtain tissue samples from surrounding environment for ERA.

- 1 e. Geophysical logging of drywells within WMA C and groundwater wells within the DQO  
2 boundary.
- 3 f. Conduct testing SGE at UPR-81, UPR-82, and UPR-86. Based on lessons learned from  
4 the UPRs, deploy SGE across WMA C.

5 The vadose zone investigation for Phase 2 WMA C will comprise compiling pertinent existing  
6 data and collecting data from field investigation activities in the vadose zone. The types of data  
7 needed from the surface and vadose zone include the following:

- 8 a. Thickness and areal extent of geologic units.
- 9 b. Lithology, bedding types, facies geometry, particle size, and sorting.
- 10 c. Presence, concentration, and nature of contaminants in sediments of the vadose zone.
- 11 d. The vadose zone information will be evaluated to determine the following:
  - 12 1. Refinement of WMA C conceptual vadose zone model.
  - 13 2. Release and movement of contaminants.
  - 14 3. Development and evaluation of CMS alternatives.

15  
16 Chapter 4 provides the rationale and approach for the field investigation. The requirements for  
17 geologic and geophysical surveying and sediment sampling for physical and laboratory  
18 analytical parameters in the vadose zone are provided in Appendix A.

19  
20 Based on Chapter 4 and the DQO (RPP-RPT-38152), soil investigation (i.e., 200 ft bgs) will be  
21 conducted within the area of the DQO boundary. The investigation will comprise collecting  
22 sediment samples between the ground surface and refusal using direct-push technology at  
23 18 locations. The samples will be transported to the laboratory and analyzed for the constituents  
24 identified in Appendix A. The physical and operational constraints will require evaluation prior  
25 to identifying the specific target locations. This work plan calls for a sample to be taken at  
26 ground surface (i.e., 0 to 1 ft bgs). Although every attempt will be made to collect this sample,  
27 the gravel surface in tank farms may prevent taking a sample that contains environmentally  
28 sensitive media (i.e., soil particles less than 2 mm in diameter). If this is the case, pictures of the  
29 sampling site showing the gravelly nature of the land surface and the reason as to why a sample  
30 will not be taken will be documented in borehole/site completion reports.

31  
32 Soil characterization will be carried out principally using a hydraulic hammer direct-push-  
33 technology-based system. Specific sites cleared for access (i.e., underground piping and  
34 electrical services identified) and with an approved excavation permit will be interrogated with a  
35 gross-gamma probe. The depth of investigation will be determined at least partly by the depth to  
36 which the direct-push boring can be advanced using standard deployment. Each direct push  
37 location requires a nonsampling direct push for gamma and neutron logging to target a location  
38 to sample (i.e., high moisture and/or high gamma) followed by a direct push to collect the soil.

39  
40 The graphical log developed using the gross gamma measurements and moisture measurements  
41 will be used to select intervals to be sampled. The sampling push is to be made in a location that  
42 is no more than 0.7 m (2 ft) from the site of the gamma push. A single point sampler will be  
43 used to collect the required samples.

1 Subsurface conditions are variable and the process of the field investigation must be flexible.  
2 Some or all of the work described in Appendix A may require modification. This work plan is  
3 intended to serve as a guideline and is designed to allow for changes depending on conditions  
4 encountered in the field. Any change will be recorded on the appropriate field documentation,  
5 memoranda, or letters. A complete documented record of activities will be maintained for  
6 preparation of a final summary report.

### 7 **5.2.3 Management of Waste**

8 Waste generated during the RFI/CMS will be managed in accordance with a waste-control plan  
9 for the sampling activity. Attachment 4 provides general waste management processes and  
10 requirements for the waste. Since this field investigation will principally use direct push  
11 technology, no waste to minimal waste will be generated.

12  
13 All waste will be handled in accordance with the requirements of WAC 173-303, "Dangerous  
14 Waste Regulations," and as reflected in the site-specific waste control plan. These techniques  
15 are based on the practice of minimizing the exposure of field personnel to both radiation and  
16 chemical pollutants to as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) and are in compliance with  
17 regulatory requirements.

18  
19 Appropriate permits and compliance with the notice of construction permit (DOE/ORP-2000-05,  
20 *Notice of Construction for Tank Waste Remediation System Vadose Zone Characterization*) will  
21 be maintained during the field operations inside the tank farm. The selected field interrogation  
22 methods comply with the requirements of the Washington State Department of Health for the  
23 notice of construction permit and other pertinent requirements and appropriate engineering  
24 systems to prevent contaminated air from being released to the environment.

#### 25 **5.2.3.1 Laboratory Analysis and Data Validation**

26 Soil samples will be analyzed for a suite of radionuclides and nonradionuclide constituents  
27 identified during the Phase 2 WMA C DQO process. The list of analytes, methods, and  
28 associated target-detection limits is provided in the SAP (Appendix A). The SAP also specifies  
29 quality assurance, quality control, and data-reporting requirements for the laboratory analysis.  
30 Validation of a representative number of laboratory data packages will be performed. Data  
31 review and validation will be completed in accordance with best-basis inventory procedures.

### 32 **5.3 PHASE 1 DATA EVALUATION**

33 All Phase 1 characterization data is compiled and reviewed in DOE/ORP-2008-01, *RCRA*  
34 *Facility Investigation Report for Hanford Single-Shell Tank Waste Management Areas*, since the  
35 completion of field operations and receipt of laboratory results for Phase 1. Field screening  
36 results, geophysical logging data, and laboratory analyses were included and summarized in the  
37 report. Results were tabulated and maps and plots prepared to show the contaminant  
38 distribution. Based on the results of Phase 1, an assessment was completed concerning the need  
39 for additional data collection for each of the SST WMAs. It was determined that additional  
40 characterization data was needed to support risk assessment evaluations and corrective measures  
41 decision-making, and planning for Phase 2 was initiated. The results were modification of the

1 HFFACO to add an additional three interim milestones (M-45-60 through M-45-62) (Ecology  
2 et al. 1989), modify an existing interim milestone (M-45-58) and amend Appendix I, Section 2.3,  
3 to elaborate on the Phase 2 activities and modified specific Phase 1 master work plan  
4 deliverables for the RFI. The modification no longer required a comprehensive and ecological  
5 risk assessment as a summary of impacts from the initial SST performance assessment was  
6 required in the HFFACO Milestone M-45-55 and included the field investigation reports for  
7 WMAs C, A-AX, and U. Phase 1 results were used to determine Phase 2 data needs in WMA C.

#### 8 **5.4 PHASE 2 RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION/CORRECTIVE MEASURES** 9 **STUDY**

10 Phase 2 will entail gathering additional data to support corrective action decisions, including no  
11 action. Results of both near-term and Phase 2 of the characterization data will be presented in the  
12 Phase 2 RFI/CMS report for WMA C fulfilling HFFACO Milestone M-45-61 (Ecology et al.  
13 1989). Data generated during the field investigation will be integrated and evaluated with  
14 previous field investigations, coordinated with Central Plateau RI/FS activities, and presented in  
15 an ongoing manner to allow decisions regarding any necessary rescoping to be made during the  
16 course of the project. The assessment of data against the planning process, use of the data by  
17 others, and potential use to support future activities will be conducted and documented in a  
18 Phase 2 RFI/CMS report for WMA C. The results of these evaluations will be made available to  
19 project management personnel to keep project staff informed of progress made. The  
20 interpretations developed under this task will be used to refine the conceptual model and refine  
21 the CMAs to support future closure requirements and risk assessments.

##### 22 **5.4.1 Data-Quality Assessment**

23 A data quality assessment in accordance with HASQARD will be performed on the analytical  
24 data to determine if they are the right type, quality, and quantity for their intended use. The data  
25 quality assessment completes the data life cycle of planning, implementation, and assessment  
26 that began with the DQO process. In this task, the data will be examined to see if they meet the  
27 analytical quality criteria outlined in the DQO and are adequate to evaluate the decision rules in  
28 the DQO.

##### 29 **5.4.2 Data Evaluation and Conceptual-Model Refinement**

30 This task will consist of evaluating the information that has been collected. The nonradiological  
31 and radiological data associated with the soil samples will be compiled, tabulated, and evaluated  
32 to satisfy data needs as defined in the DQO (RPP-RPT-38152). Data evaluation tasks may  
33 include the following:

- 34 a. Perform initial screening for contamination by evaluating the data with respect to  
35 background, using simple comparisons of maximum values to background  
36 concentrations.
- 37 b. Compare the data to potential cleanup levels.
- 38 c. Describe the distribution of contamination within the vadose zone based on field  
39 screening and laboratory analytical results.

- 1 d. Describe the vertical and lateral distribution of contamination in soil based on  
2 geophysical logging results and analytical data for soil samples.
- 3 e. Construct data diagrams and plots to evaluate spatial correlations within and between  
4 samples. This evaluation will be used to assess whether contamination is concentrated in  
5 a particular area, in relationships between contaminant levels and locations in  
6 surrounding soil.
- 7 f. If sufficient data are available, perform statistical analyses. This step has many facets,  
8 including determining the distribution of the data and selecting the appropriate statistical  
9 tests.

10 If available data are not sufficient for statistical analysis, maximum concentrations will be used  
11 in the data evaluation process. The combined chemical and geophysical data will be used for  
12 refining the initial conceptual contaminant-distribution models and as inputs to the risk  
13 assessment.

#### 14 **5.4.3 WMA C Performance Assessment**

15 After submittal to Ecology in December 2008 of Revision 0 of this document, a process was  
16 developed in February 2009 and is ongoing that addresses performance assessment scope,  
17 methods, and assumptions. The ongoing process started with Ecology, NRC, EPA, Tribal  
18 Nations, and interested stakeholders to develop the scope (conceptual exposure model,  
19 conceptual site model, selection of numerical codes, etc.) of the performance assessment through  
20 a series of working sessions or workshops will address various performance assessment  
21 attributes. These working sessions will address the exposure scenarios to be used including a  
22 baseline risk assessment. This performance assessment will be the assessment used for the  
23 Phase 2 RCRA Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study report.

24  
25 As part of the WMA C performance assessment and to meet the requirements of the Phase 2  
26 RFI/CMS report for WMA C, a risk assessment with a “no action” alternative to address  
27 CERCLA requirements will be prepared as part of the report for all potential pathways: human-  
28 health direct contact, ecological, and protection of groundwater.

29  
30 The risk assessment with a “no action” alternative will evaluate risk to human and ecological  
31 receptors from potential exposure to contaminants in surface sediments and accessible shallow  
32 subsurface soils. The risk assessment also will evaluate the potential for contaminants that are  
33 currently in the vadose zone soil to impact groundwater in the future. Risks from current  
34 groundwater contamination will not be evaluated; this evaluation will be conducted as part of the  
35 RI/FS process for the Central Plateau respective groundwater operable units through the  
36 CERCLA process and HFFACO Milestone M-15-00.

37  
38 A risk assessment with a “no action” alternative analysis for those COC detected within the soils  
39 will be completed. Initial screening will consider the constituents to be directly accessible to  
40 potential receptors as applicable for their exposure pathways. These modeling results will be  
41 considered in the risk evaluations associated with various potential leave-in-place CMAs  
42 (e.g., no action, decontamination flushes, grouting).

### 5.4.3.1 Standards, Guidance Documents, and Computer Codes

The human-health risk assessment will be conducted in accordance with appropriate subsections of WAC 173-340, with agreements with Ecology on the WMA C performance assessment as described in RPP-PLAN-37243, and with the following DOE and EPA guidance documents:

- a. DOE/RL-91-45, *Hanford Site Baseline Risk Assessment Methodology*.
- b. EPA/540/1-89/002, *Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund (RAGs)*, Volume I – Human Health Evaluation Manual, (Part A) Interim Final, OSWER 9285.7-01A.
- c. OSWER Directive 9285.6-03, *Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund*, Vol. I, Human Health Evaluation Manual, Supplemental Guidance: Standard Default Exposure Factors, (Interim Final).
- d. EPA/600/P-95/002Fa, *Exposure Factors Handbook Volume 1: General Factors*.
- e. EPA/540/R-99/005, *Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund, Volume I: Human Health Evaluation Manual* (Part E, Supplemental Guidance for Dermal Risk Assessment) Final.
- f. EPA/600/P-92/003C, *Proposed Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment*.
- g. OSWER Publication 9285.6-10, *Calculating the Upper Confidence Limits for Exposure Point Concentrations at Hazardous Waste Sites*.
- h. OSWER Publication 9285.7-081, *Supplemental Guidance to RAGS: Calculating the Concentration Term*.
- i. EPA-540-R-070-002, Jan 2009. *Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund Volume I: Human Health Evaluation Manual (Part F, Supplemental Guidance for Inhalation Risk Assessment)*,
- j. EPA/600/R-07/038, *ProUCL Version 4.0. User Guide*

The RESidual RADioactivity (RESRAD) computer program (ANL 2002) will be used to obtain risk and dose estimates from direct-contact exposure (i.e., top 15 ft) to radiological constituents present in the shallow zone of the waste sites. Additional analysis may be performed using other appropriate fate and transport models (e.g., PNNL-12028, *STOMP Subsurface Transport Over Multiple Phases, Version 2.0, Application Guide*) to assess impact to the groundwater from chemicals and radionuclides in the vadose zone (in accordance with WAC 173-340-747(8), “Deriving Soil Concentrations for Ground Water Protection,” “Alternative Fate and Transport Models”).

### 5.4.3.2 Additional Risk Assessment Information

For WMA C, risk assessment will be performed for an industrial-exposure scenario and residential/unrestricted use scenario to establish the “no action” alternative. As part of the Phase 2 RFI/CMS, additional risk assessment for informational purposes may be performed to evaluate other scenarios (such as Native American or an intruder scenario to evaluate post-remediation residual risks).

1 Contaminant concentrations, distribution, and pathway availability will be evaluated. Analytical  
2 data and hydrogeologic information used in risk calculations include the following:

- 3 a. Laboratory analytical results from sampled media (soils only).
- 4 b. Waste-site configuration and construction.
- 5 c. Depth of burial [above or below the 4.6 m (15-ft) direct human-exposure point of  
6 compliance] [in accordance with WAC 173-340-740(6)(d), "Unrestricted Land Use Soil  
7 Cleanup Standards," WAC 173-340-740(3)(b), "Unrestricted Land Use Soil Cleanup  
8 Standards," "Method B Soil Cleanup Levels for Unrestricted Land Use," "Standard  
9 Method B Soil Cleanup Levels," as appropriate].
- 10 d. Known or estimated volume of a waste stream released in relation to the available pore  
11 volume of soil.
- 12 e. Comparison of concentrations of contaminants relative to concentrations considered  
13 protective of groundwater (e.g., compared with WAC 173-340-747 derived concentration  
14 values).
- 15 f. Contaminant inventory (types and location).
- 16 g. Release mechanism.
- 17 h. Expected distribution of contamination based on configuration of the release.
- 18 i. Geological setting.
- 19 j. Neighboring waste sites, structures, or utilities.
- 20 k. Potential for hydrologic and contaminant impacts to groundwater.

21 Information and assessments completed for each release into the environment that is known will  
22 be a part of the Phase 2 RFI/CMS work plan for WMA C and will be incorporated into the  
23 Phase 2 RFI/CMS report for WMA C. Results of the risk assessment will be used to support the  
24 evaluation and selection of the appropriate corrective action. The characterization data that was  
25 compiled during Phase 1 and additional characterization data provided from the near-term  
26 characterization effort and this Phase 2 effort should provide sufficient information to select  
27 CMAs for each soil release site within the study boundary. Following CMS, additional data  
28 collection will be performed as needed to optimize alternative design and verify achievement of  
29 cleanup goals under the corrective measures implementation (CMI) (HFFACO M-45-62). For  
30 sites that are candidates for a removal action, final verification sampling results will provide  
31 sufficient data to document that cleanup levels specified in the RCRA Permit have been  
32 achieved.

#### 33 **5.4.4 Ecological Evaluation and Risk Assessment**

34 As part of RCRA corrective action, WAC 173-340-357 requires assessment of ecological risk as  
35 part of the determination of cleanup levels and CMAs. The MTCA addresses hazardous  
36 chemicals but does not address the radionuclide contaminants that are known to have been  
37 released into the environment at WMA C. To address chemical and radiological ecological risks,  
38 the SST WMA ERAs will be performed in accordance with the following:

- 39 a. WAC 173-340-7490, "Terrestrial Ecological Evaluation Procedures."

- 1 b. DOE-STD-1153-2002, *A Graded Approach for Evaluating Radiation Doses to Aquatic*  
2 *and Terrestrial Biota.*
- 3 c. EPA/630/R-95/002F, *Guidelines for Ecological Risk Assessment,*
- 4 d. EPA/540-R-97-006, *Ecological Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Process for*  
5 *Designing and Conducting Ecological Risk Assessments (Interim Final).*

6 Information developed under the WMA ERA process will be used in the development and  
7 analysis of CMAs, including the no-action alternative. To maintain consistency across the  
8 Hanford Site, the ERA for the WMAs will integrate some of the methodology and data that were  
9 used in the CPERA. A detailed discussion on the approach to SST WMA ERA is provided in  
10 Section 3.4.

#### 11 **5.4.5 Treatability Studies Needs**

12 In conjunction with the Phase 1 RFI data compilation and assessment for WMA C  
13 (DOE/ORP-2008-01), the Phase 2 RFI/CMS activities will be initiated and will include the  
14 identification of applicable CMAs. Treatability studies may be required to verify the feasibility  
15 of a technology, cost of a remedy, or applicability of a technology or action. Phase 1 RFI/CMS  
16 characterization activities have provided additional information that may contribute or be used in  
17 lieu of treatability studies needed to complete the Phase 2 RFI/CMS. Information obtained  
18 during Phase 1 and 2 characterization activities would provide support in addressing the existing  
19 condition of selected soil contamination levels, level of effort and costs to acquire data, and  
20 worker-exposure conditions associated with certain corrective measure remedies. Additionally,  
21 the results from Phase 2 characterization activities would be used to identify the need for  
22 engineering studies. Treatability studies for the deep vadose zone are presently being evaluated  
23 as part of the remedial investigation process under CERCLA that is being conducted by DOE-RL  
24 and the Plateau Remediation Contractor (DOE/RL-2007-56, *Deep Vadose Zone Treatability Test*  
25 *Plan for the Hanford Central Plateau*). Should deep vadose zone treatability be warranted in  
26 WMA C, DOE-RL and its contractor would implement these treatabilities.

#### 27 **5.4.6 Corrective Measures Study Outline**

28 As required by the guidance for the RCAP (OSWER 9902.3-2A), a proposed outline (that may  
29 be modified as appropriate following Phase 2 characterization activities) for the RFI/CMS report  
30 including a description of how the information will be presented is provided in the following:

- 31 a. **Introduction/Purpose:** The purpose of the document and a summary description of the  
32 project will be provided.
- 33
- 34 b. **Summary of Phase 2 RFI Results:** A brief summary/discussion of new characterization  
35 performed during the Phase 2 RFI since the Phase 1 RFI report (Appendix L of  
36 DOE/ORP-2008-01) was finalized will be provided. The Phase 2 RFI information will  
37 form the basis for the evaluation of risks from a no-action alternative and the CMA(s)  
38 developed in the CMS.
- 39

1 c. **Media Cleanup Standards:** Proposals of media cleanup standards may be provided.  
2 The standards must be based on promulgated federal and state standards, risk derived  
3 standards, all data and information gathered during the corrective action process (e.g.,  
4 from interim measures, RCRA Facility Investigation, etc.), and/or applicable guidance  
5 documents. Final media cleanup standards are determined by Ecology when the remedy  
6 is selected and are documented in the Statement of Basis/Response to Comments or  
7 permit modification.

8  
9 d. **Identification, Screening, and Development of Corrective Measures Alternatives:**

- 10  
11 1. **Identification:** The CMS will define potentially applicable corrective measure  
12 technologies that may be used to achieve the corrective action objectives.  
13  
14 2. **Screening:** When evaluating a number of corrective measures technologies, an  
15 evaluation of the technology limitations will show why certain corrective measures  
16 technologies may prove not feasible to implement given existing waste and site-  
17 specific conditions (see RPP-ENV-34028).  
18  
19 3. **Corrective Measures Development:** Section 5.4.7 provides a description of the  
20 development of CMAs.

21  
22 e. **Evaluation of CMA(s):** For each alternative a detailed analysis of how the potential  
23 alternatives will comply with each of the standards provided in Section 5.4.8 will be  
24 developed. After this detailed analysis, a comparative analysis of the alternatives will be  
25 developed. In evaluating the selected alternative or alternatives, information shall be  
26 presented that documents that the specific remedy will meet the standards listed in  
27 Section 5.4.8.

#### 28 **5.4.7 Development of Corrective Measures Alternatives**

29 After completion of the field work, CMAs identified in this section will be more fully developed  
30 and will be evaluated against WAC closure performance standards [WAC 173-303-610(2)] and  
31 evaluation criteria developed in accordance with WAC 173-303-64610 through  
32 WAC 173-303-64620 and Section 7.4 of the HFFACO and discussed in (OSWER  
33 Directive 9902.3-2A).

34  
35 The EPA recommends that all CMAs be developed to address all of the contamination issues at a  
36 site. This requires tailoring the evaluation of alternatives based on site-specific circumstances.  
37 The CMS would only evaluate implementable approaches, consistent with expected future land  
38 uses, and will limit the number of alternatives evaluated to those necessary to demonstrate that  
39 the preferred remedy is capable of achieving the following: (1) protection of human health and  
40 environment, (2) achieving media cleanup objectives and standards, (3) controlling/remediating  
41 sources of release, and (4) acceptable with respect to the balancing/evaluation criteria (e.g., cost,  
42 effectiveness, acceptance, etc. (see Section 5.4.8).  
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1 The EPA provides an overview of the approach to selecting corrective measures processes  
2 consistent with the following (OSWER Directive 9902.3-2A):

- 3 a. Define corrective action objectives and RCRA corrective action performance standards  
4 and ensure consistency with RCRA closure performance standards.
- 5 b. Evaluate only the most likely alternatives that can reasonably be expected to meet  
6 corrective action goals and agreed to by the facility and regulators.
- 7 c. The level of documentation required is only that necessary to adequately document the  
8 decision rationale.
- 9 d. Simple, straightforward contamination scenarios may require evaluation of a more  
10 limited number of alternatives and less detailed evaluation and documentation.
- 11 e. More complex contamination scenarios may require evaluation of a greater number of  
12 alternatives and more detailed evaluation and documentation.
- 13 f. Identify potential technologies and process options associated with each general response  
14 action. See RPP-ENV-34028 for vadose zone soil remediation technologies potentially  
15 applicable on the Central Plateau.
- 16 g. Screen the process options to select a representative process for each type of technology  
17 based on its effectiveness, implementability, and cost. See RPP-ENV-34028 for vadose  
18 zone soil remediation technologies potentially applicable on the Central Plateau.
- 19 h. Assemble viable technologies or process options into alternatives representing a range of  
20 treatment and containment, plus a no-action alternative. Identify technologies to address  
21 each COC and medium of concern.
- 22 i. Combine technologies into alternatives that address all contamination issues at the site  
23 including contaminants of concern, media of concern, and risk and exposures.
- 24 j. Evaluate alternatives and present information needed to support corrective measure  
25 selection and comply with RCRA closure of the unit, pursuant to Hanford Facility RCRA  
26 Permit, Condition II.K (WA 7890008967, *Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and  
27 Recovery Act Permit, Dangerous Waste Portion, Revision 8, for the Treatment, Storage,  
28 and Disposal of Dangerous Waste*).

29  
30 Potential CMAs identified for this effort, which does not include the deep vadose zone soils and  
31 groundwater include the following:

- 32 a. Take no action [required for consistency with the *Comprehensive Environmental  
33 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA)*].
- 34 b. Removal (excavation), treat as appropriate, and disposal of waste.
- 35 c. Treat contaminants to reduce toxicity, mobility, or volume.
- 36 d. Treat vadose zone to reduce mobility of released contaminants.
- 37 e. Install surface barrier.
- 38 f. Combination of any of the above, except for no action.

1 Sections of contaminated soils are located in areas where the use of surface cap/barrier may be  
2 proposed for corrective actions that will impact other operable units or projects, such as  
3 200-BP-5. Evaluation of CMAs for WMA C will consider the benefits of these proposed  
4 barriers and how remedial strategies and decisions can be integrated.

5  
6 A summary of each of these potential alternatives as it would apply to WMA C will be provided.  
7 Two principal categories of CMAs are currently identified: those actions that require removal  
8 and those that entail in-place remedies. In-place remedies would include in-situ treatment  
9 (stabilization), or maintaining an existing soil cover, if already present, with institutional  
10 controls.

#### 11 **5.4.7.1 No Action**

12 To maintain consistency with CERCLA requirements, 40 CFR 300 requires that a no-action  
13 alternative be evaluated as a baseline for comparison with other remedial/CMAs. The no-action  
14 alternative represents a situation where no legal restrictions, access controls, or active remedial  
15 measures are applied to the site. No action implies allowing the wastes to remain in the current  
16 configuration, thus being affected only by natural processes. No maintenance or other activities  
17 will be instituted or continued. Selecting the no-action alternative would require that a waste site  
18 pose no unacceptable threat to human health or the environment. Typically, this alternative is  
19 used as a comparison to the other CMAs.

#### 20 **5.4.7.2 Removal, Treatment, and Disposal**

21 Contaminated soil is physically removed from the vadose zone and disposed to an engineered  
22 landfill designed to prevent release of materials. Key factors to be considered in the selection of  
23 removal and disposal include the following:

- 24 a. **Volume of material to be excavated**—Involves estimating excavation volume based on  
25 preliminary cleanup levels. Costs for excavation and disposal are directly related to the  
26 volume of soil to be managed.
- 27 b. **Excavation design and strip ratio**—Standard excavation equipment is limited to a depth  
28 of approximately 35 feet without having to bench the side slope. Standard mining  
29 techniques can be used to design excavations of considerable depths. With increased  
30 depth and the need for benching and laybacks, the effective strip ratio of noncontaminated  
31 to contaminated materials increases significantly, adding to the material handling costs.
- 32 c. **Underground equipment**—There is a dense array of ancillary equipment (piping, catch  
33 tanks, diversion boxes, vaults) that will be routinely encountered from the surface to  
34 ~5–20 ft bgs while removing soil within tank farms. Residuals within this equipment  
35 will add significantly to the cost of removal, treatment, and disposal and may result in  
36 potentially higher dose rates than for soil removal alone.
- 37 d. **Disposal capacity**—Excavating large-diameter, deep waste sites will generate a large  
38 amount of waste requiring disposal. Capacity of an approved engineered landfill is  
39 typically at a premium.

- 1 e. **Worker exposure**—Excavation of highly contaminated sediments can pose significant  
2 worker exposure and contamination control issues, both of which increase with depth and  
3 size of excavation.
- 4 f. **Hot spot removal**—A subalternative would include the removal and disposal to  
5 selectively remove near-surface localized areas of high contamination or hot spots. This  
6 subalternative could remove the greatest mass of contaminants, while minimizing the  
7 volume of material to be handled and disposed. Removing hot spots to shrink the size of  
8 surface barriers is another potential use of this subalternative.
- 9 g. **Backfilling**—After contaminated materials are removed, the excavation will require  
10 backfilling with clean material to bring it back to grade. Backfill will require compacting  
11 to achieve conditions as close to undisturbed as possible.

#### 12 **5.4.7.3 Treat Contaminants to Reduce Toxicity, Mobility, or Volume**

13 Some soil locations may have attributes where application of an in-situ treatment technology  
14 would be an appropriate remedy to reduce the toxicity, mobility, or volume of contaminated  
15 material. The candidate technologies for this alternative include the following: desiccation,  
16 in-situ gaseous reduction, multistep geochemical manipulation, nanoparticles, and in-situ  
17 phosphate/calcite immobilization.

#### 18 **5.4.7.4 Treat Vadose Zone to Reduce Mobility of Released Contaminants**

19 Other soil locations may have attributes where application of an in-situ treatment technology  
20 would be an appropriate remedy that would allow isolation of the contaminants in the vadose  
21 zone. The candidate technologies for this alternative include subsurface barriers and permeation  
22 grout.

#### 23 **5.4.7.5 Install Surface Barrier**

24 Surface barriers are placed over contaminated sites to control the amount of water that infiltrates  
25 into contaminated media to reduce or eliminate leaching of contamination to groundwater. In  
26 addition to their hydrological performance, barriers also can function as physical barriers to  
27 prevent intrusion by human and ecological receptors, limit wind and water erosion, and attenuate  
28 radiation. Surface barriers are effective for all contaminants, are readily implementable, and  
29 have been extensively used. A range of surface barriers has been identified for Hanford Site  
30 application (e.g., Hanford Barrier, Modified RCRA Subtitle C and D, and evapotranspiration  
31 barriers) that are viable process options depending on the site-specific level of protection  
32 required (RPP-ENV-34028, DOE/RL-98-28, *200 Areas Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study  
33 Implementation Plan – Environmental Restoration Program*) and predominantly rely on  
34 evapotranspiration processes to control the movement of water.

35  
36 Surface barriers are applicable for groundwater, human health, and ecological protection. Site-  
37 specific conditions establish the level of hydraulic or physical barrier performance required. If  
38 groundwater protection is required, the barrier will need to limit the infiltration of precipitation.  
39 If the prevention of ecological and human intrusion is a performance requirement, then the  
40 physical barrier components become more important. For sites with deep vadose contamination

1 (e.g., greater than 150 ft), surface barriers may not sufficiently contain the contamination, and  
2 supplemental technologies (e.g., in-situ remediation) may be needed. Site-specific modeling  
3 should be performed to evaluate the size and depth over which surface barriers are effective in  
4 protecting groundwater. Provisions for groundwater monitoring should be included as part of the  
5 alternative for sites with deep vadose zone contamination.

6  
7 Surface barriers have been designed with a life expectancy up to 1000 years for the Hanford Site  
8 (DOE/RL-93-33, *Focused Feasibility Study of Engineered Barriers for Waste Management*  
9 *Units in the 200 Areas*). For barriers that use naturally stable geologic materials, the primary  
10 factor establishing life expectancy is projected erosion rates, which can be minimized by  
11 maintaining the vegetation cover and adding armoring appropriately.

#### 12 **5.4.8 Corrective Measures Alternatives, Performance Standards, and Selection Criteria**

13 Section 7.4.3 of the HFFACO requires that the information obtained through the CMS must be  
14 functionally equivalent to the information obtained in the CERCLA feasibility study process. In  
15 addition, OSWER Directive 9902.3-2A provides the nine RCRA Corrective Action  
16 balancing/evaluation criteria. As such, during the detailed analysis, each alternative will be  
17 evaluated against the following:

- 18 a. Overall protection of human health and the environment.
- 19 b. Compliance with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARAR).
- 20 c. Long-term reliability and effectiveness.
- 21 d. Reduction of toxicity, mobility, or volume of wastes.
- 22 e. Short-term effectiveness.
- 23 f. Implementability.
- 24 g. Cost.
- 25 h. State acceptance.
- 26 i. Community acceptance.

27 The first two criteria are considered threshold criteria, which the CMAs being evaluated must  
28 meet. The next five criteria are considered balancing or evaluating criteria, which are used to  
29 assist in selecting the most appropriate CMA. The last two criteria are considered modifying  
30 criteria, which are used to assist in finalizing the selection of a CMA. The modifying criterion of  
31 Ecology acceptance will be documented in the draft RCRA permit modification. The final  
32 modifying criterion, community acceptance, will be applied following the CMS during the draft  
33 RCRA permit modification public review phase.

34  
35 Overall protection of human health and the environment is a general mandate from the RCRA  
36 statute and is the primary goal of corrective action. This criterion should be evaluated based on  
37 reasonably anticipated current and future land use(s). Protection of human health and the  
38 environment can be achieved by removing contamination, treating contamination, preventing  
39 exposure to contamination, or a combination of these actions.

40  
41 Compliance with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements can occur by achieving the  
42 media cleanup objectives/standards and/or control/remediate release sources. Sources include

1 both the location of the original release as well as locations where any significant mass or  
2 concentration of contaminants may have migrated.

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4 Long-term reliability and effectiveness criteria should evaluate the degree of certainty that an  
5 alternative will remain protective of human health and the environment. The long-term  
6 reliability and effectiveness of the criteria should take into consideration the magnitude of risk  
7 that will remain and the reliability of any containment systems or institutional controls.

8  
9 Reduction of toxicity, mobility, or volume of wastes criterion should take into account the degree  
10 to which treatment reduces toxicity, mobility, and volume of hazardous waste. Under this  
11 criterion, consideration of the amount treated, degree to which treatment is irreversible and the  
12 potential toxicity, mobility, and volume of treatment residues should be evaluated.

13  
14 Short-term effectiveness criterion should take into consideration implementation timeframes and  
15 short-term risks posed by the corrective action. This criterion should take into account the  
16 potential short-term increases in exposure caused by the corrective action from exposure to  
17 contaminated subsurface soil and airborne dust during excavation as well as mobilization of  
18 groundwater contamination caused by increased gradients or injected material. Finally, the  
19 amount of time required for design, construction, and implementation should be assessed.

20  
21 The criterion of implementability should take into consideration the ease or difficulty of  
22 implementation and should consider the technical feasibility of constructing, operating, and  
23 monitoring the implemented corrective measure, its administrative feasibility, and the  
24 availability of services and materials required (e.g., disposal services, construction material).

25  
26 Cost criterion should take into account capital costs, operation and maintenance costs, and net  
27 present value of costs. Operation and maintenance costs should reflect realistic timeframe  
28 estimates and not be based on an arbitrary time period, such as 30 years. Net present value of  
29 costs will provide an equal basis for comparison of alternatives with different durations and  
30 assumes current year funds will be invested for payment of future year costs.

31  
32 Community acceptance should consider the degree to which a CMA will be acceptable to  
33 interested community. This community acceptance should consider public participation and  
34 community involvement and public comments.

35  
36 State acceptance should consider the degree to which the CMA is acceptable to the regulating  
37 state. This aspect is particularly important when EPA selects the corrective measure rather than  
38 the state.

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40 In addition, an analysis of any RCRA or applicable MTCA evaluation criteria not covered by the  
41 above will be included in accordance with WAC 173-303-64620(4). MTCA evaluation criteria  
42 are contained in WAC 173-340-360. These criteria are consistent with CERCLA and RCRA  
43 corrective action evaluation criteria; however they are arranged in a slightly different manner.  
44 To ensure that MTCA alternatives are met for SST WMA corrective actions, a separate  
45 evaluation of MTCA criteria will likely be accomplished. The criteria include threshold

1 requirements which must be met for an alternative to be selected as a final remedy and “other  
2 requirements” and “action specific requirements” that modify the threshold requirements:

- 3 a. Threshold requirements.
  - 4 1. Protect human health and the environment.
  - 5 2. Comply with cleanup standards.
  - 6 3. Comply with applicable state and federal laws.
  - 7 4. Provide compliance monitoring.
- 8 b. Other requirements.
  - 9 1. Use permanent solutions to the maximum extent practicable.
  - 10 2. Provide a reasonable restoration time frame.
  - 11 3. Consider public concerns.
- 12 c. Action-specific requirements.
  - 13 1. Non-permanent groundwater cleanup actions.
  - 14 2. Institutional controls.
  - 15 3. Releases and migration/dilution and dispersion.
  - 16 4. Remediation levels.

17  
18 The RCRA closure performance standards (WAC 173-303-610(2), “Closure and Post-Closure,”  
19 “Closure Performance Standard”) will be used to evaluate whether the alternatives comply with  
20 RCRA closure requirements. These standards require the closure of TSD units in a manner that  
21 achieves the following:

- 22 a. Minimizes the need for further maintenance.
- 23 b. Controls, minimizes, or eliminates to the extent necessary to protect human health and  
24 the environment, post-closure escape of dangerous waste, dangerous waste constituents,  
25 leachate, contaminated run-off, or dangerous waste decomposition products to the  
26 ground, surface water, groundwater, or the atmosphere.
- 27 c. Returns the land to the appearance and use of surrounding land areas to the degree  
28 possible, given the nature of the previous dangerous waste activity.

29 In addition, RCRA corrective-action performance standards (WAC 173-303-64620) will be used  
30 to evaluate how well the alternatives comply with RCRA corrective-action requirements. These  
31 standards state that corrective action must achieve the following:

- 32 a. Protect human health and the environment for all releases of dangerous waste and  
33 dangerous constituents, including releases from all solid-waste management units at the  
34 facility.
- 35 b. Occur regardless of the time at which waste was managed at the facility or placed in such  
36 units and regardless of whether such facilities or units were intended for the management  
37 of solid or dangerous waste.
- 38 c. Be implemented by the owner/operator beyond the facility boundary where necessary to  
39 protect human health and the environment.

1 The Phase 2 RFI/CMS report for WMA C also will include supporting information needed to  
2 complete the detailed analysis and meet regulatory integration needs, including the following:

- 3 a. Summarize the field investigation findings including the nature and extent of  
4 contamination, the contaminant distribution models, and an assessment of the risks to  
5 help establish the need for corrective measures and estimate the volume of contaminated  
6 media.
- 7 b. Refine the conceptual exposure pathway model to identify pathways that may need to be  
8 addressed by corrective action.
- 9 c. Provide a detailed evaluation of potential ARARs, beginning with potential ARARs  
10 identified in the Phase 2 master work plan (RPP-PLAN-37243, Section 3.4).
- 11 d. Refine potential corrective action objectives and preliminary remediation goals identified  
12 in the DQO report (RPP-RPT-38152), based on the results of the Phase 1 RCRA Facility  
13 Investigation report (DOE/ORP-2008-01), ARAR evaluations, and current land-use  
14 considerations, and input from the regulators.
- 15 e. Refine the list of CMAs identified in the DQO report (RPP-RPT-38152) and in this  
16 section.
- 17 f. Provide a preferred CMA for the soils within WMA C to fulfill the requirements for  
18 a RFI/CMS report.
- 19 g. Include as appendixes or separate documents, closure plans to address RCRA TSD units  
20 in the operable unit. The closure plans may incorporate, by reference, specific sections of  
21 the work plan or RFI report containing specific closure-plan information. The closure  
22 plans will include closure performance standards, a closure strategy, general closure  
23 activities including verification sampling, and a general post-closure plan for closing soils  
24 within WMA C.

## 6. SCHEDULE

The approach and work described in Chapters 4 and 5 of this work plan are detailed in the schedule for developing plans and conducting field activities. Figure 6-1 shows the schedule that will be used to measure progress. The soil characterization activities described in this work plan were identified during the DQO process (RPP-RPT-38152) to support Phase 2 RCRA corrective action activities in WMA C. Future planned waste retrieval activities may conflict with the schedule.

An RFI/CMS report for soils will be generated for WMA C. The report will meet the site-specific RFI/CMS objectives. In general, the RFI/CMS will assess data that have been collected at the time of report preparation (generally, it is anticipated that available information will include Phase 1 and available Phase 2 soil characterization information). The assessment will be used to

- a. Define source areas of contamination.
- b. Assess the potential pathways of migration and the potential receptors and associated exposure pathways to the extent necessary to determine whether, or to what extent, a threat to human health or the environment exists.
- c. Develop and evaluate CMAs (including the no-action alternative).

The RFI/CMS will present alternatives that will provide decision makers with a range of options and information to compare alternatives against one another. A general description of ranges for source-control response actions will be developed based on the site-specific information available. A detailed and comparative analysis of CMAs will be assessed against available site-specific information. This information will be used to evaluate various conceptual models (i.e., pre-defined conditions, such as concentrations, depth, and treatability of contaminants for various contaminated soil groups) that will be applied to the CMAs. Through the comparative analysis of alternatives, it is expected that these conceptual models may result in selection of different corrective measures for different soil groupings (e.g., removal, treatment, and leave in place, or leave in place). The RFI/CMS also may define how the determination of the selected CMA will be made at each site.

Figure 6-1 shows the schedule for the planned Phase 2 RCRA FI/CMS report for WMA C that will fulfill HFFACO Milestone M-45-61 and address interim measures and CMAs for soils to the point of submittal to Ecology.

As indicated in Figure 6-1, the field work to collect the soils for analyses, the laboratory analyses of these soils, and the additional planned work will exceed the current HFFACO interim Milestone M-45-61. This schedule is an "early finish" schedule showing required logic and durations. The schedule is also based on continuous resources applied to this effort. Actual dates will vary depending on schedule priority and resources. To fulfill this logic and duration schedule, durations assume \$4 million/year for 3 years for WMA C soil characterization based on FY 2008 dollars. If more or less money is available, duration will be compressed or extended accordingly. The sequencing assumes no interferences from field activities, such as waste retrieval efforts, which are currently ongoing.

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## 7. PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND PROGRAM INTEGRATION

This section describes the RCAP management and integration activities necessary to ensure that program objectives are achieved. The objectives of project management during the Phase 2 WMA C RFI/CMS implementation are to (1) ensure the safety of the work force and the affected environment, (2) direct and document project activities, (3) ensure that project goals and objectives are met, and (4) administer the project within budget and schedule. The WMA C DQO workshops defined the specific scope and schedule elements. These elements, as well as others defined during the DQO workshop, will result in the development of the Phase 2 WMA C work plan.

Sections 7.1 and 7.2 present a general discussion of the areas of project management that will be common to all aspects of the program. Section 7.3 provides a general discussion of the schedules for the Phase 2 RCAP activities, including HFFACO milestones for Phase 2. Processes for Tribal Nation and public involvement, an important and necessary part of DOE activities on the Hanford Site, are discussed in Sections 7.4 and 7.5. The overall approach to integration with other Hanford Site programs such as the Soil and Groundwater Remediation Project administered by the Plateau Remediation Contractor are discussed in Chapter 5 and the Phase 2 master work plan (RPP-PLAN-37243).

### 7.1 WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE

The internal work breakdown structure is developed in a manner consistent with other Hanford Site projects. Based on DOE guidance for establishing a baseline scope, schedule, and budget for the various TOC projects, internal planning, management, and budget documents (e.g., River Protection Project system plan, baseline control, and related work authorizations and directives) were adopted. These documents incorporate milestones defined in the HFFACO (Ecology et al. 1989) and reflect the schedule and commitments made therein. It is anticipated that these documents will define the scope, schedule, and budget to a level of detail that will be adequate for the planning and management of the Phase 2 RFI/CMS activities. Inherent with the approach is that the DQO workshop defined the specific scope associated with this Phase 2 WMA C RFI/CMS work plan.

A detailed draft work breakdown structure has been developed as part of the Tank Operations Contract Performance Management Baseline. This draft work breakdown structure lays out the scope elements that address vadose zone characterization and corrective measures, including interim measures, as well as closure and regulatory actions.

Detailed information in the form of work control instructions (formerly known as work packages) defining the site-specific activities and instructions needed to carry out the investigative tasks discussed in this section will be developed before initiating field work. Where appropriate, the work control instructions will reference the appropriate procedure or standards rather than listing the entire procedure for a task and will be in accordance with the HASQARD (DOE/RL-96-68). Any reference to the *Quality Assurance Program Description* (TFC-PLN-02) provided in Attachment 1 as a source of additional information will be referenced.

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2 The work control instructions shall be prepared in accordance with TOC work control  
3 procedures. The work control instructions must satisfy the following requirements:

- 4 a. Include a scope-of-work introductory section.
- 5 b. Identify any field screening activities not described in the work plan or in the relevant  
6 procedures. Identify any field screening equipment to be used that is not described in the  
7 relevant procedures.
- 8 c. Include the frequency of measurement.
- 9 d. Identify the applicable procedures needed to conduct the work. If a procedure includes  
10 several different ways to accomplish the work, the work control instruction should  
11 specify the method of choice or reference the specific procedure.

12 The integrated site baseline provides an integrated technical, cost, and schedule life-cycle  
13 baseline for the various projects. It is a tool that is used to forecast activities into the future so  
14 appropriate staffing, funding, and schedule needs can be assessed. The major activities for the  
15 Phase 2 RFI/CMS as captured in HFFACO milestones are the following:

- 16 a. Phase 2 master work plan (HFFACO Milestone M-45-58).
- 17 b. Phase 2 WMA C work plan (HFFACO Milestone M-45-60).
- 18 c. Field characterization.
- 19 d. Phase 2 RFI/CMS report (HFFACO Milestone M-45-61).
- 20 e. Phase 2 CMI (HFFACO Milestone M-45-62).

21 A draft Tank Operations Contract Performance Management Baseline has been prepared,  
22 providing detailed scope, schedule and logic of activities in the next 5-10 years, and broader  
23 information regarding long term activities. This draft baseline provides a schedule for the  
24 characterization activities described in this work plan, as well as the related activities required to  
25 complete corrective measures. The baseline addresses both regulatory and physical actions that  
26 must be performed to address closure, and shows how corrective actions are logically related to  
27 closure actions. ORP has initiated a series of workshops with Ecology and the TOC to further  
28 define the closure plan for WMA C, including the corrective measures related work described in  
29 this work plan. These workshops will be used to better define future activities as the baseline is  
30 finalized.

## 31 **7.2 PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

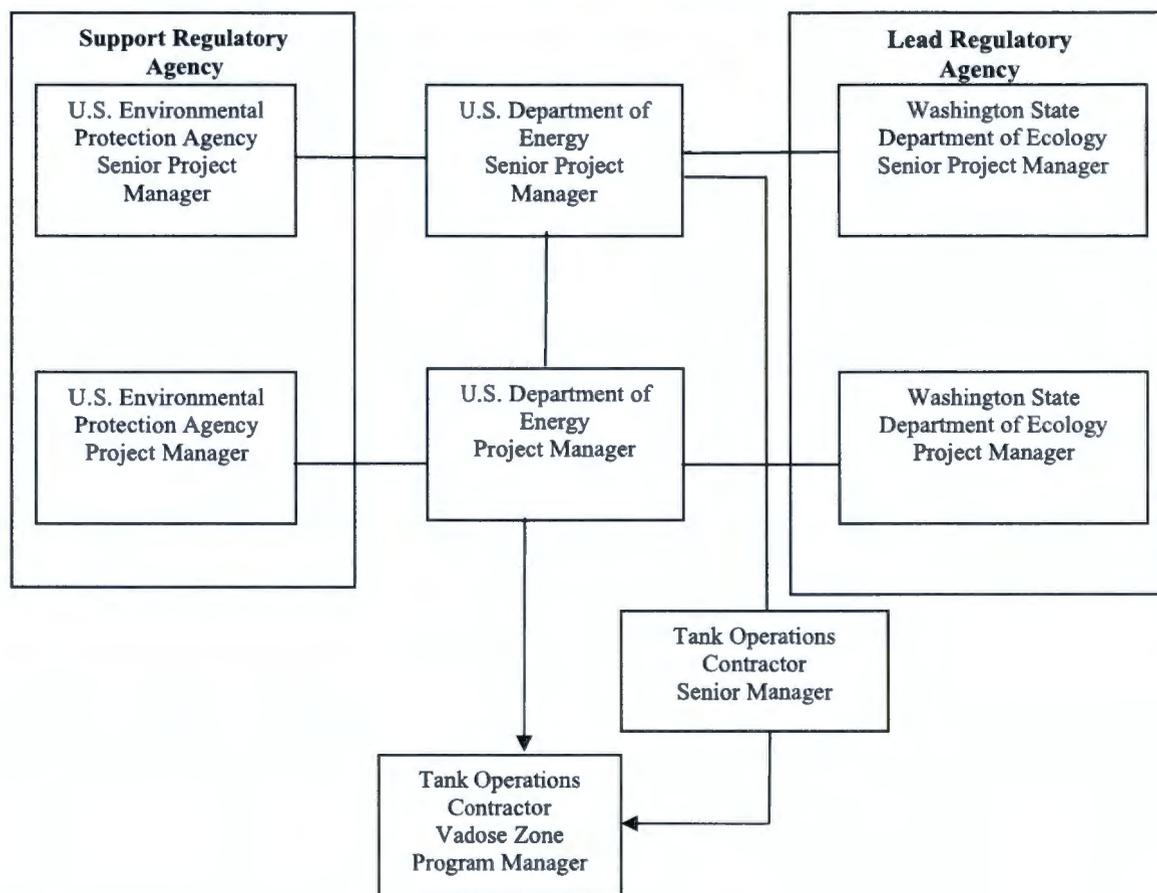
32 This section addresses the basic concepts of project management that occur throughout the  
33 project's life cycle. Specific tasks that will occur throughout the Phase 2 RCAP are described.  
34 Individuals associated with the project who interface with other organizations are also described.  
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36 Further guidance on schedule control, cost control, meetings, and reporting can be found in the  
37 HFFACO Action Plan (Ecology et al. 1989).

**7.2.1 Project Organization and Responsibilities**

The project organization for implementing activities outlined in this work plan is shown in Figure 7-1. Sections 7.2.1.1 through 7.2.8 describe the functional responsibilities of the project organization for the RCRA corrective action process shown in Figure 7-1. The positions described here have overall functional management authority for the project and are not based on an entities organization. Additional functional support roles are described in further detail in the project management section of Attachment 1.

**Figure 7-1. Project Organization for the RCRA Corrective Action Process**



**7.2.1.1 Regulatory Agencies and the U.S. Department of Energy**

**Senior Project Managers.** Ecology, EPA, and DOE have each designated senior project managers with responsibilities for the RCAP activities. These senior project managers will serve as their agency’s primary point of contact for the program under the HFFACO. The responsibilities of the senior project managers and project managers are defined in Section 4.1 of the HFFACO (Ecology et al. 1989).

**Project Managers.** Ecology, EPA, and DOE will each designate project managers for each WMA. Ecology is designated as the lead regulatory agency for all WMAs, as indicated in the

1 HFFACO (Ecology et al. 1989). The project manager from DOE will be responsible for  
2 maintaining and controlling the schedule and budget and keeping the Ecology and EPA project  
3 managers informed of the status of the activities, particularly the status of agreements and  
4 commitments.

#### 5 **7.2.1.2 Tank Operations Contractor Vadose Zone Program Manager**

6 A vadose zone program manager has been assigned by the TOC program manager and is  
7 responsible for day-to-day management of the program. The responsibilities of the TOC Vadose  
8 Zone Program Manager will be to plan, authorize, and control work so it can be completed on  
9 schedule and within budget, and to ensure that all planning and work performance activities are  
10 technically sound. The TOC Vadose Zone Program Manager works closely with project  
11 controls, quality assurance, health and safety, and the field engineer to ensure that the work  
12 scope is being performed in accordance with each of these areas of responsibility. Interfaces  
13 with tank farm operations are part of the work control, schedule control, and roles and  
14 responsibilities assigned to the TOC Vadose Zone Program Manager. Other duties include  
15 coordinating communications with DOE, EPA, and Ecology. The TOC Vadose Zone Program  
16 Manager reports to the TOC Senior Manager and the DOE project manager (Figure 7-1).

#### 17 **7.2.2 Work Control**

18 The primary goals of work control are to provide methods for planning, authorizing, integrating,  
19 and controlling work so tasks can be completed on schedule and within budget. The TOC  
20 ensures that all planning and work performance activities are technically sound and conform to  
21 management and quality requirements. The TOC Vadose Zone Program Manager will have the  
22 overall responsibility for planning and controlling investigation activities and for providing  
23 effective technical, cost, and schedule baseline management. If a subcontractor is used, the TOC  
24 Vadose Zone Program Manager will maintain overall project management responsibilities. The  
25 management control system used for this project must meet the requirements of DOE O 430.1B,  
26 *Real Property Asset Management*, or other applicable requirements and guidance (e.g., life-cycle  
27 asset management).

#### 28 **7.2.2.1 Cost Control**

29 Project costs including labor, other direct costs, and subcontractor expenses (e.g., drilling and  
30 laboratory analyses) will be assessed monthly. The budget tracking activity is computerized and  
31 provides the basis for invoice preparation and review, and for preparation of cost performance  
32 reports. These reports assess the status of each project task against projected budgets, determine  
33 performance, and describe any recovery plans that may be required. Any adjustments to budgets  
34 are controlled through a formal management process, which includes the use of baseline change  
35 proposals to modify baseline budgets. The DOE Project Manager will update the EPA and  
36 Ecology Project Managers about their respective project costs to date (i.e., WMA) at the monthly  
37 unit managers' meetings.

#### 38 **7.2.2.2 Schedule Control**

39 The status of scheduled milestones will be updated, at a minimum, on a monthly basis for each  
40 task on a given project. This will be performed in conjunction with cost performance reporting

1 associated with cost tracking. The status of milestones will also be updated monthly at unit  
2 managers' meetings.

### 3 **7.2.3 Meetings**

4 Project managers from DOE, EPA, and Ecology meet monthly at unit managers' meetings to  
5 discuss progress, address issues, and review near-term plans pertaining to their respective WMA.  
6 The meetings are technical in nature with emphasis on technical issues and work progress. The  
7 assigned DOE Project Manager for the WMA will be responsible for preparing revisions to the  
8 schedule prior to the meeting. The schedule will address all ongoing activities associated with  
9 active WMAs. This schedule will be provided to all parties and reviewed at the meeting. Any  
10 agreements and commitments (within the project managers' level of authority) resulting from the  
11 meeting will be prepared and signed by all parties as soon as possible after the meeting. Unit  
12 managers' meeting minutes will be issued by the DOE Project Manager and will summarize the  
13 discussion at the meeting, with information copies provided to the project managers.  
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15 As indicated by HFFACO Milestone M-45-56 (Ecology et al. 1989), Ecology and DOE will, at a  
16 minimum, meet yearly (i.e., by July or as needed) to discuss interim measures. These  
17 discussions will focus on defining and determining the need for implementing interim measures.  
18 As appropriate, interim milestones will be established in coordination with these activities.  
19

20 Other meetings will be held, as necessary, with subcontractors and other appropriate entities  
21 (e.g., integrating projects identified in Section 7.3) to communicate information, assess project  
22 status, and resolve issues. The DOE, Ecology, and EPA project managers will be requested to  
23 participate in these meetings as part of the integration effort (e.g., WMA C DQO activities will  
24 include an invitation to the Groundwater Remediation Project, DOE, Ecology, and EPA project  
25 managers).

### 26 **7.2.4 Records Management**

27 HFFACO specifies documentation and records management requirements for remediation  
28 activities at the Hanford Site. HFFACO categorizes applicable supporting documents based on  
29 the importance of documenting final data or use in decision-making to support remediation.  
30 Under HFFACO, these applicable documents are categorized as either primary or secondary  
31 documents. Tables 9-1 and 9-2 of HFFACO provide a general list of primary and secondary  
32 documents, respectively. Specific to the Phase 2 RCAP, primary documents include the Phase 2  
33 master work plan, the WMA C work plan, and the Phase 2 RFI/CMS report. The process for  
34 document review, comment, and revision will be as described in Section 9.2 of HFFACO Action  
35 Plan (Ecology et al. 1989).  
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37 The information management overview (Attachment 4 of this work plan) details the applicable  
38 programs for records management. As noted in Section 7.2.1, project managers are responsible  
39 for implementing HFFACO requirements for the RCAP. Revisions, should they become  
40 necessary after finalization of any document, will be in accordance with Section 9.3 of the  
41 HFFACO. Changes in the work schedule, as well as minor field changes, can be made without  
42 having to process a formal revision. The process for making these changes will be as stated in

1 Section 12.0 of the HFFACO. The Administrative Record will be maintained to support  
2 activities in accordance with Section 9.4 of the HFFACO.

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4 The project file will be maintained in an organized and secure manner and will be accessible to  
5 the appropriate project personnel. The project file may also be maintained electronically. All  
6 field reports, field logbooks, health and safety documents, quality assurance and quality control  
7 documents, laboratory data, memoranda, correspondence, and reports will be logged into the  
8 project file on receipt or transmittal.

### 9 **7.2.5 Progress and Final Reports**

10 Monthly progress will be documented at unit managers' meetings. Meeting minutes will be  
11 prepared, distributed to the appropriate personnel and entities (e.g., project managers,  
12 coordinators, contractors, and subcontractors), and entered into the project file. The process for  
13 document review and comment and maintenance of the Administrative Record is covered by the  
14 HFFACO action plan (Ecology et al. 1989).

### 15 **7.2.6 Quality Assurance**

16 The specific planning documents required to support the RCAP will be developed within the  
17 overall quality assurance program structure mandated by the DOE for all activities at the  
18 Hanford Site. Within that structure, the documents are designed to meet current EPA guidelines  
19 for format and content and are supported and implemented through the use of standard operating  
20 procedures drawn from the existing program or procedures developed specifically for tank farm  
21 quality requirements to environmental investigations.

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23 To ensure that the objectives of the RCAP are met in a manner consistent with applicable DOE  
24 guidelines, all work conducted will be performed in compliance with TFC-PLN-02, which  
25 specifically describes the application of requirements to environmental investigations.

### 26 **7.2.7 Health and Safety**

27 The health and safety plan (see Attachment 2) will be used to implement standard health and  
28 safety procedures for employees and contractors engaged in RCAP activities. More specific  
29 details on the management aspects of the health and safety plan are in Attachment 2. Minor  
30 activities that do not require the level of detail found in the health and safety plan will be covered  
31 by an activity hazard analysis.

### 32 **7.2.8 Community Relations**

33 Community relations activities will be conducted in accordance with the *Hanford Site Tri-Party*  
34 *Agreement Public Involvement Community Relations Plan* (Ecology et al. 2002). All community  
35 relations activities associated with the RCAP will be conducted under this overall Hanford Site  
36 community relations plan.

37  
38 In addition, a number of organizations participate in providing recommendations that can affect  
39 the path of the RCAP. These organizations include the Hanford Advisory Board, the Interagency  
40 Management Integration Team, the Washington State Department of Health, Tribal Nations, the

1 State of Oregon, and other interested stakeholders. This participation in project activities is  
2 defined in Sections 7.5 and 7.6.

### 3 **7.3 SCHEDULE**

4 Figure 7-2 provides the current schedule that identifies the HFFACO milestone dates associated  
5 with Phase 2. During the fiscal year planning effort, this milestone schedule will be updated.  
6 The detailed project schedule will implement the work breakdown structure (see Section 7.1) and  
7 will be updated during monthly unit managers' meetings.

### 8 **7.4 TRIBAL NATION ROLE AND INVOLVEMENT**

9 The Hanford Site is located on land ceded to the Federal government by treaties in the year 1855  
10 with the Yakama Nation and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (i.e.,  
11 the Umatilla, Cayuse, and Walla Walla Tribes). The Nez Perce Tribe has treaty rights on the  
12 Columbia River. The Yakama Nation and Confederate Tribes of the Umatilla Indian  
13 Reservation retain rights and privileges in the ceded areas, including the right to take fish at  
14 usual and accustomed places, to erect temporary buildings, to hunt, to gather roots and berries,  
15 and to pasture horses and cattle on open and unclaimed land.

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17 In addition to the treaties of 1855, the following laws apply to Native American rights and  
18 culture at the Hanford Site: the *American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978*, the  
19 *Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1974*, the *National Historic Preservation Act of*  
20 *1966*, the *Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act*, and the *American*  
21 *Antiquities Preservation Act of 1906*.

22  
23 The DOE provides grants to the Yakama Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian  
24 Reservation, and the Nez Perce Tribe to ensure their involvement in the environmental  
25 restoration and waste management activities for cleanup of the Hanford Site. The tribes will  
26 advise the RCAP activities through direct consultation and project involvement (e.g., DQO  
27 meetings). The tribes also participate in formal groups such as the State and Tribal Government  
28 Working Group, the Hanford Advisory Board, the Hanford Summit Steering Committee, and the  
29 Hanford Environmental Dose Reconstruction Project's Native American Working Group.

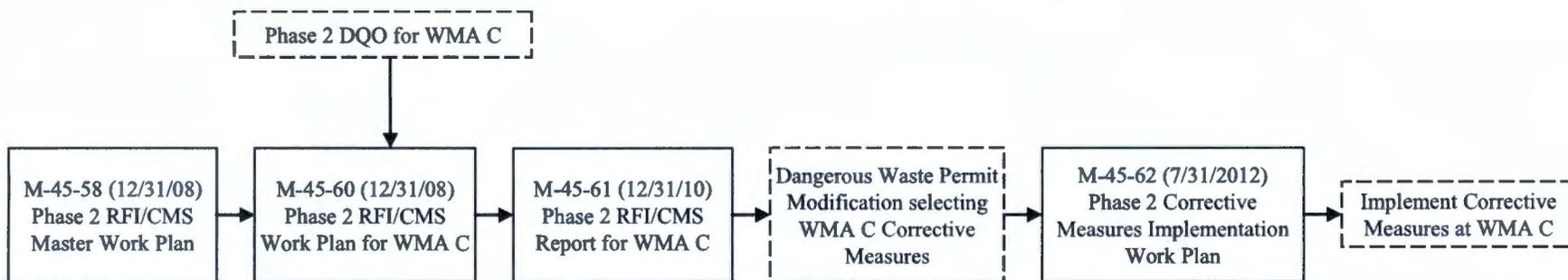
### 30 **7.5 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

31 Public involvement is an integral and necessary part of DOE activities on the Hanford Site to  
32 ensure that decisions are made with the benefit and consideration of important public  
33 perspectives. Public involvement is a mechanism that brings a broad range of diverse viewpoints  
34 and values into the DOE decision-making process and enables DOE to make more informed  
35 decisions, improve quality through collaborative efforts, and build mutual understanding and  
36 trust between DOE and the public. Within the RCAP, opportunities for public involvement will  
37 occur throughout the process.

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39 The community relations plan (Ecology et al. 2002) specifies how the public can be involved in  
40 the processes that are followed on the Hanford Site. This is discussed further in Section 10.0 of  
41 the HFFACO (Ecology et al. 1989).

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**Figure 7-2. RCRA Corrective Action Process**



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2 In addition to other projects operating at the Hanford Site, a number of organizations participate  
3 in providing recommendations that can affect the path of the RCAP. These organizations  
4 include the Hanford Advisory Board, the Interagency Management Integration Team, the  
5 Washington State Department of Health, Tribal Nations, the State of Oregon, and other  
6 interested stakeholders.  
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**APPENDIX A**

**SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN FOR THE  
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**APPENDIX B**

**SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS INSTRUCTIONS FOR SMALL  
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**ACRONYMS**

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3	AEA	alpha energy analysis
4	AVMA	American Veterinary Medical Association
5	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
6	COPEC	contaminant of potential ecological concern
7	DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
8	ERA	ecological risk assessment
9	GEA	gamma energy analysis
10	GPC	gas proportional counting
11	HASQARD	<i>Hanford Analytical Services Quality Assurance Requirements Document</i>
12	HEPA	high-efficiency particulate air
13	HFFACO	<i>Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order</i>
14	PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl
15	QA	quality assurance
16	RCRA	<i>Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976</i>
17	RCBRA	River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment
18	SAI	sampling and analysis instruction
19	SAP	sampling and analysis plan
20	SST	single-shell tank
21	STR	subcontract technical representative
22	WAC	<i>Washington Administrative Code</i>
23	WMA	waste management area
24	WRPS	Washington River Protection Solutions, LLC

## METRIC CONVERSION CHART

Into Metric Units			Out of Metric Units		
<i>If You Know</i>	<i>Multiply By</i>	<i>To Get</i>	<i>If You Know</i>	<i>Multiply By</i>	<i>To Get</i>
<b>Length</b>			<b>Length</b>		
Inches	25.4	millimeters	millimeters	0.039	inches
Inches	2.54	centimeters	centimeters	0.394	inches
Feet	0.305	meters	meters	3.281	feet
Yards	0.914	meters	meters	1.094	yards
Miles	1.609	kilometers	kilometers	0.621	miles
<b>Area</b>			<b>Area</b>		
sq. inches	6.452	sq. centimeters	sq. centimeters	0.155	sq. inches
sq. feet	0.093	sq. meters	sq. meters	10.76	sq. feet
sq. yards	0.836	sq. meters	sq. meters	1.196	sq. yards
sq. miles	2.6	sq. kilometers	sq. kilometers	0.4	sq. miles
acres	0.405	hectares	hectares	2.47	acres
<b>Mass (weight)</b>			<b>Mass (weight)</b>		
ounces	28.35	grams	grams	0.035	ounces
pounds	0.454	kilograms	kilograms	2.205	pounds
ton	0.907	metric ton	metric ton	1.102	ton
<b>Volume</b>			<b>Volume</b>		
tablespoons	15	milliliters	liters	2.1	pints
fluid ounces	30	milliliters	liters	1.057	quarts
gallons	3.8	liters			
<b>Temperature</b>			<b>Temperature</b>		
Fahrenheit	subtract 32, then multiply by 5/9	Celsius	Celsius	multiply by 9/5, then add 32	Fahrenheit
<b>Radioactivity</b>			<b>Radioactivity</b>		
picocuries	37	millibecquerel	millibecquerels	0.027	picocuries

## B1.0 INTRODUCTION

This sampling and analysis instruction (SAI) guide was prepared to provide the requirements for the sampling and analysis activities to be performed in support of the Corrective Measures Study for Waste Management Area C (WMA C). This SAI describes the field work necessary to collect the data identified in RPP-RPT-38152, *Data Quality Objectives Report Phase 2 Characterization for Waste Management Area C RCRA Field Investigation/Corrective Measures Study*. This SAI defines data collection methods for small mammals to augment the screening-level ecological risk assessment.

WMA C is one of several single-shell tank (SST) farm waste management areas located in the 200 East Area of the Hanford Site (see Figure B-1). Past releases to soil have resulted in contamination that will require evaluation and cleanup under the *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976* (RCRA) corrective action program in accordance with the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order* (HFFACO) (Ecology et al. 1989), also known as the Tri-Party Agreement. Elements of the corrective action process include soil characterization, assessment of risk from past releases to soil, evaluation and selection of corrective measures alternatives, and implementation of the selected corrective measures.

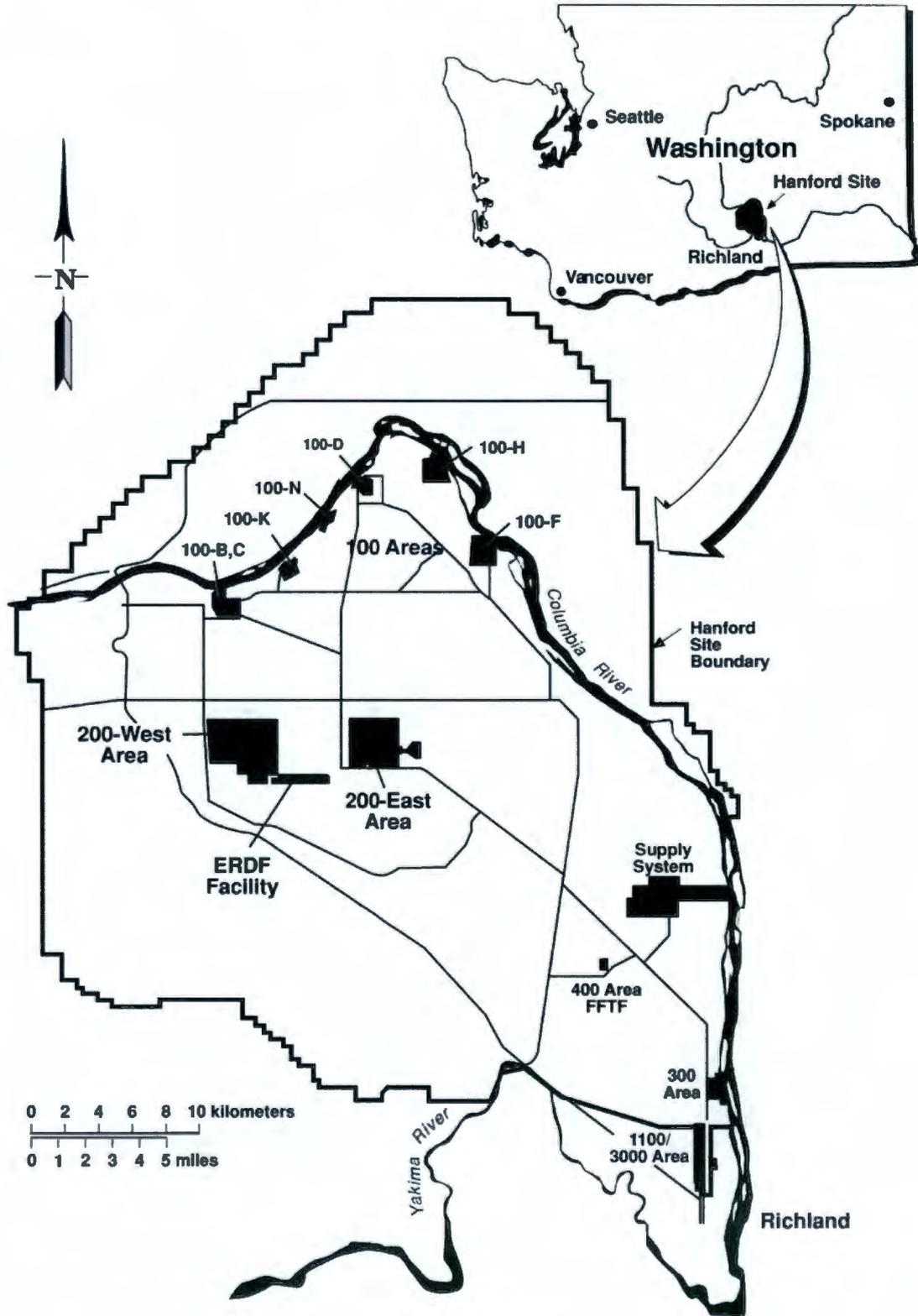
In support of the evaluation and selection of corrective measures alternatives, contaminant concentrations in abiotic and biotic media will be compared to endpoint criteria specified by Washington State regulations, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency technical guidance, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) technical guidance, or as supported by the scientific literature. The approach for ecological risk assessment for WMA C is documented in Section 3.4.2 of this document.

Sampling and analysis of soil at WMA C will follow the specifications documented in the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) provided as Appendix A of the main document. The sampling and analysis tasks presented in this SAI guide are specific to small mammal collection and analysis to obtain data for use in dietary exposure modeling in the ecological risk assessment for WMA C.

## B1.1 BACKGROUND

The Hanford Site became a federal facility in 1943 when the U.S. Government took possession of the land to produce weapons-grade plutonium during World War II. The Hanford Site's production mission continued until the late 1980s when the mission changed from producing nuclear materials to cleaning up the radioactive and hazardous wastes that had been generated during the previous decades. The Central Plateau, which encompasses the tank farms, consists of approximately 75 mi<sup>2</sup> (195 km<sup>2</sup>) near the middle of the Hanford Site (see Figure B-1). The Central Plateau contains approximately 900 excess facilities formerly used in the plutonium production process.

Figure B-1. Hanford Site Map.



1 WMA C is an SST farm located on the eastern portion of the 200 East Area. WMA C is  
2 currently undergoing Phase 2 investigation to support development and implementation of  
3 corrective measures. This SAI documents the methods for the collection of biological data  
4 (small mammal tissue) to support ecological risk assessment in the SST farms.  
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## 6 **B1.2 PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS**

7 Phase 1 characterization for soils of WMA C was documented in RPP-35484, *Field Investigation*  
8 *Report for Waste Management Areas C and A-AX*.

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10 Previous investigations of ecological risk at the Hanford Site date back to the early 1990s  
11 (WHC-SD-EN-TI-122, *Biological Uptake of 300-FF-5 Operable Unit Contaminants*). Work is  
12 being performed concurrently with this project as part of the Central Plateau Ecological Risk  
13 Assessment Project (WMP-20570, *Central Plateau Terrestrial Ecological Risk Assessment Data*  
14 *Quality Objectives Summary Report – Phase I*), the River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment  
15 (RCBRA), and WMP-23141, *100-NR-2 Groundwater Operable Unit Ecological Risk Assessment*  
16 *Data Quality Objectives Summary Report*, and DOE/RL-2005-22, *100-NR-2 Study Area*  
17 *Ecological Risk Assessment Sampling and Analysis Plan*. Monitoring activities and data  
18 collection efforts to support ecological risk assessment (ERA), performed on an ongoing basis by  
19 the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory as part of DOE's Public Safety and Resource  
20 Protection Program, are available on request from the DOE Richland Operations Office.  
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## 22 **B1.3 INDICATOR CONTAMINANTS**

23 Indicator contaminants for small mammal tissue analysis consist of the nonradionuclide  
24 constituents listed in *Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-340-7493*, "Site-Specific  
25 Terrestrial Ecological Evaluation Procedures" (Table 749-3), for which a wildlife benchmark is  
26 provided. While analytical suites are not limited to these contaminants specifically, performance  
27 of suite analyses ensures that these indicator contaminants are captured for evaluation as  
28 contaminants of potential ecological concern (COPECs). Radionuclides are not addressed by the  
29 WAC but potentially pose risk to wildlife at WMA C via the dietary exposure pathway from  
30 small mammals. Radionuclide analyses will be performed on small mammal tissues to  
31 determine the type and quantity of radionuclides in the ecosystem, and their subsequent risks to  
32 predator species. Contaminant suite analyses to be performed for upland soil and tissues are  
33 listed in Table B-1, which is derived from Table 3-2 of RPP-PLAN-39114, *Phase 2 RCRA*  
34 *Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study Work Plan for Waste Management Area C*.  
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36 Environmental conditions often limit the ability to collect a sufficient amount of sample material  
37 for the analyses of all indicator contaminants; therefore, the full list of indicator contaminants  
38 must be prioritized for samples with limited sample mass. In general, the priorities for these  
39 samples (in order from highest to lowest) are gamma spectroscopy, metals (SW-846, *Test*  
40 *Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods*, Methods 6010/6020 and  
41 7471), radiogenic strontium, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and pesticides (SW-846  
42 Methods 8082 and 8081A, respectively), isotopic uranium, isotopic plutonium, isotopic thorium,  
43 and semivolatile organic compounds (SW-846 Method 8270A) or most current approved  
44 SW-846 methodology. Gamma spectroscopy is listed as the highest analytical priority because it

1 is a nondestructive analysis, requires significantly more mass than other analyses, but may not be  
 2 feasible for some samples.

3 **Table B-1. Analytical Suites and Methods for Small Mammal Tissues**

Analyte Group	Analytical Methods <sup>a</sup>	Analyzed in Tissues <sup>b</sup>	Indicator Contaminants <sup>c</sup>
Inorganic chemicals (Metals)	6010	Yes	Arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium (total), copper, lead, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, zinc
	6020/200.8	Yes	Selenium
	7471/200.8	Yes	Mercury (total)
PCBs and pesticides	8082 (PCBs)	Yes	PCB aroclors
	8081 (pesticides)	Yes	Aldrin, , chlordane, dieldrin, endrin, DDT, DDD, DDE, heptachlor, heptachlor epoxide, benzene hexachloride (including lindane)
Semivolatile organic compounds	8310 or 8270	Yes	Benzo(a)pyrene
	8270	Yes	Hexachlorobenzene, pentachlorophenol
Radionuclides	Gamma energy analysis (GEA)	Yes	<sup>134</sup> Cs, <sup>137</sup> Cs, <sup>60</sup> Co, <sup>152</sup> Eu, <sup>154</sup> Eu, <sup>155</sup> Eu, <sup>226</sup> Ra
	Alpha energy analysis (AEA)	Yes	<sup>241</sup> Am
	Isotopic plutonium (AEA)	Yes	<sup>238</sup> Pu
	Isotopic thorium (AEA)	Yes	<sup>228</sup> Th, <sup>232</sup> Th
	Isotopic uranium (AEA)	Yes	<sup>233/234</sup> U, <sup>235</sup> U, <sup>238</sup> U
	Total radioactive strontium (GPC)	Yes	<sup>90</sup> Sr

<sup>a</sup> All analyses obtained by these methods.

<sup>b</sup> Analyses are subject to obtaining a sufficient amount of small mammal whole organism tissue.

<sup>c</sup> Indicator contaminants for small mammal tissues are those that identified as WAC soil indicator contaminants for wildlife plus radionuclides.

GPC = gas proportional counting

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5 **B1.4 PROBLEM DEFINITION**

6 The purpose of the ERA for WMA C is to ascertain risk to receptors from COPECs originating  
 7 from SST farm operations. The presence of contaminants in biological tissue (i.e., small  
 8 mammals) is indicative of exposure and may serve as an exposure pathway to higher trophic  
 9 predators, such as raptors and carnivorous mammals. Information gathered from small mammal  
 10 tissue analyses will substantiate current exposure and aid in the development and implementation  
 11 of corrective measures to ensure long-term protection of human health and the environment.

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13 **B1.5 DIETARY EXPOSURE**

14 Dietary exposure to COPECs will be evaluated using methodology published in  
 15 EPA/600/R-93/187, *Wildlife Exposure Factors Handbook*. The principal aspect of vertebrate

1 exposure is the measurement of COPEC concentrations in food and abiotic media. The exposure  
 2 evaluation for higher trophic level receptors (i.e., badger and red-tailed hawk) is based on the  
 3 food intake rates and diet preference of representative small mammal species. The general  
 4 equation for dietary exposure to badger and red-tailed hawk is as follows:

$$E_{oral} = C_{soil} \cdot I_{soil} \cdot AUF_{soil} + C_{food} \cdot I_{food} \cdot AUF_{food}$$

7  
 8 where

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 10  $E_{oral}$  = the estimated oral daily dose for a COPEC (mg/kg/day)

11  
 12  $C_{soil}$  = the concentration of chemical constituent  $x$  in soil (mg/kg dry weight)

13  
 14  $I_{soil}$  = the normalized daily soil ingestion rate (kg of soil / [kg of body weight • day])

15  
 16  $AUF_{soil}$  = the area use factor that represents the fraction of soil ingested from a  
 17 contaminated area (this fraction is set to one)

18  
 19  $C_{food}$  = the concentration of COPEC in food (mg/kg dry weight)

20  
 21  $I_{food}$  = the normalized daily dietary ingestion rate (kg of food [dry weight] / [kg of  
 22 body weight • day])

23  
 24  $AUF_{food}$  = the fraction of the diet derived from a contaminated area (this fraction is set to  
 25 one).

## 26 27 **B1.6 DECISIONS TO BE MADE**

28 The sampling of small mammal tissue in WMA C will help establish ecological exposure and  
 29 transport pathways to chemicals and radionuclides present in the SST farms. The quantity of  
 30 samples collected and the duration of the evaluation will be appropriate to inform the corrective  
 31 measures study which is being performed concurrently for WMA C. Samples will be collected  
 32 from three distinct transects: the WMA C perimeter fence line transect, and two habitat transects  
 33 located in proximity to but outside of the WMA C perimeter. A composite of kidney and liver  
 34 tissues from a minimum of six captured organisms per transect group will serve as indicators of  
 35 bioconcentration of inorganic contaminants in these target organs. The remaining small mammal  
 36 carcasses (whole organism, minus the liver and kidney) will be composited separately for  
 37 analysis. Liver and kidneys are target organs for accumulation of some types of COPECs,  
 38 including metals. In addition, these organs have tissue-specific toxicity reference values for  
 39 some COPECs which allow for extrapolation between the concentrations observed in the field  
 40 and laboratory-based effects. In the dietary exposure model, a weighted average of the COPEC  
 41 concentrations in carcass and organs (liver and kidney) is used as the exposure point  
 42 concentration. Liver and kidney weights will be recorded for each sample and their contaminant  
 43 contributions to diet accounted for on a fraction-of-body-weight basis.  
 44

1 A minimum of six organisms per transect group will be combined into two composite samples  
2 (one liver/kidney composite and one carcass composite) per transect group for analysis. The  
3 carcass composite will be further subdivided as necessary to support analytical needs. Under this  
4 study design, at least nine samples will be submitted for analysis, with at least three samples  
5 representing each of the three transect groups. While the number of samples to be collected is  
6 not statistically based, the number of samples is sufficient to meet analytical sample mass  
7 requirements and also to perform exploratory data analyses (i.e., calculate mean concentrations  
8 and upper confidence limits on the mean, and comparing contaminant distributions using  
9 boxplots).

10  
11 A portion of the carcass composite sample from each transect will be analyzed for organic  
12 constituents, including PCB aroclors. Another portion of these samples will be reserved for  
13 possible subsequent analysis. When available, the aroclor results from each transect will be  
14 evaluated together with available RCRA facility investigation analytical results for PCB aroclors  
15 and congeners in WMA C soils to determine whether a reserved carcass composite sample from  
16 any of the transects should be analyzed for PCB congeners. The carcass composite, rather than  
17 liver/kidney composite, will be analyzed for this purpose, because PCBs concentrate in the lipid  
18 tissues of the carcass.

## 19 20 **B1.7 CONTINGENCIES**

21 It is necessary to prepare for contingency sampling in the event that planned sample numbers are  
22 compromised. For example, it may be that insufficient sample mass exists for a particular group  
23 targeted for tissue analyses. In the event of low capture frequency, additional sampling may be  
24 performed until adequate sample mass requirements are met. For all samples the analytes shall  
25 be measured in the following general priority order: gamma spectroscopy (first because it is a  
26 nondestructive analysis; it is assumed that samples measured for gamma radiation will be  
27 available for other analyses, but it requires a significant mass so it may not always be  
28 appropriate), metals, total radioactive strontium, PCBs and pesticides, isotopic uranium, isotopic  
29 plutonium, isotopic thorium, and semivolatile organic compounds.

30  
31 A small quantity of sample mass from each transect will be reserved at the sample preparation  
32 laboratory to allow for follow-on analysis of PCB congeners.  
33

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2 **B2.0 PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

3 This section addresses the roles and responsibilities of the project management team to ensure  
4 that project participants understand the sampling goals and approaches to be used and that the  
5 planned outputs are appropriately documented.  
6

7 **B2.1 PROJECT TASK ORGANIZATION**

8 This project will be managed by Washington River Protection Solutions, LLC (WRPS). The  
9 WRPS will assign a project manager, a risk assessment manager, and a subcontract technical  
10 representative (STR). The risk assessment manager has overall responsibility for this project  
11 including oversight of the project schedule and budget. The manager makes final project  
12 decisions with the authority to commit the necessary resources to perform activities.  
13

14 The WRPS STR is responsible for coordination and oversight of all environmental data  
15 collection activities, including sampling, field analytical measurements, and field ecological  
16 observations. The STR is responsible for tracking and reporting the progress of field work and  
17 laboratory analysis and interfacing with quality assurance (QA), health and safety, and cultural  
18 resources representatives to ensure work is performed in accordance with all project objectives  
19 and requirements, such as those specified in this SAI.  
20

21 Sample collection will be performed by qualified subcontractors in accordance with this SAI and  
22 applicable procedures documented in the SAP (Appendix A of the main document).  
23 Subcontractor and WRPS field personnel will provide weekly status during fieldwork and report  
24 problems in the field and to the STR.  
25

26 The project QA representative oversees quality control and laboratories and is independent of the  
27 personnel performing data generation. The QA representative is responsible for ensuring field  
28 and laboratory activities are performed in accordance with WRPS project quality management  
29 plans, WRPS-approved field and laboratory subcontractor QA plans, and applicable procedures.  
30 The QA representative is also responsible for coordinating and performing audits and  
31 assessments of field and laboratory work.  
32

33 **B2.2 QUALITY OBJECTIVES AND CRITERIA FOR MEASUREMENT DATA**

34 The detection limits and precision and accuracy requirements for each of the analyses performed  
35 are summarized for biotic tissue in Table B-2. The process for determining these requirements is  
36 documented in existing ERA planning documentation, including data quality objective reports  
37 and SAPs for the Central Plateau Terrestrial ERA and the RCBRA. The matrix-specific target  
38 COPEC quantitation limits used in this SAI were derived for the RCBRA and Central Plateau  
39 Terrestrial ERA by calculating the COPEC concentrations in prey that would result in a predator  
40 dose approaching the threshold toxicity reference values. For additional detail on derivation of  
41 these numbers, see planning documentation for those reports.  
42

**Table B-2. Analytical Performance Requirements for Tissue Analyses (2 sheets)**

Indicator Contaminant	Chemical Abstracts Service Number	Analytical Instrument and/or Method	Laboratory Target Detection Limit <sup>a</sup> (pCi/g or mg/kg)	Precision	Accuracy
<i>Radionuclides</i>					
Americium-241	14596-10-2	AEA	0.1	±30%	70-130
Cesium-134	13967-70-9	GEA	0.1	±30%	70-130
Cesium-137	10045-97-3	GEA	0.1	±30%	70-130
Cobalt-60	10198-40-0	GEA	0.05	±30%	70-130
Europium-152	14683-23-9	GEA	0.1	±30%	70-130
Europium-154	15585-10-1	GEA	0.1	±30%	70-130
Europium-155	14391-16-3	GEA	0.1	±30%	70-130
Plutonium-238	13981-16-3	Isotopic Pu - AEA	1.0	±30%	70-130
Radium-226	13982-63-3	GEA	0.1	±30%	70-130
Strontium-90	10098-97-2	Total rad Sr – GPC	1	±30%	70-130
Thorium-228	14274-82-9	Isotopic Th – AEA	1.0	±30%	70-130
Thorium-232	14274-82-9	Isotopic Th - AEA	1	±30%	70-130
Uranium-233/234	13966-29-5	Isotopic U - AEA	1	±30%	70-130
Uranium-235	15117-96-1	Isotopic U - AEA	1	±30%	70-130
Uranium-238	7440-61-1	Isotopic U - AEA	1	±30%	70-130
<i>Pesticides and PCBs</i>					
Aldrin	309-00-2	Method 8081	0.0017	±30%	50-150
Benzene hexachloride (including lindane) (i.e., gamma-BHC [lindane])	58-89-9	Method 8081	0.0017	±30%	50-150
Chlordane	57-74-9	Method 8081	0.017	±30%	50-150
Dieldrin	60-57-1	Method 8081	0.003	±30%	50-150
Endrin	72-20-8	Method 8081	0.003	±30%	50-150
DDT	50-29-3	Method 8081	0.003	±30%	50-150
DDD	72-54-8	Method 8081	0.003	±30%	50-150
DDE	72-55-9	Method 8081	0.003	±30%	50-150
Heptachlor	76-44-8	Method 8081	0.0017	±30%	50-150
Heptachlor epoxide	1024-57-3	Method 8081	0.0017	±30%	50-150
Aroclor-1016	12674-11-2	Method 8082	0.017	±30%	50-150
Aroclor-1221	11104-28-2	Method 8082	0.017	±30%	50-150
Aroclor-1232	11141-16-5	Method 8082	0.017	±30%	50-150
Aroclor-1242	53469-21-9	Method 8082	0.017	±30%	50-150
Aroclor-1248	12672-29-6	Method 8082	0.017	±30%	50-150
Aroclor-1254	11097-69-1	Method 8082	0.017	±30%	50-150
Aroclor-1260	11096-82-5	Method 8082	0.017	±30%	50-150

**Table B-2. Analytical Performance Requirements for Tissue Analyses (2 sheets)**

Indicator Contaminant	Chemical Abstracts Service Number	Analytical Instrument and/or Method	Laboratory Target Detection Limit <sup>a</sup> (pCi/g or mg/kg)	Precision	Accuracy
<i>Semivolatile Organic Compounds</i>					
Benzo(a)pyrene	50-32-8	Method 8310 or 8270	0.33	±30%	50-150
Hexachlorobenzene	118-74-1	Method 8270	0.33	±30%	50-150
Pentachlorophenol	87-86-5	Method 8270	0.33	±30%	50-150
<i>Metals</i>					
Arsenic	7440-38-2	Method 6010	10	±30%	70-130
Barium	7440-39-3	Method 6010	2	±30%	70-130
Cadmium	7440-43-9	Method 6010	0.5	±30%	70-130
Chromium (total)	7440-47-3	Method 6010	1	±30%	70-130
Copper	7440-50-8	Method 6010	1	±30%	70-130
Lead	7439-92-1	Method 6010	5	±30%	70-130
Manganese	7439-96-5	Method 6010	5	±30%	70-130
Mercury (total)	7439-97-6	Method 7471 or 200.8	0.2	±30%	70-130
Molybdenum	7439-98-7	Method 6010	2	±30%	70-130
Nickel	7440-02-0	Method 6010	4	±30%	70-130
Selenium	7782-49-2	Method 6020 or 200.8	0.1	±30%	70-130
Zinc	7440-66-6	Method 6010	1	±30%	70-130

<sup>a</sup> Achievable detection limits may be affected if insufficient material is available for analysis.

AEA = alpha energy analysis  
 GEA = gamma energy analysis  
 GPC = gas proportional counting  
 SVOA = semivolatile organic analysis

### B2.3 SPECIAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Hanford General Employee Training is typically required for subcontractors deployed to the site in support of sampling activities. The following additional training may be required for certain areas:

- Site-specific Waste Management Instruction
- Integrated Work Control Program
- Rad Worker II (for entry into posted radiological control zones)
- 24-hour Hazardous Waste Worker Training (for entry into waste sites with ongoing remedial activities)
- Ecological resource and biological hazard training.

The qualifications of field personnel must be forwarded to the WRPS STR and must be approved by the STR prior to beginning work.

### B3.0 MEASUREMENT/DATA ACQUISITION

This chapter presents the sampling design and requirements for sampling methods, sample handling and custody, and analytical methods. The requirements for instrument calibration and maintenance, supply inspections, and data management are also addressed.

#### B3.1 SAMPLING PROCESS DESIGN

The sample design reflects the project work scope developed in the main body of RPP-PLAN-39114. This SAI contains sample design details, summary tables, and figures that address sampling procedures, sampling locations, sampling frequencies, and field and laboratory requirements.

#### B3.2 SAMPLING METHOD REQUIREMENTS

Sampling will be performed in accordance with this SAI guide. The “study area” refers to the perimeter fenceline of the WMA C property and two habitat areas outside of the fenceline in proximity to the industrial area (Figure B-1). The dimension of the study area is based on a deer mouse home range (approximately 0.077 hectares, which is based on average home range data from representative environments listed in EPA/600/R-93/187, p. 2-298), which equates to a median dispersal distance of approximately 150 m. Dominant small mammal species anticipated for collection in the study include deer mice (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) or pocket mice (*Perognathus parvus*). A minimum of six animals per transect group (total of 18 mice) will be collected and prepared for analysis. Collection of a small number of additional animals may occur to support preparation of laboratory quality control samples.

##### B3.2.1 SMALL MAMMAL SAMPLING

Three transect groups (one perimeter and two habitat transect groups) of live traps [with recommended approximate measurements of 8 cm (3 in.) wide by 9 cm (3.5 in.) high by 23 cm (9 in.) long] will be placed to accommodate the shape of the investigation area. Because WMA C is largely non-vegetated, inhabitation or site use by small mammals is likely to be limited. However, the perimeter transect will capture small mammals directly using the site. The two vegetated transect locations, which offer potential habitat for small mammals, are situated in close proximity to WMA C, thereby increasing likelihood of contaminant exposure and subsequent transport.

Due to the scarcity of habitat within the WMA C property fenceline, it is expected that the capture rate will be less than in vegetated areas. For the perimeter fenceline transect, traps will be spaced systematically at 25-m (82-ft) intervals along the perimeter fenceline of WMA C (Figure B-2). Two habitat transect groups will be established in vegetation communities adjacent to and outside of the WMA C property boundary. Habitat transect groups A and B (Figure B-2) vary in shape, and each group will consist of at least three staggered trap lines. Up to five traps will be placed along each trap line transect, with the distance between traps and trap lines to be approximately 25 m (82 ft). Each habitat transect group will have a minimum of 10 traps. The location for the trap where an animal is captured will be noted in the field logbook.

Figure B-2. WMA C Small Mammal Sampling Design.



1 The animals will be trapped over a sufficient number of nights to obtain at least six mice for each  
2 transect group, for a total of at least 18 mice. Collection of a small number of additional mice  
3 may be necessary to support preparation of quality control samples and analysis for PCB  
4 congeners. The number of trap-days required to collect at least six animals per transect group  
5 will be recorded. This will provide a relative measure of animal density. A minimum of  
6 six mice per transect group will be dissected and combined into two composite samples  
7 (one liver/kidney composite and one carcass composite) per transect group for analysis. The  
8 carcass composite will be further subdivided as necessary to support analytical needs. The  
9 composite samples will represent the average concentration of COPECs at each transect that are  
10 available for uptake to higher trophic species through the dietary pathway.

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12 Information on species, approximate age, sex, reproductive status (subadults/adults and  
13 nonscrotal males/scrotal males, and nonlactating/lactating females), and general external  
14 condition (any gross deformities, hair loss, infections, lesions, etc.) will be recorded in the field  
15 logbook for all captured animals. Animals captured and released (nontarget animals, such as  
16 juvenile mice) should be marked so that the total number of new captures per trap-night can be  
17 used to represent relative abundance estimates measured and documented for each study site.

18  
19 At the laboratory, the mammals will be weighed on a calibrated balance ( $\pm 0.01$  g) and then  
20 rinsed thoroughly with deionized water to remove most exterior soil per HASQARD  
21 (DOE/RL-96-68, *Hanford Analytical Services Quality Assurance Requirements*). Small  
22 mammals are to be analyzed exclusive of external concentrations so that these data will be better  
23 suited to developing bioaccumulation models. The exposure models incorporate incidental soil  
24 ingestion; therefore, rinsing the mammals prevents double counting soil ingestion in exposure  
25 model calculations. Further sample preparation includes dissecting organs (liver/kidney) from  
26 the carcass (including the gastrointestinal tract) for weighing and separate homogenization.

### 27 28 **B3.2.1.1 Trapping Instructions**

29 Live traps should be used to collect small mammals. The number of small mammal traps  
30 installed and the number of nights the traps are left open may vary according to the size and  
31 configuration of the study grid and the trapping effort required to satisfy minimum sample size  
32 requirements. However, it is important to maintain a systematic distance between traps to ensure  
33 equal probability of having a capture. NOTE: The collector must have a valid Washington State  
34 scientific collection permit to conduct small mammal trapping in Washington State. A flag  
35 should be placed at the beginning of each trap line that identifies the Washington State scientific  
36 collection permit number (specific contact information is provided on the investigation area  
37 sign), contact name, and phone number.

#### 38 39 Field Trapping Equipment List:

- 40 1. Plastic bags.
- 41
- 42 2. High-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) mask.

- 1 3. Lysol<sup>®</sup> solution and spray bottle.
- 2 4. Rubber gloves (gardening or thicker) or leather gloves.
- 3 5. Field logbook.
- 4 6. Nontoxic permanent marker.
- 5 7. Ice and cooler (preferably two coolers).
- 6 8. Scientific collection permit.
- 7 9. Live traps (small mammal sizes).
- 8 10. Trap shades (one for each trap where vegetation or cover/shade is limited).

9 Small Mammal Trapping Instructions:

- 10 1. Set traps in accordance with specification in Section B3.2.1.1.
- 11 2. Traps should be spaced systematically 25 m (~82 ft) apart along each transect.
- 12 3. Place traps nearby or underneath vegetation/rocks to reduce likelihood of heat-stress/  
13 cold-stress. If natural cover is insufficient to prevent heat/cold stress to animals, then a  
14 trap shade should be placed over the top of the trap and secured to the ground with stakes  
15 or heavy objects.
- 16 4. Set trap trigger sensitivity to ensure consistent trapping success efforts between areas.
- 17 5. Bait traps with an oatmeal-peanut butter mixture [approximately 30 mL (2 tbsp) of  
18 peanut butter and 2.7 L (0.7 gal) of oatmeal in a 4-L (1-gal) zippered plastic bag].
- 19 6. Check traps daily, preferably before ambient temperatures exceed approximately 90°F.
- 20 7. If samples are abundant, use only reproductively active specimens for contaminant  
21 analysis.
- 22 8. When traps have been tripped and a small mammal is captured, don a HEPA mask  
23 (optional) and gloves, and position yourself in a generally upwind direction from the  
24 trapped animal.
- 25 9. Empty trap contents (small mammal, bait, and feces) into a new plastic bag. If animal is  
26 not selected for collection, mark the ventral portion of its tail with a black, blue, or red  
27 nontoxic permanent marker to ensure all marked animals can be identified later if  
28 recaptured.
- 29 10. Record species, age, sex, and reproductive status, and note any abnormalities of condition  
30 in the field logbook. (Do not record this information if the animal has been previously  
31 captured and recorded.)  
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<sup>®</sup> Lysol is a registered trademark of Rickitt Benckiser, Inc., Richmond, Virginia.

- 1 11. If animal is selected for collection, euthanize selected small mammals by American  
2 Veterinary Medical Association ("AVMA Panel on Euthanasia," AVMA 1986) approved  
3 cervical dislocation technique.
- 4 12. Place each euthanized specimen in a new plastic bag, labeled with the date, trap grid, trap  
5 number, sample number (1 of 6, etc.), collection permit number, and collector's initials,  
6 and store in an iced cooler until samples can be transferred to the laboratory for sample  
7 preparation process.
- 8 13. Reset the trap, checking the sensitivity, and re-bait the trap.
- 9 14. Spray hands (with gloves donned) with Lysol solution, doff the HEPA mask, and then  
10 gloves.
- 11 15. Record all trapping efforts in small mammal field logbook.
- 12 16. Freeze the collected specimens until sufficient number of specimens is obtained to  
13 prepare each of the desired samples.

14  
15 **B3.2.1.2 Small Mammal Condition Inspections and Tissue Sample Preparations at the**  
16 **Laboratory**

17 Small Mammal Laboratory Equipment List:  
18

- 19 1. Appropriate sample containers (see Table B-3).
- 20 2. Autoclave.
- 21 3. Stainless steel forceps.
- 22 4. Blunt scissors.
- 23 5. Surgical (nitrile) gloves.
- 24 6. Liqui-nox<sup>®1</sup> solution.
- 25 7. Deionized water (Teflon<sup>®2</sup> squeeze bottle).
- 26 8. Teflon weighing and wash tray.
- 27 9. Calibrated balance ( $\pm 0.01$  g).
- 28 10. Laboratory-grade blender.
- 29 11. Absorbent paper and aluminum weigh boats.
- 30 12. Lysol solution (5% Lysol) and spray bottle.

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<sup>1</sup> Liqui-nox<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of Alconox, Inc., White Plains, New York.

<sup>2</sup> Teflon<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of I. E. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Delaware.

- 1 13. Animal necropsy/gross external observations form.
- 2 14. Chain-of-custody seals.
- 3 15. Chain-of-custody form.
- 4 16. Dry ice.
- 5 17. Laboratory grade blend and stainless steel 500-mL cup.
- 6

**Table B-3. Sample Collection and Packaging Requirements (per sample basis)**

Sample Type	Target Biota Sample Mass Per Transect <sup>a</sup>	Pre-Processing Sample Container Requirements	Post-Processing Sample Container Requirements	Analyte Group
Mammal carcass	100 g <sup>b</sup>	Plastic bag	Amber glass bottle or polyethylene bottle with polyethylene cap	Inorganic chemicals, Radionuclides
	75 g <sup>c</sup>	Plastic bag	Amber glass bottles with Teflon-lined cap	Organic compounds
Mammal liver/kidney	1 g <sup>d</sup>	NA	Amber glass bottle or polyethylene bottle with polyethylene cap	Inorganic chemicals only

<sup>a</sup> The information contained in this table is based on laboratory estimates and is subject to change if alternative laboratories are used or laboratory requirements are modified.

<sup>b</sup> One (1) sample container with approximately 100 g of processed mammal carcass composite in 500 ml total digestate. Mixture must remain in solution and not precipitate out. (Tissue settling from digestate may result in inaccurate results.)

<sup>c</sup> A minimum of 25 g of biota sample mass is required to complete the analyses for organic compounds; however, additional mass may be collected to support preparation of laboratory quality control samples (matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate). Collection of a small amount of additional sample mass will also be required to support the possible need to perform PCB congener analysis.

<sup>d</sup> One (1) sample container with approximately 1 g of processed mammal liver/kidney composite in 50 ml total digestate.

#### Small Mammal Sample Inspection Instructions:

1. Remove samples to be processed from refrigerated locked storage. Keep animal sealed in plastic bag until transported to the biological hood in the laboratory.
2. Don latex/rubber gloves, open the bag under the biological hood, remove the specimen from the bag, and observe animal's general external condition.
3. Weigh animal using a pre-cleaned aluminum or Teflon tared weighing tray and calibrated scale ( $\pm 0.01$  g), and record whole animal weight (0.01 g) on the animal sample processing form.
4. Thoroughly rinse specimen for approximately 30 seconds in the pre-cleaned aluminum or Teflon wash tray containing deionized water. (Thoroughly clean the wash tray with Liqui-nox solution and rinse with deionized water between each small mammal sample rinsing event.)
5. Place specimen on new absorbent towel or a pre-cleaned sheet of aluminum foil (still in biological hood).

- 1 6. Thoroughly wash gloves and dissection instruments with Liqui-nox solution and rinse  
2 with deionized water.
- 3 7. Conduct general animal condition inspection, looking for abnormalities, and record  
4 species, age, sex, weight, and reproductive status on the animal sample processing form  
5 or in the laboratory record book.
- 6 8. Dissect animal with pre-cleaned stainless steel scissors and forceps to remove kidneys  
7 and liver for composite analysis. Note any unusual coloration or appearance of organs,  
8 internal parasites, etc. on the sample processing form.
- 9 9. Briefly rinse the target organs with deionized water and place organs on pre-cleaned  
10 aluminum or Teflon tared weighing tray (or tared sample bottle) and record organ  
11 weights on the animal sample processing form using a calibrated scale ( $\pm 0.01$  g).
- 12 10. Place carcass (whole animal minus kidney and liver tissues) in appropriate sample  
13 container(s) according to analytes and sample mass requirements prescribed in the  
14 sample authorization form.
- 15 11. Tissue subsamples for carcass and organs will be prepared separately by blending tissues  
16 in a laboratory-grade blender with dry ice for approximately 30 sec to 1 minute to allow  
17 homogenization. (NOTE: The tissue should be partly frozen before attempting to  
18 homogenize with blender.) (NOTE: A minimum of one equipment blank will be  
19 performed on the laboratory grade blender to ensure equipment cleaning procedures are  
20 adequate. An equipment blank will be provided to each lab performing analytical work.)
- 21 12. Small mammal samples analyzed for non-organic analyses will be autoclaved at 121°C  
22 for at least 90 minutes or digested in nitric acid to eliminate hantavirus concerns prior to  
23 submitting samples to the analytical laboratories. Samples analyzed for semi-volatile  
24 organic compounds, PCBs, and pesticides will not be sterilized prior to submission to the  
25 analytical laboratory because these samples cannot be digested or autoclaved prior to  
26 analyses.
- 27 13. Label sample containers consistent with the sample analysis report.
- 28 14. Place non-digested samples in the freezer for temporary storage prior to shipment to the  
29 analytical laboratories.
- 30 15. After all small mammal samples are prepared, thoroughly clean fume hood and all  
31 sample processing tools using a disinfectant solution (1% bleach or 5% Lysol). Let  
32 solution stand on all surfaces for at least 1 minute before wiping clean.
- 33 16. Record pertinent sample preparation activities (deionized water, purity, etc.) in the  
34 laboratory record book.

### 35 36 **B3.2.2 SAMPLE HANDLING, SHIPPING, AND CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS**

37 All sample handling, shipping, and custody requirements will be consistent with established  
38 WRPS procedures and HASQARD (DOE/RL-96-68). Sample transportation shall be in

1 compliance with the applicable regulations for packaging, marking, labeling, and shipping  
2 hazardous materials, hazardous substances, and hazardous waste that are mandated by the  
3 U.S. Department of Transportation [Title 49 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) 171-177,  
4 Chapter 1, "Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation";  
5 Part 171, "General Information, Regulations, and Definitions," through Part 177, "Carriage by  
6 Public Highway"] in association with the International Air Transportation Authority, DOE  
7 requirements, and applicable program-specific implementing procedures.  
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### 9 **B3.2.3 QUALITY CONTROL REQUIREMENTS**

10 The quality control procedures must be followed in the field and laboratory to ensure that  
11 reliable data are obtained. When performing this field sampling effort, care shall be taken to  
12 prevent the cross-contamination of sampling equipment, sample bottles, and other equipment  
13 that could compromise sample integrity. Each specimen will be thoroughly rinsed for  
14 approximately 30 seconds in a pre-cleaned aluminum or Teflon wash tray containing deionized  
15 water. Rinsing is intended to remove most exterior soil per HASQARD (DOE/RL-96-68).  
16 A minimum of one equipment blank will be performed on the laboratory grade blender to ensure  
17 equipment cleaning procedures are adequate. An equipment blank will be provided to each lab  
18 performing analytical work. Other typical field quality control (i.e., duplicates, splits, etc.) are  
19 not applicable to the small mammal sampling. The WRPS or subcontractor QA plan will be  
20 reviewed for consistency with HASQARD (DOE/RL-96-68).  
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### 22 **B3.2.4 INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE**

23 All field screening and analytical instruments shall be calibrated and maintained in accordance  
24 with HASQARD (DOE/RL-96-68). The results from all instrument calibration and maintenance  
25 activities shall be recorded in a bound logbook in accordance with procedures outlined in the  
26 most recent WRPS procedure for maintenance of field logbooks.  
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### 28 **B3.2.5 FIELD DOCUMENTATION**

29 Project documentation and records include field logbooks, field measurement records,  
30 chain-of-custody records, analytical data packages, and validation reports. At the direction of the  
31 task lead, all data packages and/or validation reports shall be subject to technical review before  
32 submittal to regulatory agencies or inclusion in reports/technical memoranda. When appropriate,  
33 electronic access shall be through computerized databases (e.g., Hanford Environmental  
34 Information System). Where electronic data are not available, hard copies will be provided in  
35 accordance with Section 9.6 of the HFFACO (Ecology et al. 1989).  
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37 Field documentation shall be kept in accordance with the most recent WRPS procedures for

- 38 1. Field logbooks.
- 39 2. Environmental site identification and information reporting.
- 40 3. Chain of custody.

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2 **B4.0 ASSESSMENTS AND RESPONSE ACTIONS**

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4 Random surveillance and assessments may be conducted in accordance with the most recent QA  
5 plan or its equivalent, TFC-PLN-02, *Quality Assurance Program Description*, for the RCRA  
6 corrective action process. Deficiencies identified by one of these assessments shall be reported  
7 in accordance with TFC-ESHQ-Q\_PP-P-02, "Quality Assurance Surveillances." When  
8 appropriate, corrective actions will be taken by the project engineer in accordance with  
9 HASQARD Volume 1, Section 4.0, to minimize recurrence.  
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**B5.0 DATA VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS**

Data verification and validation are performed on analytical data sets primarily to confirm that sampling and chain-of-custody documentation is complete, sample numbers can be tied to the specific sampling location, samples were analyzed within the required holding times, and analyses met the data quality requirements specified in this SAI. All data verification and validation shall be performed in accordance with Attachment 3 of the main document and the current TFC-PLN-17, *Document Control and Records Management Program*.

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**B6.0 MANAGEMENT OF INVESTIGATION-DERIVED WASTE**

Waste generated by sampling activities will be managed consistent with the most recent waste management plan or its equivalent, TFC-PLN-33, *Waste Management Basis*, for the RCRA corrective action process.

Unused samples and associated laboratory waste for analysis will be dispositioned in accordance with the laboratory contract and agreements. In accordance with 40 CFR 300.440, "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan," "Procedures for Planning and Implementing Off-Site Response Actions," Remedial Project Manager approval is required before unused samples or waste is returned from offsite laboratories.

**B7.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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All field operations will be performed in accordance with the most recent TFC-PLN-43, *Tank Farm Contractor Health and Safety Plan*, and TFC-PLN-47, *Worker Safety and Health Program*, or their equivalent, for the RCRA Corrective Action Program.

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**APPENDIX C**

**THREE DIMENSIONAL REPRESENTATION OF WMA C**



## **C1.0 WMA C 3-D MODEL VISUAL AID**

This appendix contains a three-dimensional model of WMA C on the following page. Adobe has provided a 3-D tool within Adobe Reader that allows the user to rotate, pan, zoom, cut cross-sections through the model, and turn on and off different 3-D objects that are included in the model. A brief tutorial is provided.

## **C2.0 BRIEF TUTORIAL**

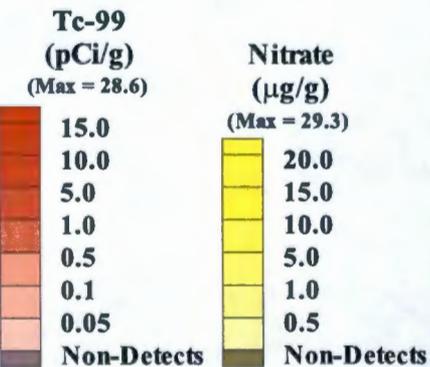
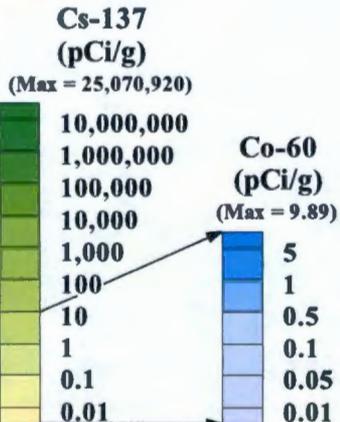
- Step 1)** Set the correct Adobe preferences, this is done by choosing by going to the Adobe Reader's Edit menu and selecting preferences. Choose 3-D under categories. On that menu, toggle on "Enable Double-Sided Rendering". See page G-4 for additional information on setting preferences
- Step 2)** Return to 3-D model
- Step 3)** Click on the gray color box in the stratigraphy legend that says Basalt, then blue box for the unconfined aquifer, etc.
- Step 4)** Until the model has all the layers except the Backfill at that point, click on the Retrieved/Unretrieved buttons, and then on any of the side buttons (i.e. uprs, pipelines, etc.)
- Step 5)** Click on the Backfill color in the legend (orange) to fill in the backfill
- Step 6)** Click on all the buttons you used to turn on the additional features and turn them off (undo step 4)
- Step 7)** Click on the word Stratigraphy (that should remove the geology)
- Step 8)** Select C-105 View from Adobes 3-D Toolbar Dropdown box
- Step 9)** Now click on the color boxes in the contaminant legends, starting with the highest value, and working your way down the legend, you should see the boreholes get populated with boxes showing the contaminant levels. The boxes are based on the measured value at that location
- Step 10)** Click on the title of the contaminant legend (that should remove the boxes contaminant samples)
- Step 11)** On the view list click on the WIDS:Tank view when that view comes up click on the paperclip icons located on the tanks and pdf file will open giving the WIDS report for that tank
- Step 12)** On the view list click on the Water Table view when that view comes up click on the graph icons located by the wells and pdf file will open giving a time-history of Tc-99, Nitrate, Cyanide, and water levels at that well

If you wish to use Adobe's 3-D tool to manipulate the model, see page G-3 for the user guide.

**Known Bugs:** Sometimes the model does not perform as expected, if you click on an item and nothing happens, click on the Animation Tool on the Adobe's 3-D menu (blue triangle pointed to the right).

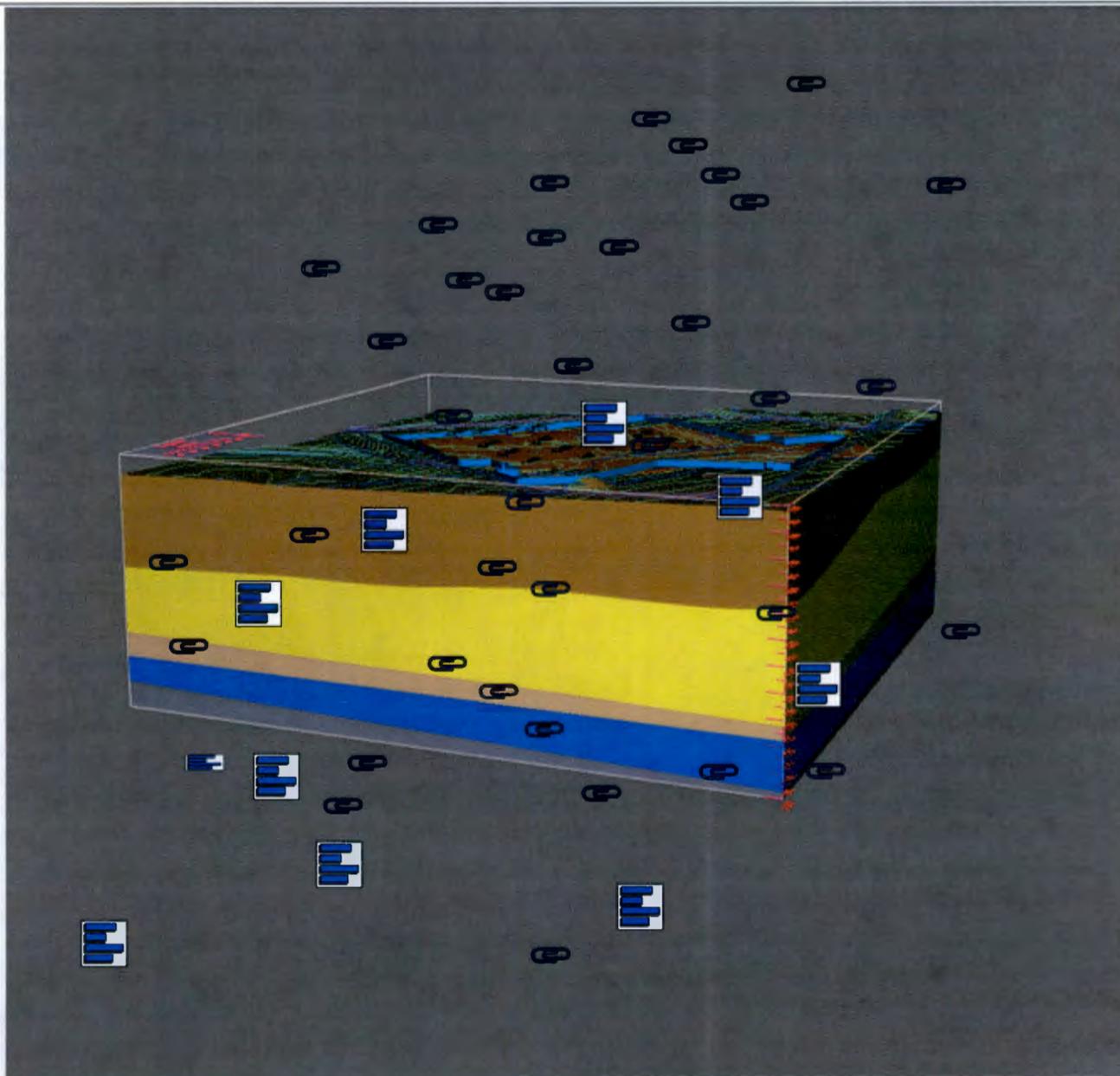
### Stratigraphy

- Back Fill
- Hanford Gravels (H1)
- Hanford Sands (H2)
- Hanford Gravels (H3) (Vadose)
- Hanford Gravels (H3) (Sat.)
- Basalt



Note Blue Tanks are Assumed Leakers

UPRs	Wells
Topography	Roads and Boundaries
Tank Labels	Pipe Lines and D/Bs



- Defined Views**
- Default
  - Geology
  - Looking
    - West
    - South
    - East
    - North
    - Down
  - C-105
  - Cross-Section
  - Reset
  - WIDS: Tanks
  - WIDS: Anc. Eq
  - WIDS: UPR
  - Water Table

Retrieved Tanks			<input type="checkbox"/> Hide Leakers	Unretrieved Tanks					<input type="checkbox"/> Hide Leakers
C-103	C-201	C-202		C-102	C-104	C-105	C-107	C-108	
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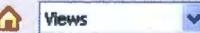
[Click Here for Instructions](#)

3-D Preferences Instructions (click here if model is not solid)

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Instructions for using Acrobat's 3-D tool and WMA C Geologic Model ([return to model](#) →)

- a) Click on the 3-D Graphic to activate Acrobat's 3-D tool
- b) Use Acrobat's 3-D Tool Bar and Model Tree to manipulate the WMA C Geologic Model (3-D Tool Bar Description is given below)
- c) Use Model Tree on the left to: 1) expand layers, 2) turn on/off layers, 3) turn layers transparent (right click on the layer) and 4) go to set views

Item	Image	Tool	Description
1		Roller Ball	Use mouse* to roll the model around a pivot point
2		Spin	Use mouse* to spins the model around a pivot point (I prefer this tool for rotating model)
3		Translate	Use mouse* to move model from it's present location
4		Magnify	Use mouse* to magnify model (this can also be accomplished by holding the right mouse button)
5		Measure	Use the mouse to measure distance between objects
6		View	Click on the picture of the house to return to the default view or select a view by clicking the down arrow
7		Model Tree	This opens and closes Acrobat's "Model Tree" which controls the display of each individual item (click on the plus signs in the model tree to see all of the items under the different model groups (i.e. topography, boundaries, tanks and UPRs, etc.). These individual items can be turned on/off by clicking in the check box, furthermore right clicking with the mouse on individual item brings up more controls such as transparency, so an individual part can be made transparent
8		Animate	If an animation is present use this arrow to play the animation or to bring up the animation's controls
9		Orthographic/ Perspective	Toggle between orthographic and perspective views of the model
10		Model	Click on the down triangle and select the type of model (i.e. solid, wireframe, illustration, etc.) being displayed (default is solid). Those of you with a poor graphics card will see bounding box displayed when model is moved.
11		Lights	Click on the down triangle and select the type of lights model uses (default is CAD Optimized Lights)
12		Background Color	Click on the down triangle and select background color (black is better when displaying on light box, while white is better for printing).
13		Cross-Section	Use this tool to turn on and manipulate the clipping plane (this allows you to make cross-sections through the model)

\*note mouse moves are done by holding down the left mouse button while moving the mouse

[Return to model](#) →

If the model being displayed is not solid (i.e. you can see through the layers and the geology is not properly displayed), you will need to set Adobe's 3-D preferences. To do this follow these instructions

- 1) Go to the Edit Menu and Select Preferences or hit Ctrl-K on the key board that will bring up the following menu

The screenshot shows the 'Preferences' dialog box with the '3D' category selected. The '3D Options' section is expanded, showing 'Renderer Options' and 'Auto-Degrade Options'. Annotations 'a', 'b', 'c', and 'd' are placed over the following settings:

- a**: The '3D' category in the left-hand list.
- b**: The 'Enable double-sided rendering' checkbox.
- c**: The 'Preferred 3D PMI Rendering Mode' dropdown menu, which is set to 'Always render 3D PMI using Z-buffer'.
- d**: The 'Optimization scheme for low framerate' dropdown menu, which is set to 'None', and the 'Framerate threshold' slider, which is set to 15 FPS.

- | Preferences to Set |  |
|--------------------|--|
| a)                 | Select 3D Category   |
| b)                 | Enable double-sided rendering  |
| c)                 | Select "Always render 3D PMI using Z-Buffer"   |
| d)                 | If you do not have a good graphics card (i.e. moving model is sluggish), play around with these settings, until you get something you can live with. |

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**TANK FARM CONTRACTOR  
QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

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**ATTACHMENT 2**

**GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN**

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**ATTACHMENT 3**

**INFORMATION MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW**

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**ATTACHMENT 4**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR THE RCRA  
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