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HANFORD FACILITY  
DANGEROUS WASTE PERMIT APPLICATION,  
GENERAL INFORMATION

FOREWORD

The Hanford Facility is owned by the U.S. Government and operated by the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office. Dangerous waste and mixed waste (containing both radioactive and dangerous components) are produced and managed on the Hanford Facility. The dangerous waste is regulated in accordance with the *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976* and the *State of Washington Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1976* [as administered through the Washington State Department of Ecology *Dangerous Waste Regulations*, Washington Administrative Code 173-303]. The radioactive component of mixed waste is interpreted by the U.S. Department of Energy to be regulated under the *Atomic Energy Act of 1954*; the nonradioactive dangerous component of mixed waste is interpreted to be regulated under the *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976* and Washington Administrative Code 173-303.

For purposes of the *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act* and the Washington State Department of Ecology *Dangerous Waste Regulations*, the Hanford Facility is considered to be a single facility. The single dangerous waste permit identification number issued to the Hanford Facility by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology is U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/State Identification Number WA7890008967. As of March 15, 1993, this identification number encompasses 64 interim status treatment, storage, and/or disposal units. Present plans are that final status will be sought for 24 of these 64 interim status treatment, storage, and/or disposal units. Thirty-four units will be closed under interim status and will not be covered by a final status permit. Six units will be dispositioned through other regulatory options. Future circumstances may cause this number to change.

In Section 6.2, the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order* (Ecology et al. 1992) addresses the agreement of the parties regarding the treatment, storage, and/or disposal permitting process for the Hanford Facility as follows:

"The Hanford Site has been assigned a single identification number for use in [the] State Dangerous Waste Program/RCRA [Resource Conservation and Recovery Act] permitting activity. Accordingly, the Hanford Site is considered to be a single RCRA facility, although there are numerous unrelated units spread over large geographic areas on the site.

Since all of the TSD [treatment, storage, and/or disposal] groups/units cannot be permitted simultaneously, Ecology [Washington State Department of Ecology] and the EPA [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency] will issue the initial

1 permit for less than the entire facility. This permit will  
2 eventually grow into a single permit for the entire Hanford  
3 Site. The Federal authority to issue a permit at a facility  
4 in this manner is found in 40 CFR [Code of Federal  
5 Regulations] 270.1(c)(4). Any units that are not included in  
6 the initial permit will normally be incorporated through a  
7 permit modification."  
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9 It is the intent of the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent*  
10 *Order* (Ecology et al. 1992) that the initial Hanford Facility Dangerous waste  
11 Permit be issued for one or more individual treatment, storage, and/or  
12 disposal units for which the application is complete, while all other  
13 treatment, storage, and/or disposal units would continue to be regulated under  
14 interim status requirements. Activities and areas outside of treatment,  
15 storage, and/or disposal units would not be subject to coverage. In  
16 satisfaction of the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order*  
17 (Ecology et al. 1992) Milestone M-20 schedule, Part B permit application  
18 documentation has been submitted for several Hanford Facility treatment,  
19 storage, and/or disposal units. Upon written notification of completeness  
20 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State  
21 Department of Ecology, one or more of these final, certified documents, along  
22 with this document (number DOE/RL-91-28), constitute a complete Dangerous  
23 Waste Permit Application meeting all requirements of the *Hanford Federal*  
24 *Facility Agreement and Consent Order* (Ecology et al. 1992), 40 Code of Federal  
25 Regulations 270.1(c)(4), and Washington Administrative Code 173-303-806.  
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27 In accordance with the preceding discussion, the current *Hanford Facility*  
28 *Dangerous Waste Permit Application* is considered to be a single application  
29 organized into a General Information Portion (this document, number  
30 DOE/RL-91-28) and a treatment, storage, and/or disposal Unit-Specific Portion,  
31 which includes documentation for individual TSD units (e.g., document numbers  
32 DOE/RL-89-03 and DOE/RL-90-01). Both portions consist of a Part A division  
33 and a Part B division. The Part B division consists of 15 chapters that  
34 address the content of the Part B checklists prepared by the Washington State  
35 Department of Ecology (Ecology 1987) and the U.S. Environmental Protection  
36 Agency (40 Code of Federal Regulations 270), with additional information  
37 requirements mandated by the *Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984* and  
38 revisions of Washington Administrative Code 173-303. For ease of reference,  
39 the Washington State Department of Ecology checklist section numbers, in  
40 brackets, follow the chapter headings and subheadings. Documentation  
41 contained in the General Information Portion (i.e., this document, number  
42 DOE/RL-91-28) is broader in nature and applies to all treatment, storage,  
43 and/or disposal units for which final status is sought. Because of its broad  
44 nature, the Part A division of the General Information Portion references the  
45 *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* (document number  
46 DOE/RL-88-21), a compilation of all Part A documentation for the Hanford  
47 Facility.  
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49 'Dangerous Waste', as used in the title of the *Hanford Facility Dangerous*  
50 *Waste Permit Application*, refers to waste subject to Washington Administrative  
51 Code 173-303 requirements and to requirements of the *Hazardous and Solid Waste*  
52 *Amendments of 1984* for which Washington State has not yet been granted

1 authority by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The scope of this  
2 permit application includes only those treatment, storage, and/or disposal  
3 units for which final status is sought. Furthermore, non-treatment, storage,  
4 and/or disposal units, activities, and areas are not included.  
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6 Once the initial *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit* is issued, the  
7 following process will be used. As final, certified treatment, storage,  
8 and/or disposal unit-specific documents are developed, and completeness  
9 notifications are made by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the  
10 Washington State Department of Ecology, additional unit-specific permit  
11 conditions will be incorporated into the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste*  
12 *Permit* through the permit modification process. All treatment, storage,  
13 and/or disposal units that are included in the *Hanford Facility Dangerous*  
14 *Waste Permit Application* will operate under interim status until final status  
15 conditions for these units are incorporated into the *Hanford Facility*  
16 *Dangerous Waste Permit*.  
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18 This *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit Application, General*  
19 *Information* submittal contains information current as of March 15, 1993.  
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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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4	ANOVA	analysis of variance
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6	CERCLA	<i>Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980</i>
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8	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
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10	DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
11	DOE-RL	U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office
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13	DST System	Double-Shell Tank System
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15	°C	degree Celsius
16	°F	degree Fahrenheit
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18	Ecology	Washington State Department of Ecology
19	EII	environmental investigation instructions
20	EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
21		
22	FFTF	Fast Flux Test Facility
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24	Hanford Facility Permit	Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit
25	HEIS	Hanford Environmental Information System
26	HEPA	high-efficiency particulate air filter
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28	M	milestone
29	MEMO	monitoring efficiency model
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31	PARCC (parameters)	precision, accuracy, representativeness, completeness, and comparability
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33	Part A	Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application
34	Part B	Dangerous Waste Part B Permit Application
35	pH	negative logarithm of the hydrogen-ion concentration
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37	PUREX	plutonium-uranium extraction
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39	RCRA	<i>Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976</i>
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41	SWL	solid waste landfill
42	SWMU	solid waste management unit
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44	TOC	total organic carbon
45	TOX	total organic halogen
46	Tri-Party Agreement	<i>Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order</i>
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48	TSD	treatment, storage, and/or disposal
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50	Unit-Specific Portion	TSD Unit-Specific Portion
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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (cont)

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4	WAC	Washington Administrative Code
5	WIDS	Waste Information Data System
6	WPPSS	Washington Public Power Supply System
7	WRAP	Waste Receiving and Processing
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PART A

The Hanford Facility is a single treatment, storage, and/or disposal facility consisting of, as of March 15, 1993, 64 interim status treatment, storage, and/or disposal units. The single dangerous waste permit identification number issued to the Hanford Facility by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology is U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/State Identification Number WA7890008967.

The current *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* [document number DOE/RL-88-21 (DOE-RL 1988b)] consists of two "Dangerous Waste Permit General Information, Form 1s" (submitted at the facility level) and 63 "Dangerous Waste Permit Application, Form 3s" (submitted at the unit level; in one instance, two units are covered by one Form 3). The *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* consolidates into a single controlled document the current revisions of all Hanford Facility Part A Permit Application Form 1s and Form 3s submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology. Thus, the contents of this document have not been reproduced for inclusion in the Part A division of the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit Application, General Information*.

The *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* was designed to facilitate the insertion of revised material and will be revised in the future, as needed, to ensure compliance with applicable regulations. All revisions to Part A permit application Form 3s for treatment, storage, and/or disposal units operating under interim status will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Washington State Department of Ecology *Dangerous Waste Regulations*, Washington Administrative Code 173-303-805(7).

The 64 interim status treatment, storage, and/or disposal units within the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* include, but are not limited to, tank systems, surface impoundments, container storage areas, waste piles, landfills, and miscellaneous units. Present plans are that final status will be sought for 24 of these 64 interim status treatment, storage, and/or disposal units. Thirty-four units will be closed under interim status and will not be covered by a final status permit. Six units will be dispositioned through other regulatory options. Future circumstances may cause this number to change.

The scope of the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit Application* includes only those Hanford Facility treatment, storage, and/or disposal units for which final status is sought. Thus, only Part A permit applications for units for which final status is sought are included in this Part A division, by reference to the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application*.

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**PART B**

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*The Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part B Permit Application, General Information* consists of 15 chapters and 5 appendices.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes the permitting approach for the Hanford Facility and provides an overview of the contents of the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part B Permit Application, General Information*.

### 1.1 HANFORD FACILITY PERMITTING

This section describes the permitting approach for the Hanford Facility.

#### 1.1.1 Regulatory Basis and Scope

The Hanford Facility is owned by the U.S. Government and operated by the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL). Dangerous waste and mixed waste (containing both radioactive and dangerous components) are produced and managed on the Hanford Facility. The dangerous waste is regulated in accordance with the *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976* and the *State of Washington Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1976* [as administered through the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) *Dangerous Waste Regulations*, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303]. The radioactive component of mixed waste is interpreted by the U.S. Department of Energy to be regulated under the *Atomic Energy Act of 1954*; the nonradioactive dangerous component of mixed waste is interpreted to be regulated under the RCRA and WAC 173-303.

For purposes of the RCRA and WAC 173-303, the Hanford Facility is considered to be a single facility. The single dangerous waste permit identification number issued to the Hanford Facility by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Ecology is EPA/State Identification Number WA7890008967. As of March 15, 1993, this single EPA/State identification number encompasses 64 interim status treatment, storage, and/or disposal (TSD) units on the Hanford Facility. These TSD units include, but are not limited to, tank systems, surface impoundments, container storage areas, waste piles, landfills, and miscellaneous units. Present plans are that final status will be sought for 24 of these 64 interim status TSD units. Thirty-four units will be closed under interim status and will not be covered by a final status permit. Six units will be dispositioned through other regulatory options. Future circumstances may cause this number to change. The scope of this permit application is limited to those Hanford Facility TSD units for which final status is sought. Also, the scope of this permit application does not address radionuclides (i.e., source, special, and byproduct nuclear material) because radionuclides are not subject to the RCRA or WAC 173-303 regulations.

#### 1.1.2 Role of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order

The *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order* (Tri-Party Agreement) (Ecology et al. 1992) is the legal document covering Hanford Site

1 environmental compliance and restoration and remediation activities. Purposes  
2 of the Tri-Party Agreement as related to permitting include the following:

- 3
- 4 • To provide a framework for permitting TSD units and to promote an  
5 orderly, effective investigation and cleanup of contamination on the  
6 Hanford Site
- 7
- 8 • To ensure compliance with the RCRA and the *State of Washington*  
9 *Hazardous Waste Management Act* for TSD units, including requirements  
10 covering permitting, compliance, closure, and postclosure care
- 11
- 12 • To establish a procedural framework and schedule for developing,  
13 prioritizing, implementing, and monitoring appropriate response  
14 actions on the Hanford Site in accordance with the *Comprehensive*  
15 *Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of*  
16 *1980*, the National Contingency Plan, the Superfund guidance and  
17 policy, RCRA, and RCRA guidance and policy
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- 19 • To minimize the duplication of analysis and documentation
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- 21 • To promote the coordination and integration of TSD unit closures with  
22 the remediation of surrounding past-practice waste management units.
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24 The Action Plan for Implementation of the Tri-Party Agreement (Tri-Party  
25 Agreement Action Plan), an enforceable part of the Tri-Party Agreement,  
26 establishes the methods and procedures, and establishes the plans for (1)  
27 compliance, permitting, and closure under the RCRA and the *Washington State*  
28 *Hazardous Waste Management Act* and (2) cleanup of the Hanford Site under  
29 CERCLA and RCRA corrective action provisions. Within the Tri-Party Agreement  
30 Action Plan, Section 2.4 includes the identification of major milestones  
31 established to achieve compliance with the RCRA and the Ecology dangerous  
32 waste program TSD requirements. Such milestones (M) include those for  
33 submittal of permit applications (M-20-00), installation of RCRA groundwater  
34 monitoring wells (M-24-00), and RCRA past-practice site investigations and  
35 remedial actions. Schedules for these milestones are contained in the  
36 Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan; schedule changes will be made in accordance  
37 with Article XL of the Tri-Party Agreement.

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39 In Section 6.2 of the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan, the Tri-Party  
40 Agreement addresses the agreement of the parties regarding the TSD permitting  
41 process for the Hanford Facility as follows:

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43 "The Hanford Site has been assigned a single identification number  
44 for use in [the] State Dangerous Waste Program/RCRA permitting  
45 activity. Accordingly, the Hanford Site is considered to be a  
46 single RCRA facility, although there are numerous unrelated units  
47 spread over large geographic areas on the site.

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49 Since all of the TSD groups/units cannot be permitted  
50 simultaneously, Ecology and the EPA will issue the initial permit  
51 for less than the entire facility. This permit will eventually grow  
52 into a single permit for the entire Hanford Site. The Federal

1 authority to issue a permit at a facility in this manner is found in  
2 40 CFR 270.1(c)(4). Any units that are not included in the initial  
3 permit will normally be incorporated through a permit modification."  
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5 It is the intent of the Tri-Party Agreement that the initial *Hanford*  
6 *Facility Dangerous Waste Permit* (Hanford Facility Permit) be issued for one or  
7 more individual TSD units for which the application is complete, while all  
8 other TSD units would continue to be regulated under interim status  
9 requirements. Activities and areas outside of TSD units would not be subject  
10 to coverage. In satisfaction of the Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-20  
11 schedule, Part B permit application documentation has been submitted for  
12 several Hanford Facility TSD units. Upon written notification of completeness  
13 from the EPA and Ecology, one or more of these final, certified documents,  
14 along with this document (DOE/RL-91-28), constitute a complete Dangerous Waste  
15 Permit Application meeting all requirements of the Tri-Party Agreement,  
16 40 CFR 270.1(c)(4), and WAC 173-303-806.  
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18 The TSD unit permitting process is outlined in Sections 6.2 of the  
19 Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan. Figure 1-1 depicts a flowchart for  
20 processing all dangerous waste permitting documentation for TSD units for  
21 which final status is sought. As stated in Section 6.3 of the Tri-Party  
22 Agreement Action Plan, there are TSD units that are no longer operating that  
23 will be closed under interim status. For these units, interim status closure  
24 and postclosure plans will be developed using final status standards as  
25 described in WAC 173-303-610 and in accordance with Section 5.3 of the  
26 Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan. Because these TSD units are being closed  
27 separately under interim status, these TSD units are not addressed in this  
28 permit application.  
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30 The closure process for TSD units is described in Section 6.3 of the  
31 Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan. In some cases, it might be possible to  
32 remove dangerous waste and waste constituents associated with a TSD unit to  
33 Hanford Site background levels and thereby achieve 'clean closure'. If the  
34 waste constituents are at or below a health-based standard level, the TSD unit  
35 will be considered closed and no further closure activities are required. If  
36 health-based closure cannot be achieved, the TSD unit will be closed as a  
37 landfill. The process to close any unit as a landfill will be carried out in  
38 accordance with all applicable requirements described in WAC 173-303.  
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40 In the case of closure as a landfill, postclosure permit application  
41 documentation will be required. This documentation will cover maintenance and  
42 inspection activities, groundwater monitoring requirements, and corrective  
43 actions, if necessary, that will occur during the postclosure period.  
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### 46 1.1.3 Role of Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit Application 47

48 In accordance with the discussions in Sections 1.1.1 and 1.1.2, the  
49 current *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit Application* is considered  
50 to be a single application organized into a General Information Portion  
51 (this document, number DOE/RL-91-28) and a TSD Unit-Specific Portion  
52 (Unit-Specific Portion), which includes documentation for individual TSD units

(e.g., document number DOE/RL-89-03 and DOE/RL-90-01) (Figure 1-2). Both portions consist of a Part A division and a Part B division. The Part B division consists of 15 chapters that address the content of the Part B checklists prepared by Ecology (Ecology 1987) and the EPA (40 CFR 270), with additional information requirements mandated by the *Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984* and revisions of WAC 173-303. For ease of reference, the Ecology checklist section numbers, in brackets, follow the chapter headings and subheadings. Documentation contained in the General Information Portion (i.e., this document, number DOE/RL-91-28) is broader in nature and applies to all TSD units for which final status is sought. Because of its broad nature, the Part A division of the General Information Portion references the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* (document number DOE/RL-88-21), a compilation of all Part A documentation for the Hanford Facility.

'Dangerous Waste', as used in the title of the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit Application*, refers to waste subject to WAC 173-303 requirements and to requirements of the *Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments* for which Washington State has not yet been granted authority by the EPA. The scope of this application includes only those TSD units for which final status is sought. Non-TSD units, activities, and areas are not included.

Once the initial Hanford Facility Permit is issued, the following process will be used. As final, certified TSD unit-specific documents are developed, and completeness notifications are made by the EPA and Ecology, additional unit-specific permit conditions will be incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit through the permit modification process. These additions will be conducted as specified in Section 1.5, which addresses the permit modification process. All TSD units that are included in the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit Application* will operate under interim status until final status conditions for these units are incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

#### **1.1.4 Relationship Between the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order and the Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit**

In accordance with the Tri-Party Agreement, the Hanford Facility will undergo changeover from interim status to final status on a unit-by-unit basis. The proposed approach is provided in the following paragraph.

The initial Hanford Facility Permit will be developed in accordance with the Tri-Party Agreement, WAC 173-303, and the RCRA. Dangerous waste activities at TSD units receiving 'final administrative disposition' will be incorporated into permit conditions and will be subject to final facility standards. For example, if the 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility is included in the initial permit, activities at this storage unit will be subject to final facility standards. Other interim status TSD units not included in the initial Hanford Facility Permit will continue to qualify for interim status pursuant to Section 3005 of the RCRA until included in a subsequent modification of the Hanford Facility Permit. Non-TSD units, activities, and areas are not included.

1 Appeals from the Hanford Facility Permit will be managed under  
2 WAC 173-303-845, or other applicable law, except for those appeals that are  
3 governed by the Tri-Party Agreement dispute resolution provisions of  
4 Articles VIII and XV or the enforceability provisions of Articles IX and XX,  
5 as appropriate. Where there is a potential conflict between the Tri-Party  
6 Agreement and the Hanford Facility Permit, the wording of the Tri-Party  
7 Agreement will prevail and conflicts between the Tri-Party Agreement and the  
8 Hanford Facility Permit will be resolved under Part Four of the Tri-Party  
9 Agreement. This approach will enable the DOE-RL and its contractors to follow  
10 the Tri-Party Agreement without concern that adherence to the Tri-Party  
11 Agreement could result in a violation of the Hanford Facility Permit.

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13 Article I, Paragraph 5 of the Tri-Party Agreement governs any assertion  
14 of inconsistency with the *Atomic Energy Act*. Article XXIV, Paragraphs 79 and  
15 80 of the Tri-Party Agreement, addresses Physically Inconsistent Action  
16 provisions.

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18 Ecology and the EPA or their authorized representatives will enter the  
19 Hanford Site in accordance with WAC 173-303-960(2)(a) and Articles XXXVII of  
20 the Tri-Party Agreement. The specifics of entry protocol will be defined in a  
21 DOE-RL Hanford Site access protocol document. Classified and confidential  
22 information will be handled in accordance with Article XLV of the Tri-Party  
23 Agreement.

#### 24 25 26 **1.1.5 Solid Waste Management Units**

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28 A solid waste management unit (SWMU) is "any discernable unit at which  
29 solid waste has been placed at any time, irrespective of whether the unit was  
30 intended for the management of solid or hazardous waste. Such units include  
31 any area at a facility at which solid waste routinely and systematically has  
32 been released [40 CFR 264.501 (proposed)]." A discussion of SWMUs on the  
33 Hanford Facility is provided in Appendix 1A. The Tri-Party Agreement outlines  
34 the approach for addressing SWMUs on the Hanford Facility.

#### 35 36 37 **1.2 HANFORD FACILITY DANGEROUS WASTE PART B PERMIT** 38 **APPLICATION, GENERAL INFORMATION CONTENTS**

39  
40 This section provides an overview of the *Hanford Facility Part B Permit*  
41 *Application, General Information* contents. This Part B permit application  
42 portion consists of 15 chapters that address the contents of the Part B  
43 checklists prepared by Ecology (Ecology 1987) and the EPA (40 CFR 270), with  
44 additional information requirements mandated by the *Hazardous and Solid Waste*  
45 *Amendments* and revisions of WAC 173-303. For ease of reference, the Ecology  
46 checklist section numbers, in brackets, follow the chapter headings and  
47 subheadings.  
48

The *Hanford Facility Part B Permit Application, General Information* consists of the following 15 chapters:

- Introduction (Chapter 1.0)
- Facility Description and General Provisions (Chapter 2.0)
- Waste Characteristics (Chapter 3.0)
- Process Information (Chapter 4.0)
- Groundwater Monitoring (Chapter 5.0)
- Procedures to Prevent Hazards (Chapter 6.0)
- Contingency Plan (Chapter 7.0)
- Personnel Training (Chapter 8.0)
- Exposure Information Report (Chapter 9.0)
- Waste Minimization (Chapter 10.0)
- Closure and Postclosure Requirements (Chapter 11.0)
- Reporting and Recordkeeping (Chapter 12.0)
- Other Relevant Laws (Chapter 13.0)
- Certification (Chapter 14.0)
- References (Chapter 15.0).

A brief description of each chapter is provided in the following sections. These chapters contain information that is common to all TSD units for which final status is sought.

#### 1.2.1 Facility Description and General Provisions (Chapter 2.0)

This chapter provides a general description of the Hanford Facility. This chapter also contains a discussion of performance standards, spill management, manifesting, and the quality assurance and quality control program.

#### 1.2.2 Waste Characteristics (Chapter 3.0)

This chapter briefly addresses the physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of the waste types treated, stored, and/or disposed of on the Hanford Facility. Reference is made to the contents of the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* (DOE-RL 1988b) for waste characteristics information. This chapter also includes a brief overview of TSD unit-specific waste analysis plans and a discussion of the handling of land disposal restricted waste.

#### 1.2.3 Process Information (Chapter 4.0)

This chapter provides a general discussion of the design, construction, and operation of TSD units within the Hanford Facility for which final status is sought. This chapter also provides a discussion of the handling of design information related to permitting considerations.

1 **1.2.4 Groundwater Monitoring (Chapter 5.0)**  
2

3 This chapter discusses the hydrogeologic characteristics of the Hanford  
4 Facility. This chapter also provides a general overview of the activities and  
5 objectives common to groundwater monitoring programs for TSD units within the  
6 Hanford Facility for which final status is sought.  
7

8  
9 **1.2.5 Procedures to Prevent Hazards (Chapter 6.0)**  
10

11 This chapter discusses hazard prevention and emergency preparedness  
12 equipment, structures, and procedures.  
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14  
15 **1.2.6 Contingency Plan (Chapter 7.0)**  
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17 This chapter provides information on contingency planning to ensure that  
18 the Hanford Facility has measures in place to lessen the potential impact on  
19 the public health and the environment in the event of an emergency.  
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21  
22 **1.2.7 Personnel Training (Chapter 8.0)**  
23

24 This chapter provides a brief overview of the activities and objectives  
25 common to the training programs for TSD units within the Hanford Facility for  
26 which final status is sought.  
27

28  
29 **1.2.8 Exposure Information Report (Chapter 9.0)**  
30

31 This chapter provides a brief overview of the criteria that must be  
32 considered in evaluating the potential for human exposure from surface  
33 impoundment or landfill TSD units within the Hanford Facility for which final  
34 status is sought.  
35

36  
37 **1.2.9 Waste Minimization (Chapter 10.0)**  
38

39 This chapter discusses the waste minimization requirements for TSD units  
40 within the Hanford Facility for which final status is sought.  
41

42  
43 **1.2.10 Closure and Postclosure Requirements (Chapter 11.0)**  
44

45 This chapter describes how final status TSD units and the Hanford  
46 Facility will be closed, and discusses the interrelationship of RCRA and  
47 CERCLA activities related to closure.  
48  
49

1 1.2.11 Reporting and Recordkeeping (Chapter 12.0)

2  
3 This chapter summarizes commitments for reporting and recordkeeping that  
4 are applicable to the Hanford Facility.  
5

6  
7 1.2.12 Other Relevant Laws (Chapter 13.0)

8  
9 This chapter discusses federal, state, and local laws that govern the  
10 operation of the Hanford Facility, other than the RCRA, as amended, and the  
11 *State of Washington Hazardous Waste Management Act*, as amended.  
12

13  
14 1.2.13 Certification (Chapter 14.0)

15  
16 This chapter contains the required certification signed by an official of  
17 the DOE-RL (the facility owner/operator) indicating that the information  
18 provided is true, accurate, and complete.  
19

20  
21 1.2.14 References (Chapter 15.0)

22  
23 References used throughout this Part B permit application portion are  
24 listed in this chapter. All references listed here, which generally are not  
25 available from other sources, will be made available for review upon request  
26 to any regulatory agency or public commentor. References can be obtained by  
27 contacting the following:  
28

29 Administrative Records Specialist  
30 Public Access Room H6-08  
31 Westinghouse Hanford Company  
32 P. O. Box 1970  
33 Richland, Washington 99352  
34

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36 1.3 ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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38 Acronyms and abbreviations used throughout this Part B permit application  
39 portion are located at the beginning of the document between the Foreword and  
40 the Part A permit application section.  
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42  
43 1.4 DEFINITIONS

44  
45 Definitions specific to this permit application are provided in this  
46 section. These definitions supplement those provided in WAC 173-303-040.  
47

48 **Contractor**--Firm under contract to the U.S. Department of Energy to provide  
49 Hanford Site services. Currently, there are the following four Hanford Site  
50 prime contractors:  
51

- An Operations and Engineering Contractor
- A Research and Development Contractor
- An Engineer and Construction Contractor
- A Medical and Health Services Contractor.

Throughout the remainder of this permit application portion, the term contractor, except where specified, is used to refer to the operations and engineering contractor and the research and development contractor. The use of the word 'operations' in 'operations and engineering contractor' is a contractual term, and is unrelated to the word 'operator' as defined by the RCRA and WAC 173-303.

**Dangerous or hazardous waste**--In addition to the definition in WAC 173-303-040, means the nonradioactive dangerous component of waste commonly called mixed waste (i.e., waste that is both dangerous and radioactive). Dangerous waste commonly is used to refer to hazardous, dangerous, or extremely hazardous waste within this permit application.

**Facility**--Dependent on context, the term 'facility', as used in this permit application portion, could refer to:

- The Hanford Facility (refer to definition)
- Building nomenclature commonly used at the Hanford Facility. In this context, the term 'facility' remains as part of the title for various TSD units (e.g., 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility, Grout Treatment Facility)
- For purposes of complying with the RCRA corrective action provisions, all contiguous property under the control of the owner or operator seeking a permit under Subtitle C of RCRA.

**Generating unit**--Term inferred to have the same meaning as 'generator' as defined in WAC 173-303-040. For purposes of the RCRA and the *Dangerous Waste Regulations*, the Hanford Site is considered to be a single generator comprised of a number of generating units.

**Hanford Facility**--A single RCRA facility identified by the EPA/State Identification Number WA7890008967 that consists of over 60 TSD units conducting dangerous waste management activities. These TSD units are included in the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* (DOE-RL 1988b). The Hanford Facility consists of the contiguous portion of the Hanford Site that contains these TSD units and, for the purposes of RCRA, is owned by the U.S. Government and operated by the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (excluding lands north and east of the Columbia River, river islands, lands owned or used by the Bonneville Power Administration, lands leased to the Washington Public Power Supply System, and lands owned by or leased to the state of Washington). The physical description of the property (including structures, appurtenances, and improvements) is set forth in Appendix 2A. The legal description of the Hanford Facility is set forth in Appendix 2B.

1 **Hanford Site**--The approximately 560 square miles (1,450 square kilometers) in  
2 southeastern Washington State owned by the United States Government and  
3 sometimes referred to as the Hanford Reservation.

5 **Hazardous waste management unit**--Term inferred to have the same meaning as  
6 'dangerous waste management unit' as defined in WAC 173-303-040.

8 **Operable unit**--Because of the relatively large number of past-practice units  
9 on the Hanford Site, a process has been established for organizing these past-  
10 practice units into groups called operable units. The concept of operable  
11 units is to group the numerous units (primarily by geographic area) into  
12 manageable components for investigation and remedial action and to prioritize  
13 the restoration and remediation work to be done at the Hanford Site (Ecology  
14 et al. 1992).

16 **Operator**--The U.S. Department of Energy and its successors.

18 **Past-practice unit**--A waste management unit where wastes or substances  
19 (intentionally or unintentionally) have been disposed of and that is not  
20 subject to regulation as a TSD unit (Ecology et al. 1992).

22 **Reasonable times**--Normal business hours; hours during which production,  
23 construction, treatment, storage, disposal, or discharge occur.

25 **Treatment, storage, and/or disposal (TSD) unit**--A unit used for treatment,  
26 storage, and/or disposal of dangerous waste that is required to be permitted  
27 and/or closed pursuant to the RCRA and WAC 173-303 requirements as determined  
28 in the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan. Also refers to a grouping of TSD  
29 units for the purpose of preparing and submitting permit application  
30 documentation pursuant to the requirements under the RCRA and WAC 173-303, as  
31 determined in the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan. Each TSD unit property  
32 (including structures, appurtenances, and improvements) for which final status  
33 is sought is described in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit  
34 application.

36 **Tri-Party Agreement**--The term Tri-Party Agreement means the *Hanford Federal*  
37 *Facility Agreement and Consent Order* dated May 1989, as amended, and as it may  
38 be amended from time to time, including the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan  
39 incorporated in the Tri-Party Agreement.

41 A glossary of technical terms used within this permit application portion  
42 is provided in Appendix 1B.

## 45 1.5 PERMIT MODIFICATIONS

47 All modifications to the Hanford Facility Permit will be made in  
48 accordance with the requirements identified in WAC 173-303-830, with the  
49 following exception. The notifications required by  
50 WAC 173-303-830(4)(a)(i)(A) and (B) for Class 1 changes will be submitted  
51 annually to the required regulatory agencies, appropriate units of state and  
52 local government, and individuals on the facility mailing list maintained by

1 Ecology. Annual notifications that a Class 1 change is to be made will be  
2 submitted to Ecology on March 1 of each year, starting with the year after  
3 issuance of the initial Hanford Facility Permit.  
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5       Upon successful completion of the unit-specific TSD permitting process  
6 (Figure 1-1), including written notification of completeness from the EPA and  
7 Ecology, a TSD unit will be incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit in  
8 accordance with the Class 3 permit modification procedure. Particular  
9 modifications could be identified as Class 1, 2, or 3 in TSD unit-specific  
10 permit conditions.  
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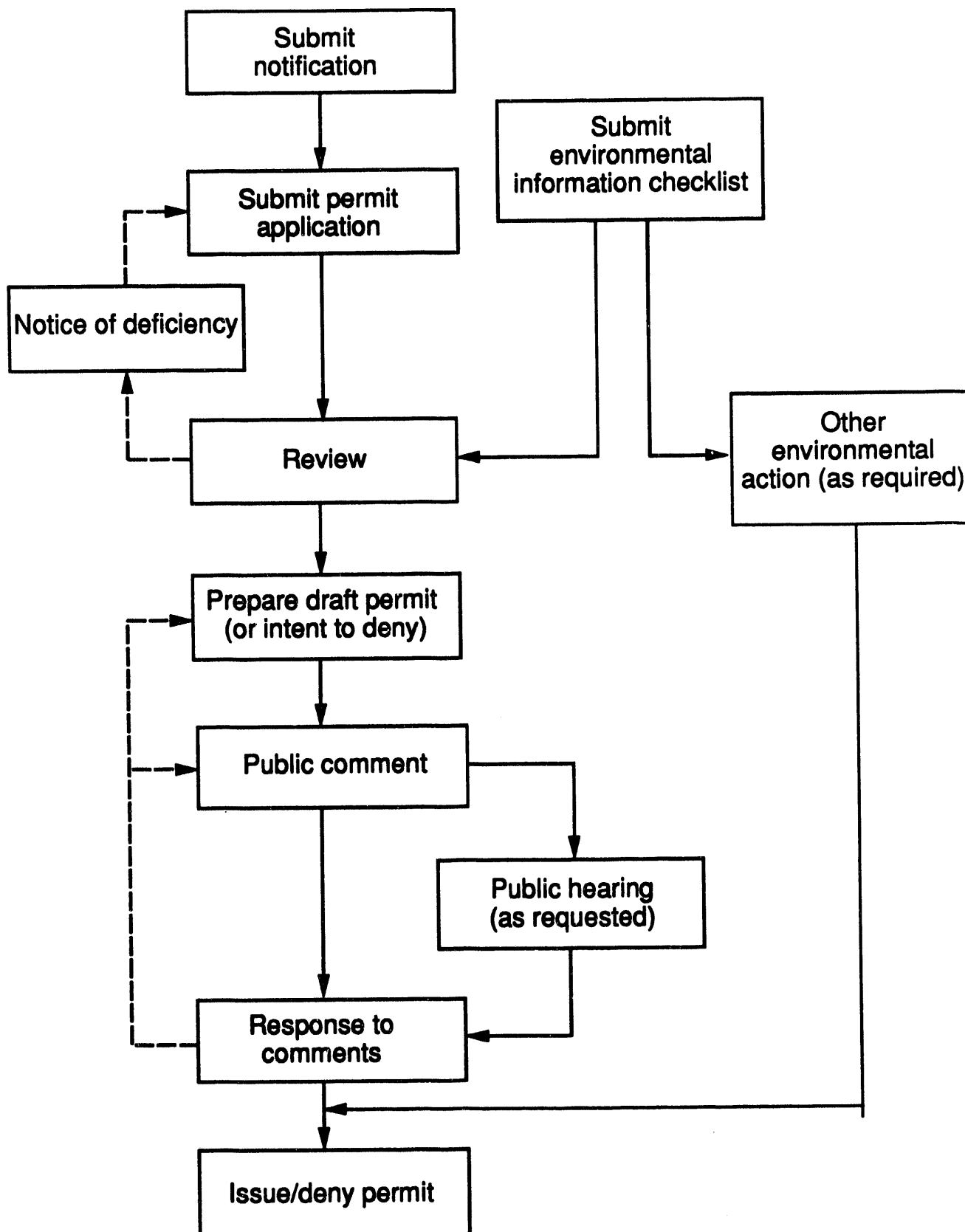


Figure 1-1. Permitting Process Flowchart. (Ecology et al. 1992)

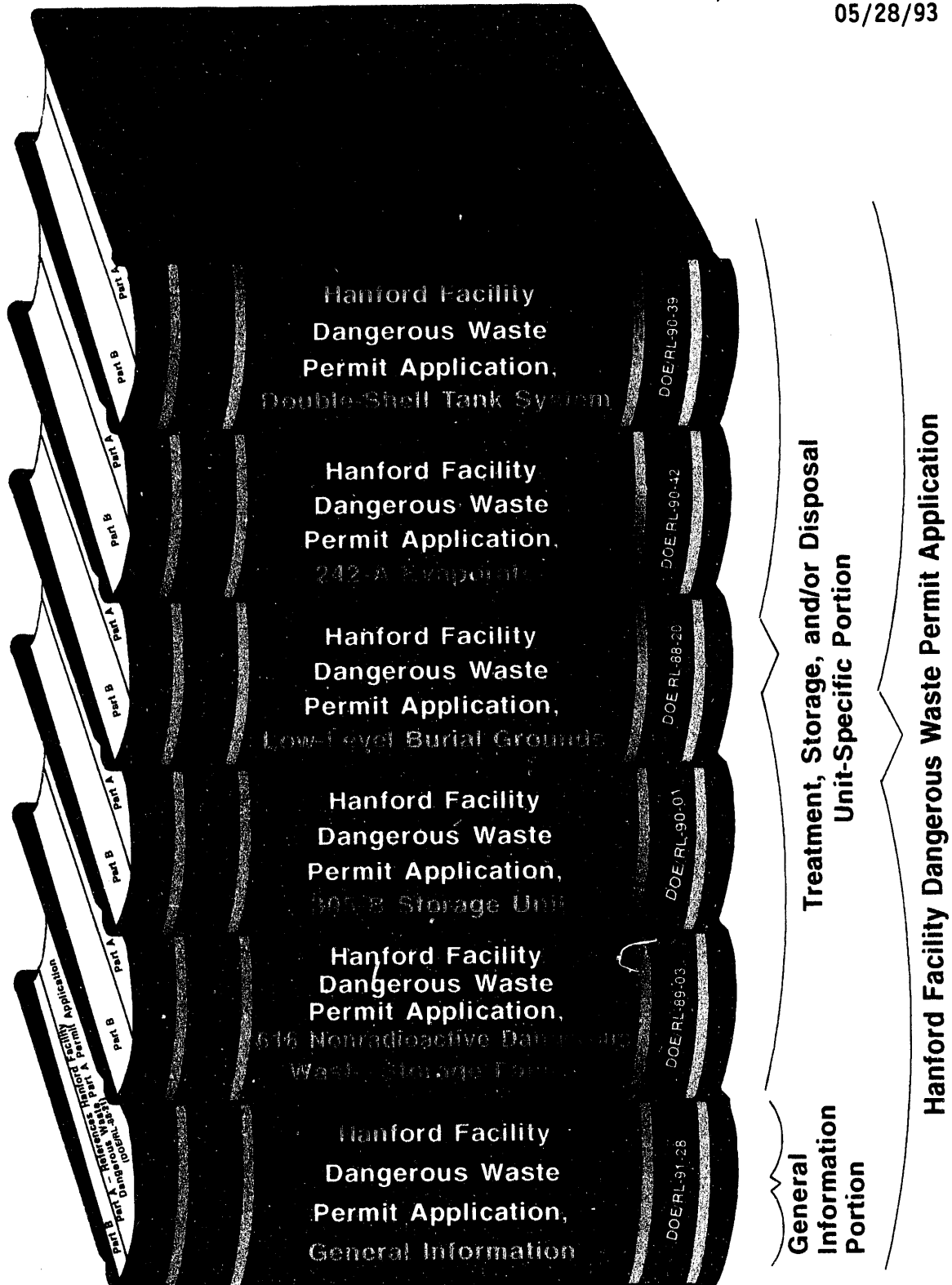


Figure 1-2. Organization of the Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit Application. [Scope: Limited to those treatment, storage, and/or disposal units for which final status is sought; not all unit-specific documents are shown. (For illustrative purposes only.)]

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## 2.0 FACILITY DESCRIPTION AND GENERAL PROVISIONS [B]

This chapter briefly describes the Hanford Site and provides a general overview of the Hanford Facility, including the following:

- General description
- Topography
- Location information
- Traffic information
- Performance standards
- Buffer monitoring zones
- Spills and discharges
- Manifest system
- Quality assurance and quality control.

### 2.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION [B-1]

As of March 15, 1993, the Hanford Facility consists of 64 interim status TSD units. Present plans are that final status will be sought for 24 of these 64 interim status TSD units. Thirty-four units will be closed under interim status and will not be covered by a final status permit. Six units will be dispositioned through other regulatory options. Future circumstances may cause this number to change.

The 24 TSD units for which final status is sought are involved in dangerous and/or mixed waste activities. Dangerous waste means hazardous, dangerous, or extremely hazardous waste as defined by the RCRA and/or WAC 173-303 (Chapter 1.0, Section 1.4). Mixed waste means waste that contains both hazardous and dangerous waste subject to the RCRA and WAC 173-303, and radioactive waste subject to the *Atomic Energy Act* (Chapter 1.0, Section 1.4). The radioactive portion of mixed waste can be low-activity, high-activity, and/or transuranic. Because radionuclides are not subject to regulation under the RCRA or WAC 173-303, any discussion of the treatment, storage, and/or disposal of radionuclides in this permit application is included for information only.

The TSD units within the Hanford Facility include, but are not limited to, tank systems, surface impoundments, container storage areas, waste piles, landfills, and miscellaneous units. An overview of the various TSD units within the Hanford Facility for which final status is sought is provided in Chapter 4.0. As noted in Chapter 1.0, TSD units that are undergoing interim status closure are not included in this permit application.

#### 2.1.1 The Hanford Site

The Hanford Site covers approximately 560 square miles (1,450 square kilometers) of semiarid land that is owned by the U.S. Government and managed by the DOE-RL. The Hanford Site is located northwest of the city of Richland, Washington (Figure 2-1). The city of Richland adjoins the southeastern most

1 portion of the Hanford Site boundary and is the nearest population center.  
2 In early 1943, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers selected the Hanford Site as  
3 the location for reactor, chemical separation, and related activities for the  
4 production and purification of special nuclear materials and other nuclear  
5 activities. The mission of the Hanford Site is currently focusing on waste  
6 management and environmental restoration and remediation activities.  
7

8 The Hanford Site is divided into numerically designated areas (Drawing  
9 H-6-958 in Appendix 2A). The reactors are located along the Columbia River in  
10 the 100 Areas. The reactor fuel reprocessing units are in the 200 Areas,  
11 which are on a plateau approximately 7 miles (11 kilometers) from the Columbia  
12 River. The 300 Area, located adjacent to and north of Richland, contains the  
13 reactor fuel manufacturing plants and the research and development  
14 laboratories. The 400 Area, 5 miles (8 kilometers) northwest of the 300 Area,  
15 contains the Fast Flux Test Facility designed for testing liquid metal reactor  
16 systems. The 600 Area covers all locations not specifically given an area  
17 designation. Adjacent to and north of Richland, the 1100 Area contains  
18 offices associated with administration, maintenance, transportation, and  
19 materials procurement and distribution. The 3000 Area, between the 1100 Area  
20 and 300 Area, contains engineering offices and administrative offices.  
21 Administrative offices also are located in the 700 Area, which is in downtown  
22 Richland.  
23

24 Where general information for the Hanford Site is discussed in this  
25 permit application portion, such information also applies to the Hanford  
26 Facility, unless otherwise designated.  
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### 29 2.1.2 Hanford Facility

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31 The Hanford Facility is defined as a single RCRA facility, identified by  
32 the EPA/State Identification Number WA7890008967, that currently contains  
33 64 interim status TSD units. These TSD units are included in the *Hanford*  
34 *Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* (DOE-RL 1988b). The  
35 Hanford Facility consists of the contiguous portion of the Hanford Site that  
36 contains these TSD units and, for the purposes of the RCRA, is owned by the  
37 U.S. Government and operated by the DOE-RL (excluding lands north and east of  
38 the Columbia River, river islands, lands owned or used by the Bonneville Power  
39 Administration, lands leased to the Washington Public Power Supply System, and  
40 lands owned by or leased to the state of Washington). The physical  
41 description of the property (including structures, appurtenances, and  
42 improvements) is set forth in Appendix 2A. The legal description of the  
43 Hanford Facility is set forth in Appendix 2B. A map of the Hanford Facility  
44 is provided in Figure 2-2.  
45

46 As noted previously, the Hanford Facility does not include lands owned or  
47 used by the Bonneville Power Administration, the lands north and east of the  
48 Columbia River, nor lands owned or leased by the state of Washington. The  
49 DOE-RL has no control over Bonneville Power Administration lands. The lands  
50 north and east of the Columbia River contain no TSD units and are not  
51 considered to be contiguous to the Hanford Facility because these lands are  
52 separated by the state-owned Columbia River bed.

1 In addition, the Washington Public Power Supply System will be applying  
2 for a dangerous waste permit for the U.S. Department of Energy lands leased to  
3 the Washington Public Power Supply System. These lands will be covered by a  
4 separate permit and, therefore, will not be included in the Hanford Facility  
5 Permit.

6  
7 The TSD units to be included in this permit application (i.e., those  
8 TSD units for which final status is sought) are limited to the 200, 300, 400,  
9 and 600 Areas of the Hanford Site. The specific locations of these TSD units  
10 are specified in the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit*  
11 *Application* and on maps provided in Appendix 2A.

### 12 13 14 2.1.3 Overview of Waste Management on the Hanford Site

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16 In 1989, the U.S. Department of Energy began to redefine the mission at  
17 the Hanford Site with a major emphasis on waste management and environmental  
18 restoration and remediation programs. Hanford Site work supporting this new  
19 mission is outlined in the Draft *Environmental Restoration and Waste*  
20 *Management Fiscal Year 1993 Site-Specific Plan of the Richland Field Office*  
21 (DOE-RL 1993). Portions of this plan addressing Hanford Site waste management  
22 activities are summarized as follows.

23  
24 Hanford Site waste management program goals are to decrease the  
25 generation of waste and to maintain safe and environmentally sound treatment,  
26 storage, and disposal of radioactive waste, dangerous waste, and mixed waste.  
27 Most of the waste management activities fall into two major programmatic  
28 areas: Tank Waste Remediation System and Solid/Liquid Waste Remediation.

29  
30 The scope of the Tank Waste Remediation System includes managing all  
31 programs, projects, and activities for receiving, safely storing, maintaining,  
32 treating, and packaging tank waste for onsite or offsite disposal. Tank waste  
33 includes the contents of single-shell tanks and double-shell tanks. The Tank  
34 Waste Remediation System currently is conducting rebaselining activities that  
35 could cause approaches to waste management to change as program planning  
36 proceeds and input is received from stakeholders (e.g., regulators and the  
37 public) (WHC 1993b). A brief description of current plans for key TSD units  
38 supporting Tank Waste Remediation System is as follows:

- 39  
40 • The Double-Shell Tank System--This unit stores and treats radioactive  
41 and mixed waste generated on the Hanford Site before final treatment  
42 and disposal. The Double-Shell Tank System storage space is maximized  
43 through the use of the 242-A Evaporator. Additional tank space is  
44 used to support the Hanford Site environmental restoration and  
45 remediation mission (e.g., closure of single-shell tanks).
- 46  
47 • The 242-A Evaporator--This treatment unit concentrates the double-  
48 shell tank waste by removal of water and volatile and semivolatile  
49 organics through evaporation. The concentrated slurry is returned to  
50 the Double-Shell Tank System and the process condensate is transferred  
51 for storage to the Liquid Effluent Retention Facility. Eventually the

process condensate will be transferred to the 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility, once this unit comes online.

- Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant--This unit will treat the high-activity portion of waste stored in the Double-Shell Tank System by converting the waste into glass, with ultimate disposal of the vitrified waste in a national repository.
- Grout Treatment Facility--This unit processes low-activity double-shell tank waste by combining this waste with grout-forming solids and, if necessary, chemical additives. The grouted waste is disposed of in near-surface concrete vaults.

The scope of the Solid/Liquid Waste Remediation Program includes (1) storing solid waste safely until a disposal decision is reached, (2) providing handling and treatment capabilities for management of solid waste and preparation for final disposal, and (3) eliminating releases of untreated liquid effluents and treating and disposing of liquid waste according to applicable federal and state laws and regulations. A brief description of key TSD units supporting the Solid/Liquid Waste Remediation Program is as follows:

- Central Waste Complex--This treatment and storage unit consists of multiple storage structures (i.e., storage modules, buildings, and a storage pad) for radioactive and/or mixed waste.
- Waste Receiving and Processing--This unit will treat mixed waste, low-level waste, and transuranic waste. The treated transuranic waste eventually will be transported for disposal to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico (when this plant becomes operational) or to another approved waste disposal site.
- Low-Level Burial Grounds--This unit disposes of solid low-level radioactive waste and mixed waste. Since 1987, most mixed waste, other than submarine reactor compartments, is being stored at the Central Waste Complex until a lined disposal trench is constructed.
- The 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility--This unit stores nonradioactive dangerous waste before shipment offsite for treatment, storage, and/or disposal.
- The 305-B Storage Unit--This unit stores, bulks, and labpacks dangerous waste before shipment offsite for treatment, storage, and/or disposal. Small-quantities of mixed waste also are stored at the 305-B Storage Unit before being transported to the Central Waste Complex.
- Liquid Effluent Retention Facility--This unit will be used to provide interim storage of mixed waste (process condensate) received from the 242-A Evaporator. The mixed waste will be stored until the 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility is available.

- 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility--This unit will treat mixed waste (process condensate) from the 242-A Evaporator. The treatment process is expected to include filtration, pH adjustments, ultraviolet light oxidation, reverse osmosis, and ion exchange. Treated effluent will be collected in tanks, sampled to verify that treatment standards have been met, and discharged to the soil column, pending approval of a delisting petition by the EPA and issuance of a State Waste Discharge Permit by Ecology.

The TSD units discussed are, or will be, used to support RCRA closure and CERCLA remediation activities.

#### 2.1.4 Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Units

The TSD units for which final status is sought (as of March 15, 1993) are identified in Table 2-1. Also identified in Table 2-1 is the classification of waste management activities conducted at each of these TSD units. Location maps for these TSD units are provided in Appendix 2A. The following sections provide a brief discussion of these TSD units, by area.

**2.1.4.1 200 Areas.** The 200 Areas are centrally located on the Hanford Site. There are two separate areas, referred to as the 200 East Area and the 200 West Area (Figure 2-2). Underground piping connects the 200 East Area and 200 West Area for purposes of liquid waste transfer. The following TSD units are included in the 200 Areas:

- Double-Shell Tank System
- 242-A Evaporator
- Hanford Waste Vittrification Plant
- Grout Treatment Facility
- 204-AR Waste Unloading Station
- Central Waste Complex
- Waste Receiving and Processing
- Low-Level Burial Grounds
- Liquid Effluent Retention Facility
- 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility
- T Plant Complex
- B Plant
- 241-Z Treatment and Storage Tanks
- 222-S Laboratory Complex
- 224-T Transuranic Waste Storage and Assay Facility
- PUREX (plutonium-uranium extraction) Storage Tunnels.

**2.1.4.2 300 Area.** The 300 Area is located adjacent to and north of Richland, Washington, along the Columbia River. The 300 Area contains fuels fabrication and research and development buildings for the Hanford Site. The following TSD units are included in the 300 Area:

- 325/3100 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit
- Biological Treatment Test Facilities
- Physical/Chemical Treatment Test Facilities

- Thermal Treatment Test Facilities
- 305-B Storage Unit.

2.1.4.3 400 Area. The 400 Area is located approximately 5 miles (8 kilometers) northwest of the 300 Area and contains the experimental nuclear reactor, Fast Flux Test Facility, and support and research buildings. The single TSD unit in the 400 Area is the Maintenance and Storage Facility.

2.1.4.4 600 Area. The 600 Area covers all locations not specifically given an area designation. The TSD units within the 600 Area are primarily in support of the overall waste management activities throughout the Hanford Facility. The following TSD units are included in the 600 Area:

- 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility
- 600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility.

## 2.2 TOPOGRAPHIC MAP [B-2]

Drawing H-6-958 in Appendix 2A provides a general overview of the Hanford Site and surrounding area. The drawing illustrates the following:

- Boundary of the Hanford Site (for area shown)
- Contours [at 20-foot (6.1-meter) intervals] sufficient to show surface water flow
- Fire control services on the Hanford Site
- Access roads, internal roads, railroads, perimeter gates, and barricades
- Longitudes and latitudes.

Prevailing wind directions across the Hanford Site are presented in Figure 2-3. Prevailing wind directions on the 200 Areas Plateau (located approximately in the center of the Hanford Site) are from the northwest in all months of the year. Secondary maxima occur for southwesterly winds.

Monthly average wind speeds are lowest during the winter months, averaging 6 to 7 miles (9.7 to 11.3 kilometers) per hour, and highest during the summer, averaging 9 to 10 miles (14.5 to 16.1 kilometers) per hour. Wind speeds that are well above average usually are associated with southwesterly winds. However, the summertime drainage winds generally are northwesterly and frequently reach 31 miles (49.9 kilometers) per hour. Estimates of wind extremes have been summarized by Stone et al. (1983). Information on the likelihood and frequency of strong winds and tornados in the region have been summarized in a final environmental impact statement (DOE 1987), the Hanford Meteorological Station climatological summary (Stone et al. 1983), and reports from the National Severe Storms Forecast Center.

1 The relationship between the boundaries of the Hanford Site and the  
2 Hanford Facility is shown in Figures 2-1 and 2-2. A legal description of the  
3 Hanford Facility is contained in Appendix 2B.

4  
5 A topographic map for TSD units for which final status is sought, showing  
6 a distance of at least 1,000 feet (305 meters) around the TSD unit, is found  
7 in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. These TSD unit-  
8 specific topographic maps are often drawn at a scale of 1 centimeter equal to  
9 20 meters (1:2,000). The contour interval (0.5 meter or 1.6 feet) clearly  
10 shows the pattern of surface water flow in the vicinity of each TSD unit. In  
11 addition, the following information is included:

- 12
- 13 • Map scale
- 14 • Date
- 15 • Prevailing wind direction
- 16 • A north arrow
- 17 • Surrounding land use
- 18 • Location of the unit
- 19 • Access road location
- 20 • Access control
- 21 • Groundwater monitoring wells (if applicable).
- 22
- 23

## 24 2.3 LOCATION INFORMATION [B-3]

25  
26 This section describes the location of the Hanford Facility in relation  
27 to seismic, floodplain, and shoreline considerations.

### 28 29 30 2.3.1 Seismic Risk Consideration [B-3a]

31  
32 The Hanford Facility is located in Zone 2B as identified in the *Uniform*  
33 *Building Code* (ICBO 1991). Seismic risk considerations for individual TSD  
34 units are addressed in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.

### 35 36 37 2.3.2 Floodplain Standard [B-3b]

38  
39 Three sources of potential flooding of the Hanford Facility are  
40 considered: (1) the Columbia River, (2) the Yakima River, and  
41 (3) storm-induced run-off in ephemeral streams draining the Hanford Facility.  
42 No perennial streams occur in the central part of the Hanford Facility.

43  
44 The Federal Emergency Management Agency has not prepared floodplain maps  
45 for the Columbia River through the Hanford Site. The flow of the Columbia  
46 River is largely controlled by several upstream dams that are designed to  
47 reduce major flood flows. Based on a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study of  
48 the flooding potential of the Columbia River that considered historic data and  
49 water storage capacity of the dams on the Columbia River (COE 1969), the  
50 U.S. Department of Energy (ERDA 1976) has estimated the probable maximum flood  
51 (Figure 2-4). The estimated probable maximum flood would have a larger  
52 floodplain than either the 100- or 500-year floods.

1 The 100-year floodplain for the Yakima River, as determined by the  
2 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA 1980), is shown in Figure 2-5.

3  
4 The only other potential source of flooding of the Hanford Facility is  
5 run-off from a large precipitation event in the Cold Creek watershed. This  
6 event could result in flooding of the ephemeral Cold Creek. Skaggs and  
7 Walters (1981) have given an estimate of the probable maximum flood using  
8 conservative values of precipitation, infiltration, surface roughness, and  
9 topographic features. The 100-year flood is less than the probable maximum  
10 flood as shown in Figure 2-6.

11  
12 The location of individual TSD units with respect to the identified  
13 floodplains is addressed in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit  
14 application.

15  
16 **2.3.2.1 Demonstration of Compliance [B-3b(1)].** Demonstration of compliance  
17 for individual TSD units, where applicable, is detailed in the Unit-Specific  
18 Portion of this permit application.

19  
20 **2.3.2.1.1 Flood Proofing and Flood Protection Measures [B-3b(1)(a)].**  
21 Demonstration of compliance for individual TSD units, where applicable, is  
22 detailed in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.

23  
24 **2.3.2.1.2 Flood Plan [B-3b(1)(b)].** Demonstration of compliance for  
25 individual TSD units, where applicable, is detailed in the Unit-Specific  
26 Portion of this permit application.

27  
28 **2.3.2.2 Plan for Future Compliance with Floodplain Standard [B-3b(2)].**  
29 Demonstration of compliance for individual TSD units, where applicable, is  
30 detailed in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.

31  
32  
33 **2.3.3 Shoreline Standard [B-3c]**

34  
35 The TSD units within the Hanford Facility are not located within  
36 regulated 'shorelines of the state' or 'wetlands' as defined in the *Shoreline*  
37 *Management Act of 1971*. The Hanford Facility is located within the Hanford  
38 Site, which is owned by the U.S. Government and managed by the DOE-RL. The  
39 Hanford Site is not classified as natural, conservancy, rural, or residential.

40  
41  
42 **2.3.4 Sole Source Aquifer Criteria [B-3d]**

43  
44 The Hanford Facility is not located over a 'sole source aquifer' as  
45 defined in Section 1424(e) of the *Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974*. Therefore,  
46 no demonstration of compliance is required.

## 2.4 TRAFFIC INFORMATION [B-4]

The regional public highway network traversing the Hanford Site (Washington State Highways 24 and 240), nonrestricted access roadways (Route 10, and portions of Route 4S located south of the Wye Barricade), and restricted access roadways are shown in Figure 2-7.

Roadways on the Hanford Site east of the Yakima Barricade and north of the Wye Barricade, and within the 300 and 400 Areas, are restricted to authorized personnel only. Other U.S. Department of Energy roadways are subject to such restrictions or closure as the U.S. Department of Energy might require. Estimated traffic volumes for the 1990 timeframe, in vehicles per day, are shown in Figure 2-7. The majority of traffic is passenger vehicles used for commuting and conducting company business. Approximately 10 percent of the traffic volume is trucks, and these trucks are mainly delivery, construction, and maintenance vehicles.

### 2.4.1 Hanford Site Roadways

Figure 2-7 shows the major roads throughout the Hanford Site. These roads are classified as either primary or secondary routes. The primary routes include Routes 4S, 10, 2N, 3, 6, and 11A, as well as various avenues within each area. The primary routes are constructed of bituminous asphalt [usually 2 inches (5 centimeters) thick, but the thickness of the asphalt layer will vary with each road] with an underlying aggregate base in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation requirements. The secondary routes are constructed of layers of an oil and rock mixture with an underlying aggregate base. The aggregate base consists of various types and sizes of rock found onsite. Currently, no load-bearing capacities of these roads are available; however, loads as large as 140 pounds per square inch (9.8 kilograms per square centimeter) have been transported without observable damage to road surfaces. All roads meet the requirements for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials HS-20-44 load rating (AASHTO 1983). An HS-20-44 loading represents a two-axle tractor [front axle loading of 8,000 pounds (3,630 kilograms) and rear axle loading of 32,000 pounds (14,500 kilograms)] plus a single-axle trailer with a 32,000-pound (14,500 kilogram) axle loading.

### 2.4.2 Traffic Control Signs, Signals, and Procedures

Standard traffic control signs are used throughout the Hanford Site (e.g., hexagonal stop signs, triangular yield signs). Speed limits are posted throughout the Hanford Site, and the maximum posted speed is 55 miles (88 kilometers) per hour on major thoroughfares. Inside the various areas, posted speeds are reduced to a maximum of 35 miles (56 kilometers) per hour and held to speeds as low as 15 miles (24 kilometers) per hour.

### 2.4.3 Hanford Site Railroad System

Some dangerous and mixed waste is transported to and/or from TSD units (e.g., Double-Shell Tank System, Low-Level Burial Grounds) in railroad cars. The general location of rail lines can be found on Drawing H-6-958 in Appendix 2A. Typically, shipments are made during periods of low traffic activity (i.e., between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., on weekends, or during off-peak traffic hours). All roads that cross the waste route are barricaded by the Hanford Patrol during shipments to prevent motor vehicle accidents. Based on evaluation of risk, railroad shipments are prohibited during periods of low visibility, when there are winds in excess of 15 miles (25 kilometers) per hour, and during heavy rain, snow storms, or icy conditions.

All railroad track, track beds, and related equipment are maintained to the requirements of Federal Railroad Association track safety standards for Class III track as detailed in 49 CFR 213. Class III track is sufficient for the loads and train speeds on the Hanford Site.

## 2.5 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS [B-5]

The Hanford Facility TSD units are designed to minimize the exposure of personnel to dangerous waste and hazardous substances and to prevent dangerous waste and hazardous substances from reaching the environment. In addition, measures are taken to ensure that the TSD units for which final status is sought are maintained and operated in a manner that prevents the following:

- Degradation of groundwater quality
- Degradation of air quality by open burning or other activities
- Degradation of surface water quality
- Destruction or impairment of flora or fauna
- Excessive noise
- Negative aesthetic impacts
- Unstable hillsides or soils
- Use of processes that do not treat, detoxify, recycle, reclaim, and recover waste material to the extent economically feasible
- Endangerment to the health of employees or the public.

The measures taken to prevent each of these potentially negative effects from occurring are described in the following sections. Closure performance standards are discussed in Chapter 11.0, Section 11.2.

1 **2.5.1 Measures to Prevent Degradation of Groundwater Quality**

2  
3 The Hanford Facility is located in an area having a semiarid climate with  
4 an average annual rainfall of about 6.3 inches (16 centimeters). Therefore,  
5 aerial recharge that could transport contamination to groundwater is limited.  
6 In addition, many TSD units use double containment piping and leak detection,  
7 grading and ground cover, and/or other measures to prevent degradation of  
8 groundwater quality. Measures to be taken for individual TSD units are  
9 detailed, where applicable, in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit  
10 application.  
11

12  
13 **2.5.2 Measures to Prevent Degradation of Air Quality by Open Burning**  
14 **or Other Activities**

15  
16 On the Hanford Facility, open burning and other activities that might  
17 degrade air quality are curtailed to the extent practicable. In addition, the  
18 arid climate limits vegetation on the Hanford Facility. Vegetation around  
19 many TSD units is removed routinely, so that there is a low potential for  
20 accidental open burning and for the wind transport of contaminated vegetation.  
21 Measures to be taken for individual TSD units are detailed, where applicable,  
22 in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.  
23

24  
25 **2.5.3 Measures to Prevent Degradation of Surface Water Quality**

26  
27 The potential for degradation of surface water is extremely low. There  
28 are two natural surface water bodies on or bordering the Hanford Facility,  
29 West Lake and the Columbia River. West Lake is located southwest of Gable  
30 Mountain (Drawing H-6-958 in Appendix 2A) and is approximately 10 acres  
31 (4.07 hectares) in size and 3 feet (0.91 meter) deep. The Columbia River is  
32 located along the northern and eastern boundary of the Hanford Facility. The  
33 TSD units for which final status is sought are sufficiently removed from these  
34 surface water bodies to reduce the potential for degradation.  
35

36 Because of the drainage characteristics of the native soils, rainwater  
37 generally soaks into the sandy soil rather than running on the surface. Small  
38 pools can be observed occasionally after rapid snowmelt, but the pools usually  
39 dissipate within 72 hours. Measures to be taken for individual TSD units are  
40 detailed, where applicable, in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit  
41 application.  
42

43  
44 **2.5.4 Measures to Prevent Destruction or Impairment of Flora or**  
45 **Fauna Outside of the Treatment, Storage, and/or Disposal Units**

46  
47 Most of the Hanford Facility beyond the bounds of the 200, 300, 400, and  
48 1100 Areas is maintained as a natural habitat. Many TSD units and areas  
49 within the Hanford Facility are surrounded by perimeter chain link fences to  
50 prevent access by larger animals. The continued practice of removing flora  
51 from inside TSD unit boundaries discourages fauna from entering these areas in  
52 search of food. Measures to be taken for individual TSD units to prevent

1 destruction or impairment of flora or fauna outside the units are detailed,  
2 where applicable, in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.

#### 3 4 5 **2.5.5 Measures to Prevent Excessive Noise**

6  
7 The Hanford Facility is sufficiently removed from residential and offsite  
8 industrial areas (Drawing H-6-958 in Appendix 2A) to preclude excessive noise  
9 impacts. Measures to be taken for individual TSD units are detailed, where  
10 applicable, in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.

#### 11 12 13 **2.5.6 Measures to Prevent Negative Aesthetic Impacts**

14  
15 Most of the TSD units within the Hanford Facility are located in  
16 restricted areas. These units are not visible from offsite or are visible  
17 only from a great distance. This aspect helps to eliminate any significant  
18 negative aesthetic impacts from these TSD units. Measures to be taken for  
19 individual TSD units are detailed, where applicable, in the Unit-Specific  
20 Portion of this permit application.

#### 21 22 23 **2.5.7 Measures to Prevent Unstable Hillsides or Soils**

24  
25 There are no naturally unstable hillsides or soils within or adjacent to  
26 existing TSD units. Compaction of the soil is used to stabilize the soil  
27 during and after any construction activities. Native vegetation often is  
28 planted to eliminate erosion potential of soils due to wind and water.  
29 Measures to be taken for individual TSD units are detailed, where applicable,  
30 in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.

#### 31 32 33 **2.5.8 Measures to Prevent the Use of Processes That Do Not Treat,** 34 **Detoxify, Recycle, Reclaim, and Recover Waste Material** 35 **to the Extent Economically Feasible**

36  
37 Measures to prevent the use of processes that do not treat, detoxify,  
38 recycle, reclaim, and recover waste material to the extent economically  
39 feasible are taken into consideration in the operation of Hanford Facility  
40 TSD units. Measures to be taken for individual TSD units are detailed, where  
41 applicable, in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.

#### 42 43 44 **2.5.9 Measures to Prevent Endangerment to the Health of Employees or** 45 **the Public Near the Hanford Facility**

46  
47 Measures to prevent endangerment of the health of employees or the public  
48 near the Hanford Facility include monitoring of released effluents, monitoring  
49 of groundwater, monitoring of ambient air, and training of employees in the  
50 handling and management of dangerous waste. Measures to be taken for  
51 individual TSD units are detailed, where applicable, in the Unit-Specific  
52 Portion of this permit application.

1  
2 **2.6 BUFFER MONITORING ZONES [B-6]**  
3

4 Buffer monitoring zones, where applicable, will be in accordance  
5 with the National Fire Protection Association, NFPA-30, Chapter 7, and  
6 WAC 173-303-640(9)(b). Additional information for individual TSD units  
7 can be found in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.  
8  
9

10 **2.7 SPILLS AND DISCHARGES INTO THE ENVIRONMENT [B-7]**  
11

12 Descriptions of the procedures, structures, and equipment used at the  
13 Hanford Facility to: (1) prevent hazards and contain spills in unloading or  
14 loading operations; (2) prevent run-off from dangerous waste handling areas to  
15 other areas or the environment, and to prevent flooding; (3) prevent  
16 contamination of water supplies; (4) mitigate effects of equipment failure and  
17 power outage; and (5) prevent undue exposure of personnel to dangerous waste  
18 are contained in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.  
19

20 Actions to be taken in the event of noncompliance with final status  
21 requirements that may endanger human health and the environment, including any  
22 incidence of noncompliance resulting from release or discharge of dangerous  
23 waste that might endanger human health and the environment outside the Hanford  
24 Facility, are documented in Chapter 7.0.  
25

26  
27 **2.7.1 Notification [B-7a]**  
28

29 Reporting of any noncompliance with final status requirements that might  
30 endanger human health and the environment will be to Ecology in accordance  
31 with the immediate reporting provisions of WAC 173-303-810(14)(f) and will  
32 include information on the following:  
33

- 34 • Release of dangerous waste that might cause an endangerment to  
35 drinking water supplies or ground or surface waters  
36
- 37 • Any information of a release or discharge of dangerous waste, a fire,  
38 or an explosion that could threaten the environment or human health  
39 outside the Hanford Facility  
40
- 41 • Name, address, and telephone number(s) of the owner or operator  
42
- 43 • Date, time, and type of incident  
44
- 45 • Name and quantity of material(s) involved  
46
- 47 • The extent of injuries if any  
48
- 49 • An assessment of actual or potential hazards to the environment and  
50 human health outside the Hanford Facility, where this is applicable  
51

- The estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material that resulted from the incident.

In addition, an oral report and written submission that contains a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance will be made in accordance with the provision of WAC 173-303-810(14)(f).

## **2.7.2 Mitigation and Control [B7-b]**

Releases or discharges of dangerous waste that endanger human health and the environment will be dispositioned in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 7.0 and the applicable provisions of WAC 173-303-600.

**2.7.2.1 Cleanup and Management of Released Dangerous Wastes and Contaminated Soil, Water, or Other Materials [B7-b(1) and (2)].** Provisions for dispositioning of recovered material resulting from an incident that endangers human health and the environment will be in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 7.0 and the applicable provisions of WAC 173-303-600.

**2.7.2.2 Restoration of Impacted Area [B7-b(3)].** Restoration of property outside the Hanford Facility that is impacted by releases or discharges of dangerous waste, fire, or explosion will be accomplished in accordance with the applicable provisions of WAC 173-303-600.

## **2.8 MANIFEST SYSTEM [B-8]**

The Hanford Facility handles dangerous waste from onsite sources and mixed waste from both onsite and offsite sources. This section briefly discusses the system that is in place to track waste shipments.

### **2.8.1 Onsite Waste Shipments**

The Hanford Site has one EPA/State identification number as required by WAC 173-303-060, and all TSD units within the Hanford Facility are part of a single dangerous waste facility. Therefore, onsite shipments of dangerous or mixed waste are not subject to the manifesting requirements specified in WAC 173-303-370 and -180. However, all onsite waste shipments are conducted in a manner to ensure protection of human health and the environment. Four onsite waste tracking systems are voluntarily used for transporting waste on the Hanford Facility. The following four systems are used to track the transfer of waste:

- Liquid mixed waste via underground pipelines
- Liquid mixed waste via railroad tank car or tank truck or via barrels transported by truck
- Containerized mixed waste (e.g., rags, failed equipment, contaminated soil) via trucks and railroad cars
- Containerized nonradioactive dangerous waste via truck before being shipped offsite for treatment, storage, and/or disposal at a TSD facility.

Onsite waste tracking records for individual TSD units are maintained on file and can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support (Chapter 12.0).

### 2.8.2 Offsite Waste Shipments

Offsite shipments of dangerous waste to and from the Hanford Facility are subject to the manifesting requirements specified in WAC 173-303-370 and -180, respectively. The EPA Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest is used for transporting dangerous waste from the Hanford Facility to an offsite TSD facility. Mixed waste could be shipped offsite in the future (e.g., to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico or to a national repository when these sites become operational). Offsite waste transfer information for individual TSD units can be found in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. Offsite waste tracking records for individual TSD units are maintained on file and can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support (Chapter 12.0).

### 2.8.3 Receipt of Offsite Waste

The Hanford Facility receives dangerous and mixed waste from offsite (including foreign) sources. Such waste is subject to the manifesting requirements specified in WAC 173-303-370 and to the reporting requirements of WAC 173-390(1). Notification for foreign waste receipt is made in accordance with WAC 173-303-290. Notification of subsequent shipments of the same waste from the same foreign source in the same calendar year is not required.

Offsite waste receipt information specific to individual TSD units can be found in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. Offsite waste receipt records for individual TSD units are maintained on file and can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support (Chapter 12.0).

## 2.9 QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM FOR THE HANFORD FACILITY

The quality assurance and quality control information for individual TSD units can be found in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. The information is integrated, as appropriate, with the quality

1 assurance and control program in the Tri-Party Agreement, as specified in  
2 Article XXX, and Sections 6.5 and 7.8 of the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan.  
3

4 Specific operational activities are governed by procedures that are  
5 maintained by each TSD unit. Copies of these procedures are retained on file  
6 in the unit operating record and can be located for inspection by contacting  
7 RCRA Compliance Support (Chapter 12.0). In accordance with WAC 173-303-806, a  
8 description of procedures pertinent to dangerous waste management activities  
9 is included in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.  
10

11 Of relevance to Hanford Facility groundwater monitoring and closure  
12 activities are the environmental investigation instructions (EIIs) (WHC 1988).  
13 Applicable EIIs are briefly described in the Unit-Specific Portion of this  
14 permit application. Current copies of the EIIs also are maintained on file  
15 and can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support (Chapter 12.0). In  
16 accordance with the Tri-Party Agreement, EIIs are designated as 'secondary  
17 documents' and will be reviewed by the regulators in accordance with  
18 Section 9.2.3 of the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan.

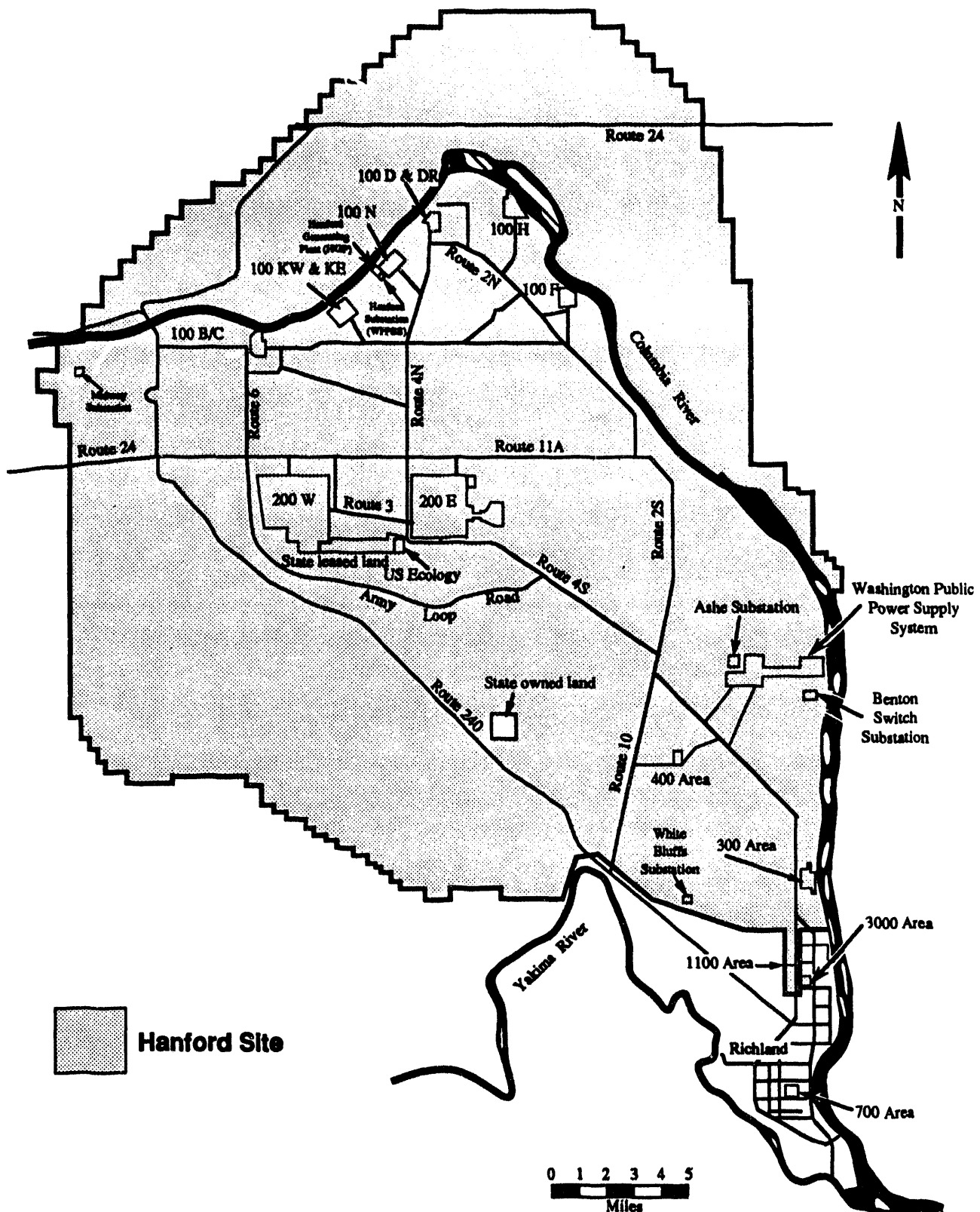


Figure 2-1. Hanford Site Map.

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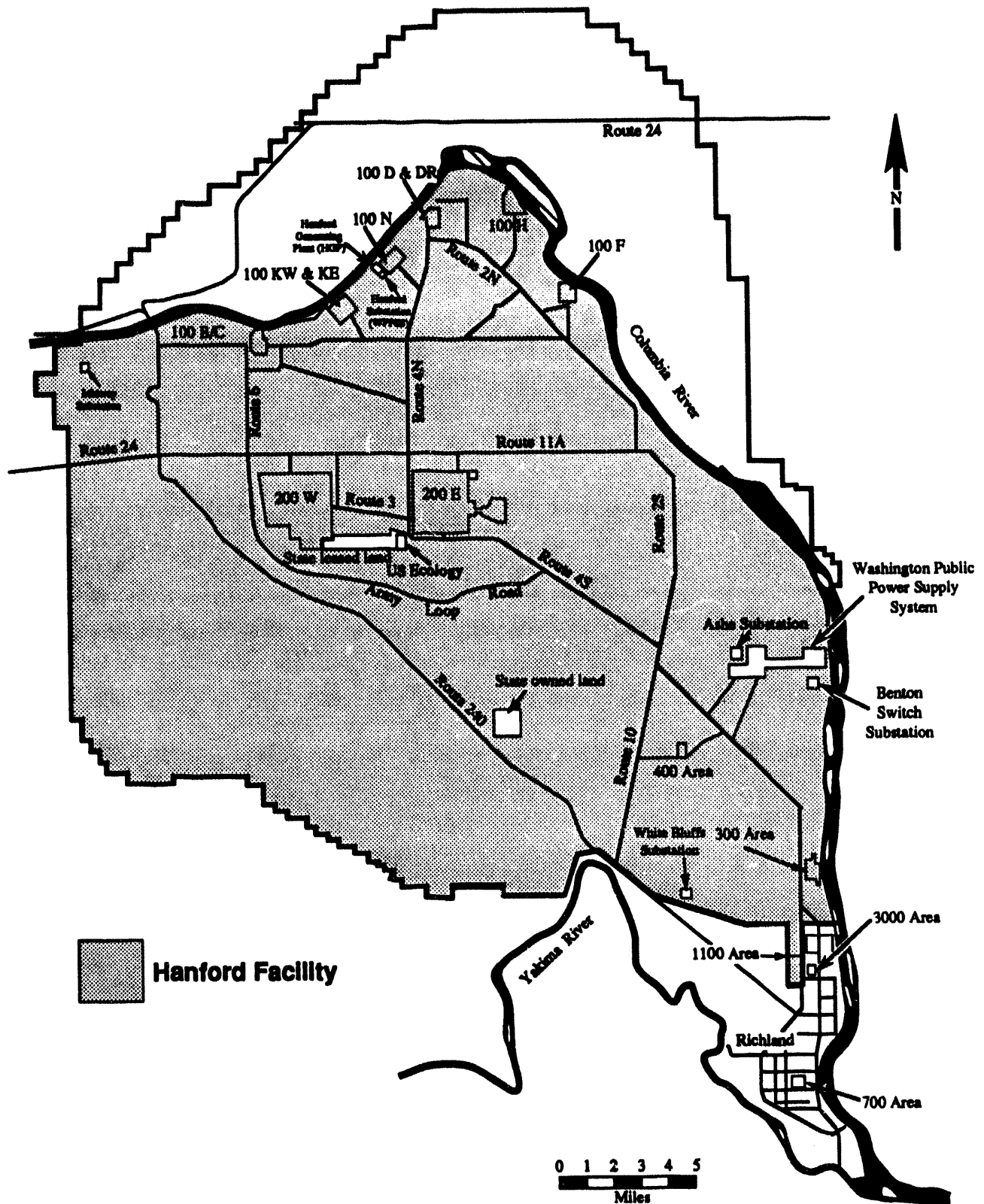
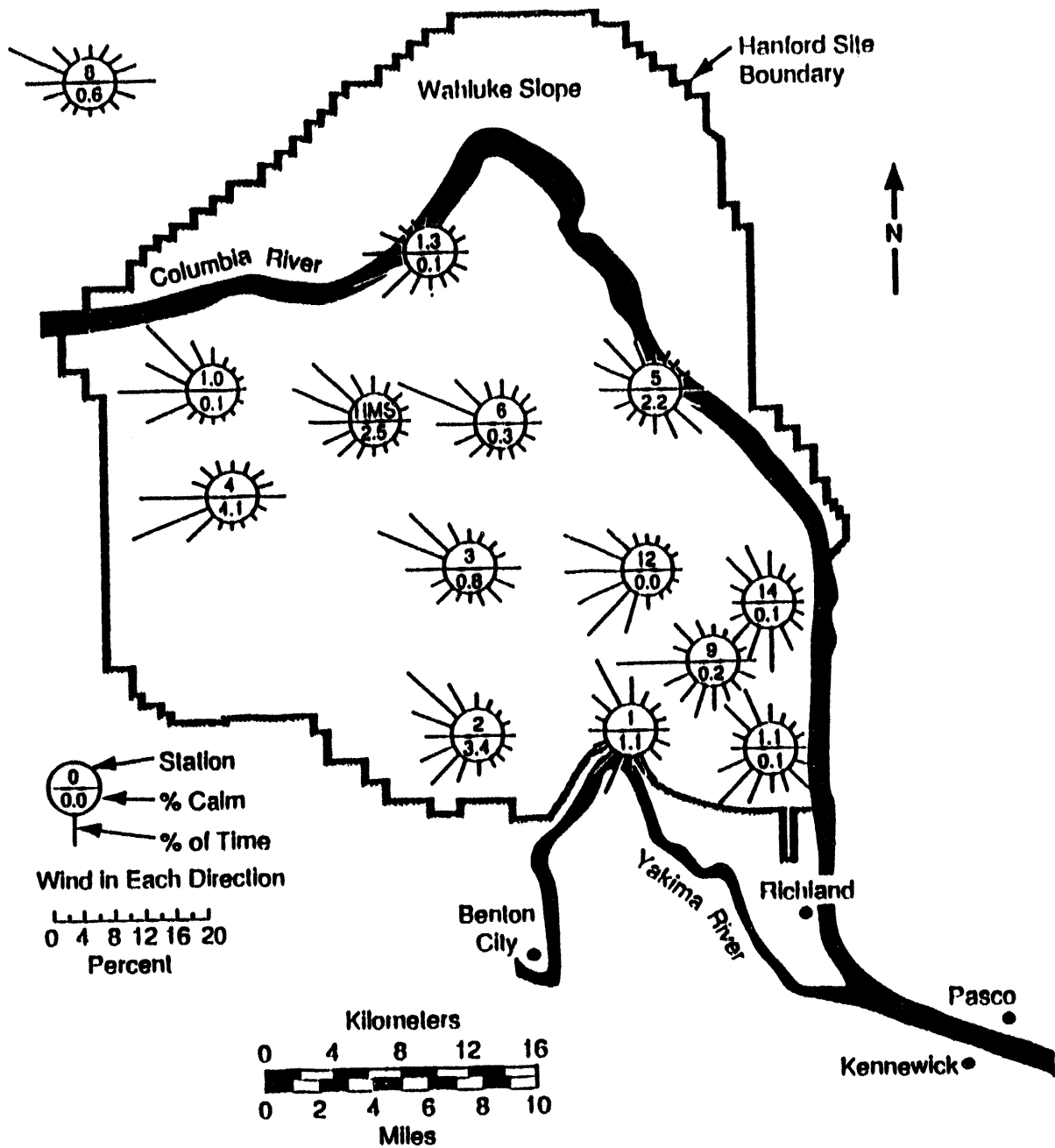


Figure 2-2. Hanford Facility Map.

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HMS = Hanford Meteorological Station

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Figure 2-3. Prevailing Wind Direction for the Hanford Site.

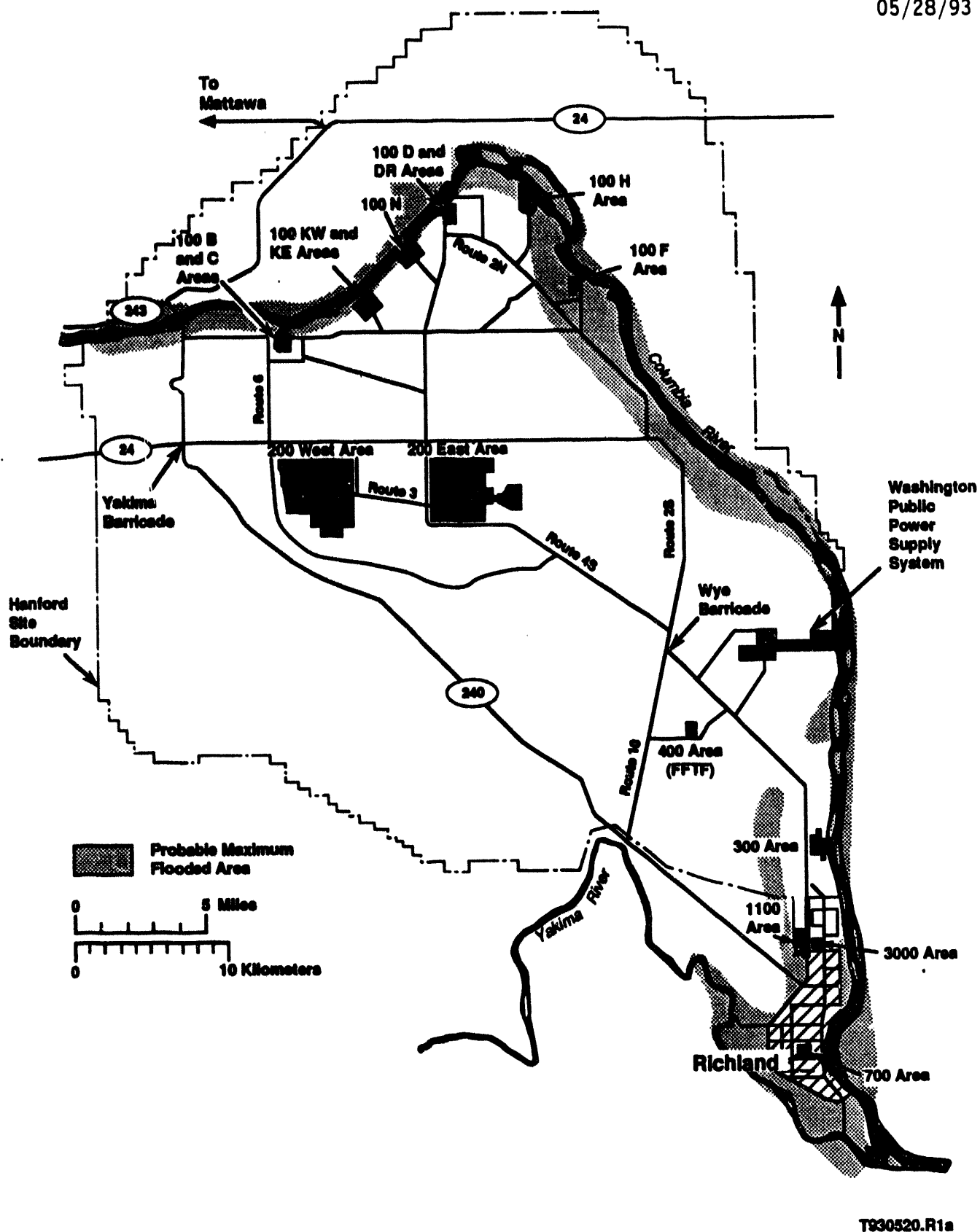
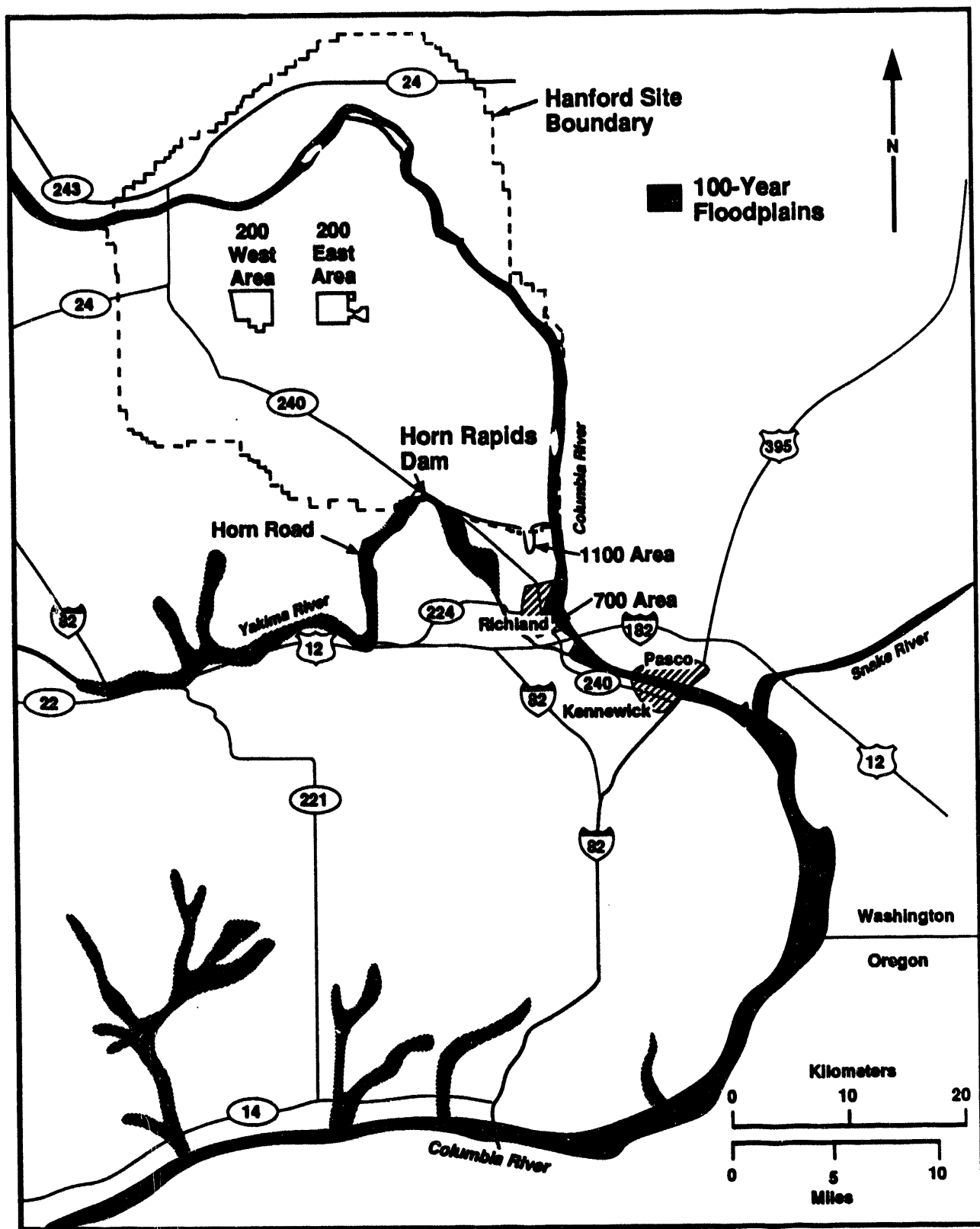


Figure 2-4. Columbia River Floodplain (probable maximum flood).



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Figure 2-5. Yakima River Floodplain.

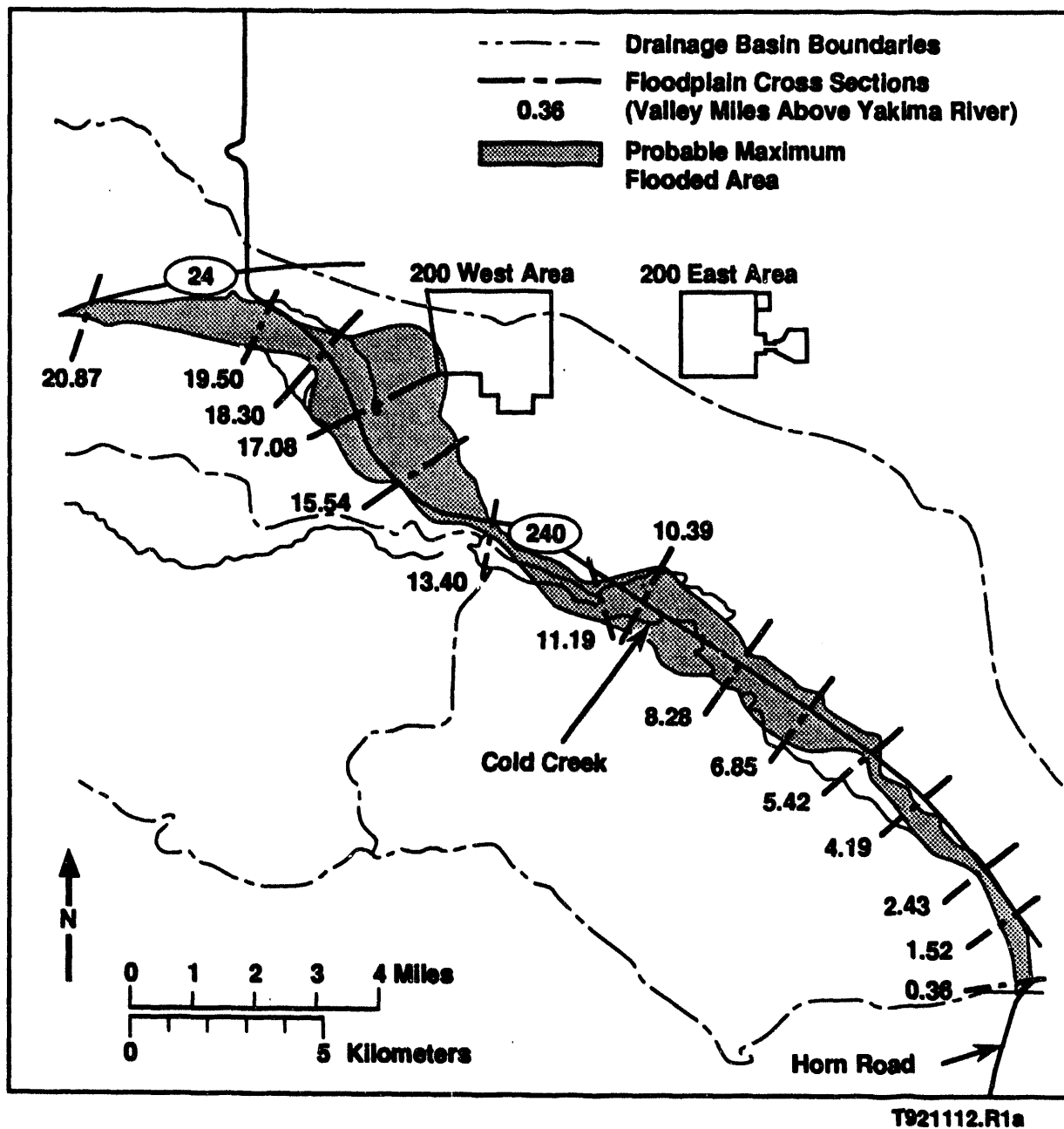
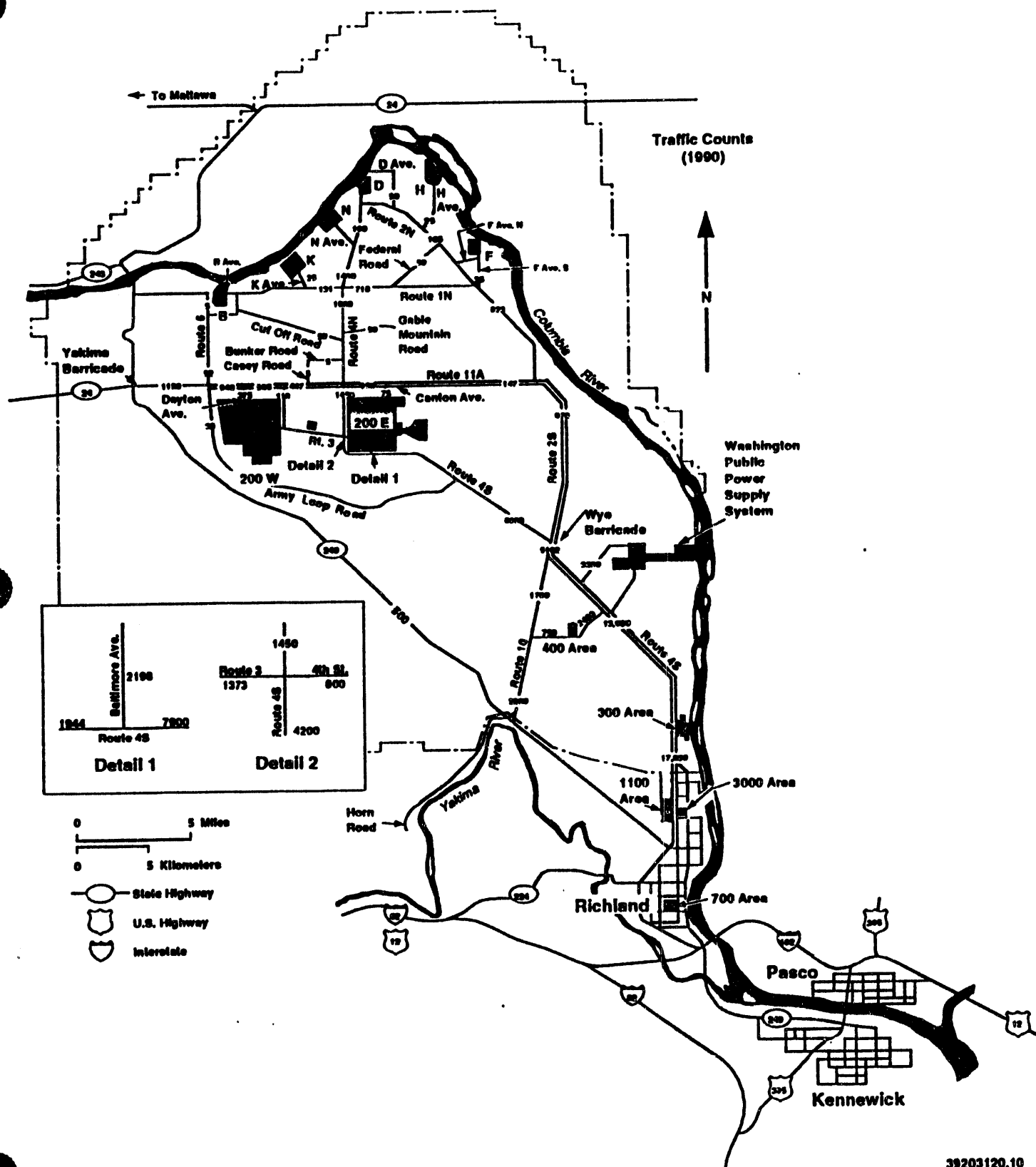


Figure 2-6. Cold Creek Watershed Floodplain (probable maximum flood).



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Figure 2-7. Estimated Traffic Volumes (vehicles per day).

Table 2-1. Hanford Facility Treatment, Storage, and/or Disposal Units.

Unit	Area	Class
Double-Shell Tank System	200EW	TS
242-A Evaporator	200E	T
Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant	200E	TS
Grout Treatment Facility	200E	TSD
204-AR Waste Unloading Station	200E	T
Central Waste Complex	200W	TS
Waste Receiving and Processing	200W	T
Low-Level Burial Grounds	200EW	D
Liquid Effluent Retention Facility	200E	S
200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility	200E	T
T Plant Complex	200W	T
B Plant	200E	TS
241-Z Treatment and Storage Tanks	200W	TS
222-S Laboratory Complex	200W	TS
224-T Transuranic Waste Storage and Assay Facility	200W	S
PUREX Storage Tunnels	200E	S
325/3100 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit	300	TS
Biological Treatment Test Facilities	300	T
Physical/Chemical Treatment Test Facilities	300	TS
Thermal Treatment Test Facilities	300	T
305-B Storage Unit	300	S
Maintenance and Storage Facility	400	T
616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility	600	S
600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility	600	TS

Unit--Name of TSD unit for which final status is sought (as of March 15, 1993) as part of the Hanford Facility (EPA/State Identification Number WA7890008967).

Area--The area of the Hanford Facility in which the unit is located:

200E -- 200 East Area	300 -- 300 Area
200W -- 200 West Area	400 -- 400 Area
200EW -- Parts of a unit are located in both the 200 East and the 200 West Areas	600 -- 600 Area.

Class--Waste unit operational classification

T--Treatment  
S--Storage  
D--Disposal

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### 3.0 WASTE CHARACTERISTICS [C]

This chapter provides general information on the chemical, biological, and physical characteristics of the waste treated, stored, and/or disposed of on the Hanford Facility. General information provided in this chapter covers the following areas:

- Chemical, biological, and physical analysis
- Land disposal restrictions.

Detailed information on the characteristics of the waste treated, stored, and/or disposed of at individual TSD units is contained in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.

#### 3.1 CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, AND PHYSICAL ANALYSIS [C-1]

The Hanford Facility treats, stores, and/or disposes of dangerous and/or mixed waste designated as: (1) characteristic dangerous waste; (2) toxic, carcinogenic, and persistent (by WAC 173-303 criteria); and (3) listed (because the waste contains small amounts of spent solvents and discarded pure chemical products). The waste form ranges from liquid to hard crystalline material (e.g., salt cake stored in tank farms), as well as contaminated equipment, paper, rags, etc. A general overview of waste characteristics and process information for each TSD unit for which final status is sought (as of March 15, 1993) is contained in Chapter 4.0.

Specific information on the characteristics and volume of waste that could be handled by each TSD unit is contained in the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* (DOE-RL 1988b). Part A permit application information is based primarily on process information with supplemental information provided by waste sampling and analysis programs.

#### 3.2 WASTE ANALYSIS PLAN [C-2]

The WAC 173-303-300 requires that knowledge about a dangerous waste be confirmed by a facility owner/operator before this waste is stored, treated, and/or disposed of. The purpose for the acquisition of such knowledge is to ensure that this dangerous waste is managed properly. Waste analysis plans required by WAC 173-303-300(5) are addressed in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. For TSD units that receive waste from offsite sources, the waste analysis plan includes measures for confirming that each dangerous waste received matches the identity of the waste specified on the accompanying manifest or shipping paper in accordance with WAC 173-303-300(5)(g).

#### 3.3 LAND DISPOSAL RESTRICTIONS

Dangerous waste and the dangerous waste portion of mixed waste on the Hanford Facility is subject to land disposal restrictions (40 CFR 268). Under

1 the regulations, some waste is prohibited from land disposal. Other waste can  
2 be land disposed of, if the waste can meet certain treatment standards  
3 specified in 40 CFR 268, Subpart D. The best demonstrated available  
4 technologies also are specified in the regulations for some waste in lieu of  
5 meeting a specific concentration requirement. Provisions in the Tri-Party  
6 Agreement (Ecology et al. 1992) allow for storage of land disposal restricted  
7 waste beyond the 1-year period allowed in 40 CFR 268.50. The TSD units will  
8 follow the provisions of their waste analysis plans (Section 3.2) to determine  
9 which, if any, land disposal restrictions apply to their waste.

10  
11 Should it become necessary to seek an exemption from a disposal  
12 prohibition pursuant to 40 CFR 268.6, an extension to the effective date of  
13 any land disposal restriction pursuant to 40 CFR 268.5, a variance from a  
14 treatment standard pursuant to 40 CFR 268.44, or an exemption pursuant to  
15 WAC 173-303-140(6), the records documenting the quantities and date each waste  
16 was placed under such exemption, extension, or variance will be maintained as  
17 required by 40 CFR 264.73(10).

### 18 19 20 **3.4 ORGANIC AIR EMISSIONS**

21  
22 The organic air emissions released from Hanford Facility process vents  
23 are regulated under RCRA (40 CFR 264 Subpart AA and 40 CFR 265 Subpart AA).  
24 These regulations apply to process vents associated with specific separation  
25 processes, identified in 40 CFR 264.1030(b) and 40 CFR 265.1030(b), that are  
26 used to manage hazardous waste with organic concentrations of at least  
27 10 parts per million by weight. Threshold limits that require emission  
28 controls apply to the summation of all applicable emission sources for the  
29 entire Hanford Facility. To determine whether the threshold limits are  
30 exceeded, thereby requiring emission controls, the applicable processes were  
31 identified first for each TSD unit. The TSD units that had the potential  
32 processes identified in the regulations, at the time of the evaluation, are as  
33 follows:

- 34
- 35 • B Plant
- 36 • PUREX Plant
- 37 • 242-A Evaporator
- 38 • Double-Shell Tank System
- 39 • 222-S Laboratory Complex
- 40 • Maintenance and Storage Facility.
- 41

42 These TSD units were evaluated for purposes of addressing the Subpart AA  
43 regulations. A conservative summation of the organic air emissions resulted  
44 in a release rate of 0.1 pound (0.045 kilogram) per hour or 0.438 ton  
45 (398 kilograms) per year. This release is well below the threshold of  
46 3 pounds (6.6 kilograms) per hour or 3.1 tons (2,818 kilograms) per year. The  
47 amount of organic emissions might change as TSD units are brought online  
48 (e.g., Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant) or are deactivated (e.g., PUREX  
49 Plant). The organic air emissions summation will be reevaluated periodically  
50 as conditions warrant.

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#### 4.0 PROCESS INFORMATION [D]

This chapter presents information on the various processes that are used in the management of dangerous waste and mixed waste on the Hanford Facility. Dangerous waste and/or mixed waste TSD units on the Hanford Facility for which final status is sought (as of March 15, 1993) include, but are not limited to, tank systems, surface impoundments, container storage areas, waste piles, landfills, and miscellaneous units. Also included in this chapter is a discussion of the processes used to control design and operational information, and the method for transmitting design and operational changes to the regulators. In addition, a discussion of certification is included, as it pertains to supporting certain RCRA and dangerous waste permitting activities.

For each TSD unit for which final status is sought (as of March 15, 1993), the following information is provided: the classification of the TSD unit (e.g., surface impoundment, container storage unit, etc.); the type of waste processed at the TSD unit (dangerous and/or mixed waste); and a brief description of the waste management process or processes conducted at the TSD unit. Information presented in this chapter has been compiled from existing documents and is current as of March 15, 1993. The following documents have been used as the primary sources of information: *Hanford Site Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* (DOE-RL 1988b), *Draft Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Fiscal Year 1993 Site-Specific Plan for the Richland Field Office* (DOE-RL 1993), and the Tri-Party Agreement.

Activities conducted within the Hanford Facility that only involve the management of radioactive waste are not regulated under the RCRA or the WAC 173-303 regulations and, therefore, are not addressed in this chapter. References to such activities are included for informational purposes only.

#### 4.1 OVERVIEW

The Hanford Facility generates dangerous and mixed waste, and treats, stores, and disposes of dangerous and mixed waste that is generated onsite. Mixed waste that is generated offsite also is managed within certain TSD units on the Hanford Facility.

The waste managed on the Hanford Facility includes low-activity and high-activity waste, low activity and high-activity mixed waste, transuranic waste, transuranic mixed waste, and nonradioactive dangerous waste. As discussed in Chapter 2.0, Section 2.1.3, most of the waste management activities fall into two major programmatic areas: Tank Waste Remediation System and Solid/Liquid Waste Remediation.

The scope of the Tank Waste Remediation System includes managing all programs, projects, and activities for receiving, safely storing, maintaining, treating, and packaging tank waste for onsite or offsite disposal. The Tank Waste Remediation System currently is conducting rebaselining activities that could cause approaches to waste management to change as program planning

1 proceeds and input is received from stakeholders (e.g., regulators and the  
2 public) (WHC 1993b).

3  
4 The scope of the Solid/Liquid Waste Remediation Program includes  
5 (1) storing solid waste safely until a disposal decision is reached,  
6 (2) providing handling and treatment capabilities for management of solid  
7 waste and preparation for final disposal, and (3) eliminating releases of  
8 untreated liquid effluents and treating and disposing of liquid waste  
9 according to applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The following  
10 overview of waste management within the Hanford Facility summarizes the roles  
11 currently planned for key TSD units.

12  
13 The Double-Shell Tank System stores and treats radioactive and mixed  
14 waste generated on the Hanford Site before final treatment and disposal. The  
15 Double-Shell Tank System storage space is maximized through the use of the  
16 242-A Evaporator. This treatment unit concentrates the double-shell tank  
17 waste by removal of water and volatile/semivolatile organics through  
18 evaporation. The concentrated slurry is returned to the Double-Shell Tank  
19 System and the process condensate is transferred for storage to the Liquid  
20 Effluent Retention Facility. Eventually the process condensate will be  
21 transferred from the 242-A Evaporator to the 200 Area Effluent Treatment  
22 Facility, once this unit comes online.

23  
24 The Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant will treat the high-activity  
25 portion of waste stored in the Double-Shell Tank System by converting the  
26 waste into glass, with ultimate disposal of the vitrified waste in a national  
27 repository. The Grout Treatment Facility will process low-activity double-  
28 shell tank waste by combining this waste with grout-forming solids and, if  
29 necessary, chemical additives. The grouted waste will be disposed of in near-  
30 surface vaults.

31  
32 Solid waste management activities are supported by five key TSD units.  
33 The Central Waste Complex treats and stores radioactive and/or mixed waste.  
34 The Waste Receiving and Processing unit will treat mixed waste, low-level  
35 waste, and transuranic waste. The treated transuranic waste eventually will  
36 be transported for disposal to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico  
37 (when this plant becomes operational) or to another approved waste disposal  
38 site. The Low-Level Burial Grounds disposes of solid low-level radioactive  
39 waste and mixed waste. The 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage  
40 Facility and the 305-B Storage Unit store dangerous waste before shipment  
41 offsite for treatment, storage, and/or disposal. Small-quantities of mixed  
42 waste also are stored at the 305-B Storage Unit before being transported to  
43 the Central Waste Complex.

44  
45 The Hanford Facility TSD units for which final status is sought (as of  
46 March 15, 1993) are located in the 200, 300, 400, and 600 Areas (Appendix 2A).  
47 These units are described briefly, by area, in the remainder of this section.  
48 More detailed process information for TSD units is presented in the *Hanford*  
49 *Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application*, Form 3s. These Form 3s  
50 contain an identification of specific dangerous waste codes, process design  
51 capacities, and estimated quantities of waste handled annually.

1 All TSD units to be discussed, except where noted, will be operated under  
2 interim status until final status conditions for these TSD units are  
3 incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.  
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## 6 4.2 200 AREAS 7

8 The 200 Areas encompass the chemical separations plants for the  
9 reprocessing of nuclear materials as well as radioactive waste storage and  
10 disposal. These reprocessing plants generated various dangerous, radioactive,  
11 and mixed waste that was discharged to the soil column or stored in  
12 underground storage tanks (referred to as tank farms). The original mission  
13 for the plants in the 200 Areas was in support of nuclear weapons development  
14 and production. The mission of the Hanford Site currently is focusing on  
15 waste management and environmental restoration and remediation activities.  
16

17 Currently, final status is sought (as of March 15, 1993) for 16  
18 treatment, storage, and/or disposal units located in the 200 Areas.  
19  
20

### 21 4.2.1 Treatment Units 22

23 Treatment units located in the 200 Areas for which final status is sought  
24 (as of March 15, 1993) are discussed in the following sections.  
25

26 4.2.1.1 242-A Evaporator. The 242-A Evaporator is a miscellaneous treatment  
27 unit located in the 200 East Area. The 242-A Evaporator consists of process  
28 vessels and support systems for heating, evaporating, and condensing waste  
29 stored in the Double-Shell Tank System. The 242-A Evaporator receives a mixed  
30 waste stream from the Double-Shell Tank System that contains organic and  
31 inorganic constituents and radionuclides. Treatment of the waste at the  
32 242-A Evaporator results in two mixed waste streams. One mixed waste stream  
33 (slurry) contains the majority of the radionuclides and inorganic constituents  
34 (an extremely hazardous mixed waste) and one mixed waste stream (process  
35 condensate) contains greatly reduced concentrations of radionuclides and  
36 volatile and semivolatile organic materials (a dangerous waste containing  
37 de minimus quantities of radionuclides). The slurry is routed back to the  
38 Double-Shell Tank System for storage pending further treatment. The process  
39 condensate will be discharged to the Liquid Effluent Retention Facility where  
40 the process condensate will be stored until the 200 Area Effluent Treatment  
41 System becomes operational.  
42

43 The 242-A Evaporator will be operated under interim status until  
44 incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.  
45

46 4.2.1.2 Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant. The Hanford Waste Vitrification  
47 Plant is a treatment, storage, and miscellaneous unit. The Hanford Waste  
48 Vitrification Plant will be located in the 200 East Area and will treat and  
49 store the high-activity and transuranic fraction of waste contained within the  
50 Double-Shell Tank System. This mixed waste, received from a pretreatment  
51 unit, will be treated in a series of tanks and a melter, classified as a  
52 miscellaneous unit. Treatment will include concentration by evaporation,

1 adjustment with chemicals and glass forming materials, and immobilization in  
2 borosilicate glass (vitrification). The melter and the waste treatment tanks  
3 will be capable of storing dangerous waste under offnormal conditions.

4  
5 Secondary liquid mixed waste generated by the Hanford Waste Vitrification  
6 Plant will be collected and treated in a series of tanks. Treatment will  
7 include neutralization, filtration, sorption, and evaporation. The high-  
8 activity fraction from the treatment process will be recycled. The remainder  
9 will be transferred to the Double-Shell Tank System.

10  
11 Secondary nonradioactive dangerous waste generated from leaks, spills,  
12 and/or overflows from chemical storage, makeup, and feed tanks will be  
13 collected, treated in a series of tanks, and stored at the Hanford Waste  
14 Vitrification Plant. Treatment will include neutralization, concentration by  
15 solar evaporation, and decomposition of dangerous constituents during storage.

16  
17 The vitrified waste will be cast into stainless steel canisters and  
18 stored at the Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant until the canisters are  
19 shipped to a national repository.

20  
21 The Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant will be constructed and operated  
22 under interim status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

23  
24 **4.2.1.3 Grout Treatment Facility.** The Grout Treatment Facility, located in  
25 the 200 East Area, is categorized as a surface impoundment, miscellaneous  
26 treatment unit, and a land disposal unit. The Grout Treatment Facility  
27 receives selected mixed waste from the Double-Shell Tank System. The waste is  
28 mixed with grout forming solids and, if necessary, chemical liquid additives  
29 in an in-line mixer. This process (miscellaneous treatment) forms a  
30 cementitious slurry, which is pumped to lined concrete disposal vaults. The  
31 disposal vaults are managed as surface impoundments when the grout slurry is  
32 liquid and closed as landfills after the grout slurry has hardened.

33  
34 The Grout Treatment Facility will be operated under interim status until  
35 incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

36  
37 **4.2.1.4 204-AR Waste Unloading Station.** The 204-AR Waste Unloading Station  
38 is a miscellaneous treatment unit that is used for the unloading and treatment  
39 of liquid mixed waste received from railroad tank cars. The waste is  
40 generated from decontamination and regeneration operations in the 100 Areas;  
41 from reprocessing operations at the 200 Areas; from recovery, fuels  
42 fabrication, and laboratory operations in the 300 Area; and from  
43 decontamination operations in the 400 Area. During unloading operations, the  
44 pH of the waste is adjusted chemically in-line during pump out to meet the  
45 corrosion protection requirements of the Double-Shell Tank System.

46  
47 The 204-AR Waste Unloading Station will be operated under interim status  
48 until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

49  
50 **4.2.1.5 Waste Receiving and Processing.** The Waste Receiving and Processing  
51 unit will treat mixed waste, low-level waste, and transuranic waste. This  
52 TSD unit will have the capability to change the physical form of the

1 radioactive and/or mixed waste through compaction (volume reduction),  
2 repackaging, stabilization, solidification of liquids, neutralization, etc.  
3 The treated transuranic waste eventually will be transported for disposal at  
4 the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico (when this plant becomes  
5 operational) or to another transuranic waste disposal site.

6  
7 The Waste Receiving and Processing unit will be operated under interim  
8 status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

9  
10 **4.2.1.6 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility.** The 200 Area Effluent  
11 Treatment Facility is a tank treatment unit that will be located in the  
12 200 East Area. This TSD unit will be operated to treat process condensate  
13 from the 242-A Evaporator. The treatment process is expected to include  
14 filtration, pH adjustments, ultraviolet light oxidation, reverse osmosis, and  
15 ion exchange. Treated effluent will be collected in tanks, sampled to verify  
16 that treatment standards have been met, and discharged to the soil column,  
17 pending approval of a delisting petition by the EPA and issuance of a State  
18 Waste Discharge Permit by Ecology.

19  
20 The 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility will be constructed and operated  
21 under interim status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

22  
23 **4.2.1.7 T Plant Complex.** The T Plant Complex is located in the 200 West  
24 Area. The T Plant Complex consists of two structures, the 221-T Building  
25 (221-T) and the 2706-T Building (2706-T). The 221-T building is used for tank  
26 treatment of mixed waste before transfer to the Double-Shell Tank System. The  
27 liquid mixed waste from decontamination activities in the 221-T and 2706-T is  
28 collected and stored in tank 15-1 (located in 221-T). This liquid mixed waste  
29 can be transferred by railroad car to the 204-AR Waste Unloading Station to be  
30 treated before transfer to the Double-Shell Tank System. The liquid mixed  
31 waste also can be transferred from tank 15-1 by underground pipelines to the  
32 Double-Shell Tank System. In this case, the liquid mixed waste is treated in  
33 tank 15-1 to a pH greater than 12.0, before transfer, to make the waste more  
34 amenable for storage.

35  
36 A Notice of Intent for Expansion Under Interim Status was initiated with  
37 Ecology in December of 1992 to address decontamination activities, tank  
38 storage needs, container storage and treatment capacity, and containment  
39 building capabilities of the T Plant Complex. The storage and treatment of  
40 dry and liquid mixed waste in various sized containers will occur on the  
41 canyon deck and in various cells within the 221-T Building. The storage  
42 buildings located outside the 2706-T Building also are used to store and treat  
43 containerized mixed and/or dangerous waste. Container storage capability at  
44 the T Plant Complex is required because of the need to complete laboratory  
45 analysis and characterization of mixed and/or dangerous waste samples before  
46 transferring mixed waste containers to the Central Waste Complex or dangerous  
47 waste containers to the 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility.  
48 The treatment capability is needed in the event that it is necessary to treat  
49 the contents of some containers (e.g., addition of adsorbents to existing  
50 containers) before transfer. The containment building capability is required  
51 to allow the storage of solid mixed waste on the 221-T canyon deck and in  
52 various cells.

1 The T Plant Complex will be operated under interim status until  
2 incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

3  
4 **4.2.1.8 B Plant.** The B Plant is located in the 200 East Area and is  
5 categorized as a tank and miscellaneous treatment unit as well as a container,  
6 tank, and waste pile storage unit. The B Plant receives and treats low-level  
7 radioactive liquid waste from the Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility.  
8 Steam condensate generated during operation of essential plant systems, as  
9 well as the waste received from the Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility,  
10 are concentrated in a single-stage thermal siphon reboiler (miscellaneous  
11 treatment). The pH of the treated waste is adjusted and the waste is  
12 transferred to the Double-Shell Tank System for storage.

13  
14 Solid mixed waste is stored at B Plant in containers, tanks, and waste  
15 piles. Radioactively contaminated lead and chromium based paint waste, and  
16 radioactively contaminated spent sodium and mercury vapor light bulbs are  
17 stored in containers. Radioactive organic waste solvents are stored in tanks  
18 within process cells. Storage of mixed waste in waste piles also is performed  
19 on the canyon deck and in process cells at B Plant. The waste stored in the  
20 waste piles consists primarily of radioactive process jumpers with lead  
21 counterbalances.

22  
23 The B Plant will be operated under interim status until incorporated into  
24 the Hanford Facility Permit.

25  
26 **4.2.1.9 241-Z Treatment and Storage Tanks.** The 241-Z Treatment and Storage  
27 Tanks is a tank treatment and storage unit located in the 241-Z Building in  
28 the 200 West Area. Mixed waste generated at the Plutonium Finishing Plant  
29 (234-5Z) is transferred into the 241-Z Treatment and Storage Tanks. In the  
30 treatment tank, chemicals are added to adjust the pH of the waste to meet the  
31 corrosion protection requirements of the Double-Shell Tank System and to  
32 ensure aluminum compounds remain solubilized and provide the appropriate  
33 percentage of stable solids. Following treatment, the waste is pumped to a  
34 collection tank and transferred to the Double-Shell Tank System for storage.

35  
36 The 241-Z Treatment and Storage Tanks will be operated under interim  
37 status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

38  
39 **4.2.1.10 222-S Laboratory Complex.** The 222-S Laboratory Complex is a  
40 container storage and tank storage and treatment unit located in the 200 West  
41 Area. The 222-S Laboratory Complex provides analytical support services for  
42 the Hanford Site and includes tanks for treatment and storage of dangerous and  
43 mixed waste generated from analytical operations. The treatment and storage  
44 tanks associated with the 222-S Laboratory Complex consist of the 219-S Waste  
45 Handling Facility. The 219-S Waste Handling Facility consists of a primary  
46 treatment/storage tank, a backup storage tank, and a third storage tank.  
47 Mixed waste generated by the 222-S Laboratory flows by gravity to the  
48 219-S Waste Handling Facility tank(s). In the 219-S Waste Handling Facility  
49 treatment tank, the pH of the waste is adjusted to meet the corrosion  
50 protection requirements of the Double-Shell Tank System. Following treatment,  
51 the waste is pumped to the Double-Shell Tank System for Storage. The  
52 Dangerous and Mixed Waste Storage Area is a concrete area located on the north

1 side of the 222-S Laboratory that contains six metal storage structures. The  
2 two structures on the east end of the storage area are used for the storage of  
3 containers containing dangerous and/or mixed waste (labpacks). The other four  
4 structures store nonregulated materials.

5  
6 The 222-S Laboratory Complex will be operated under interim status until  
7 incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

#### 8 9 10 **4.2.2 Storage Units**

11  
12 Storage units located in the 200 Areas for which final status is sought  
13 (as of March 15, 1993) are discussed in the following sections.

14  
15 **4.2.2.1 Double-Shell Tank System.** The Double-Shell Tank System is a tank  
16 treatment and storage unit located in the 200 East and West Areas. The  
17 Double-Shell Tank System is used to treat and store mixed waste generated by  
18 Hanford Site operations and to support waste management and environmental  
19 restoration and remediation work. The Double-Shell Tank System includes  
20 28 one-million gallon tanks, four smaller tanks in concrete vaults, and  
21 ancillary equipment such as diversion boxes and waste transfer pipelines. The  
22 tanks provide long-term storage for mixed waste generated at several locations  
23 on the Hanford Facility. Waste is treated by evaporation and by the addition  
24 of chemicals to control corrosion. The waste eventually will be retrieved,  
25 treated as necessary, and disposed of. Expansion of storage capacities may be  
26 required to support the overall Hanford waste management and restoration and  
27 remediation mission.

28  
29 The Double-Shell Tank System will be operated under interim status until  
30 incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

31  
32 **4.2.2.2 Central Waste Complex.** The Central Waste Complex is located in the  
33 200 West Area. This treatment and storage unit consists of multiple storage  
34 structures (e.g., storage modules, buildings, and a storage pad) for  
35 radioactive and/or mixed waste. The Central Waste Complex provides the  
36 capacity to store both onsite waste and waste received from offsite. A phased  
37 construction schedule will be used to accommodate any changes in the  
38 radioactive and/or mixed waste production rate.

39  
40 The Central Waste Complex will be operated and expanded under interim  
41 status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

42  
43 **4.2.2.3 Liquid Effluent Retention Facility.** The Liquid Effluent Retention  
44 Facility, located in the 200 East Area, is categorized as a surface  
45 impoundment and miscellaneous storage unit. The Liquid Effluent Retention  
46 Facility will be used to provide interim storage of mixed waste effluent  
47 (process condensate) received from the 242-A Evaporator. The mixed waste will  
48 be stored until the 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility is available. The  
49 Liquid Effluent Retention Facility is a retention basin consisting of three  
50 cells (surface impoundments). Each cell of the unit is constructed with two  
51 liners, a leachate collection system between the liners, and a floating cover.  
52

1 The Liquid Effluent Retention Facility will be constructed and operated  
2 under interim status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.  
3

4 **4.2.2.4 224-T Transuranic Waste Storage and Assay Facility.** The  
5 224-T Transuranic Waste Storage and Assay Facility is located southeast of  
6 T Plant in the 200 West Area of the Hanford Facility. The 224-T Transuranic  
7 Waste Storage and Assay Facility provides a centralized unit for storage of  
8 transuranic mixed waste and low-level mixed waste from various Hanford  
9 Facility operations and from other U.S. Department of Energy and  
10 U.S. Department of Defense facilities. The transuranic mixed waste eventually  
11 will be transported for disposal to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New  
12 Mexico (when this plant becomes operational) or to another approved waste  
13 disposal site. The 224-T Transuranic Waste Storage and Assay Facility also  
14 will store retrieved containers of transuranic mixed waste from the Low-Level  
15 Burial Grounds. The Low-Level Burial Grounds transuranic mixed waste will be  
16 stored for characterization and reprocessing at the Waste Receiving and  
17 Processing unit. Assays of the waste at the 224-T Transuranic Waste Storage  
18 and Assay Facility consist of nondestructive testing to ensure that the waste  
19 meets waste acceptance criteria for the unit and for offsite disposal at the  
20 Waste Isolation Pilot Plant or another approved waste disposal site.  
21

22 The 224-T Transuranic Waste Storage and Assay Facility will be operated  
23 under interim status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.  
24

25 **4.2.2.5 PUREX Storage Tunnels.** The PUREX Storage Tunnels are miscellaneous  
26 storage units located in the 200 East Area next to the PUREX Plant. The PUREX  
27 Storage Tunnels include two underground railroad storage tunnels used for the  
28 long-term storage of process equipment removed from the PUREX Plant. Since  
29 being placed into service, various types of equipment containing mixed waste  
30 have been stored in the tunnels on railroad cars. The major components of the  
31 PUREX Storage Tunnels include the water-fillable doors, the storage area, and  
32 the ventilation system. Tunnel number 1 provides storage space for eight  
33 railroad cars. Between June 1960 and January 1965, all eight railroad car  
34 positions were filled and the tunnel subsequently sealed. Tunnel Number 2 is  
35 considerably longer than Tunnel Number 1 and provides storage space for  
36 40 railroad cars. The first railroad car was placed in Tunnel Number 2 in  
37 December 1967.  
38

39 The PUREX Tunnels supports the PUREX Plant. In December 1992, the  
40 U.S. Department of Energy-Headquarters determined that the PUREX Plant would  
41 no longer operate and directed that the PUREX Plant be deactivated. Tentative  
42 plans call for the preparation of a combined PUREX Plant and Storage Tunnels  
43 closure plan. If this is the case, PUREX Tunnels documentation (document  
44 number DOE/RL-90-24) will be removed from the Unit-Specific Portion of this  
45 permit application. Based on this approach, final status will not be sought  
46 for the PUREX Storage Tunnels.  
47  
48

#### 4.2.3 Disposal Units

Except for the Grout Treatment Facility, the only disposal unit located in the 200 Areas for which final status is sought (as of March 15, 1993) is the Low-Level Burial Grounds.

The Low-Level Burial Grounds TSD unit is categorized as a landfill. The Low-Level Burial Grounds TSD unit is divided into eight burial grounds. Each burial ground consists of a number of trenches. Six burial grounds are located in the 200 West Area and two burial grounds are located in the 200 East Area. The Low-Level Burial Grounds TSD unit currently accepts for disposal low-level waste and disposes of mixed waste according to its characteristics. The mixed waste is generated by several different operations, both on and off the Hanford Facility. The waste is packaged in steel, concrete, or wooden containers and placed in the burial trenches. Since 1987, most mixed waste, other than submarine reactor compartments, is being stored at the Central Waste Complex until a lined disposal trench is constructed within the Low-Level Burial Grounds.

The Low-Level Burial Grounds will be operated under interim status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

#### 4.3 300 AREA

The 300 Area historically was used for the fabrication of the 100 Area reactor fuels and for the main research and development activities for the Hanford Site. Fuels fabrication activities ceased when N Reactor was placed in standby. Current activities include research and development supporting the waste management and environmental restoration and remediation mission, including the development of new technologies for the treatment and disposal of the waste accumulated throughout the life of the Hanford Site.

Currently (as of March 15, 1993), final status is sought for five TSD units located in the 300 Area. The TSD units include both treatment and storage units.

##### 4.3.1 Treatment Units

Treatment units located in the 300 Areas for which final status is sought (as of March 15, 1993) are discussed in the following sections.

**4.3.1.1 325/3100 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit.** The 325/3100 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit, categorized as a miscellaneous treatment unit, currently is located in rooms 520 and 528 of the 325 Building. At present, the 3100 portion of the unit is not active. Current plans are for the construction of a new building, or retrofitting of an existing building, in the 300 Area.

The 325/3100 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit is used to treat small quantities of diverse chemicals and mixed waste generated from ongoing research and development activities. The 325/3100 Hazardous Waste Treatment

Unit treats mixed waste by grouting and other processes and also serves as a research and development area to test and evaluate the effectiveness of thermal, physical, chemical, and biological treatment technologies.

The 325/3100 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit will be operated under interim status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

**4.3.1.2 Biological Treatment Test Facilities.** The Biological Treatment Test Facilities TSD unit is categorized as a miscellaneous treatment unit. The Biological Treatment Test Facilities unit is used to perform research, development, and testing of biological waste treatment technologies capable of treating dangerous waste. These technologies can treat various chemical constituents, such as organics, nitrates, chromium, and cyanide waste constituents in soil; effluents; and groundwater through the use of microorganisms (naturally present organisms or organisms that are environmentally enhanced). Technologies are tested in selected laboratories in the 324, 325, and 331 Buildings; however, the technologies are being developed for future uses in other units and at dangerous waste remedial action locations.

The Biological Treatment Test Facilities TSD unit will be operated under interim status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit. An evaluation currently is underway to determine if an alternate permitting approach, such as preparation of a research, development, and demonstration permit application, might be more appropriate.

**4.3.1.3 Physical/Chemical Treatment Test Facilities.** The Physical and Chemical Treatment Test Facilities TSD unit is categorized as a miscellaneous treatment unit. The Physical and Chemical Treatment Test Facilities TSD unit is used to perform research, development, and testing of physical and chemical waste treatment technologies for the treatment of mixed waste. These technologies are tested in hot cell complexes in the 324 and 325 Buildings and in selected laboratories in the 324 Building. The technologies are being developed for future uses in other units and at dangerous waste remedial action locations.

The Physical and Chemical Treatment Test Facilities Unit will be operated under interim status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit. An evaluation currently is underway to determine if an alternate permitting approach, such as preparation of a research, development, and demonstration permit application, might be more appropriate.

**4.3.1.4 Thermal Treatment Test Facilities.** The Thermal Treatment Test Facilities TSD unit is categorized as a miscellaneous treatment unit. The Thermal Treatment Test Facilities TSD unit is used to perform research, development, and testing of waste treatment technologies capable of treating mixed waste. These technologies are tested in the high bay and hot cell complex of the 324 Building, in the in situ vitrification test site west of the 300 Area, the 116-B-6-1 Crib, and in other selected laboratories in the 324, 325, and 331 Buildings. The technologies are being developed for future uses in other units and at dangerous waste remedial action locations.

1 The Thermal Treatment Test Facilities Unit will be operated under interim  
2 status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit. An evaluation  
3 currently is underway to determine if an alternate permitting approach, such  
4 as preparation of a research, development, and demonstration permit  
5 application, might be more appropriate.  
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#### 8 4.3.2 Storage Units 9

10 Currently (as of March 15, 1993), the only storage unit located in the  
11 300 Area for which final status is sought is the 305-B Storage Unit.  
12

13 The 305-B Storage Unit is categorized as a container storage unit. The  
14 305-B Storage Unit is used to receive, store, and prepare dangerous and mixed  
15 waste for shipment. Waste managed at this unit is generated primarily in  
16 support of research and development activities. Waste is characterized by the  
17 generating unit as required for designation and transported to the  
18 305-B Storage Unit by truck or light utility vehicle. On receipt at the  
19 305-B Storage Unit, the waste is placed into the proper storage area depending  
20 on the waste type and quantity. When a sufficient quantity of waste has been  
21 accumulated, the waste is inspected for shipment, and transported to an onsite  
22 TSD unit (for mixed waste) or an offsite TSD facility (for dangerous waste).  
23

24 The 305-B Storage unit will be operated under interim status until  
25 incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.  
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#### 28 4.4 400 AREA 29

30 The 400 Area was developed for the experimentation of breeder reactor  
31 technologies, development of isotopes for medical uses, and development and  
32 testing of equipment and materials under high radiation fields. The Fast Flux  
33 Test Facility is the main reactor used in this experimentation. Currently (as  
34 of March 15, 1993), the only TSD unit in the 400 Area is the Maintenance and  
35 Storage Facility.  
36

37 The Maintenance and Storage Facility is categorized as a tank treatment  
38 unit for washing residual sodium from Fast Flux Test Facility spent nonfuel  
39 components before their storage and disposal. The process consists of placing  
40 sodium contaminated material in a tank and reacting surface sodium  
41 contamination with water. To date, the Maintenance and Storage Facility  
42 systems never have been operated for any dangerous waste management  
43 activities. A recent U.S. Department of Energy-Headquarters directive to  
44 place the Fast Flux Test Facility into a standby condition makes the need for  
45 the regulated sodium removal process at the Maintenance and Storage Facility  
46 uncertain.  
47

48 The Maintenance and Storage Facility unit will remain under interim  
49 status until the Part A permit application, Form 3, is withdrawn or until this  
50 TSD unit is incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.  
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1 **4.5 600 AREA**  
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3 The 600 Area includes everything within the Hanford Site boundary that is  
4 not within any other specific area. Currently, two TSD units are located  
5 within the 600 Area. These units include a storage unit and a treatment and  
6 storage unit.  
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9 **4.5.1 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility**  
10

11 The 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility, located between  
12 the 200 East and 200 West Areas, is categorized as a container storage unit.  
13 The 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility provides a centralized  
14 unit to receive, store, and prepare for offsite shipment nonradioactive  
15 dangerous waste. Before receipt of dangerous waste at the 616 Nonradioactive  
16 Dangerous Waste Storage Facility, the generating unit characterizes the waste,  
17 assigns waste codes according to WAC 173-303, and packages the waste according  
18 to U.S. Department of Transportation regulations for hazardous materials. The  
19 waste is shipped to the 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility  
20 by truck. Once a waste shipment is accepted from the transporter,  
21 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility personnel select an  
22 appropriate storage cell for each container, depending on the dangerous waste  
23 designation. Approximately 18 times per year, depending on the rate of waste  
24 accumulation, containers are remanifested, inspected for offsite shipment, and  
25 transported to an offsite TSD facility.  
26

27 The 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage unit will be operated  
28 under interim status until this unit is incorporated into the Hanford Facility  
29 Permit.  
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31

32 **4.5.2 600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility**  
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34 The 600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility, located north of  
35 the 216-B-3 Pond System, is categorized as a miscellaneous storage and  
36 treatment unit. The 600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility is  
37 used for interim storage and treatment of purgewater generated from  
38 groundwater monitoring wells located throughout the Hanford Facility. The  
39 purgewater is generated when a groundwater monitoring well is developed or  
40 groundwater samples are obtained. The purgewater from a groundwater  
41 monitoring well is transported by tank truck and pumped directly into the  
42 600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility, consisting of six  
43 aboveground structures. Treatment of the purgewater by evaporation is carried  
44 out in these six structures.  
45

46 The designation of purgewater as a dangerous waste is presently being  
47 evaluated. The 600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility unit will  
48 be operated under interim status until the Part A permit application, Form 3,  
49 is withdrawn or until this unit is incorporated into the Hanford Facility  
50 Permit.  
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#### 4.6 DESIGN AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

This section presents a discussion of the processes used to control design and operational information, and the method for transmitting design and operational changes to the regulators. In addition, a discussion of certification is included, as it pertains to supporting certain RCRA and dangerous waste permitting activities.

##### 4.6.1 Transmittal of Design Information to Regulatory Agencies

Design of TSD units on the Hanford Facility is controlled in accordance with an established engineering control system. Standard engineering practices ensure that uniform methods are in place to control tasks such as design review, configuration control, change control, specification preparation, and review and approval requirements. These practices are used on all engineering, development, and project work on the Hanford Facility, which result in a documented design or deliverable hardware end item.

Development of, and changes to, design specifications and drawings related to TSD units on the Hanford Facility are carried out in accordance with the engineering practices of the contractor responsible for the activity. Although there is some variation among contractors, no work affecting design (excluding emergency response activities that will be conducted in accordance with contingency plans) is allowed to be performed at a TSD unit until an approved design drawing or appropriate engineering design directive has been issued. This process ensures that components and materials selected meet system requirements while providing a means for configuration control.

The contents of WAC 173-303-830 require that design changes, at a minimum, be submitted as Class 1 permit modifications. This requires that permit holders submit specific information regarding the design change to the regulatory agencies within 7 days after the change is put into effect. The magnitude of the work on the Hanford Facility that involves modifications to existing approved designs is substantial, and the following approach will be used to address the modification process. Requirements specified in WAC 173-303-830 will be followed for design changes categorized as Class 2 or Class 3 permit modifications and for design changes categorized as Class 1 permit modifications requiring regulatory agency approval before implementation. Other Class 1 changes will be submitted annually in accordance with Chapter 1.0, Section 1.5, of the General Information Portion of this permit application. Classification of permit modifications will be as established in Appendix I of WAC 173-303-830.

On an ongoing basis, a tabulation of design changes (for those TSD units incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit) can be located through RCRA Compliance Support (Chapter 12.0).

#### 4.6.2 Utilization of Aperture Cards

Additions to the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application are prepared according to the requirements prescribed in WAC 173-303-806. These requirements specify inclusion of certain design information, including design drawings as well as other engineering data.

Design drawings included as part of unit-specific documentation will be provided in an 11-inch by 17-inch format. Drawings provided in this format, for the most part, will exhibit a sufficient degree of legibility to support document review. In selected cases, it might be necessary to enlarge certain portions of drawings to enhance legibility. To support this need, drawings included as part of unit-specific documentation also will be provided in an aperture card format.

#### 4.6.3 Replacement or Upgrading With Functionally Equivalent Components

All maintenance on the Hanford Facility is controlled and performed in accordance with an established work control system. The work control system ensures that the proper documentation is prepared for the activity, and also provides a means to track work from initiation to completion.

The contents of WAC 173-303-830, Appendix I, identify equipment replacement or upgrading with functionally equivalent components (e.g., pipes, valves, pumps, conveyors, controls) as a Class 1 modification to a permit. This requires that permit holders submit specific information regarding the use of functionally equivalent components to the regulatory agencies within 7 days after the change is put into effect. The magnitude of the work on the Hanford Facility that involves the use of functionally equivalent components is substantial, and the following approach will be used to address the modification process. On an ongoing basis, a tabulation of functional equivalency information (i.e., a listing of equivalent equipment substitutions for those TSD units incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit) can be located through RCRA Compliance Support (Chapter 12.0). Class 1 changes relating to functionally equivalent components (for those TSD units incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit) will be submitted annually in accordance with Chapter 1.0, Section 1.5, of the General Information Portion of this permit application.

#### 4.6.4 Professional Engineer Certification

Certifications in accordance with WAC 173-303-810(13)(a) by an independent registered professional engineer/registered professional engineer are required to support certain RCRA and dangerous waste permitting activities on the Hanford Facility (e.g., tank integrity assessments, closures, etc.). Such certification, where required, will be conducted using a U.S. Department of Energy contractor or subcontractor. Employees of the U.S. Department of Energy will not be used to make the certifications.

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## 5.0 GROUNDWATER MONITORING [E]

This chapter describes the groundwater monitoring activities for Hanford Facility TSD units for which final status is sought. These activities are structured to provide groundwater monitoring systems for individual TSD units that are operated as a dangerous waste surface impoundment, waste pile, land treatment unit, or landfill. These activities also are structured for TSD units that will be closed with waste in place and thus be subject to postclosure monitoring requirements. The groundwater monitoring activities also support Milestone M-24-00 contained in the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan.

A description of the groundwater monitoring programs for individual TSD units is provided in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. These unit-specific groundwater monitoring programs are designed to comply with Ecology regulations. These regulations are for TSD units operating under both interim status (WAC 173-303-400) and final status (WAC 173-303-645 and WAC 173-303-806). The following is a generalized discussion of the RCRA groundwater monitoring requirements for a TSD unit. This discussion provides background information relevant to subsequent, more specific groundwater monitoring discussions. In these discussions, the term 'RCRA' refers to both federal and state groundwater monitoring regulations, as appropriate.

The RCRA is implemented under two groundwater monitoring programs: interim status and final status monitoring. A TSD unit operating under interim status must have implemented a monitoring program to determine the impact of the TSD unit on groundwater quality in the uppermost aquifer beneath the TSD unit. The interim status program can take the form of either detection monitoring or assessment monitoring. At a minimum, a detection monitoring system must include one upgradient and three downgradient groundwater monitoring wells. A generalized configuration for such a system is shown in Figure 5-1. Currently (as of March 15, 1993), only interim status monitoring is being conducted as no TSD unit has yet been incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

Before the installation of a detection monitoring system, a groundwater monitoring plan must be developed and followed. This plan details well locations, procedures, and techniques for well installation; sample collection, preservation, and transportation; and sample analysis. Chain-of-custody control must be developed and followed. Additionally, data quality objectives related to precision, accuracy, representativeness, completeness, and comparability [(PARCC parameters) EPA 1987] requirements are specified [e.g., in a site-specific groundwater monitoring plan and a quality assurance project plan (QAPjP)]. Also specified are methods to be used to interpret groundwater monitoring data.

The detection monitoring system is used to establish background groundwater quality through quarterly sampling and analysis of several water quality parameters (as specified in 40 CFR 265.92) for 1 year. After the first year, sampling and analysis must be conducted annually for the parameters related to groundwater quality, and semiannually for the indicator

1 parameters related to groundwater contamination [e.g., pH, specific  
2 conductance, total organic carbon (TOC), and total organic halogen (TOX)].

3  
4 If a statistically significant increase in the groundwater concentration  
5 of an indicator parameter (or pH decrease) is confirmed in the downgradient  
6 wells (Figure 5-1) of the monitoring system, the regulatory agency is notified  
7 and a groundwater quality assessment monitoring program developed. The  
8 objective of assessment monitoring is to determine if dangerous waste  
9 constituents have entered the groundwater and, if so, the concentration, rate,  
10 and extent of migration of the constituents. This determination is achieved  
11 through quarterly sampling and could require the installation of additional  
12 wells or sampling of additional existing wells. Monitoring must continue at  
13 the TSD unit through the postclosure care period.

14  
15 For the TSD units for which final status is sought, there might be a  
16 three-stage groundwater monitoring program that involves detection,  
17 compliance, and corrective action, as warranted (EPA 1989b). A final status  
18 detection monitoring system must include both background (generally  
19 upgradient) and compliance (generally downgradient) wells (Figure 5-1). Wells  
20 installed to support interim status may be used as final status monitoring  
21 wells. A groundwater monitoring plan, similar to the plan described for  
22 interim status monitoring, is developed to address each final status  
23 monitoring stage. Also specified in each plan are methods to be used to  
24 conduct and interpret groundwater monitoring data. The choice of an  
25 appropriate statistical method depends on the monitoring stage and the nature  
26 of the data. A flow chart that guides the selection of the appropriate method  
27 to be used for data interpretation is presented in Figure 5-2.

28  
29 In a final status detection monitoring program, the monitoring objective  
30 is to detect any impact of the TSD unit on groundwater quality in the  
31 uppermost aquifer beneath the TSD unit. This is achieved by establishing  
32 appropriate background concentrations and statistically comparing the  
33 compliance well data to the background well data (Figure 5-1). If there is a  
34 statistically significant increase (or pH decrease) over background  
35 concentrations, a compliance monitoring program might be initiated. A  
36 compliance monitoring program must be initiated after the owner and/or  
37 operator cannot successfully demonstrate that a source other than the  
38 regulated unit has caused the contamination or that the increase resulted from  
39 an error in sampling, analysis, or evaluation.

40  
41 In a compliance monitoring program, the monitoring objective is to  
42 determine whether groundwater protection standards have been exceeded. This  
43 is accomplished by comparing the concentration of a constituent of concern to  
44 groundwater protection standards, such as an alternate concentration limit,  
45 maximum concentration limit, area or natural background, health-based  
46 standards, or any other standards that constitute applicable, relevant, and  
47 appropriate requirements. Monitoring must continue at the TSD unit through  
48 the postclosure care period.

49  
50 A third stage, a corrective action program, is initiated if a condition  
51 exists that warrants corrective action, e.g., significant exceedance of

groundwater protection standards. Corrective action could consist of the removal or treatment in place of the dangerous constituents.

The remainder of this chapter includes a more specific discussion of the implementation of the Hanford Facility groundwater monitoring activities.

## 5.1 EXEMPTION FROM GROUNDWATER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS [E-1]

A waiver from the groundwater monitoring requirements as allowed under WAC 173-303-645 is not requested in the General Information Portion of this permit application. Any requests for waivers from groundwater monitoring requirements will be included in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.

## 5.2 INTERIM STATUS PERIOD GROUNDWATER MONITORING DATA [E-2]

In 1986, interim status groundwater monitoring for four Hanford Facility TSD units was implemented through a *Consent Agreement and Compliance Order* (Ecology 1986). Three of these units are to be closed under interim status, and are not within the scope of the Hanford Facility Permit Application. As specified in the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan, permit application documentation for the remaining unit, the Low-Level Burial Grounds, was submitted in 1989 (DOE-RL 1989a). Final status is sought for at least two other TSD units requiring groundwater monitoring systems, the Grout Treatment Facility (DOE-RL 1988a) and the Liquid Effluent Retention Facility (DOE-RL 1991b). The initial permit application documentation for these two units was submitted in November 1988 and June 1991, respectively.

The interim status groundwater monitoring program implemented for a TSD unit during the interim status period is summarized in the following sections. The information presented includes (1) a summary of the existing hydrogeologic data, (2) a description of the general well design, (3) discussion of the groundwater monitoring system design, (4) a summary of the interim status groundwater sampling and analysis plan for monitoring wells, and (5) a preliminary description of the statistical procedures used to assess water quality results. In addition, a summary is presented on the techniques and methods used to characterize the uppermost aquifer beneath the Hanford Site in support of the monitoring well system design.

### 5.2.1 Interim Status Groundwater Monitoring Approach

A specific investigative approach is taken to support the design of each TSD unit groundwater monitoring system in the interim status period. This approach consists of the following two elements.

- Establish an initial groundwater monitoring well system from which stratigraphic, hydrogeologic, and background water quality information

1 can be obtained for the uppermost aquifer. Data from this initial  
2 system are used to determine the need for additional monitoring wells.  
3

- 4 • Provide hydrogeologic properties of the uppermost aquifer system  
5 beneath the TSD unit using data collected from the monitoring well  
6 system and from previously collected or published data.  
7

8 Groundwater monitoring plans are developed for each TSD unit to address  
9 these elements. These groundwater monitoring plans contain specific details  
10 regarding characterization needs and details regarding the monitoring system  
11 design. The groundwater monitoring plans also contain a sampling and analysis  
12 plan.  
13

14 Groundwater monitoring plans have been developed for all three TSD units  
15 for which final status is sought. Citations for these plans are as follows:  
16 (1) Low-Level Burial Grounds (WHC 1989c); (2) the Grout Treatment Facility  
17 (WHC 1989a), and (3) Liquid Effluent Retention Facility (WHC 1991c). Two  
18 assessment monitoring plans also have been prepared for the Low-Level Burial  
19 Grounds (WHC 1990b, 1990c).  
20

21 As part of groundwater monitoring system installation, subsurface  
22 sediment samples usually are collected during drilling at each well location.  
23 These samples, if collected, are described and classified in the field.  
24 Selected samples are submitted to a laboratory for analyses to determine  
25 various physical and chemical parameters.  
26

27 Data collected from installation of the monitoring system and from  
28 previously collected or published data are summarized in a characterization  
29 report. Characterization reports have been completed for all three TSD units  
30 for which final status is sought and are summarized in the respective Part B  
31 permit application documentation (i.e., Low-Level Burial Grounds, Grout  
32 Treatment Facility, and the Liquid Effluent Retention Facility).  
33

34 Groundwater is collected and analyzed from monitoring wells under the  
35 interim status program. During the first year of monitoring, samples are  
36 collected quarterly to establish background water quality for each well. This  
37 background is an 'area background' as defined in the *Model Toxics Control Act*  
38 *Cleanup Regulations* (MTCA) (WAC 173-340-200). Statistical evaluations of  
39 subsequent data are compared with these background concentrations to provide  
40 an indication of whether dangerous constituents from the TSD unit are  
41 significantly affecting the groundwater.  
42

43 The annual RCRA groundwater monitoring report provides an interpretation  
44 of the data obtained through the sampling programs for the interim status  
45 groundwater systems, including such information for the Low-Level Burial  
46 Grounds, Grout Treatment Facility, Liquid Effluent Retention Facility, and  
47 other RCRA units. Groundwater monitoring results have been, and will continue  
48 to be, reported in the annual RCRA groundwater monitoring report released by  
49 March 1 of each calendar year.  
50

51 Pertinent information has been abstracted from groundwater monitoring  
52 plans and characterization reports for inclusion in the unit-specific permit

1 application documentation for the Low-Level Burial Grounds, Grout Treatment  
2 Facility, and Liquid Effluent Retention Facility. The annual RCRA groundwater  
3 monitoring report will be the documentation used to provide updates of  
4 groundwater monitoring data relevant to each of these TSD units.

## 5.2.2 Investigative Methods

9 The techniques and methods used to assess the hydrogeologic properties of  
10 the uppermost aquifer beneath the Hanford Site are summarized in this section.  
11 This summary includes the following:

- 12 • Sources used for existing hydrogeologic information
- 13 • Design and construction details for interim status wells
- 14 • Descriptions of investigative techniques, including geologic sampling  
15 methods, geophysical well logging methods, hydrochemical sampling  
16 methods, and hydrogeologic testing methods.

21 **5.2.2.1 Existing Hanford Site Hydrogeologic Information.** Hydrogeologic  
22 information has been collected since activities began on the Hanford Site in  
23 the mid-1940s. Much of the information on subsurface geology of the Hanford  
24 Site is derived from the analyses and interpretations of boreholes and wells  
25 completed in and around the Hanford Site. Data have been compiled into a new  
26 database, the Hanford Environmental Information System (HEIS). This more  
27 comprehensive computer database management system will accommodate all data  
28 related to environmental activities within the Hanford Site.

30 Borehole samples have been archived in the Hanford Geotechnical Sample  
31 Library. Geophysical logs from the boreholes are maintained by the  
32 appropriate contractor.

34 There are numerous reports that provide interpretations of raw data.  
35 Much of what is known about the geology, hydrology, climatology, and  
36 meteorology of the Hanford Site has been compiled in the Consultation Draft  
37 Site Characterization Plan (DOE 1988, volumes 1, 2, and 3). More recent  
38 Hanford Site studies include a summary of groundwater quality (WHC 1989b) and  
39 a compilation of semiannual water table elevation maps (WHC 1991b).

41 **5.2.2.2 General Well Design.** As required by WAC 173-303-400(3)(a) and  
42 40 CFR 265.91, the interim status groundwater monitoring system includes the  
43 completion of monitoring wells to obtain representative groundwater samples  
44 from the uppermost aquifer beneath each of the TSD units.

46 In some circumstances, wells that existed before implementing the RCRA  
47 groundwater monitoring requirements are used as part of the monitoring  
48 network. Carbon steel casing frequently was used in the older wells for the  
49 permanent casing in combination with stainless steel screens. Some of the  
50 oldest wells have perforations in the carbon steel casing that act as the well  
51 screen. Authorization and criteria for using groundwater wells that existed

1 before the lists of the RCRA parameters were established are provided in a  
2 letter from Ecology and the EPA dated July 16, 1990 (EPA and Ecology 1990).  
3

4 Details on the individual well completion methods are provided in the  
5 TSD unit-specific groundwater monitoring plans. Specifications for well  
6 designs (e.g., WHC 1990a) and procedures for performing the well installations  
7 are contained in contractor manuals.  
8

9 **5.2.2.3 Well Locations.** The locations of the interim status monitoring wells  
10 for the individual TSD units are documented in the TSD unit-specific  
11 groundwater monitoring plans and in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit  
12 application.  
13

14 **5.2.2.4 Downgradient and Upgradient Interim Status Wells.** At least one  
15 monitoring well is installed hydraulically upgradient from each TSD unit. The  
16 number, location(s), and depth(s) must be sufficient to yield groundwater  
17 samples that are representative of the area background groundwater quality in  
18 the uppermost aquifer beneath the TSD unit and not impacted by the TSD unit.  
19

20 There must be at least three groundwater monitoring wells located  
21 hydraulically downgradient at the limit of the waste management area  
22 (e.g., point of compliance) (Figure 5-1). The number, locations, and depths  
23 of the wells are designed for the detection of any statistically significant  
24 amount of dangerous waste constituents that might migrate from the TSD unit to  
25 the uppermost aquifer.  
26

27 The upgradient and downgradient well locations for each TSD unit are  
28 selected on the basis of water table elevations and any other applicable  
29 information available at the time of well installation. Well locations and  
30 lengths of screens could be adjusted to accommodate changing water level  
31 conditions. The well locations for TSD units are found in the interim status  
32 groundwater monitoring plans and in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit  
33 application.  
34

35 **5.2.2.5 General Hydrogeologic Investigative Techniques.** Characterization of  
36 the hydrogeologic properties of TSD units on the Hanford Facility might be  
37 based on information gained from borehole sediment samples, geophysical  
38 logging, aquifer testing, water level measurements, and other pertinent  
39 sources of information.  
40

41 Borehole sediment samples can be collected using any of three different  
42 sampling methods: split-barrel core, drive-barrel grab samples, and hard-tool  
43 and bailer grab samples. Alternative sampling methods can be used as  
44 appropriate. Samples usually are collected at 5-foot (1.52-meter) intervals.  
45 Additional samples are collected at lithologic contacts, in moist zones, and  
46 in zones where organic substances are detected. The following describes the  
47 testing that could be conducted on selected sediment samples:  
48

- 49 • Field lithologic characterization
- 50
- 51 • Laboratory petrographic and mineralogic analyses (thin sections,  
52 x-ray diffraction, x-ray fluorescence)

- Grain-size distribution
- Field moisture content
- Water retention capacity
- Calcium carbonate content
- Total and inorganic carbon analysis
- Cation exchange capacity
- Hydraulic conductivity.

Field moisture content, water retention capacity, and hydraulic conductivity analyses usually are not performed on bailed samples because of the high degree of physical disturbance. The unit-specific permit application documentation contains details regarding sample collection intervals and tests performed.

Historically, the following types of geophysical borehole logging were available and might have been conducted:

- Natural gamma (gross gamma ray)
- Porosity (neutron-epithermal neutron)
- Density (gamma-gamma).

Currently, gross gamma ray logging is the primary geophysical tool used. Usually during construction, the borehole is logged with a gross gamma probe after each size of temporary casing is placed and again on completion of the well. Other tools available that might have been used are a downhole video camera, caliper logging tool, and spectral gamma ray logging tool.

Limited hydraulic properties have been obtained from field determinations as well as permeameter testing in the laboratory. Aquifer testing (constant-discharge production and recovery phases) was performed primarily before 1989. Increased restrictions on purgewater disposal resulted in the use of alternative testing methods from 1989 through September 15, 1991. During this period, slug testing was the preferred method used to obtain field information on the aquifer properties. This method entailed instantaneously changing the aquifer hydraulic head by suddenly removing a cylinder of known volume. The water level recovery response was observed over time. Descriptions of the test method used to obtain hydraulic property information are provided in unit-specific permit application documentation.

### 5.2.3 Interim Status Data

Groundwater monitoring activities performed during the interim status period are summarized in this section.

1 **5.2.3.1 Sampling and Analysis Plan.** Sampling and analysis plans are found in  
2 the unit-specific groundwater monitoring plans. The aspects of the  
3 groundwater sampling and analysis plans that have been and currently are being  
4 used for the interim status program monitoring wells are described in this  
5 section. Representative groundwater samples from the uppermost aquifer  
6 beneath the Hanford Facility are obtained and analyzed for the purpose of  
7 detecting potential contaminant releases from TSD units. All interim status  
8 sampling activities on the Hanford Facility currently are performed in  
9 accordance with SW-846 protocol or an EPA-approved method (EPA 1986b).

10  
11 The interim status groundwater sampling program is designed to provide  
12 initial water quality information on groundwater in the uppermost aquifer  
13 beneath the TSD units. Dedicated sampling equipment is provided for most of  
14 the wells, thus minimizing the potential for cross-contamination between the  
15 wells. The dedicated components of the system consist of a pump, well cap,  
16 sampling manifold, and access for a water-level measurement device.

17  
18 The static water-level is measured before obtaining groundwater samples.  
19 The well is purged to obtain a representative sample. The samples are  
20 collected and submitted for analyses. Samples are collected in accordance  
21 with established procedures (PNL 1989a). The following sections describe the  
22 general methods used in the acquisition of groundwater samples.

23  
24 **5.2.3.1.1 Static Water-Level Measurements.** The static water level is  
25 measured, recorded, and remeasured until reproducible results are obtained  
26 before purging or sampling monitoring wells. Steel tape measurements are  
27 taken as depth-to-water from the top of the well casing and are subtracted  
28 from the surveyed elevation of the casing to obtain the elevation of the water  
29 level. Measurements are reported to the nearest 0.01 foot (0.3048 centimeter)  
30 and are repeated until two readings agree to within plus or minus 0.02 foot  
31 (0.6096 centimeter).

32  
33 **5.2.3.1.2 Well Purging.** Interim status monitoring wells are purged  
34 before sample collection to obtain groundwater samples that are representative  
35 of groundwater rather than of the stagnant water from the well casing.  
36 Groundwater that has occupied the well undergoes chemical changes that cause  
37 its composition to differ from that of true groundwater. Monitoring wells are  
38 purged until a minimum of three casing volumes of water have been removed from  
39 the well. The pumping rate during purging is approximately 3 to 5 gallons  
40 (11 to 19 liters) per minute for high-yield wells. If a monitoring well is  
41 not capable of sustaining this extraction rate, the pumping rate is reduced.  
42 Purging of low-yielding monitoring wells (i.e., wells that are pumped dry)  
43 will consist of removing all standing water.

44  
45 **5.2.3.1.3 Sample Withdrawal.** Water samples are withdrawn from the well  
46 after the monitoring well has been purged. Multiple groundwater samples are  
47 obtained for laboratory analyses during the sampling event. Samples typically  
48 are collected and bottled in the following order:

- 49  
50
  - Bottles with septum caps (volatiles)
  - 51 • Unfiltered samples (major-ions, cyanide, semivolatiles, metals)
  - 52 • Filtered samples (metals).

1       **5.2.3.1.4 Field Analyses.** Temperature, pH, and specific conductivity  
2 are measured and recorded during well purging and sample withdrawal.  
3 Groundwater samples for laboratory analysis are not collected until each of  
4 these parameters has stabilized (PNL 1989a).

5  
6       **5.2.3.1.5 Sample Preservation and Handling.** Prelabeled sample bottles  
7 containing the appropriate preservative are supplied for each monitoring well.  
8 The containers for samples that are to be analyzed for volatile and  
9 semivolatile organic compounds and total organic halogen are filled so that  
10 the meniscus of the fluid is above the rim of the sample container to ensure  
11 that there is no free head space.

12  
13       Sample bottles are placed in sealed, insulated coolers immediately after  
14 collection and packed with ice to cool the samples to approximately 40 °F  
15 (4 °C) as required in SW-846 (EPA 1986b). The samples are transported to the  
16 laboratory for analysis.

17  
18       **5.2.3.1.6 Chain of Custody.** Chain-of-custody procedures are followed in  
19 collecting interim status data to ensure the compositional integrity of  
20 groundwater samples from the time of collection through laboratory analysis  
21 and data reporting. This program involves the use and control of sample  
22 labels, sample seals, field record forms, chain-of-custody forms, sample  
23 analysis request forms, and laboratory acceptance procedures.

24  
25       **5.2.3.1.7 Quality Assurance and Quality Control Procedures.** Quality  
26 assurance and quality control procedures are applied to both field and  
27 laboratory interim status data to ensure the reliability and validity of the  
28 data. Data quality requirements such as PARCC parameters and detection limits  
29 are addressed in the *Quality Assurance Project Plan for RCRA Groundwater*  
30 *Monitoring Activities* (WHC 1990d, as amended). The Tri-Party Agreement  
31 (Article XXXV, Paragraph 101, Article XXX, Paragraph 94, and Sections 6.5  
32 and 7.8 of the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan) also specify quality assurance  
33 and quality control requirements that are to be implemented. Site-specific  
34 quality assurance and quality control procedures for the groundwater  
35 monitoring program are documented in the *Quality Assurance Project Plan for*  
36 *RCRA Groundwater Monitoring Activities* (WHC 1990d, as amended) and in the *RCRA*  
37 *Groundwater Monitoring Projects Quality Assurance Project Plan* (PNL 1989b, as  
38 amended). Criterion for the monitoring of field and trip blanks,  
39 interlaboratory samples, and other quality control measures (e.g., blind  
40 spiked samples, field duplicates) is described in a QAPjP (WHC 1990d, as  
41 amended).

42  
43       **5.2.3.1.8 Disposal of Purgewater.** Disposal of purgewater is determined  
44 by analytical results of the groundwater. If the analytical results exceed  
45 the criteria established in *Strategy for Handling and Disposing of Purgewater*  
46 *on the Hanford Site Washington* (WHC 1989d) appended to the Tri-Party  
47 Agreement, the purgewater is contained. All other purgewater is returned to  
48 the ground or as specified in the strategy document (WHC 1989d).

49  
50       **5.2.3.2 Analytical Data.** Analytical data on the interim status groundwater  
51 program are presented in the following sections.  
52

1       **5.2.3.2.1 Groundwater Elevations.** Groundwater elevation data have been  
2 obtained for the interim status wells since RCRA groundwater monitoring began.  
3 Water levels also are available for existing wells prior to the  
4 RCRA groundwater monitoring program. Water level data are compiled into the  
5 HEIS database. Hanford Sitewide groundwater maps are produced semiannually.  
6 Site-specific water level data for RCRA units are documented quarterly and  
7 groundwater elevation maps are produced annually (refer to quarterly and  
8 annual reports for RCRA groundwater monitoring).

9  
10       **5.2.3.2.2 Results of Water Quality Analyses--Quarterly Samples.**  
11 Quarterly samples are collected for the first year to establish background  
12 water quality. Constituents analyzed for are specified by 40 CFR 265.92  
13 (b)(1)(2)(3). Specific analytical parameters are specified in unit-specific  
14 permit application documentation. After the first year, the wells are  
15 monitored for 40 CFR 265.92 (b)(2) groundwater quality parameters annually and  
16 40 CFR 265.92 (b)(3) indicator parameters and site-specific parameters  
17 semiannually. The TSD units in assessment level monitoring require sampling  
18 quarterly. The constituents analyzed for are detailed in unit-specific permit  
19 application documentation.

20  
21       All groundwater quality data from the monitoring well network are entered  
22 into a database for permanent storage and are published in quarterly  
23 groundwater monitoring reports.

24  
25       **5.2.3.2.3 Statistical Results.** Statistical analyses of the sampling  
26 results for indicator parameters (including pH, specific conductivity, total  
27 organic carbon, and total organic halogens) are discussed in unit-specific  
28 permit application documentation. Detailed statistical analysis methods have  
29 been documented (WHC 1991d). Results of statistical analyses are presented in  
30 a RCRA groundwater monitoring annual report (e.g., DOE-RL 1991a).

### 31 32 33 **5.3 AQUIFER IDENTIFICATION [E-3]**

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35       The characteristics of the uppermost aquifer beneath the Hanford Site,  
36 and regional hydrogeologic factors influencing this aquifer are summarized in  
37 the following section. This summary begins with a brief description of the  
38 regional physiographic and geomorphic setting of the Hanford Site. The  
39 climate and meteorology of the region also is summarized to address aquifer  
40 recharge potential from precipitation. An overview of the regional geologic  
41 framework follows, as this framework provides a major influence on aquifer  
42 characteristics. A description of the physical characteristics of the  
43 uppermost aquifer and a summary of groundwater travel time determinations  
44 comprise the remainder of this section. Hydrogeologic terms used in this  
45 discussion are defined in the glossary contained in Appendix 1B. A brief  
46 parenthetical explanation follows the initial use of these terms within the  
47 text.

48  
49       The hydrogeologic information for the Hanford Site discussed in this  
50 section also applies to the Hanford Facility, unless otherwise designated.

### 5.3.1 Physiographic and Geomorphic Setting

This section addresses the physiographic and geomorphic setting of the Hanford Site, or a description of the nature and origin of landforms. The Hanford Site is situated within the Pasco Basin of south-central Washington (Figure 5-3). The Pasco Basin is one of a number of topographic (land configuration) depressions located within the Columbia Plateau Physiographic Province (Figure 5-4). The Pasco Basin is bounded on the north by the Saddle Mountains, on the west by Umtanum Ridge, Yakima Ridge, and the Rattlesnake Hills, and on the south by Rattlesnake Mountain, all anticlinal folds of the Yakima Fold Belt (a physiographic subdivision of the Columbia Plateau characterized by anticlinal upwarps and synclinal downwarps of the underlying bedrock). The Pasco Basin is bounded on the east by the Palouse slope, a monocline (broad fold) that inclines to the east (Figure 5-3).

Surface topography seen at the Hanford Site is the result of: (1) anticlinal ridges, (2) Pleistocene cataclysmic flooding (flooding resulting from glacial activity occurring north of the Hanford Site 10,000 to 13,000 years ago), (3) Holocene eolian activity (relatively recent wind activity), and (4) landsliding. Since the end of the Pleistocene, winds have locally reworked the flood sediments, depositing dune sands in the lower elevations and loess (windblown silt) around the margins of the Pasco Basin. Sand dunes have largely stabilized except where these dunes have been reactivated because of the disturbance of anchoring vegetation (WHC 1991a).

### 5.3.2 Climate and Meteorology

The Hanford Site is in a semiarid desert area. The climate in the vicinity of the Hanford Site is largely influenced by the rain-shadow effect of the Cascade Range located in western Washington. This effect results in cold air drainage across the region that largely controls the wind regime of the Hanford Site.

Climatological data have been collected at the Hanford Meteorological Station, located between the 200 Areas, since 1945 (Cushing 1988). Temperature and precipitation data also are available from nearby locations for the period 1912 through 1943. A summary of these data through 1980 has been published by Stone et al. (1983). Data from the Hanford Meteorological Station are representative of the general climatic conditions for the region and describe the specific climate of the 200 Areas Plateau.

**5.3.2.1 Wind.** Prevailing wind directions on the 200 Areas Plateau are from the northwest in all months of the year (Chapter 2.0, Figure 2-3). Secondary maxima occur for southwesterly winds.

Monthly average wind speeds are lowest during the winter months, averaging 6 to 7 miles (10 to 11 kilometers) per hour, and highest during the summer, averaging 9 to 10 miles (15 to 16 kilometers) per hour. Wind speeds that are well above average usually are associated with southwesterly winds. However, the summertime drainage winds generally are northwesterly and frequently reach 31 miles (50 kilometers) per hour. Estimates of wind

1 extremes have been summarized by Stone et al. (1983). Information on the  
2 likelihood and frequency of strong winds and tornados in the region have been  
3 summarized in a final environmental impact statement (DOE 1987), the Hanford  
4 Meteorological Station climatological summary (Stone et al. 1983), and by the  
5 National Severe Storms Forecast Center.

6  
7 **5.3.2.2 Temperature and Humidity.** Ranges of daily temperatures vary from  
8 normal maxima of 35.6 °F (1.6 °C) in early January to 95 °F (35 °C) in late  
9 July. The record maximum temperature is 114.8 °F (46 °C), and the record  
10 minimum temperature is -27 °F (-32.7 °C).

11  
12 The annual average relative humidity at the Hanford Meteorological  
13 Station is 54 percent. It is highest during the winter months, averaging  
14 approximately 75 percent, and lowest during the summer months, averaging  
15 approximately 35 percent.

16  
17 **5.3.2.3 Precipitation.** Precipitation measurements have been made at the  
18 Hanford Meteorological Station since 1945. Average annual precipitation at  
19 the Hanford Meteorological Station is 6.3 inches (16 centimeters) per year.  
20 Most of the precipitation occurs during the winter, with nearly half of the  
21 annual amount occurring in the months of November through February. Days with  
22 greater than 0.5 inch (1.3 centimeter) precipitation occur less than 1 percent  
23 of the year. Rainfall intensities of 0.5 inch (1.3 centimeter) per hour  
24 persisting for 1 hour are expected once every 10 years. Rainfall intensities  
25 of 1 inch (2.54 centimeter) per hour for 1 hour are expected only once every  
26 500 years. Winter monthly average snowfall ranges from 0.3 inch  
27 (0.76 centimeter) in March to 5.3 inch (13.5 centimeter) in January. The  
28 record snowfall of 24.4 inch (61.9 centimeter) occurred in February 1916.  
29 Snowfall accounts for approximately 38 percent of all precipitation during the  
30 months of December through February.

### 31 32 33 **5.3.3 Regional Geology**

34  
35 The regional geology provides the framework for understanding the  
36 stratigraphic (rock layers) and structural (rock deformation) controls on the  
37 aquifers beneath the Hanford Site. An overview of the regional geology and a  
38 description of the primary stratigraphic units that comprise these aquifers  
39 are provided in this section.

40  
41 The Hanford Site lies in the Pasco Basin near the eastern limit of the  
42 Yakima Fold Belt. The Pasco Basin is divided by the Gable Mountain anticline  
43 into the Wahluke syncline to the north and the Cold Creek syncline to the  
44 south. The Pasco Basin is underlain by Miocene-aged (approximately 17 to  
45 8.5 million years before present) volcanic (molten rock) flows of the Columbia  
46 River Basalt Group and late Miocene- to Pleistocene-aged sediments  
47 (approximately 10.5 million to 12,000 years before present) that overlie the  
48 basalts. The basalts and sediments thicken into the Pasco Basin and generally  
49 reach maximum thicknesses in the Cold Creek syncline in the vicinity of the  
50 200 Areas. Hanford Site structure and stratigraphy are illustrated in  
51 Figures 5-3 and 5-5, respectively, and described in *Geology and Hydrology of*

1 the Hanford Site (WHC 1991a, pp. 2-1 through 2-19). A brief review of this  
2 information follows.

3  
4 The Columbia River Basalt Group is greater than 12,000 feet  
5 (3,658 meters) thick beneath the Pasco Basin. The sequence of volcanic flows  
6 within the Pasco Basin can be divided into the Grande Ronde, Wanapum, and  
7 Saddle Mountains formations (major rock divisions) (listed from oldest to  
8 youngest). The youngest formation of the Group, the Saddle Mountain Basalt,  
9 is characterized by a sequence of volcanic flows and intercalated sedimentary  
10 units called interbeds.

11  
12 Late Miocene to Quaternary sediments overly the basalts. Most of this  
13 sedimentary sequence can be divided into two main units: the Ringold Formation  
14 of late Miocene to middle-Pliocene age (approximately 10.5 million to  
15 3 million years before present) and the Hanford formation of Pleistocene to  
16 Recent age (approximately 1 million to 12,000 years before present).

17  
18 The Ringold Formation was formed by fluvial-lacustrine (stream-lake)  
19 processes. This formation comprises the basal part of the sedimentary  
20 sequence above the basalt. The Ringold Formation is up to 600 feet  
21 (185 meters) thick at the Hanford Site in the deepest part of the Cold Creek  
22 syncline south of the 200 West Area, and up to 560 feet (170 meters) thick in  
23 the western Wahluke syncline. The Ringold Formation pinches out against Gable  
24 Mountain, Yakima Ridge, Saddle Mountains, and Rattlesnake Mountain anticlines.  
25 The Ringold Formation is largely absent in the northern and northeastern parts  
26 of the 200 East Area and adjacent areas to the north in the vicinity of West  
27 Lake, located south of Gable Mountain. The Ringold Formation is composed of  
28 semi-indurated (semi-hardened) clay, silt, mud, fine- to coarse-grained sand,  
29 and granule to cobble gravel that usually are divided into (1) gravel, sand,  
30 and paleosols (buried soils) of the basal unit; (2) clay and silt of the lower  
31 unit; (3) gravel of the middle unit; (4) mud and lesser sand of the upper  
32 unit; and (5) basaltic detritus of the fanglomerate unit (detritus deposited  
33 from stream action at the foot of a slope) (DOE 1988, volume 1, pp. 1.2-121 to  
34 1.2-129).

35  
36 Other less extensive stratigraphic units within the Pasco Basin overlie  
37 the Ringold Formation and underlie the Hanford formation. These units include  
38 a laterally discontinuous Plio-Pleistocene unit, an early 'Palouse' soil, and  
39 pre-Missoula gravels. The pre-Missoula gravels are approximately equivalent  
40 in age to the early 'Palouse' soil and Plio-Pleistocene unit.

41  
42 The Hanford formation was formed by glaciofluvial processes. During  
43 Pleistocene glaciation, eastern Washington was subjected to a number of  
44 cataclysmic floods which resulted from the breakup of ice dams impounding  
45 glacial lakes in Idaho, Montana, and northeastern Washington. The Hanford  
46 formation generally can be divided into two main facies (lateral subdivisions  
47 of rock type): coarse-grained or gravelly deposits and largely clast free  
48 fine-grained or sandy and silt deposits. The Hanford formation also is  
49 commonly divided into two informal members: the Pasco gravels and the Touchet  
50 beds (DOE 1988, volume 1, pp. 1.2-132). The Pasco gravels generally  
51 correspond to the gravelly facies, and the Touchet beds correspond to the  
52 sandy to silty facies. The Hanford formation is thickest in the Cold Creek

1 bar in the vicinity of 200 West and 200 East where the formation is up to  
2 210 feet (64 meters) thick. Hanford formation deposits are absent on ridges  
3 approximately 1,180 feet (360 meters) above sea level.

4  
5 Holocene surficial deposits consist of silt, sand, and gravel that form a  
6 thin [less than 16-foot (4.9-meter)] veneer across much of the Pasco Basin.  
7 These sediments were deposited by a mix of eolian and alluvial processes  
8 during the past 10,000 years.

#### 11 5.3.4 Regional and Hanford Site Hydrology

12  
13 The regional and Hanford Site surface and groundwater hydrology are  
14 discussed in the following sections. Primary surface-water features  
15 associated with the Hanford Site are the Columbia and Yakima Rivers, and their  
16 major tributaries, the Snake and Walla Walla Rivers. With regards to  
17 groundwater hydrology, the uppermost aquifer at the Hanford Site is primarily  
18 in the Ringold Formation and the vadose zone (unsaturated zone above the water  
19 table) is primarily in the Hanford formation. The Hanford formation comprises  
20 the upper 30 to 300 feet (9 to 91 meters) of the vadose zone throughout most of  
21 the Hanford Site, but extends below the regional water table in the 200 East  
22 Area and eastward towards the Columbia River.

23  
24 5.3.4.1 Surface Hydrology. Surface drainage enters the Pasco Basin from  
25 several other surrounding basins. Within the Pasco Basin, the Columbia River  
26 is joined by major tributaries including the Yakima, Snake, and Walla Walla  
27 Rivers. Two intermittent streams traverse through the Hanford Site: Cold  
28 Creek and Dry Creek. Water drains through these creeks during the wetter  
29 winter and spring months. No perennial streams originate within the Pasco  
30 Basin.

31  
32 Total estimated precipitation over the Pasco Basin averages 6.3 inches  
33 (16 centimeters) per year (Section 5.3.2.3). Mean annual run-off from the  
34 Pasco Basin is estimated to be less than  $2.5 \times 10^4$  acre-feet per year, or  
35 approximately 3 percent of the total precipitation. The remaining  
36 precipitation is assumed to be lost through evapotranspiration with a small  
37 component (perhaps less than 1 percent) contributing to recharging of the  
38 groundwater system (DOE 1988, volume 2, p. 3.1-6).

39  
40 Primary surface-water features associated with the Hanford Site are the  
41 Columbia and Yakima Rivers, and their major tributaries, the Snake and Walla  
42 Walla Rivers. West Lake, about 10 acres (4 hectares) in size and less than  
43 3 feet (0.9 meter) deep, is the only natural lake within the Hanford Site.  
44 Waste water ponds, cribs, and ditches associated with nuclear fuel  
45 reprocessing and waste management activities also are present on the Hanford  
46 Site.

47  
48 5.3.4.2 Groundwater. An aquitard is defined as a less permeable (water  
49 transport capability) bed in a stratigraphic sequence. A confined aquifer  
50 system is an aquifer confined between two aquitards. A semiconfined aquifer  
51 system has some areas where the confining layer(s) might be absent.  
52 Representatives of these aquifer types are found beneath the Hanford Site.

1 Confined and semiconfined aquifer systems occur beneath the Hanford Site  
2 in the basalt flow tops, flow bottom zones, and sedimentary interbeds  
3 (DOE 1988, volume 2, pp. 3.6-1). These deeper aquifers are intercalated with  
4 aquitards consisting of basalt flow interiors. Vertical flow across the  
5 aquitards within the basalt aquifer system is inferred from water level or  
6 potentiometric surface data, but the leakage is not quantified and direct  
7 measurements are not available (DOE 1988, volume 2, p. 3.6-17). The  
8 multiaquifer system within the Pasco Basin has been conceptualized as  
9 consisting of four primary hydrogeologic units: (1) Hanford and Ringold  
10 Formation sediments, (2) Saddle Mountain Basalt, (3) Wanapum Basalt, and  
11 (4) Grande Ronde Basalt. The discussion in the following sections focuses on  
12 the uppermost aquifer systems within the Ringold and Hanford formations and  
13 within the Saddle Mountains Basalt, the aquifer comprised of the Rattlesnake  
14 Ridge interbed.

### 15 16 17 5.3.5 Uppermost Aquifer 18

19 The unconfined to semiconfined aquifer associated with the sedimentary  
20 units stratigraphically above the basalts is the uppermost regionally  
21 extensive aquifer beneath the Hanford Site. The water table ranges in depth  
22 from 0 feet (meters) at West Lake and the Columbia and Yakima Rivers, to  
23 greater than 350 feet (106.7 meters) near the center of the Hanford Site.  
24 Groundwater within this aquifer system is contained within the glaciofluvial  
25 sands and gravels of the Hanford formation and the fluvial-lacustrine  
26 sediments of the Ringold Formation. The position of the water table beneath  
27 the western portion of the Hanford Site is generally within the middle Ringold  
28 unit. In the northern and eastern portions of the Hanford Site, the water  
29 table is generally within the Hanford formation. Hydraulic conductivities for  
30 the Hanford formation [2,000 to 10,000 feet (610 to 3,048 meters) per day] are  
31 much greater than those of the middle unit of the Ringold Formation [610 to  
32 3,050 feet (186 to 930 meters) per day] (Law et al. 1987). Stratigraphic  
33 divisions of these units and their hydrologic properties are discussed in  
34 detail in the geology and hydrology of the Hanford Site (WHC 1991a, pp. 2-5 to  
35 2-16, pp. 3-4 to 3-26).

36  
37 This aquifer system is approximately 500 feet (152 meters) thick near the  
38 center of the Pasco Basin. Laterally, the aquifer system is bounded by  
39 anticlinal basalt ridges that extend above the water table. A generalized  
40 east-west geologic cross section showing the position of the water table and  
41 major stratigraphic units beneath the Hanford Site is presented in Figure 5-6.

42  
43 The base of the uppermost aquifer generally is regarded as the basalt  
44 surface. On a local scale where the Ringold Formation is present, the silts  
45 and clays of the lower Ringold and the fine-grained facies of the basal  
46 Ringold form a confining layer. Thus, in the strict sense, the groundwater is  
47 unconfined above this layer and semiconfined below this layer.

48  
49 Water levels in the uppermost aquifer have risen because of artificial  
50 recharge mechanisms such as excessive application of imported irrigation water  
51 or impoundment of streams. Waste water ponds on the Hanford Site have  
52 artificially recharged the suprabasalt (sediments found above the basalt)

1 aquifer below the 200 East and 200 West Areas. Recharge from the 200 Areas  
2 waste water disposal units is estimated to be approximately 10 times the  
3 natural recharge on the Hanford Site (Graham 1981). The increase in water  
4 table elevations was most rapid from 1950 to 1960 and apparently stabilized  
5 between 1970 and 1980, when only small increases in water table elevations  
6 occurred. Waste water discharges from the 200 West Area significantly were  
7 reduced in 1984 and the water levels there are now slowly declining. A  
8 similar situation is expected to occur in the 200 East Area on the future  
9 discontinued use of the B Pond System (refer to Figure 5-9).

10  
11 The general direction of groundwater flow is primarily from natural  
12 recharge areas west of the Hanford Site to discharge areas toward the Columbia  
13 River. The general west-to-east flow pattern is interrupted locally by the  
14 groundwater mounds in the 200 Areas. From the 200 Areas, there is also a  
15 component of groundwater flow to the north, between Gable Mountain and Gable  
16 Butte. Figure 5-7 illustrates the water table conditions beneath the Hanford  
17 Site.

18  
19 Hydraulic conductivities for the Hanford formation [2,000 to 10,000 feet  
20 (610 to 3,048 meters) day] are much greater than those of the middle member of  
21 the Ringold Formation [9 to 230 feet (2.7 to 70 meters) day] (Graham 1981).  
22 The main body of the unconfined aquifer occurs within the middle member of the  
23 Ringold Formation. The effective porosity for the sediments in the unconfined  
24 aquifer ranges between 10 percent and 30 percent (Graham 1981).

25  
26 Details of the hydrology for TSD units for which final status is sought  
27 (as of March 15, 1993) are provided in the unit-specific groundwater  
28 monitoring plans and permit application documentation.

### 29 30 31 5.3.6 Uppermost Confined Aquifer

32  
33 The Rattlesnake Ridge aquifer is the uppermost confined aquifer system  
34 that occurs beneath the Hanford Site. This aquifer consists of the flow  
35 bottom of the Elephant Mountain Basalt, the flow top of the Pomona basalt, and  
36 the Rattlesnake interbed. The thickness of the Rattlesnake Ridge interbed,  
37 which is the principal transmissive zone within the aquifer, ranges from 50 to  
38 82 feet (15 to 25 meters) beneath the 200 Areas and generally thickens toward  
39 the west (Graham 1981, Graham et al. 1984). Erosional windows (gaps in the  
40 rock) in the Elephant Mountain basalt confining layer exist locally. This  
41 could allow hydraulic communication between the Rattlesnake Ridge aquifer and  
42 the overlying unconfined aquifer (Graham et al. 1984).

43  
44 Natural recharge to the Rattlesnake Ridge aquifer occurs in the higher  
45 elevations surrounding the Pasco Basin to the west, north, and northeast. The  
46 flow of groundwater generally is toward the northeast beneath the 200 West  
47 Area and possibly east to north beneath the 200 East Area (Figure 5-8). The  
48 aquifer is heterogeneous in composition because the aquifer consists of a  
49 basalt flow top and flow bottom, a clayey basalt conglomerate, an epiclastic  
50 fluvial-floodplain unit, an air-fall tuff, and a volcanoclastic unit derived  
51 from fluvial reworking of the tuff and detrital sediments (Graham et al.

1984). This heterogeneity produces variability of groundwater flow through the aquifer (Graham et al. 1984).

### 5.3.7 Groundwater Travel Times

The travel time of groundwater from the Hanford Site to the Columbia River is the sum of the time required for the contaminant to travel through the vadose zone to reach the water table and the time required for the contaminant to travel in the groundwater to the Columbia River. Travel time determinations can be based on small- or large-scale field measurements of transport rates or on calculations supported by laboratory scale measurements of the transport parameters.

The parameters that affect the travel time in the unconfined aquifer are the following:

- Distance
- Permeability
- Porosity
- Hydraulic gradient
- Dispersivity
- Retardation
- Heterogeneity (geologic structure).

In addition to these parameters, the vadose zone travel times are further affected by the relative permeability, the moisture content, and the recharge rate. Because of the variability of the sediments, the calculation of travel times based on laboratory derived parameters is considered less accurate than the large scale field measurements. The following sections summarize the work that has been done in determining travel times in the vadose zone and unconfined aquifer.

**5.3.7.1 Vadose Zone.** The travel time through the vadose zone depends on the moisture content, which in turn depends on the recharge rate. In the cases of artificial recharge where near saturated conditions have been maintained down to the water table [e.g., B Pond (refer to Figure 5-9)], the flow velocity is nearly equal to the hydraulic conductivity of the soil column. This implies a travel time on the order of days. For other cases where the natural recharge is the driving force, the travel time becomes highly uncertain. Several calculations have been done (DOE 1987) for natural recharge in the 200 East area ranging from 0.2 inch (0.5 centimeter) per year to 2 inches (5.0 centimeters) per year. These values were chosen to reflect current and possibly future wetter conditions. The computational results indicated travel times on the order of 900 years to 100 years respectively for conservative contaminants.

**5.3.7.2 Saturated Zone.** More than 20 estimates of groundwater travel times from the 200 East and 200 West Areas to the Columbia River have been made by investigators using a number of different methodologies and assumptions. Freshley and Graham (1988) provided a review of the various travel time estimates that have been made over the past 40 years. These estimates can be

classified as being based on one of the following methods: (1) extrapolation of local groundwater velocity measurements, (2) mathematical methods, and (3) monitoring the movement of contaminant plumes.

The rate and direction of groundwater flow in the vicinity of the 100 Areas are greatly influenced by the level of the Columbia River (Section 5.3.5.1). This can severely alter the groundwater gradient and even cause flow to be reversed up to 1,000 feet (305 meters) inland during periods of high water. A similar effect occurs at the 300 Area (DOE-RL 1991a, p. 16-10).

#### 5.4 CONTAMINANT PLUME DESCRIPTION [E-4]

Ecology regulations [WAC 173-303-806(4)(a)(xx)(D)] require "A description of any plume of contamination that has entered the groundwater from a regulated unit at the time that the application was submitted..." This section contains a description of contaminant plumes identified in the aquifers beneath the Hanford Site.

The status of groundwater contamination is monitored monthly. The results of the monitoring program along with isopleth maps are prepared and published annually (e.g., WHC 1993c). Contaminant plumes are primarily delineated using isopleth maps (i.e., maps with lines connecting points of equal concentration or values).

##### 5.4.1 Radionuclide Contamination

Isopleth maps are prepared routinely to show radioactive tritium and gross beta radiation, and nonradioactive nitrate contamination (plumes) in the unconfined groundwater flow system beneath the Hanford Site. Although these constituents are not considered to be subject to RCRA and Ecology *Dangerous Waste Regulations*, a study of these plumes can be used to provide an early indication of the rate and direction of contaminant movement. An example of an isopleth map delineating a contamination plume is shown in Figure 5-9 (Evans et al. 1990, p. 2.33). This figure depicts the distribution of tritium concentrations in the unconfined aquifer in 1989. Additional information on tritium contamination is found in *Westinghouse Hanford Company Operational Groundwater Status Report* (WHC 1993c).

##### 5.4.2 Nonradioactive Contamination

The most common nonradioactive inorganic contaminants that have been observed in groundwater are nitrate, cyanide, fluoride, and hexavalent chromium. Among the nonradioactive organic contaminants routinely observed in the groundwater samples are carbon tetrachloride, 1,1,1-trichloromethane, trichloroethylene, perchlorethylene, 1,1-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloroethene, and chloroform (e.g., Evans et al. 1990).

1 Nitrate, like tritium, can be used to define the extent of contamination  
2 because nitrate is present in many waste streams at the Hanford Site and is  
3 mobile in the groundwater (Evans et al. 1990, p. 2.28). As mentioned  
4 previously, isopleth maps are prepared routinely that show levels of nitrate  
5 concentrations in the groundwater. The configuration of the nitrate plumes is  
6 similar to that shown for tritium in Figure 5-9. Additional information on  
7 nonradioactive contamination is found in the *Westinghouse Hanford Company*  
8 *Operational Groundwater Status Report* (WHC 1993c).

9  
10 It should be noted that the present extent of detectable contamination is  
11 primarily the result of past liquid waste discharges to the ground.

## 12 13 14 5.5 DETECTION MONITORING PROGRAM [E-5]

15  
16 The final status detection monitoring program is designed to detect the  
17 impact of the TSD unit on groundwater quality in the uppermost unconfined  
18 aquifer beneath the unit. The final status detection monitoring program  
19 contains details regarding the following:

- 20  
21 • Design of the monitoring well network (number and locations of  
22 monitoring wells, well construction)
- 23  
24 • Frequency of groundwater monitoring
- 25  
26 • Type and behavior of chemical parameters that will be used to indicate  
27 the presence of groundwater contamination
- 28  
29 • Sampling, analysis, and statistical procedures that will be used
- 30  
31 • Methods by which regular determinations of the groundwater flow rate  
32 and direction will be determined.

33  
34 A description of unit-specific monitoring networks is found in the Unit-  
35 Specific Portion of this permit application. Final status requirements are  
36 applicable to TSD units on incorporation into the Hanford Facility Permit.

37  
38 The following sections provide the necessary data and information to  
39 support the implementation of a final status detection monitoring program at  
40 each TSD unit.

### 41 42 43 5.5.1 Monitored Indicator Parameters, Waste Constituents, 44 Reaction Products [E-5a]

45  
46 The monitoring parameters are selected on the basis of their suitability  
47 to groundwater monitoring at individual TSD units, and do not necessarily  
48 apply to the entire Hanford Facility. The following criteria are considered  
49 in the selection of monitoring parameters for each TSD unit:

- 50  
51 • Present in significant quantity within the waste that has been  
52 disposed of

- Relative mobility and low retardation with respect to groundwater flow, and the stability and persistence in the environment
- Lack of significant natural presence of the parameters in the groundwater
- Ease of detection and minimal sampling and analytical interferences (detectability)
- Usefulness as indicators of other potential contaminants
- Lack of data interpretation problems caused by common laboratory and field contaminants.

**5.5.1.1 Dangerous Waste Characterization [E-5a(1)].** A compilation of the dangerous waste that has been disposed of in each TSD unit is a part of unit-specific permit application documentation. This compilation will include, to the degree possible, compositions, quantities, and dates of waste disposal, and will form the basis for the selection of the unit-specific monitoring parameters and constituents.

**5.5.1.2 Behavior of Constituents [E-5a(2)].** The mobility, stability, and persistence of waste constituents and their reaction products that have been disposed of at a TSD unit are of prime importance in determining the proper unit-specific monitoring parameters and constituents. Those constituents that generally are mobile and persistent through the soil zone and into the saturated zone are useful indicators of chemical migration from a waste disposal site.

Parameters such as distribution or sorption coefficients for inorganic (e.g., Freeze and Cherry 1979, pp. 402-408) and organic constituents (Lyman et al. 1982) and chemical solubilities are used in these evaluations. Other important properties that are considered for organic constituents are vapor pressure and the Henry's Law constant (used to evaluate to what degree compounds will be partitioned into the aqueous phase and to what degree this phase is likely to migrate as a vapor).

**5.5.1.3 Detectability [E-5a(3)].** The detectabilities of the groundwater sampling parameters for each TSD unit are to be given in terms of practical quantification limits for each of the constituents listed. The practical quantification limits represent the lowest concentrations of analytes in groundwater that can be reliably determined within specified limits of precision and accuracy by the standard analytical methods under routine laboratory operating conditions. Data quality objectives regarding detection levels are addressed in a quality assurance project plan (WHC 1990d, as amended).

## **5.5.2 Groundwater Monitoring Program [E-5b]**

This section describes a comprehensive program of monitoring wells for each TSD unit to be used during the final status detection monitoring program.

1 The final status detection monitoring system is designed to detect the  
2 migration of chemical releases within the uppermost unconfined aquifer at  
3 compliance points immediately downgradient from potential leak sources in  
4 regulated units. The groundwater will be monitored as required during the  
5 operational period for regulated units.

6  
7 **5.5.2.1 Description of Wells [E-5b(1)].** The analytical basis for locating  
8 the monitoring wells around individual TSD units, and the well locations  
9 selected to achieve detection level coverage with the minimum number of wells  
10 are discussed in the following sections.

11  
12 **5.5.2.1.1 Background.** Groundwater monitoring wells that are required to  
13 be installed will be in compliance with the detection level monitoring  
14 requirements of WAC 173-303-645(9). These wells will yield groundwater  
15 samples from the uppermost unconfined aquifer that are representative of the  
16 quality of area background water immediately upgradient of the unit and the  
17 quality of water passing beneath the unit.

18  
19 **5.5.2.1.2 Design Approach for Monitoring Wells.** Tentative locations for  
20 monitoring wells are identified along the downgradient sides (point of  
21 compliance) of the TSD unit. Initial well locations are determined based on  
22 consideration of the interpreted direction of groundwater flow crossing the  
23 unit.

24  
25 The groundwater monitoring system must be capable of yielding groundwater  
26 samples for analysis and must consist of the following:

- 27  
28 • Monitoring wells installed hydraulically upgradient from the limit of  
29 the TSD unit. The number, location, and depths of the wells must be  
30 sufficient to yield groundwater samples that are: (1) representative  
31 of groundwater quality in the uppermost aquifer near the unit and  
32 (2) not affected by the unit.
- 33  
34 • Monitoring wells installed hydraulically downgradient at the limit of  
35 the TSD unit. The number, location, and depth of the wells must allow  
36 for the detection of dangerous waste or dangerous waste constituents  
37 that migrate from the TSD unit to the uppermost aquifer.
- 38  
39 • All monitoring wells must be cased in a manner that maintains the  
40 integrity of the monitoring well borehole. This casing must be  
41 screened and packed with gravel or sand, where necessary, to enable  
42 sample collection at depths where appropriate aquifer flow zones  
43 exist. The annular space above the sampling depth must be sealed with  
44 suitable material to prevent contamination of samples and the  
45 groundwater.

46  
47 Existing wells might be used as part of the monitoring network provided  
48 the wells are in compliance with WAC 173-160. The reasoning behind the  
49 location of the individual wells is, or will be, included in unit-specific  
50 permit application documentation. Well remediation and abandonment will be  
51 accomplished in accordance with WAC 173-160.

1       **5.5.2.1.3 Well Maintenance and Remediation.** Monitoring well  
2 maintenance, remediation, and abandonment will be performed in accordance with  
3 the *Hanford Well Rehabilitation, Remediation, and Decommissioning Plan*  
4 (WHC 1993a), WAC 173-160, and the Tri-Party Agreement.  
5

6       **5.5.2.1.4 Monitoring Well Locations and Design.** To comply with Ecology  
7 groundwater monitoring requirements, monitoring wells at dangerous waste units  
8 are located at intervals along "the hydraulically downgradient limit of the  
9 waste management area..." [WAC 173-303-645(6)(a)]. The waste management area  
10 is defined as "the limit projected in the horizontal plane of the area on  
11 which waste will be placed during the active life of the regulated unit"  
12 [WAC 173-303-645(6)(b)]. These regulations, therefore, require that  
13 monitoring wells be placed as close as reasonably possible to the edge of the  
14 regulated unit. Installation of monitoring wells will be based on the  
15 following criteria.  
16

- 17       • Satisfy the regulatory requirements for a groundwater monitoring  
18       system that consist of a sufficient number of wells installed at  
19       appropriate locations and depths to yield groundwater samples that:  
20  
21       (1) represent the composition of groundwater that has not been  
22       impacted by a TSD unit  
23  
24       (2) represent the composition of groundwater passing beneath the  
25       TSD unit.  
26  
27       • Location of monitoring wells should ensure a high level of confidence  
28       that dangerous waste migrating from a regulated unit would be reliably  
29       detected (Section 5.5.4.7).  
30  
31       • Wells should provide area background hydrochemical information for  
32       areas that have not been affected by leakage from a regulated unit.  
33  
34       • Wells should be placed in locations that will afford the collection of  
35       hydrogeologic information.  
36

37       **5.5.2.1.5 Monitoring Efficiency Model.** The monitoring efficiency model  
38 (MEMO) was designed specifically for the well location evaluations  
39 (Wilson et al. 1991) and based on work described in Domenico and Robbins  
40 (1985). When combined with planar and vertical flow nets, stratigraphic cross  
41 sections, and estimates of aquifer and transport properties, MEMO becomes an  
42 effective tool used for guidance in locating monitoring wells at the Hanford  
43 Site. A MEMO allows the calculation of the probability of detecting  
44 contamination released from inside the boundary of the TSD unit. Acceptable  
45 limits to this probability will be defined before the network design is  
46 initiated.  
47

48       For a selected plume length, given the actual site parameters (e.g.,  
49 transverse dispersivity), releases occurring at most locations within the  
50 waste management area would be expected to be detected, but releases occurring  
51 at restricted locations between the monitoring wells and near the downgradient  
52 boundary would be less likely to be detected within the same constraints.

1 Given that monitoring wells always will be spaced some finite distance apart,  
2 and given the uncertainties inherent in predicting the behavior of a natural  
3 geologic system, a level of uncertainty always will be present in the  
4 functioning of any groundwater monitoring network design. The MEMO provides a  
5 simple way to begin to quantify the effectiveness of a given network design.  
6

7 **5.5.2.2 Equipment Decontamination [E-5b(2)].** All field equipment  
8 decontamination and sampling activities will comply with aspects of a health  
9 and safety plan and procedures manuals. The procedures are intended to  
10 prevent cross-contamination between boreholes during drilling activities.  
11 Field equipment decontamination activities will be documented in the field  
12 logbook.  
13

### 14 15 **5.5.3 Background Values [E-5c]**

16  
17 Background values are defined as the concentrations of chemical,  
18 physical, biological, or radiological constituents, or other characteristics  
19 in or of groundwater at a particular point in time and upgradient of a unit,  
20 that have not been affected by that unit. This background is regarded as an  
21 'area background' as defined in WAC 173-340. Background groundwater quality  
22 for detection monitoring can be based (1) on sampling of wells that are not  
23 upgradient from the unit if hydrogeologic conditions do not allow the owner or  
24 operator to determine what wells are upgradient or (2) sampling at other wells  
25 will provide a better indication of area background groundwater composition  
26 that is as or more representative than that obtained from samples from  
27 upgradient wells [WAC 173-303-645(8)(a)(i) and (b) and 40 CFR 264.97(a)(1)].  
28

29 Area background levels will be determined for final status  
30 detection-level groundwater monitoring parameters. These include general  
31 contamination indicator parameters such as specific conductance, pH, TOC, TOX,  
32 or heavy metals and site-specific parameters (waste constituents or reaction  
33 products) that will provide a reliable indication of the presence of dangerous  
34 constituents in groundwater. The site-specific parameters (described in  
35 unit-specific permit application documentation) will be selected based on  
36 (1) the types, quantities, and concentrations of waste constituents present;  
37 (2) the mobility, stability, and persistence of the waste constituents;  
38 (3) the detectability of the parameters; and (4) existing data.  
39

40 Area background values address two objectives: (1) to provide  
41 information concerning the baseline values for waste constituents of concern  
42 and (2) to determine whether there is any evidence of contamination in the  
43 compliance wells (downgradient) that could result from a release from a  
44 TSD unit. To address the first objective, baseline values will be established  
45 for the final status indicator parameters (specified in unit-specific permit  
46 application documentation) from a minimum of 1 year of quarterly sampling and  
47 analysis of upgradient wells. These baseline values can be used as  
48 concentration limits in compliance monitoring [WAC 173-303-645(5)(a)(i) and  
49 WAC 173-303-645(5)(b)]. Four independent samples will be obtained at each  
50 background well during each sampling event. The downgradient wells also will  
51 be sampled and analyzed at the same frequency during this time. For a  
52 detection monitoring program a statistical evaluation is required to address

1 the second objective. Requirements for sampling frequency are discussed in  
2 Section 5.5.4.5.1. Statistical analyses are presented in Section 5.5.4.7.

3  
4 Area background data subsequently will be reviewed for seasonal  
5 variations, trends, and significant differences among the wells. The  
6 background statistics and/or statistical methodology might be modified, if  
7 required, to address temporal or spatial variation. Background data also will  
8 be reevaluated if changes in groundwater flow directions result in changes in  
9 definition of upgradient wells.

#### 12 5.5.4 Sampling, Analysis, and Statistical Procedures [E-5d]

13  
14 This section provides information on the groundwater sampling, analysis,  
15 and statistical evaluation procedures that are proposed for use with the  
16 monitoring well system. The choice of an appropriate statistical test depends  
17 on the type of monitoring (i.e., detection or compliance) and the nature of  
18 the data (e.g., the proportion of values in the data set that are below  
19 detection limit) (Figure 5-2). Statistical procedures under final detection  
20 or compliance monitoring program status are discussed in Section 5.5.4.7 and  
21 Section 5.6.7.4, respectively. As the postclosure monitoring program will be  
22 implemented at least 30 years in the future, actual protocols and procedures  
23 likely will be equivalent to those cited in this section.

24  
25 **5.5.4.1 Sample Collection [E-5d(1)].** The groundwater monitoring system  
26 proposed for use at the Hanford Facility is designed to provide representative  
27 groundwater quality data from the uppermost aquifer beneath each identified  
28 TSD unit. Procedures to be followed during the collection of groundwater  
29 samples from the network have been developed and will be available to all  
30 onsite personnel and to the regulators. These procedures will be consistent  
31 with those listed in SW-846.

32  
33 **5.5.4.1.1 Static-Water Level Measurements.** Before purging or sampling  
34 the monitoring well, the static-water elevation will be measured, recorded,  
35 and remeasured until reproducible results are obtained. The measurements will  
36 be taken as depth-to-water from the top of the well casing and the values will  
37 be subtracted from the surveyed elevation of the casing to obtain the  
38 elevation of the water table. Graduated steel measuring tapes or other  
39 approved devices will be used for the measurements. Measurements will be  
40 reported to the nearest 0.01 foot (0.3 centimeter).

41  
42 **5.5.4.1.2 Well Purging.** Monitoring wells will be purged using a  
43 dedicated pump before samples are collected. This action will be taken to  
44 obtain groundwater samples that are representative of the formation water,  
45 rather than of the stagnant water from the well casing. Groundwater that has  
46 occupied the well casing for a long duration often is oxidized and might not  
47 be indicative of true formation water.

48  
49 As a guideline, high-yielding monitoring wells will be purged until a  
50 minimum of three casing volumes have been removed. However, a well will not  
51 be considered ready for sample collection until concurrent measurements of pH,  
52 specific conductivity, and water temperature have stabilized to at least plus

1 or minus 10 percent over two well volumes pumped (Barcelona et al. 1985). The  
2 quantity of the casing volume is computed from the values of the casing  
3 diameter and the height of the water column in the monitoring well such that

4  
5 one purge volume = (total well depth - water table depth) x  
6 (0.653 gallon per foot 4-inch well)  
7

8 Purging of low-yielding monitoring wells (i.e., those that are pumped  
9 dry) will consist of removing all standing water.

10  
11 The pumping rate at each well will be chosen to minimize turbidity and  
12 aquifer stress. Generally, the rate of pumping during sampling will be kept  
13 below the rate used during well development (Barcelona et al. 1985).

14  
15 Water levels, pumping rates, and values of sampling parameters (i.e., pH,  
16 specific conductivity, and temperature) will be recorded in field logbooks and  
17 transferred to a sample groundwater field record form.

18  
19 **5.5.4.1.3 Field Analysis.** During well purging and sample withdrawal,  
20 field determinations of temperature, pH, and specific conductivity will be  
21 measured and recorded. The stabilization of these parameters will be an  
22 indication that well water has been purged and formation water is being  
23 sampled. Other methods of determining the presence of formation water  
24 (e.g., measuring the concentration of specific ionic species during the well  
25 purging process) might be proposed at a future time.

26  
27 **5.5.4.1.4 Sample Withdrawal.** After the monitoring well has been purged,  
28 water samples will be withdrawn from the well using a dedicated pump. The  
29 sample withdrawal rate will be kept to approximately 0.26 gallon (0.98 liter)  
30 per minute as recommended for groundwater sampling when volatile organic  
31 compounds are involved (Barcelona et al. 1985).

32  
33 Samples will be collected and containerized in the order of  
34 volatilization sensitivity of the parameters to be analyzed. Samples to be  
35 analyzed for volatile organic compounds or other organics will not be  
36 filtered. Samples for metals will be split and handled in accordance with  
37 Section 5.5.4.2.

38  
39 **5.5.4.2 Sample Preservation and Shipment [E-5d(2)].** Sample container and  
40 preservation methods that will be used during the groundwater monitoring  
41 program are in accordance with SW-846 (EPA 1986b). Measurements of pH and  
42 specific conductivity will be taken in the field on unpreserved samples.

43  
44 Precleaned and prelabeled sample containers will be supplied for each  
45 monitoring well and will include the appropriate preservatives. To ensure  
46 zero head space, the containers for samples analyzed for volatile organic  
47 compounds will be filled to slightly more than full before being capped.  
48 Samples typically are collected in the following order:

- 49  
50
  - Bottles with septum caps (volatiles)
  - Unfiltered samples (major-ions, cyanide, semivolatiles, metals)
  - Filtered samples (metals).  
52

1 Immediately after collection, the sample containers will be placed in  
2 sealed, insulated coolers packed with ice to cool the ambient temperature to  
3 approximately 40 °F (4 °C). The samples will be transported to the laboratory  
4 for arrival within sufficient time to meet holding time requirements. Field  
5 parameter record forms and approved sample analysis request forms will be  
6 attached to the sealed containers.

7  
8 **5.5.4.3 Analytical Procedures [E-5d(3)].** The laboratory approved for the  
9 groundwater monitoring program will use standard laboratory procedures as  
10 listed in SW-846 or an alternate equivalent. Alternate procedures, when used,  
11 will meet the guidelines of SW-846, Chapter 1.0 (EPA 1986b).

12  
13 Field split samples will be compared to determine if the results obtained  
14 from the lead laboratory are comparable to the results from other  
15 laboratories. Comparisons will be conducted for volatile organic compounds,  
16 dissolved metals, and inorganic anions. A minimum of two different  
17 laboratories will be used for the comparison testing. If the lead laboratory  
18 results are found to be statistically different, necessary action will be  
19 initiated to investigate and/or correct the situation.

20  
21 Spiked samples will be submitted to the lead laboratory to estimate the  
22 bias of analytical laboratory procedures. Spiked samples could consist of  
23 metals, herbicides, pesticides, volatile organic compounds, and other  
24 constituents. The spiked samples will be prepared with materials issued by  
25 Ecology, EPA, and/or the implementing DOE-RL contractor.

26  
27 Duplicate analyses of field samples will be conducted to estimate the  
28 variability of laboratory measurements. Trip blanks and field blanks also  
29 will be prepared for analysis along with the principal groundwater samples.  
30 At least one trip blank will be prepared for each transported shipment of  
31 groundwater samples. At least one field blank will be prepared for each  
32 sample batch or at the rate of one blank for every 20 samples collected.

33  
34 **5.5.4.4 Chain of Custody [E-5d(4)].** Chain-of-custody procedures will be  
35 followed to ensure the integrity of groundwater samples and to trace the  
36 possession and handling of the individual samples from the time of collection  
37 through laboratory analyses and data reporting. A single form will be used  
38 for each sample transport shuttle and will trace the handling of as many  
39 samples as possible. Each person handling one or more of the listed samples  
40 on the form will sign and return a copy of the form to the implementing  
41 DOE-RL contractor identified on the top line of the form.

42  
43 Additional quality assurance and quality control procedures include  
44 sample labels, sample seals, field logbooks, sample analysis request sheets,  
45 and laboratory notebooks.

46  
47 **5.5.4.5 Additional Requirements for Compliance Point Monitoring [E-5d(5)].**  
48 Compliance point monitoring could be required for some TSD units. The  
49 following sections discuss additional requirements for this compliance point  
50 monitoring.

**5.5.4.5.1 Sample Frequency [E-5d(5)(a)].** In compliance with regulations, all wells (compliance and background) will be sampled at least semiannually during detection monitoring [WAC 173-303-645(9)(d) and 40 CFR 264.98(d)] and during the active and postclosure period of each TSD unit. During each sampling event, a sequence of four samples will be taken from each well [WAC 173-303-645(8)(g)(i) and 40 CFR 264.97(g)(1)]. These four samples will be taken at an interval that ensures, to the greatest extent technically feasible, that an independent sample is obtained. This requirement could be accomplished by reference to the uppermost aquifer's effective porosity, hydraulic conductivity, and hydraulic gradient, and the fate and transport characteristics of the potential contaminants. In hydrogeologic environments where the groundwater velocity prohibits one from obtaining four independent samples on a semiannual basis, an alternate sampling procedure approved by Ecology may be used [WAC 173-303-656(8)(g)(ii) and 40 CFR 264.97(g)(2)]. Specific sampling intervals will be presented in unit-specific permit application documentation.

**5.5.4.5.2 Compliance Point Groundwater Quality Values [E-5d(5)(b)].** The groundwater quality data obtained from the compliance point monitoring wells will be documented in a form that expresses each groundwater sampling parameter, the analytical value of the concentration in groundwater from the most recent sampling event, the analytical detection limit, and the background concentration limit for each parameter. Summary statistics to be presented include the mean and variance of the sampling sequence (based on a minimum of four independent samples), the number of less-than-detection-limit values, the median, coefficient of variation, and minimum and maximum values.

**5.5.4.6 Annual Determination [E-5d(6)].** Groundwater flow rates and flow direction within the uppermost aquifer will be determined annually for those TSD units being monitored. Average horizontal flow rates and directions will be determined from groundwater elevation contour maps constructed after each sampling event. The velocity of flow will be determined using the Darcian flow theory:

$$v_h = K_h i_h / n_e$$

where

$v_h$  = the horizontal groundwater velocity  
 $K_h$  = the horizontal hydraulic conductivity  
 $i_h$  = the horizontal hydraulic gradient  
 $n_e$  = the effective porosity.

The value of  $K_h$  will be determined from hydraulic property investigations performed on monitoring wells. The average value of  $i_h$  at the location of each monitoring well will be calculated from the water table contour maps. Effective porosities range between 10 percent and 30 percent (Graham 1981, p. 3-12). These data will enable the groundwater flow velocity to be determined in the vicinity of each monitoring well.

Horizontal groundwater flow directions for the uppermost aquifer beneath the TSD unit being monitored will be determined from water table contour maps

constructed for that unit. The data used to develop water table contour maps will be periodic water level measurements in various TSD unit groundwater monitoring wells. The flow directions will be qualitatively estimated by superimposing directional streamlines normal to the water table equipotential lines.

**5.5.4.7 Statistical Determination for Detection Monitoring Program [E-5d(7)].**

Indicator parameter data from downgradient compliance point wells will be compared with the background wells (area) data semiannually to determine whether there is a statistically significant increase (or decrease for the case of pH) over background concentrations. Statistical methods appropriate for a final status detection monitoring program will include analysis of variance, tolerance intervals, predication intervals, control charts, test of proportions, or other statistical methods approved by Ecology [WAC 173-303-645(8)(h)]. The type of monitoring, the nature of the data, the proportions of nondetects, and temporal variation are important factors to consider when selecting appropriate statistical methods. The statistical evaluation procedures chosen will be based on the EPA guidance document, *Statistical Analysis of Ground-Water Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities - Interim Final Guidance* (EPA 1989d). Specifics will be addressed in unit-specific permit application documentation.

**5.5.4.8 Reporting.** The results of the statistical evaluation will be reported to Ecology in the RCRA annual groundwater monitoring reports. The statistical results might include a list of groundwater parameters analyzed, detection limits and background values for each parameter, and the quantified laboratory results. For a particular TSD unit, if a statistically significant increase in one or more of the groundwater parameters is determined, the following steps will be taken.

- Ecology will be notified in writing within 7 days of the finding with a report indicating which indicator parameters and or constituents have shown statistically significant increase over the background values. Ecology will be notified in writing in 7 days if the owner/operator intends to demonstrate that increases are caused from sources other than the regulated units, or from sampling errors, analyses, and/or evaluations.
- All monitoring wells will be sampled immediately and analyzed for all constituents listed in 40 CFR 264, Appendix IX, and for any other specific dangerous constituents as determined by any additional information regarding the waste managed in that TSD unit.
- Following review and validation of the Appendix IX analytical data, the compliance wells will be resampled within one month and reanalyzed for all of the compounds detected [WAC 173-303-645(9)(g)(iii)].
- Following review and validation of the reanalyzed data, these confirmed constituents will form the basis for compliance monitoring.
- Within 90 days, a plan will be submitted to Ecology to establish a compliance monitoring program meeting the requirements of

WAC 173-303-645(10) or 40 CFR 264.99, or the data necessary to justify that a compliance monitoring program is not required [WAC 173-303-645(9)(g)(iv)].

## 5.6 COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROGRAM [E-6]

A compliance monitoring program will be established for a TSD unit if groundwater sampling during detection level monitoring reveals statistically significant increases (or pH decrease) over area background concentrations for groundwater. In a compliance monitoring program, the monitoring objective is to determine whether groundwater protection standards have been exceeded. This is accomplished by comparing the concentration of a constituent of concern to groundwater protection standards such as maximum concentration limit and alternate concentration limit; area or natural background; or applicable, relevant, and appropriate requirements.

### 5.6.1 Waste Description [E-6a]

A list of all recorded waste handled at Hanford Facility TSD units is included in the *Hanford Facility Part A Dangerous Waste Permit Application* (DOE-RL 1988b). If required, additional information will be provided on (1) the results of any direct sampling of the waste, (2) a list of expected waste constituents, and (3) an estimate of the composition and physical properties of any immiscible fluids that might be expected to have been derived from the waste.

### 5.6.2 Characterization of Contaminated Groundwater [E-6b]

If a compliance level monitoring program at a given TSD unit is considered necessary, a complete characterization of groundwater will be provided in which an increase in dangerous chemicals above appropriate reference levels is indicated. The characterization of groundwater will include (1) concentrations of each constituent detected in 40 CFR 264, Appendix IX, (2) concentrations of major anions and cations, and (3) concentrations of any other appropriate constituents [e.g., Table I of WAC 173-303-645(5)].

### 5.6.3 Dangerous Constituents to be Monitored [E-6c]

If compliance monitoring is required at any TSD unit, data quality objectives and indicator parameters will be established. Additionally, any other Appendix IX constituents detected and confirmed will be added to the constituent list. If other groundwater constituents indicative of migrating waste products are identified, the list of groundwater parameters will be revised to include such constituents.

1 **5.6.4 Concentration Limits [E-6d]**

2  
3 With enactment of compliance level monitoring, maximum concentration  
4 limits will be identified for each of the groundwater monitoring parameters  
5 listed in Table 1 of WAC 173-303-645. Alternate concentration limits will be  
6 proposed after considering the observed concentrations of chemical  
7 constituents in the groundwater that might have been derived from the  
8 regulated unit in question. The area background, natural background, and  
9 other standards that are applicable, relevant, and appropriate requirements  
10 will be considered when proposing an alternate concentration limit.  
11

12 If, during compliance level monitoring, the reference concentration  
13 limits for a given groundwater parameter or parameters are significantly  
14 exceeded, a corrective action program will be implemented (Section 5.7).  
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16  
17 **5.6.5 Groundwater Monitoring System [E-6f]**

18  
19 The compliance level groundwater monitoring system will be designed to  
20 determine whether groundwater protection standards have been exceeded. Thus,  
21 the compliance level groundwater monitoring system will comply with  
22 WAC 173-303-645(10) for a compliance monitoring program.  
23

24 **5.6.5.1 Description of Wells [E-6f(1)].** The system design will consist of  
25 those wells installed under the detection level monitoring program and any  
26 additional wells that are determined to be required after assessing the  
27 detection efficiency of the present well network.  
28

29 **5.6.5.2 Representative Samples [E-6f(2)].** The compliance monitoring system  
30 will be designed to provide groundwater samples that are representative of  
31 groundwater composition at the point of compliance.  
32

33 **5.6.5.3 Location of Background Monitoring Wells that Are Not Upgradient**  
34 **[E-6f(3)].** Background groundwater composition could be based on samples from  
35 wells that are not upgradient from the TSD unit. The justification of well  
36 locations for unit background water quality is addressed in unit-specific  
37 permit application documentation.  
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39  
40 **5.6.6 Background Values [E-6g]**

41  
42 Area and/or natural background concentration values will be proposed for  
43 each groundwater monitoring parameter identified for the compliance-level  
44 monitoring program. The exact sampling periods, frequencies, and statistical  
45 methods used to establish the area background values will be presented in  
46 unit-specific permit application documentation. Natural background values  
47 will be established in conjunction with the Hanford Site-wide background  
48 study. Background will be established for additional constituents identified  
49 in the Appendix IX analysis. It is anticipated that those procedures and  
50 techniques used to establish area background conditions under the final status  
51 detection-level monitoring program will be applied.  
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1 **5.6.7 Sampling, Analysis, and Statistical Procedures [E-6h]**

2  
3 A proposed sampling and analysis plan including procedures for sample  
4 collection, sample preservation and shipment, analytical methods, and  
5 chain-of-custody controls, will be prepared if compliance-level monitoring  
6 becomes necessary. The basic information for sample collection, sample  
7 preservation and shipment, analytical methods, and chain-of-custody procedures  
8 will not change from the proposed plans submitted under the detection-level  
9 monitoring program (Section 5.5). To comply with WAC 173-303-645(10)(f), the  
10 compliance-level monitoring wells will be sampled at least semiannually for  
11 the specified groundwater parameters and waste constituents. If verified  
12 groundwater monitoring results indicate that appropriate groundwater  
13 protection standards (e.g., maximum concentration limit or alternate  
14 concentration limit; or applicable, relevant, and appropriate requirements)  
15 are exceeded at any monitoring well along the line of compliance, written  
16 notification will be made to Ecology within 7 days of the finding. An  
17 application for a permit modification to establish a corrective action  
18 program (Section 5.7) will be submitted within 90 days  
19 [WAC 173-303-645(10)(g)(i)(ii)]. In the case of a false positive claim,  
20 the owner/operator will notify Ecology within 7 days in accordance with  
21 WAC 173-303-645(10)(i)(i).  
22

23 **5.6.7.1 Sample Collection [E-6h(1)-(4)].** This information will not change  
24 from the proposed plans submitted under the detection level monitoring program  
25 (Section 5.5.4).  
26

27 **5.6.7.2 Additional Requirements for Compliance Point Monitoring [E-6h(5)].**  
28 Under compliance monitoring, additional activities will be conducted to  
29 provide a more protective monitoring program.  
30

31 **5.6.7.2.1 Sample Frequency [E-6h(5)(a)].** Under compliance monitoring  
32 downgradient compliance wells will be sampled semiannually  
33 [WAC 173-303-645(10)(f)].  
34

35 **5.6.7.2.2 Compliance Point Groundwater Quality Values [E-6h(5)(b)].**  
36 Analytical groundwater quality data will be prepared in an appropriate form  
37 for full statistical analysis. These data will exist primarily in tabular  
38 form and will consist of raw data from each independent sample obtained during  
39 each sampling event. The presentation of the statistical evaluation of the  
40 data will depend on the exact nature of the compliance limits (Section 5.6.4).  
41

42 **5.6.7.3 Annual Determination of Hydraulic Gradient [E-6h(6)].** Under  
43 compliance monitoring, the hydraulic gradient will be determined annually and  
44 the efficiency of the monitoring well network will be addressed. If  
45 warranted, additional monitoring wells will be installed.  
46

47 **5.6.7.4 Statistical Determination for Compliance Monitoring Program**  
48 **[E-6h(7)].** Statistical evaluation procedures under compliance monitoring  
49 program depend on the type of compliance limit. If the compliance limit is  
50 determined from the area background, the statistical method will be chosen to  
51 compare the composition of groundwater from background wells to those from  
52 compliance wells (e.g., statistical methods presented in Section 5.5.4.7). If

1 the compliance limit is a specified constant limit such as maximum  
2 concentration limit or alternate concentration limit, the appropriate  
3 statistical procedures will compare the compliance well concentrations  
4 estimated from sampling with the prescribed fixed limits. The recommended  
5 procedure is to compare the mean (or median) compliance well concentration  
6 against the compliance limit by constructing a confidence interval  
7 (EPA 1989d). If the Hanford Facility Permit requires that a compliance limit  
8 is not to be exceeded more than a specified fraction of the time, then the  
9 construction of tolerance limits will be the recommended procedure  
10 (EPA 1989d). Specific statistical evaluation procedures will be identified in  
11 unit-specific permit application documentation.  
12  
13

#### 14 5.7 CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM [E-7]

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16 If, at the point of compliance, dangerous constituents are measured in  
17 the groundwater at concentrations that exceed accepted groundwater protection  
18 standards, sufficient data, supporting information, and analyses will be  
19 provided to establish a corrective action program.  
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21 A description of the groundwater monitoring plan that will be used to  
22 assess the effectiveness of the corrective action measures will be submitted.  
23 This groundwater monitoring plan will be similar in scope to a compliance  
24 level monitoring program developed under Section 5.5 and will include all  
25 relevant information pertaining to the location and description of monitoring  
26 wells, groundwater sampling and analysis plans, statistical methods, and  
27 quality assurance and quality control procedures [WAC 173-303-645(11)(d)].  
28

29 The concentrations established in the Hanford Sitewide background program  
30 in conjunction with area background concentrations will determine groundwater  
31 protection standards for each individual TSD unit. This will reduce the time  
32 and costs currently being expended for drilling and sampling unit-specific  
33 background wells, and will further benefit cleanup efforts by the uniform  
34 application of cleanup standards across the Hanford Site. The Hanford  
35 Sitewide groundwater background program is discussed in *Hanford Site*  
36 *Groundwater Background* (DOE/RL 1992b).

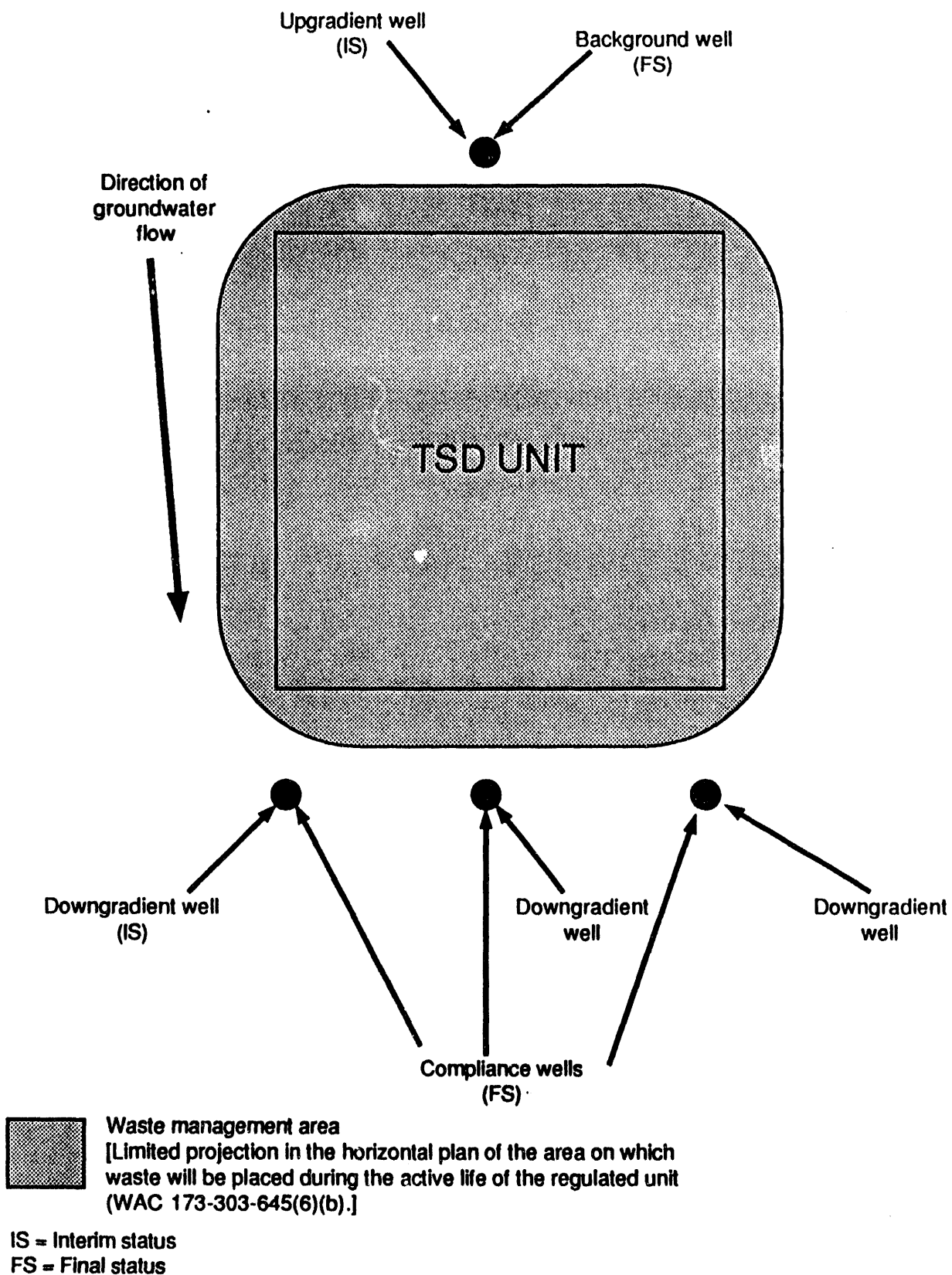


Figure 5-1. Generalized Configuration for a Detection Monitoring Groundwater Well System.

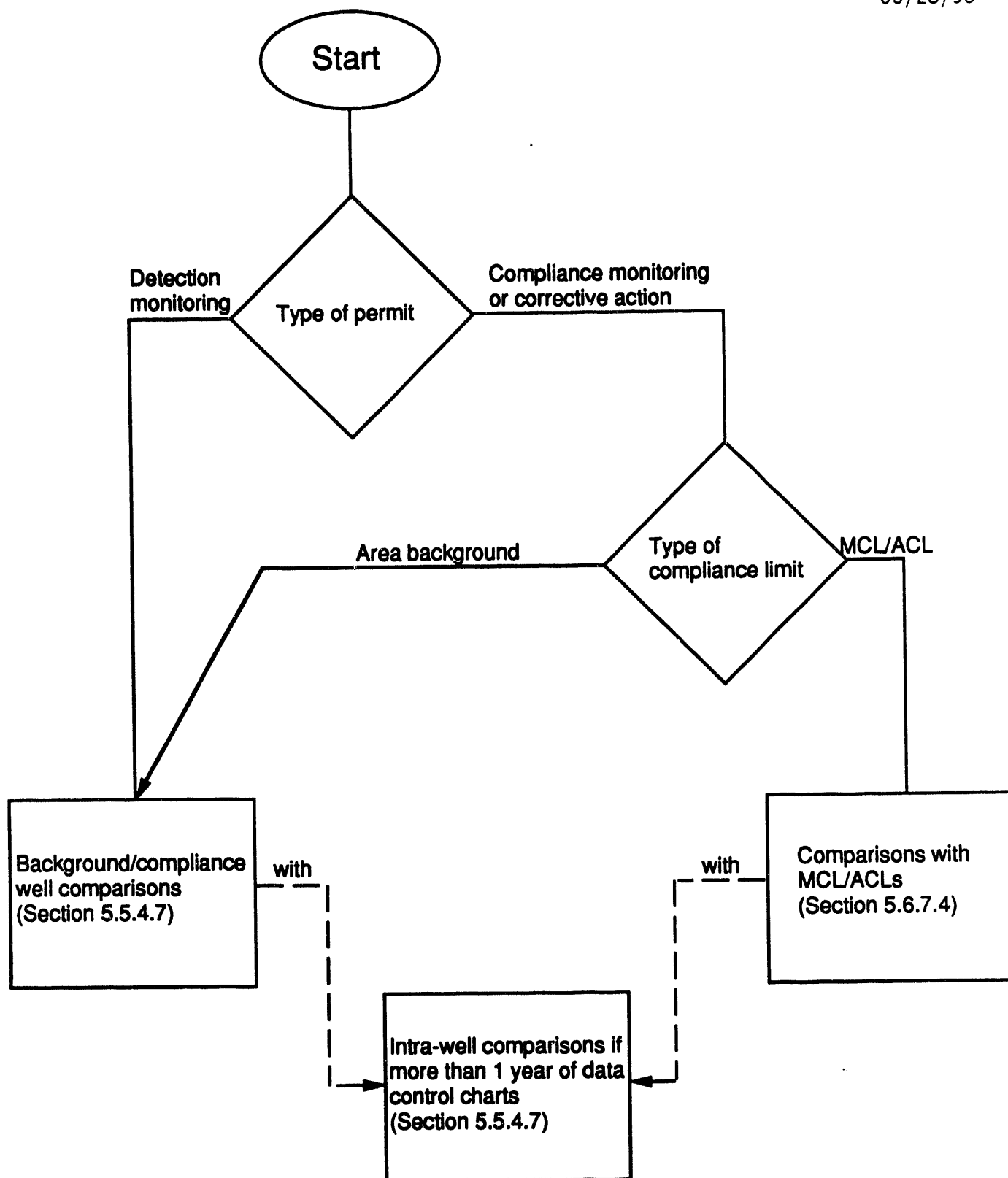


Figure 5-2. Flow Chart for Selection of Appropriate Statistical Method Used for Data Interpretation.

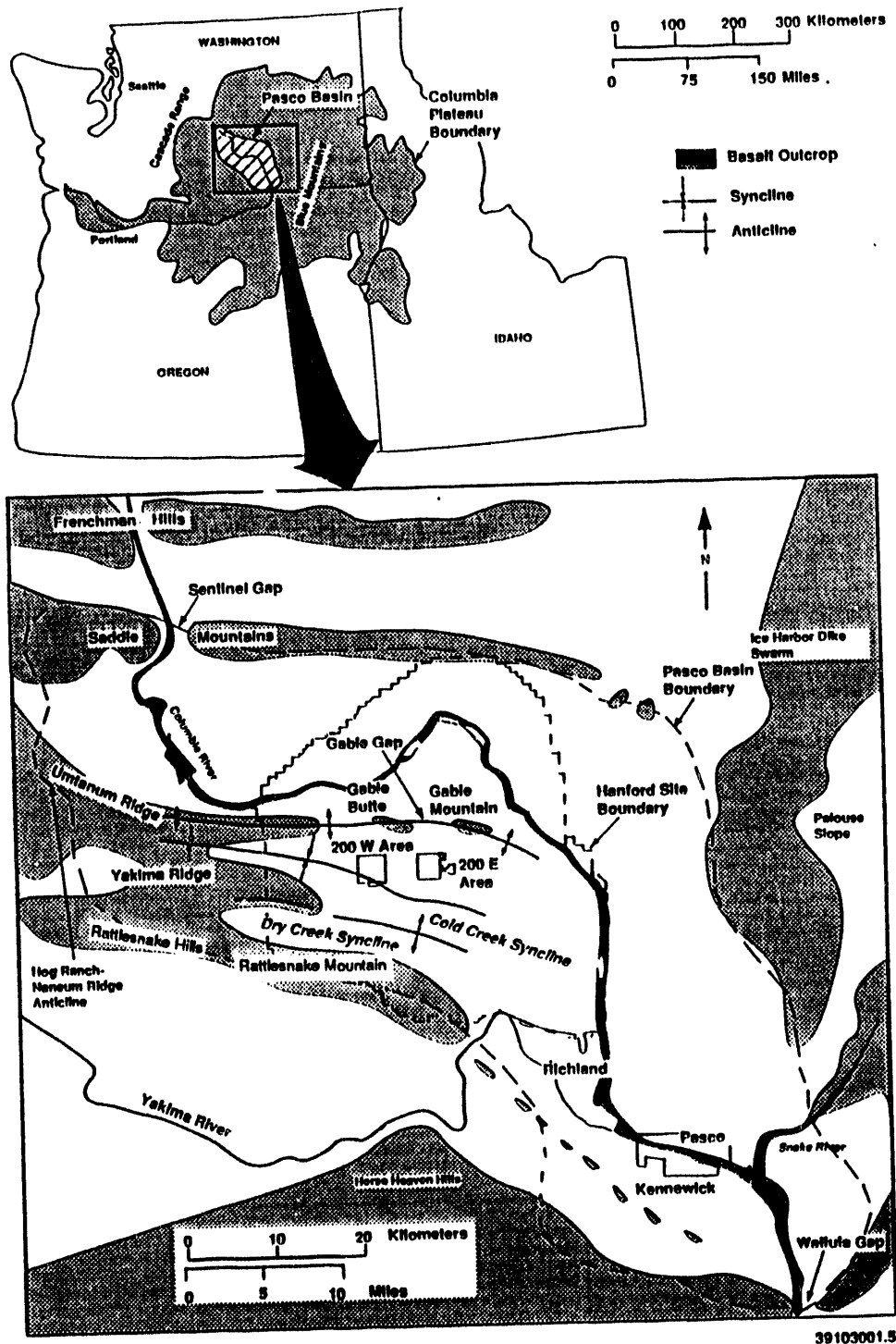


Figure 5-3. Location of Bounding Structures of the Pasco Basin.

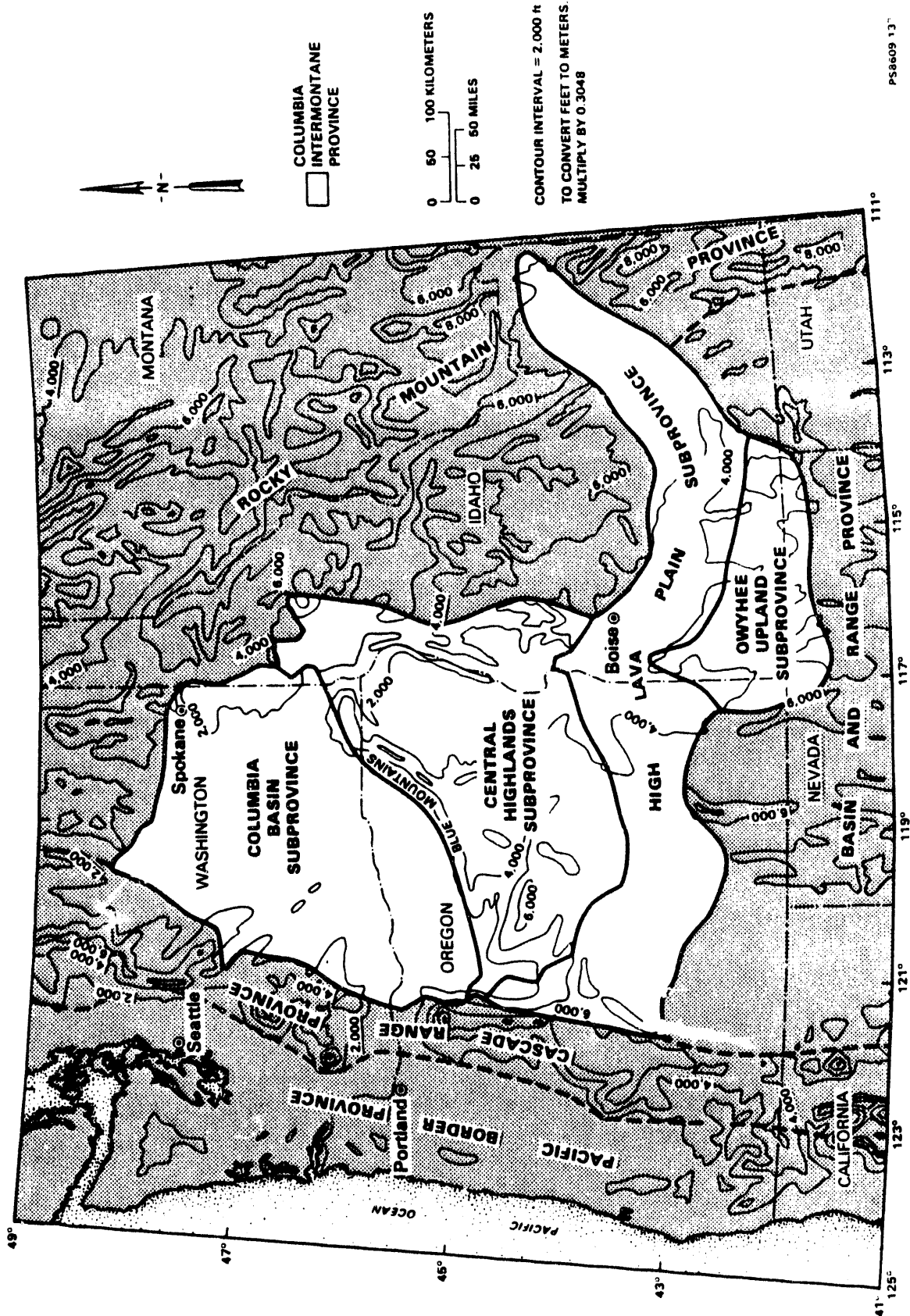
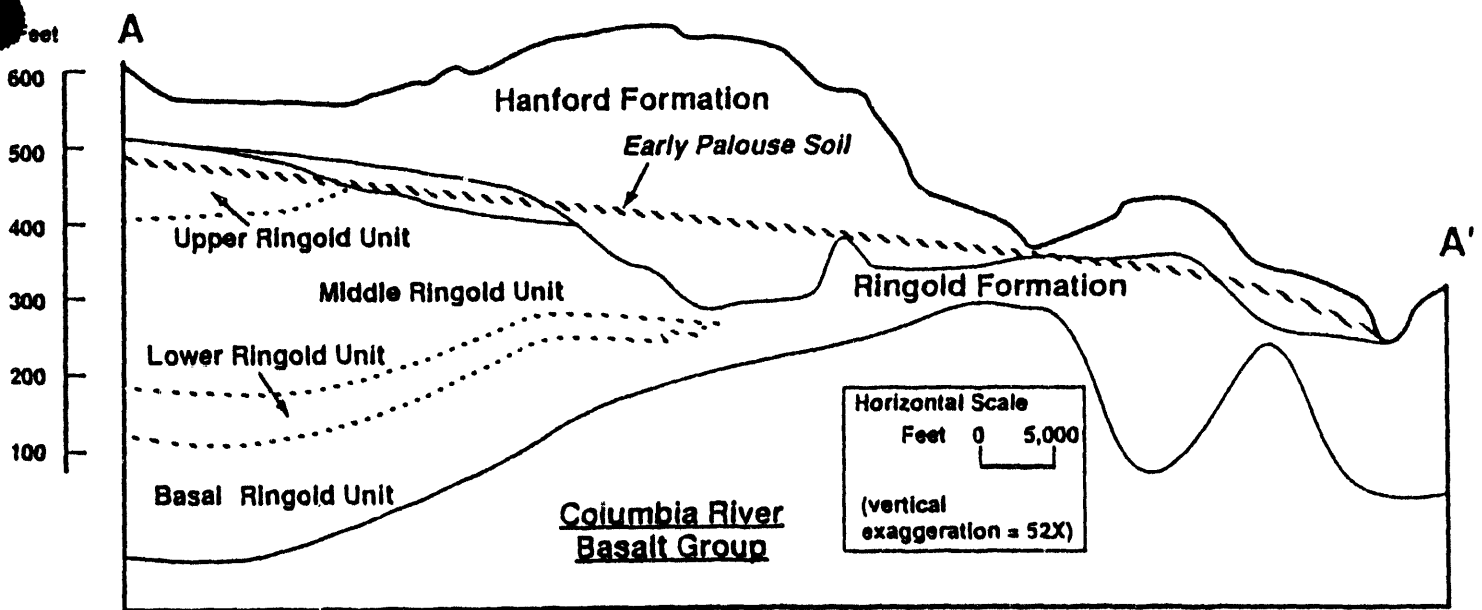
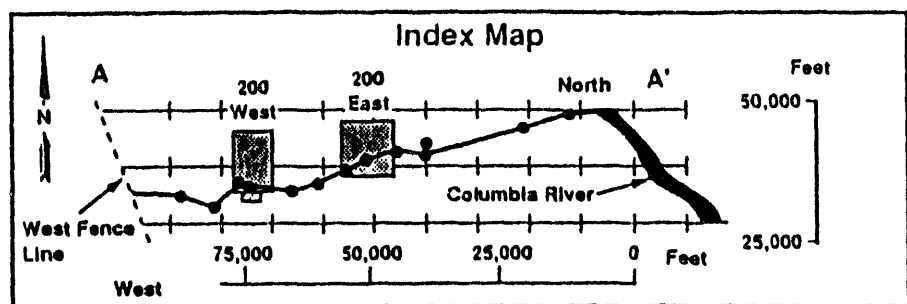


Figure 5-4. Divisions of the Columbia Intermontane Province and Adjacent Snake River Plains Province.

Period	Epoch	Group	Subgroup	Formation	K-Ar Age Years x 10 <sup>6</sup>	Member (Formal and Informal)	Sediment Stratigraphy or Basalt Flows
QUATERNARY	Pleistocene	Holocene				Surficial Units	Loess Sand Dunes Alluvium and Alluvial Fans Land Slides Talus Colluvium
						Touchet beds	
						Pasco gravels	
							Plio-Pleistocene unit
							upper Ringold
							middle Ringold
							lower Ringold
							basal Ringold
							basalt of Goose Island
							basalt of Martindale
							basalt of Basin City
							Levey interbed
							basalt of Ward Gap
							basalt of Elephant Mountain
TERTIARY	Miocene	Columbia River Basalt Group	Yakima Basalt Subgroup	Saddle Mountains Basalt	Ringold		basalt of Elephant Mountain
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Figure 5-5. Generalized Stratigraphic Column of Formations at the Hanford Site.



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Figure 5-6. Generalized Geologic Cross Section Through the Hanford Site  
(after Tallman et al. 1979, p. 20).

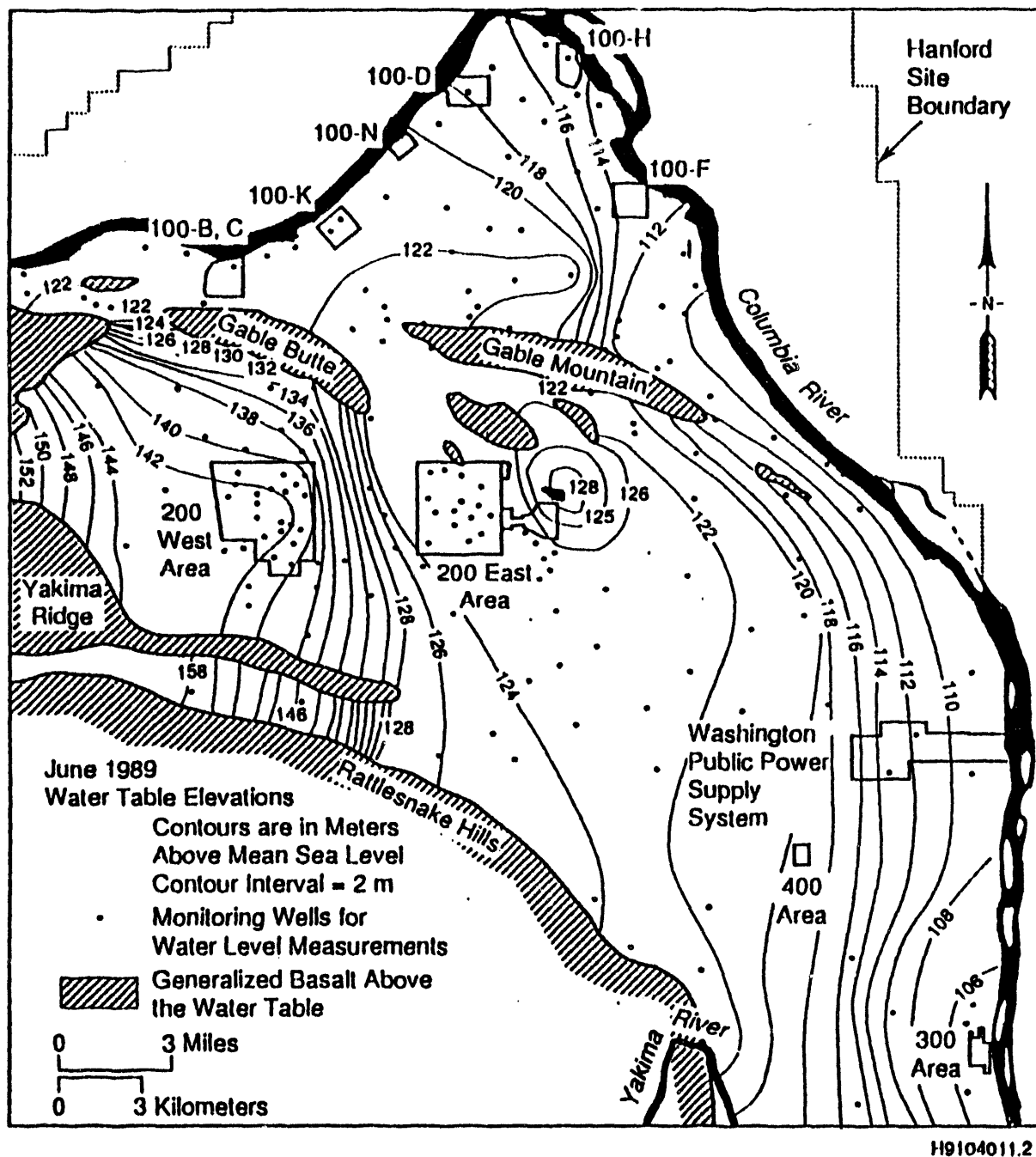
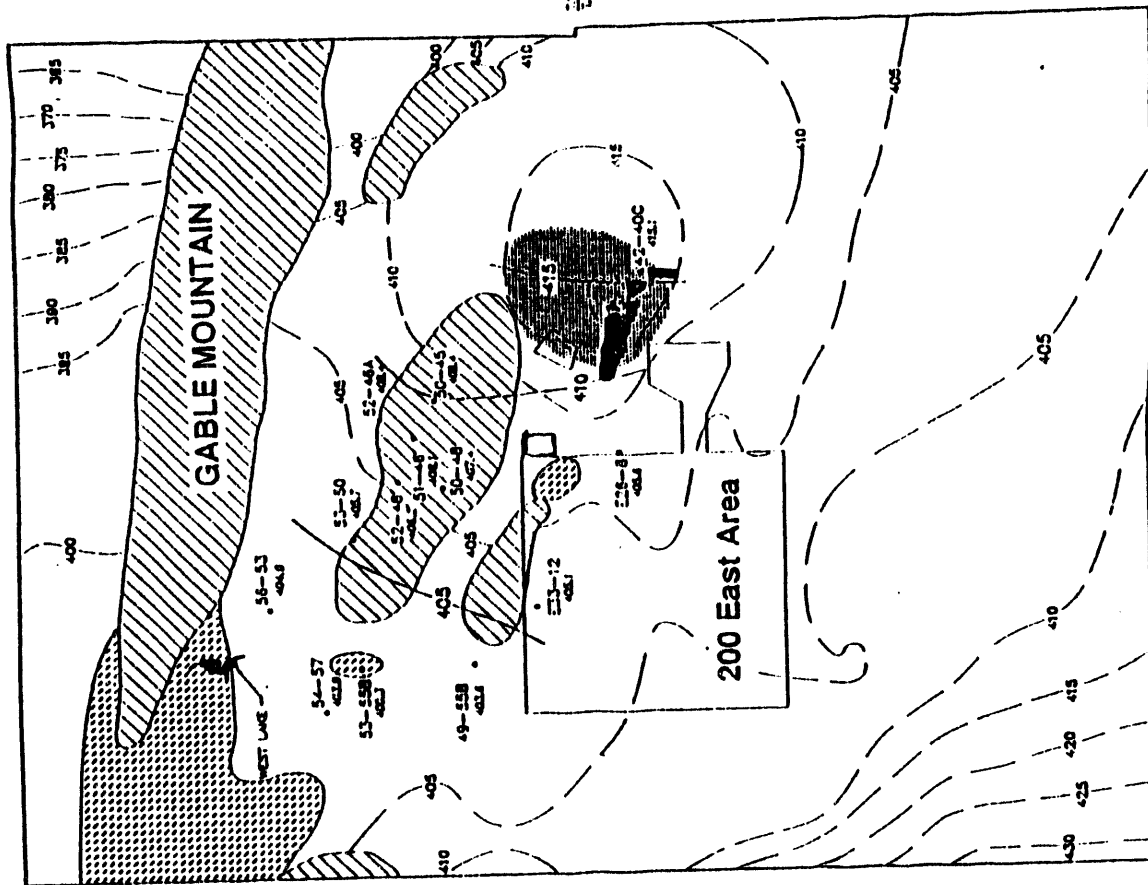


Figure 5-7. Water Table Map of the Hanford Site (June 1979)  
(Smith and Gorst 1990).

Comparison of Potentiometric  
Surface of the Rattlesnake Ridge  
Confined Aquifer with the Water  
Table of the Unconfined Aquifer

December 1989

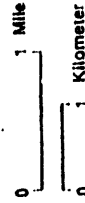


- 400 Potentiometric surface of the Rattlesnake Ridge confined aquifer in test above mean sea level (ft. masl)
- Water table contours in test above mean sea level
- Areas of complete erosion of the Elephant Mountain Member (from RHO-RE-ST-12)
- Areas of downward hydraulic gradient
- 50-45 Wells in confined aquifer used in preparation of maps
- 405 Pond
- Generalized basalt above water table, as inferred

The Rattlesnake Ridge aquifer, which is confined by the Elephant Mountain Member, is monitored quarterly in the eastern portion of the separations area. The December 1989 water-level measurements in 13 wells completed in the Rattlesnake Ridge interval were used to contour the potentiometric surface of the aquifer. Areal extent of downward hydraulic gradient from the water-table map and the contours of the potentiometric surface of the Rattlesnake Ridge. This area represents the zone in which downward flow might occur if a pathway is available due to complete erosion of the Elephant Mountain Member or sufficiently high hydraulic conductivity in the basalt.

The potentiometric surface of the Rattlesnake Ridge confined aquifer map is prepared by the Environmental Engineering Technology & Permitting Function of the Environmental Division of Westinghouse Hanford Company.

Note: To convert to metric, multiply elevation (ft) by 0.3048 to obtain elevation (m).



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Figure 5-8. Potentiometric Surface of the Rattlesnake Ridge Aquifer Beneath the Hanford Site.

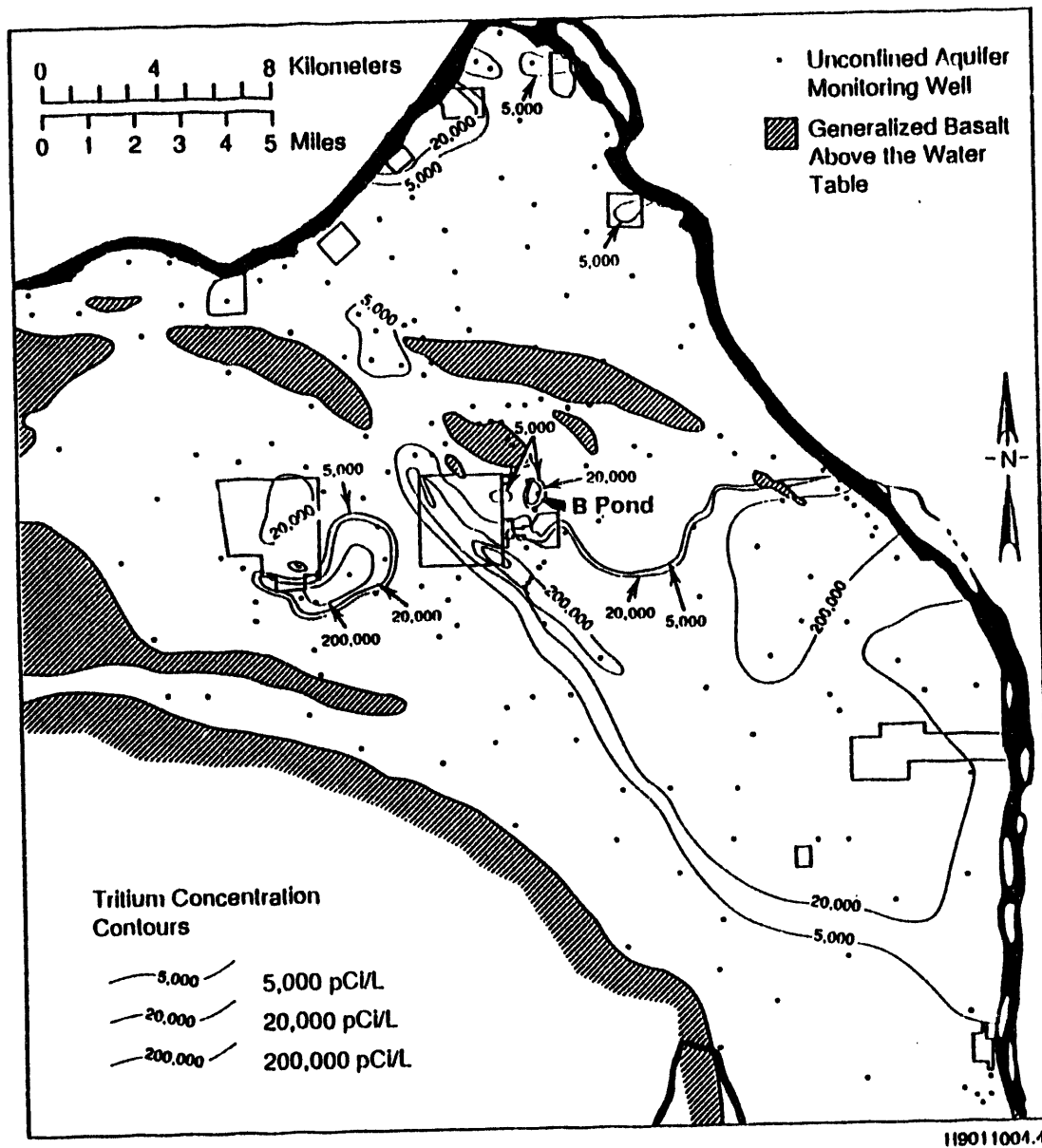


Figure 5-9. Distribution of Tritium on the Hanford Site, 1989 (Evans et al. 1990).

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## 6.0 PROCEDURES TO PREVENT HAZARDS [F]

The Hanford Facility is operated to minimize exposure of the general public and operating personnel to dangerous waste. This chapter describes the security, inspection frequencies and procedures, and emergency response equipment available to prevent, minimize, and control exposure of the general public and operating personnel to dangerous waste.

### 6.1 SECURITY [F-1]

The following sections describe the security measures, equipment, and warning signs used to control entry to the Hanford Facility. Security measures, equipment, and warning signs used to control entry to individual TSD units are provided in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.

#### 6.1.1 Security Procedures and Equipment [F-1a]

The following sections describe the 24-hour surveillance system, warning signs, and barriers used to provide security and controlled access to the Hanford Facility.

**6.1.1.1 24-hour Surveillance System [F-1a(1)].** The entire Hanford Facility is a controlled access area. The Hanford Facility maintains around-the-clock surveillance for protection of government property, classified information, and special nuclear materials. The Hanford Patrol maintains a continuous presence of protective force personnel to provide additional security.

**6.1.1.2 Barrier and Means to Control Entry [F-1a(2);(2a),(2b)].** The majority of TSD units for which final status is sought are located within, or in the vicinity of, the 200 Areas (Table 2-1). Manned barricades are maintained around the clock at checkpoints on vehicular access roads leading to these areas (Yakima and Wye Barricades, drawing H-6-958 in Appendix 2A). All personnel accessing the Hanford Site areas must have a U.S. Department of Energy-issued security identification badge indicating the appropriate authorization. Personnel also might be subject to a random search of items carried into or out of the Hanford Site. Additional means to bar entry or control access (e.g., fences, locked entry doors) are discussed in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.

**6.1.1.3 Warning Signs [F-1a(3)].** Signs are, or will be, posted at area boundaries within the Hanford Site stating "NO TRESPASSING. SECURITY BADGES REQUIRED BEYOND THIS POINT. VEHICLES ONLY. PUBLIC ACCESS PROHIBITED" (or an equivalent legend).

In addition, warning signs stating "DANGER--UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL KEEP OUT" (or an equivalent legend) are, or will be, posted at TSD units within the Hanford Facility. These signs are, or will be, written in English, legible

1 from a distance of 25 feet (7.6 meters), and visible from all angles of  
2 approach.

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5 **6.1.2 Waiver [F-1b,b(1),b(2)]**

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7       Waivers of the security procedures and equipment requirements for the  
8 Hanford Facility currently are not requested.

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11 **6.2 INSPECTION SCHEDULE [F-2]**

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13       The TSD unit-specific inspection plans are included in the Unit-Specific  
14 Portion of this permit application.

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17 **6.3 WAIVER OR DOCUMENTATION OF PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION**  
18 **REQUIREMENTS [F-3]**

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20       The emergency preparedness and prevention measures taken for the Hanford  
21 Facility are described in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit  
22 application. Most of the Hanford Facility TSD units are equipped with  
23 internal communication systems to relay emergency or other information to unit  
24 personnel. The internal communication systems include telephones, various  
25 alarm systems, and hand-held or vehicle two-way radios. Alarm systems exist  
26 at various locations throughout the Hanford Facility to allow personnel to  
27 respond appropriately to various emergency situations, including the  
28 following: building evacuations, take-cover events, and fire and/or  
29 explosion. Telephones are located throughout the Hanford Facility and provide  
30 both internal and external communication. In addition, the following external  
31 communication systems are available for notifying persons assigned to  
32 emergency response organizations:

- 33  
34       • Fire alarm pull boxes and fire sprinkler flow monitoring devices--  
35       connected to a system monitored around the clock by the Hanford Fire  
36       Department  
37  
38       • Telephone number 811--contact point for the Hanford Site; on  
39       notification, the Hanford Patrol Operations Center notifies and/or  
40       dispatches required emergency responders  
41  
42       • Telephone number 373-3800--single point of contact for the operations  
43       and engineering contractor emergency duty officer; this number can be  
44       dialed from any Hanford Facility telephone  
45  
46       • Telephone number 375-2400--single point of contact for the research  
47       and development contractor emergency duty officer; this number can be  
48       dialed from any Hanford Facility telephone  
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50       • Crash alarm telephone system--consists of selected telephones that are  
51       disassociated from the regular system and are connected automatically  
52       to control stations

- Two-way radio system--consists of hand-held or vehicle radios; the system accesses the Hanford Facility emergency network and can summon the Hanford Fire Department, Hanford Patrol, and/or any other assistance needed to deal with emergencies.

#### 6.4 PREVENTIVE PROCEDURES, STRUCTURES, AND EQUIPMENT [F-4]

The preventive procedures, structures, and equipment used on the Hanford Facility are described in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. Preventive procedures are in place to ensure that unloading activities are conducted in a safe manner and that run-off of liquid, if spilled during waste unloading operations, are contained and disposed of properly. In those areas of TSD units where significant risk of exposure exists, personnel are required to wear protective suits and/or respiratory devices, depending on the specific hazard that could exist. Procedures are in place at specific TSD units to provide backup power to equipment critical to unit operation.

A plan also is in place to address response measures to control and mitigate effects to human health and the environment for any spill or release between TSD unit boundaries (e.g., onsite transportation) (Chapter 7.0).

#### 6.5 PREVENTION OF REACTION OF IGNITABLE, REACTIVE, AND INCOMPATIBLE WASTES [F-5]

The Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application describes procedures and precautions to prevent the reaction of ignitable, reactive, and incompatible waste at TSD units for which final status is sought.

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7A HANFORD FACILITY CONTINGENCY PLAN . . . . . APP 7A-i

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7.0 CONTINGENCY PLAN [G]

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4 The WAC 173-303 requirements for a contingency plan are satisfied by the  
5 *Hanford Facility Contingency Plan* (Appendix 7A), together with each TSD unit-  
6 specific contingency plan contained in the Unit-Specific Portion of this  
7 permit application. Appendix 7A includes response to a nonradiological  
8 hazardous materials spill or release at Hanford Facility locations not covered  
9 by TSD unit-specific contingency plans or building emergency plans. The  
10 *Hanford Facility Contingency Plan* also includes response to a spill or release  
11 as a result of transportation activities, movement of materials, packaging,  
12 and storage of hazardous materials.

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## 8.0 PERSONNEL TRAINING [H]

The training programs for individual TSD units for which final status is sought can be found in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. These programs contribute to the assurance that TSD units are operated and maintained in accordance with requirements of the EPA, Ecology, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

The training programs are overseen by the DOE-RL and prepare employees to operate and maintain Hanford Facility TSD units in a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound manner. In addition to preparing employees to operate and maintain the TSD units under normal conditions, the programs ensure that employees are prepared to respond in a prompt and effective manner should offnormal or emergency conditions occur. Emergency response training is consistent with emergency responses outlined in the Hanford Facility Contingency Plan (Appendix 7A) and in TSD unit-specific contingency plans.

The Hanford Site contractors are responsible for developing and administering the courses required by the training programs. The TSD unit management is responsible for identifying TSD unit- and job-specific training requirements for TSD unit employees and for ensuring that employees complete the appropriate training.

Each Hanford Site contractor maintains official training files in a centralized location. These files include employee training records, course attendance rosters, and course outlines. Training records are maintained by the contractors' organizations in accordance with the requirements of the *Privacy Act of 1974*. Presently, the training records of individual employees are available for inspection purposes through the *Freedom of Information Act of 1966*. The DOE-RL is seeking authorization through the U.S. Department of Energy-Headquarters to amend the systems notice under the *Privacy Act* to allow regulatory agencies 'routine use' access to training records under this act. Training records on current and former employees will be maintained in accordance with Chapter 12.0.

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9.0 EXPOSURE INFORMATION REPORT . . . . . 9-1

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## 9.0 EXPOSURE INFORMATION REPORT

Requirements for submittal of exposure information are contained in 40 CFR 270.11. Such information must be included in a Part B permit application submitted by an owner or operator for a facility that stores, treats, or disposes of hazardous waste in a surface impoundment or a landfill. The information provided is to be "reasonably ascertainable" and must address, at a minimum, the following:

- Reasonably foreseeable potential releases from both normal operations and accidents at the unit, including releases associated with transportation to or from the unit;
- The potential pathways of human exposure to hazardous wastes or constituents resulting from these releases; and
- The potential magnitude and nature of the human exposure resulting from such releases.

Further guidance on the submittal of exposure information is provided in the *Permit Applicants' Guidance Manual for Exposure Information Requirements under RCRA Section 3019* (EPA Guidance Manual) (EPA 1986a). The EPA Guidance Manual states that the purpose of the exposure information report is to identify and characterize the magnitude of human exposure resulting from contaminant releases or potential releases from the units under evaluation, and to determine if there is a "significant potential risk" to public health. The EPA Guidance Manual cites three criteria that must be considered in evaluating the potential for human exposure.

- A release of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents must have occurred.
- The release must have moved offsite via an environmental pathway (groundwater, surface water, or air).
- A nearby population must be affected by such a release.

These criteria form the basis for the exposure information reports included in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. Hanford Facility units currently requiring such a report include the Grout Treatment Facility, the Low-Level Burial Grounds, and the Liquid Effluent Retention Facility. The Double-Shell Tank System might be added to this list at a later time, if it is determined that portions of the Double-Shell Tank System will undergo landfill closure. The Purgewater Storage Unit might also be added, if the Part A permit application, Form 3, for this unit is not withdrawn. All these units are located within or near the 200 Areas of the Hanford Site.

The EPA Guidance Manual states that the "EPA does not expect applicants to develop major, expensive new pieces of information..." to prepare the exposure information report. Therefore, the exposure information reports contained in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application are

1 developed primarily around available information. The information addresses  
2 reasonably foreseeable potential releases from both normal operations and  
3 accidents. This information also includes releases associated with potential  
4 environmental transport pathways and routes of human exposure to dangerous  
5 waste or constituents or the dangerous waste component of mixed waste.

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## 10.0 WASTE MINIMIZATION

Requirements relevant to waste minimization are contained in 40 CFR 264.73(a) and 264.73(b)(9). The requirements of 40 CFR.264.73(a) state that the "owner or operator must keep a written operating record at his facility." The requirements of 264.73(b)(9) mandate:

"a certification by the permittee no less often than annually, that the permittee has a program in place to reduce the volume and toxicity of hazardous waste that he generates to the degree determined by the permittee to be economically practicable; and the proposed method of treatment, storage or disposal is that practicable method currently available to the permittee which minimizes the present and future threat to human health and the environment."

To fulfill the requirements of 264.73(b)(9), a certification that the Hanford Facility has a waste minimization program in place is entered, annually, into the Hanford Facility operating record (Chapter 12.0).

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## 11.0 CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE REQUIREMENT [I]

This chapter describes the general activities and objectives common to closures of Hanford Facility TSD units for which final status is sought. If closure of TSD units will leave waste in place, then postclosure documentation also will be included in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. This chapter addresses closure options, closure performance standards, closure activities, closure and postclosure plans, postclosure permit application documentation, and closure of the Hanford Facility. As noted in Chapter 1.0, interim status closure and postclosure plans are not part of this permit application.

When a TSD unit is no longer used to treat, store, and/or dispose of dangerous or mixed waste, the TSD unit is closed. Closure is required to be accomplished in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment. Closure of the TSD units within the Hanford Facility is conducted in accordance with the current regulations contained in 40 CFR 264 through 268 and 40 CFR 270, WAC 173-303, and the requirements of the Tri-Party Agreement. The term 'RCRA closure', as used in this chapter, refers to considerations of both federal and state regulations, as applicable.

In addition, RCRA closures of TSD units within the Hanford Facility must be integrated with remediation of any surrounding past-practice units. This integration is addressed in the Tri-Party Agreement in Article III, Article IV, Article XXIV, Article XXXII, and in Section 5.5 of the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan.

On the Hanford Site, there are over 1,000 past-practice units. These past-practice units are organized into areas called operable units that contain all of the individual TSD units (Appendix 2A). The past-practice units will be remediated either under the CERCLA regulations or the RCRA corrective action regulations. These regulations, although based on protection of human health and the environment, might not require the same performance standard as for a RCRA TSD closure. Integration of the remediation of past-practice operable units with TSD closures will require RCRA TSD units located within past-practice operable units to have the same cleanup standards. This integration will eliminate the possibility of having different cleanup standards for coincident or adjacent parcels of land. Ongoing discussions are taking place with the EPA and Ecology to address RCRA and CERCLA integration needs. The contents of this chapter will be updated, through the permit modification process if necessary, to incorporate the results of these discussions.

### 11.1 CLOSURE OPTIONS

Currently, there are three RCRA closure options: clean closure, health-based closure, and landfill closure. All of the TSD units are within the Hanford Site past-practice (RCRA and CERCLA) operable units. Because of this, activities and cleanup standards for remediation of the past-practice operable

units should take precedence when integrated with the closure of RCRA TSD units.

Specific closure activities and objectives for any one TSD unit will be included in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. Figure 11-1 shows a general closure logic flow chart.

The following sections address the three closure options: clean closure, health-based closure, and landfill closure.

#### 11.1.1 Clean Closure

Clean closure requires that all dangerous waste constituents and contamination be removed and disposed of in accordance with applicable regulations. Clean closure is accomplished by verifying that the potentially dangerous constituents treated, stored, and/or disposed of at the TSD unit being closed are not present above action levels for those potential contaminants. Action levels are concentrations of analytes of interest that prompt an action, such as soil removal/treatment or further evaluation. Initial action levels will be the greater of two levels: background or limit of quantitation. Background will be Sitewide background threshold values as defined in *Hanford Site Soil Background* (DOE-RL 1992c). The limit of quantitation is the level above which quantitative analysis can be obtained with a specific degree of confidence (generally the mean background signal plus 10 standard deviations). If concentrations exceed initial action levels, health-based action levels will be assessed.

In some instances, samples obtained at a TSD unit for closure will be compared to local background instead of the Hanford Site background. Local background refers to the concentrations of constituents from analyses of samples obtained in the local vicinity of a unit. If the concentrations of potentially dangerous constituents are not above the local background threshold, the TSD unit would be considered clean closed. Any necessary remediation beyond the TSD unit closure would be accomplished during cleanup of the past-practice operable unit in which the TSD unit is located.

#### 11.1.2 Health-Based Closure

Health-based closure is closure of a TSD unit accomplished by treating or removing contamination to concentrations based on protection of human health and the environment. The situation for such closures occurs at the Hanford Site because of the past-practice operable units (CERCLA and RCRA) that surround the operating TSD units. The remediation of past-practice operable units is based on human health and environmental protection standards. The health-based levels will be based on equations and exposure assumptions presented in the *Hanford Site Baseline Risk Assessment Methodology* (DOE-RL 1992a). For noncarcinogens, the principal variable relating human health to action levels is the oral reference dose, and the oral reference dose is defined as the level of daily human exposure at or below which no adverse effect is expected to occur during a lifetime. For carcinogens, the

1 cancer slope factor is the basis for determining human health effects; it is  
2 measurement of risk per unit dose. The oral reference dose and cancer slope  
3 factor are chemical specific and are obtained from the *Integrated Risk*  
4 *Information System* (IRIS) (EPA 1989a), a database that is updated periodically  
5 by the EPA. Health-based levels will be based on values that are current at  
6 the time of approval of closure documentation.

7  
8 Protection of human health and the environment will be accomplished by  
9 removing or treating all contamination at a TSD unit to concentration levels  
10 that are not a threat to human health and the environment. However,  
11 remediation will not be below background levels, if these background levels  
12 are above health-based standards. Health based risk standards will be  
13 established using guidance such as WAC 173-340, the EPA *Integrated Risk*  
14 *Information System* database (EPA 1989a), the EPA *Risk Assessment Guidance for*  
15 *Superfund: Human Health Evaluation Manual* (EPA 1989c), the *Hanford Site*  
16 *Baseline Risk Assessment Methodology* (DOE-RL 1992a), and other appropriate  
17 information.

### 18 19 20 11.1.3 Landfill Closure

21  
22 A landfill closure occurs when waste or contamination is left at the  
23 TSD unit in concentrations that are above health-based standards. When waste  
24 or contamination is left in place, the submittal of postclosure permit  
25 application documentation is required. This documentation would contain a  
26 RCRA-compliant landfill cover design and a postclosure monitoring plan. The  
27 postclosure monitoring plan would describe how the covered TSD unit would be  
28 monitored and maintained to ensure protection of human health and the  
29 environment. Regulations require monitoring and maintenance for at least  
30 30 years unless a shorter time is approved by Ecology (the shorter time must  
31 be shown to be sufficient to protect human health and the environment).

### 32 33 34 11.2 CLOSURE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

35  
36 The following sections address closure performance standards and waste  
37 removal and decontamination standards.

38  
39 All plans will be developed to close TSD units in a manner that meets the  
40 following closure performance standards of WAC 173-303-610(2):

41  
42 "(a)(i) Minimizes the need for further maintenance;

43  
44 (ii) Controls, minimizes or eliminates to the extent necessary to  
45 protect human health and the environment, postclosure escape of dangerous  
46 waste, dangerous constituents, leachate, contaminated run-off, or  
47 dangerous waste decomposition products to the ground, surface water,  
48 ground water, or the atmosphere; and

49  
50 (iii) Returns the land to the appearance and use of surrounding land  
51 areas to the degree possible given the nature of the previous dangerous  
52 waste activity."

### 11.2.1 Minimizing the Need for Future Maintenance

Minimizing the need for future maintenance will be accomplished by clean closing (at or below health-based standards) the specific TSD units whenever possible. Clean closure will eliminate the need for future maintenance. In cases where clean closure cannot be achieved, future maintenance needs will be addressed in unit-specific postclosure permit application documentation.

### 11.2.2 Protection of Human Health and the Environment

Protection of human health and the environment will be accomplished by removing or treating all contamination at a TSD unit to concentration levels that are not a threat to human health and the environment. If contamination cannot be removed or treated to levels that are protective of human health and the environment and must be left in place, a RCRA-compliant landfill cover will be installed. Regulations require monitoring and maintenance for at least 30 years unless a shorter time is approved by Ecology (the shorter time must be shown to be sufficient to protect human health and the environment).

Health based risk standards will be established using guidance such as WAC 173-340, the EPA *Integrated Risk Information System* database (EPA 1989a), the EPA *Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Human Health Evaluation Manual* (EPA 1989c), the *Hanford Site Baseline Risk Assessment Methodology* (DOE-RL 1992a), and other appropriate information.

### 11.2.3 Return Land to the Appearance and Use of Surrounding Land

Closure plans will include, to the extent practicable, consideration of returning the TSD units to an appearance compatible with surrounding structures and/or the semi-desert terrain of the area.

## 11.3 CLOSURE ACTIVITIES

The activities undertaken to perform closure for an individual TSD unit for which final status is sought are identified in the unit-specific closure and postclosure plans. General closure activities address the following three aspects during the cleanup of the Hanford Site.

- Waste investigation
- Remediation process
- Sampling methods.

In addition to these aspects, the sampling methods and sample data reduction and inventory database control aspects are discussed in the following sections.

1 **11.3.1 Waste Investigation**  
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3 During the waste investigations, the TSD unit-specific closure plans will  
4 ensure that the waste is characterized properly in terms of presence,  
5 location, concentration, and volume of each contaminant. Research of process  
6 records, drawings, and photographs will shape the initial sampling strategy.  
7 As field information and laboratory results become available, the sampling  
8 strategy might specify more sampling until the waste contaminants can be  
9 reliably located and quantified. Information specific to any one TSD unit is  
10 included in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.  
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12  
13 **11.3.2 Remediation Process**  
14

15 The remediation process for a TSD unit will be agreed upon with the  
16 appropriate regulatory agency(s) using one of the three closure options  
17 (clean, health-based, or landfill; Sections 11.1.1, 11.1.2, and 11.1.3,  
18 respectively). The agreed upon closure option will include sampling to  
19 determine if clean closure is achievable unless landfill closure is selected.  
20 If some remediation is undertaken, the sampling results will be used to  
21 determine when the remediation effort has been completed. Information  
22 specific to any one TSD unit is included in the Unit-Specific Portion of this  
23 permit application.  
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25  
26 **11.3.3 Sampling Methods**  
27

28 Sampling will be accomplished according to information contained in  
29 established environmental regulations and guidelines using the data quality  
30 objectives process (EPA 1987). This information has been used in developing  
31 protocols set forth in contractor procedures and in SW-846. These protocols  
32 will be followed in obtaining and handling all samples. Field duplicate,  
33 equipment blank, and trip blank samples will be taken as appropriate and  
34 analyzed as a check on field sampling procedures, cross-contamination of  
35 samples, contamination from sample handling, and laboratory contamination.  
36 Samples usually will be taken on intervals down to 3 feet (0.91 meter) for  
37 non-land disposal units. For land disposal units, some vadose zone  
38 characterization wells might be required. Details on the number of samples,  
39 sample depth, and number of vadose zone wells needed are included in the Unit-  
40 Specific Portion of this permit application.  
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42 The analytical data obtained from the sampling of each TSD unit will be  
43 evaluated by SW-846 methods and analyzed by a cognizant person in the media  
44 involved (i.e., soil, water, concrete, or air). The resulting concentration  
45 levels of the identified constituents will be compared with the corresponding  
46 background level or health- and environmental-based standards. If this  
47 comparison supports the conclusion that the area does not contain greater  
48 contaminant concentrations than the background or health- and environmental-  
49 based levels, the area will be considered decontaminated and can be cleaned  
50 closed. If sample results from a particular TSD unit do not meet the closure  
51 criteria, the particular constituents that exceed the action levels will be

1 identified, and further evaluations of the potential success of additional  
2 decontamination efforts will be limited to these constituents.

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4 Sampling and analysis of materials that are not covered by SW-846 will be  
5 achieved using protocols, procedures, and methods approved by the appropriate  
6 regulatory agency(s) before conducting the sampling or analytical work. A  
7 description of procedures currently used to support closure activities, as  
8 well as the specific sampling plan, are included in the Unit-Specific Portion  
9 of this permit application.

#### 10 11 12 **11.4 CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE PLAN**

13  
14 The unit-specific closure and postclosure plan is designed for closure of  
15 a TSD unit where closure will be implemented in the future once operations are  
16 discontinued. This closure and postclosure plan will be implemented when  
17 approval is received from Ecology and the EPA and after the final waste  
18 receipt by the TSD unit.

##### 19 20 21 **11.4.1 Closure Plan**

22  
23 The closure plan contains information on closure performance standards,  
24 decontamination, waste inventory removal, sampling and analysis, schedule, and  
25 closure certification. Where possible, the closure plan will be prepared  
26 using clean closure as the basis for closing the TSD unit.

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28  
29 **11.4.1.1 Closure Schedule.** In accordance with regulations, closure  
30 activities will commence with the final receipt of waste. The TSD unit-  
31 specific schedule for closure will be provided in the closure plan. The  
32 activities to complete closure will be scheduled within 180 days unless a  
33 modified schedule is presented and agreed upon in the closure plan.

34  
35 **11.4.1.2 Extension for Closure Time.** If closure activities will exceed the  
36 approved closure plan schedule, closure time extensions will be requested.  
37 All extension requests will include the justification for the extension and  
38 details for the remaining activities to achieve closure.

39  
40 **11.4.1.3 Amendments to Closure Plan.** Should changes be required to the  
41 approved closure plan, an amended plan will be prepared and submitted to the  
42 proper regulatory agency(s) for approval in accordance with 40 CFR 264.112(c)  
43 and WAC 173-303-610(3)(b).

44  
45 **11.4.1.4 Certification of Closure.** Within 60 days of final closure of any  
46 TSD unit, the DOE-RL will submit a certification of closure to the proper  
47 regulatory agency(s) in accordance with 40 CFR 264.115 and WAC 173-303-610(6).  
48 This certification will be signed by both the DOE-RL and by an independent  
49 professional engineer, and will state that the TSD unit has been closed in  
50 accordance with the approved closure plan. The certification will be  
51 submitted by registered mail or an equivalent delivery service. Documentation  
52 supporting the closure certification will be retained and will be furnished

1 upon request to the proper regulatory agency(s). This documentation will be  
2 maintained by the DOE-RL contact (or the successor) identified in  
3 Section 11.10.

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5 **11.4.1.5 Survey Plat.** On submission of the closure certification for a  
6 disposal unit, a survey plat indicating the location and dimensions of the  
7 unit will be submitted to the following:

- 8
- 9 • Benton County Land Planning Department
- 10 • The EPA and Ecology.
- 11

12 The survey plat will be prepared and certified by a professional land  
13 surveyor. The plat will contain a note that states the DOE-RL's obligation to  
14 restrict disturbance of the TSD unit. This submission will satisfy the  
15 requirements of 40 CFR 264.119(a) and WAC 173-303-610(9).

16  
17 **11.4.1.6 Notice to Local Land Authorities.** To the extent that residual  
18 contamination (waste left-in-place) exceeds limits for protection of human  
19 health and the environment, the local land authority (county-specific land  
20 zoning board and engineer) will be provided a certified legal description of  
21 the contaminant location and contaminant inventory.

## 22 23 24 **11.4.2 Postclosure Plan**

25  
26 For landfill closure (closure with waste in place) of a TSD unit for  
27 which final status is sought, a postclosure plan will be submitted with the  
28 closure plan.

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30 **11.4.2.1 Inspection Plan.** The inspection plan will describe inspections to  
31 be conducted during the postclosure period, the frequency of inspections, the  
32 inspection procedures, and the logs to be kept. The inspection plan will  
33 contain information on the following items, as applicable: security control  
34 devices; erosion damage; cover settlement, subsidence, and displacement;  
35 vegetative cover condition; integrity of run-on and run-off control measures;  
36 cover drainage system; gas venting system; well condition; and benchmark  
37 integrity.

38  
39 **11.4.2.2 Groundwater Monitoring Plan.** The groundwater monitoring plan will  
40 describe activities associated with groundwater monitoring during the  
41 postclosure period. The groundwater monitoring plan will contain the  
42 following information, as applicable: interim status period groundwater  
43 monitoring data, aquifer identification, contaminant plume description,  
44 detection monitoring program, compliance monitoring program, and corrective  
45 action program.

46  
47 **11.4.2.3 Maintenance Plan.** The maintenance plan will describe the  
48 preventative and corrective maintenance procedures, equipment, and material  
49 needs. The plan will contain the following information, as applicable:  
50 repair of security control devices; erosion damage repair; correction of  
51 settlement, subsidence, and displacement; mowing, fertilization, and other

1 vegetative cover maintenance; repair of run-on and run-off control structures;  
2 and well replacement.

3  
4 **11.4.2.4 Provisions to Amend Postclosure Plan.** Should changes be required to  
5 approved postclosure plan documentation, amended documentation will be  
6 prepared and submitted to the proper regulatory agency(s) for approval in  
7 accordance with 40 CFR 264.112(c) and WAC 173-303-610(3)(b).

8  
9 **11.4.2.5 Certification of Completion of Postclosure Care.** Within 60 days  
10 after completion of the established postclosure care period for each dangerous  
11 waste disposal unit, the DOE-RL will submit to Ecology, by registered mail, a  
12 certification that the postclosure care period for the unit was completed in  
13 accordance with the approved postclosure plan. This certification will be  
14 signed by a representative of the DOE-RL and by an independent registered  
15 professional engineer.

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18 **11.5 POSTCLOSURE PERMIT APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION**

19  
20 A TSD unit closed under interim status with waste in place (landfill  
21 closure) will be closed in accordance with WAC 173-303-650(6), 660(9), 680(4),  
22 and 665(6). The postclosure permit application documentation as required in  
23 the Tri-Party Agreement, Section 6.3.2, will be submitted separately from the  
24 closure and postclosure plan. Typically, this documentation will be submitted  
25 formally following some amount of closure area sampling and when data indicate  
26 that some level of residual contamination above health-based standards will  
27 remain in place. Postclosure permit application documentation will include a  
28 discussion of the closure and postclosure plan, cover design, inspection plan,  
29 groundwater monitoring plan, and a maintenance plan.

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32 **11.5.1 Provisions to Amend Postclosure Permit Application Documentation**

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34 Should changes be required to approved postclosure permit application  
35 documentation, amended documentation will be prepared and submitted to the  
36 proper regulatory agency(s) for approval in accordance with 40 CFR 264.112(c)  
37 and WAC 173-303-610(3)(b).

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40 **11.5.2 Certification of Completion of Postclosure Care**

41  
42 Within 60 days after completion of the established postclosure care  
43 period for each dangerous waste disposal unit, the DOE-RL will submit to  
44 Ecology, by registered mail, a certification that the postclosure care period  
45 for the unit was completed in accordance with the approved postclosure permit  
46 application documentation. This certification will be signed by a  
47 representative of the DOE-RL and by an independent registered professional  
48 engineer.

11.6 NOTICE IN DEED

For those TSD units that cannot be clean closed, the following action will be taken in accordance with 40 CFR 264.119 and WAC 173-303-610(1)(b). Within 60 days of the certification of closure, the DOE-RL will sign, notarize, and file for recording the notice indicated below. The notice will be sent to the Auditor of Benton County, P.O. Box 470, Prosser, Washington, with instructions to record this notice in the deed book.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The United States Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, an operations office of the United States Department of Energy, which is a department of the United States government, the undersigned, whose local address is the Federal Building, 825 Jadwin Avenue, Richland, Washington, hereby gives the following notice as required by 40 CFR 264.119 and WAC 173-303-610(10) (whichever is applicable):

- (a) The United States of America is, and since April 1943, has been in possession in fee simple of the following described lands: (legal description of the TSD unit).
- (b) The United States Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, by operation of the (name of TSD unit), has disposed of hazardous and/or dangerous waste under the terms of regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology (whichever is applicable) at the above described land.
- (c) The future use of the above described land is restricted under terms of 40 CFR 264.117(c) and WAC 173-303-610(7)(d) (whichever is applicable).
- (d) Any and all future purchasers of this land should inform themselves of the requirements of the regulations and ascertain the amount and nature of wastes disposed on the above described property.
- (e) The United States Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, has filed a survey plat with the Benton County Planning Department and with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, and the Washington State Department of Ecology (whichever are applicable) showing the location and dimensions of the (name of the TSD unit) and a record of the type, location, and quantity of waste treated.

1 **11.7 CLOSURE COST ESTIMATES**  
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3 Federal facilities are not required to comply with WAC 173-303-620 as is  
4 stated in the regulations. However, the DOE-RL has agreed to provide  
5 projections of anticipated costs for closure of final status TSD units (i.e.,  
6 those units which have been incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit)  
7 annually in a separate report (Chapter 12.0). Submittal of this report will  
8 take place on October 30 of each year, starting with the year after the  
9 issuance of the initial Hanford Facility Permit.  
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12 **11.8 POSTCLOSURE COST ESTIMATES**  
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14 Federal facilities are not required to comply with WAC 173-303-620 as is  
15 stated in the regulations. However, the DOE-RL has agreed to provide  
16 projections of anticipated costs for postclosure for final status TSD units  
17 (i.e., those units which have been incorporated into the Hanford Facility  
18 Permit) annually in a separate report (Chapter 12.0). Submittal of this  
19 report will take place on October 30 of each year, starting with the year  
20 after the issuance of the initial Hanford Facility Permit.  
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22  
23 **11.9 CLOSURE OF THE HANFORD FACILITY**  
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25 Final closure of the Hanford Facility will be achieved when closure  
26 activities for all TSD units have been completed, as specified in either  
27 closure and postclosure plan or postclosure permit application documentation.  
28 Completion of these activities will be documented using either certifications  
29 of closure, in accordance with WAC 173-303-610(6), or certifications of  
30 completion of postclosure care, in accordance with WAC 173-303-610(11).  
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33 **11.10 CLOSURE CONTACTS**  
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35 The following office (or its successor) is the official closure contact:  
36

37 Office of Environmental Assurance,  
38 Permits, and Policy  
39 U.S. Department of Energy  
40 Richland Operations Office  
41 P.O. Box 550  
42 Richland, Washington 99352  
43 (509) 376-5441.  
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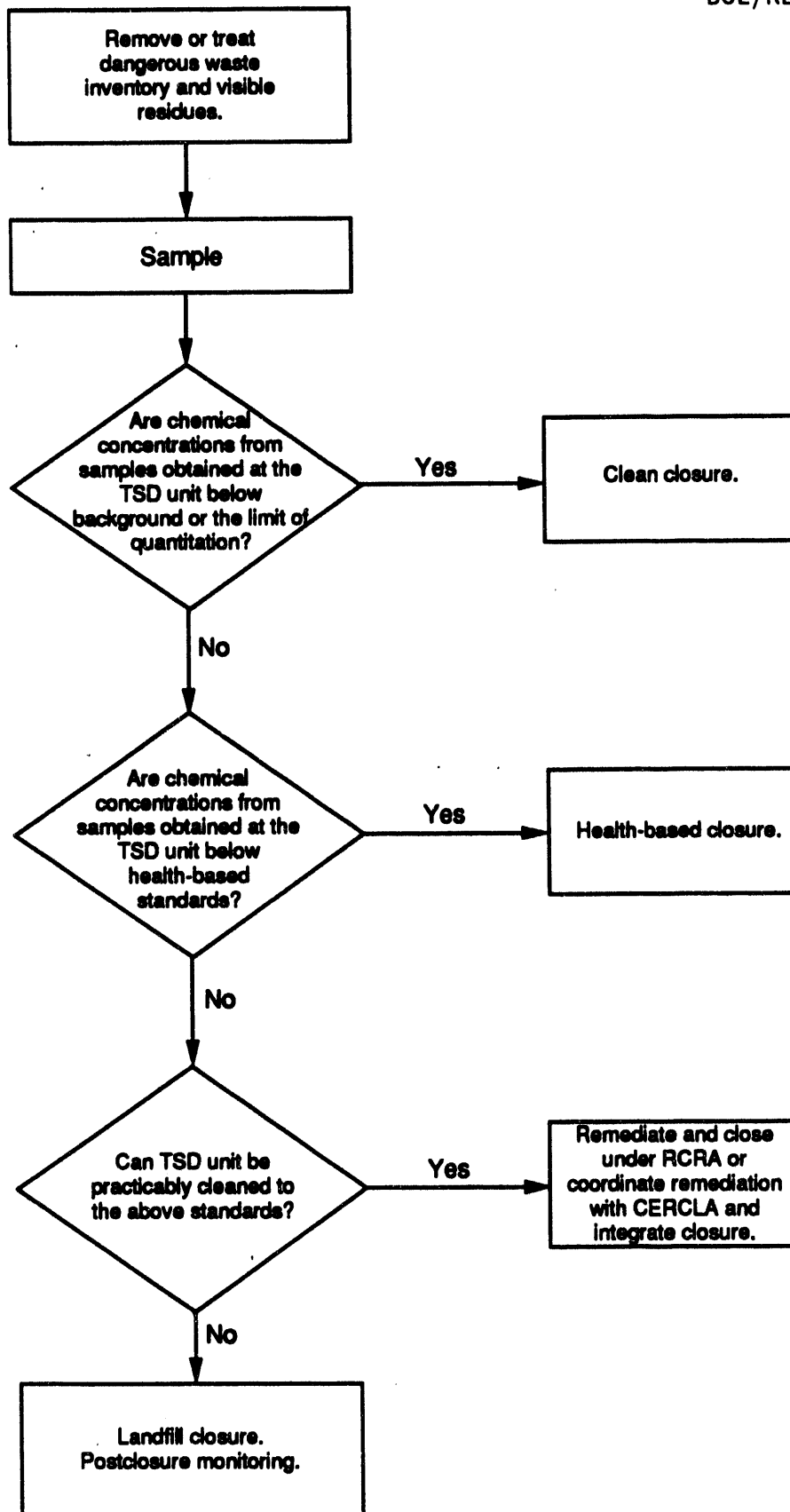


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## 12.0 REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING

This chapter summarizes the Hanford Facility reporting and recordkeeping requirements. Required reports and records can be located through the RCRA Compliance Support organization (RCRA Compliance Support) by calling (509) 372-2804. Reports and records applicable to the Hanford Facility are summarized in Table 12-1 and include:

- Notification of dangerous waste activities
- Permit application plans
- Operating reports and records
- Land disposal restriction records
- Waste manifest reports and records
- Groundwater monitoring reports and records
- Contingency plan incident reports and records
- Closure and postclosure reports and records
- Miscellaneous support reports and records.

Reports and records will be maintained in accordance with regulatory requirements. Requirements, as applicable, are indicated in Table 12-1.

### 12.1 NOTIFICATION OF DANGEROUS WASTE ACTIVITIES

Regulations require that facilities involved in the generation or transportation of dangerous waste or the owner or operator of a TSD facility have a current EPA/State identification number. The Hanford Facility is a single RCRA facility operating under EPA/State Identification Number WA7890008967.

The Hanford Facility complies with the generator reporting and recordkeeping regulations. Hanford Facility waste generation records and required reports (e.g., annual reports) are compiled and issued as single records or reports for the entire Hanford Facility. The Hanford Facility does not transport dangerous waste offsite. Transporters having their own EPA/State identification numbers are used to transport dangerous waste generated by the Hanford Facility (nonradioactive dangerous waste) offsite.

The scope of this chapter is restricted to a discussion of TSD facility reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

### 12.2 TREATMENT, STORAGE, AND/OR DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The Hanford Facility reporting and recordkeeping methods common to TSD units are discussed in this section. The records and reports described in this section can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support.

1 **12.2.1 Reports**

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3 This section discusses the reporting requirements of WAC 173-303 and  
4 several parts of Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations relating to aspects of  
5 dangerous waste management. The following are included in the reporting  
6 requirements:

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  - 9 • Waste manifest reports
  - 10 • Annual dangerous waste reports
  - 11 • Biennial dangerous waste reports
  - 12 • Groundwater monitoring reports
  - 13 • Contingency plan incident notifications
  - 14 • Closure reports
  - 15 • Postclosure reports.

16 Additional details of these reports are provided in the following  
17 sections. Copies of these reports can be located by contacting RCRA  
18 Compliance Support.

19  
20 **12.2.1.1 Waste Manifest Reports.** The Hanford Facility has methods in place  
21 for tracking offsite waste shipments using waste manifests. The waste  
22 manifest is the source of two possible reports, the manifest discrepancy  
23 report filed in accordance with WAC 173-303-370(4), and the unmanifested waste  
24 report filed in accordance with WAC 173-303-390(1). Records documenting  
25 offsite waste shipments are retained and can be located by contacting RCRA  
26 Compliance Support.

27  
28 **12.2.1.2 Annual Dangerous Waste Reports.** The state of Washington, pursuant  
29 to WAC 173-303-390, requires an overall annual report for each facility that  
30 holds an active EPA/State identification number. The report is due to Ecology  
31 on March 1 of each year. The report contents for the Hanford Facility include  
32 the following:

- 33  
34
  - 35 • The EPA/State identification number
  - 36 • Name and address of the Hanford Facility
  - 37 • Calendar year covered by the report
  - 38 • Sources of the waste stored on the Hanford Facility
  - 39 • Description and quantity of the waste stored on the Hanford Facility
  - 40 • TSD methods
  - 41 • Certification statement signed by an authorized representative.

42 The report form and instructions in the "Waste Management Facility  
43 Annual Dangerous Waste Report-Form 5" are used for this report.

44  
45 **12.2.1.3 Biennial Hazardous Waste Reports.** The EPA requires, pursuant to  
46 40 CFR 264.75, that an overall report describing each hazardous waste facility  
47 activity be submitted on March 1 of each even-numbered year. Ecology has been  
48 extended administrative responsibilities for biennial reporting as required by  
49 40 CFR 264.75. A specific biennial report is not prepared and submitted as  
50 reporting requirements are satisfied by submittal of the annual report to  
51 Ecology.  
52

1 **12.2.1.4 Groundwater Monitoring Reports.** Groundwater monitoring reports and  
2 plans are discussed in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.  
3 Reports can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support.  
4

5 **12.2.1.5 Contingency Plan Incident Notifications.** The building emergency  
6 director or coordinator, TSD unit line management, and the contractor's  
7 environmental protection organization are responsible for making notifications  
8 as per unit-specific building emergency plans and Chapter 7.0 of this portion  
9 of the permit application. Notifications of all emergency situations  
10 requiring contingency plan implementation are made as required by  
11 40 CFR 264.56 and WAC 173-303-360.  
12

13 If a Hanford Facility TSD unit stops operations in response to a fire,  
14 an explosion, or a release that could present a hazard to human health and the  
15 environment, the building emergency director or coordinator notifies the  
16 DOE-RL, via TSD unit line management, that the unit is operational and the  
17 emergency cleanup is complete.  
18

19 The DOE-RL is responsible for three types of notifications: the  
20 incident assessment report, a 15-day report, and the TSD unit restart  
21 notification. Details of these notifications are provided in the following  
22 sections.  
23

24 **12.2.1.5.1 Incident Assessment Report.** The Occurrence Notification  
25 Center (509-376-2900) immediately will notify affected county emergency  
26 management, Ecology, and the individual designated as the on-scene coordinator  
27 for the southeastern Washington area of the National Response Center  
28 (800-424-8802) if a fire, an explosion, or a release on the Hanford Facility  
29 could threaten human health and the environment outside the Hanford Facility.  
30

31 The report will contain the following information:  
32

- 33 • Name and telephone number of reporter
- 34 • Name and address of the Hanford Facility/TSD unit
- 35 • Time and type of incident
- 36 • Name and quantity of material(s) involved to the extent known
- 37 • Extent of injuries if any
- 38 • Possible hazards to human health and the environment outside the  
39 Hanford Facility.  
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46 **12.2.1.5.2 15-Day Report.** The DOE-RL will provide a written report to  
47 Ecology within 15 days of any incident that requires implementation of the  
48 contingency plan. This report will include the following information:  
49

- 50 • Name, address, and telephone number of the owner or operator
- 51 • Name, address, and telephone number of the Hanford Facility/TSD unit  
52

- Date, time, and type of incident
- Name and quantity of material(s) involved
- Extent of injuries if any
- Assessment of actual or potential hazards to human health and the environment where this is applicable
- Estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material that resulted from the incident
- Cause of incident
- Description of corrective action taken to prevent recurrence of the incident.

#### 12.2.1.5.3 Treatment, Storage, and/or Disposal Unit Restart

**Notification.** If a TSD unit stops operations in response to a fire, an explosion, or a release that could present a hazard to human health and the environment, the DOE-RL will notify Ecology and the appropriate local authorities before operations are resumed in the affected area(s) of the TSD unit. The notification will indicate that cleanup procedures are complete and that emergency equipment is cleaned and fit for its intended use.

**12.2.1.6 Closure Reports.** Reports regarding the closure of Hanford Facility TSD unit for which final status is sought will be made in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 264.115 and .116 and WAC 173-303-610(6) and (9). These reports are discussed in Section 11.4.1 and include the certification of closure, survey plat, and notice to local land authorities.

**12.2.1.7 Postclosure Reports.** Postclosure plans and reports required by 40 CFR 264.119 and .120 and WAC 173-303-610(9), (10), and (11) for disposal units include the inspection plan, groundwater monitoring plan, maintenance plan, notice in deed, and certification of completion of postclosure care. These plans and reports are discussed in Sections 11.4.2 and 11.6.

#### 12.2.2 Recordkeeping Requirements

Records retained by the Hanford Facility include:

- Permit application plans
- Operating records
- Miscellaneous support records.

These records are described in the following sections. These items can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support.

For purposes of maintaining records designated for the "Hanford Facility", the 700 Area of the Hanford Site is considered to meet the intent of WAC 173-303 even though the 700 Area is not located within the Hanford

1 Facility boundary. Because of the limitation of space, records may be  
2 archived, as appropriate, at the Federal Records Center, 6125 Sand Point Way,  
3 Seattle, Washington 98115, or other federal government archive centers in the  
4 state of Washington. Records archived at government archive centers also can  
5 be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support.  
6

7 **12.2.2.1 Permit Application Plans.** A current copy of the plans contained in  
8 this permit application that are incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit  
9 will be maintained in the operating record.  
10

11 **12.2.2.2 Operating Records.** Operating records maintained at the TSD unit can  
12 be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support. These records include the  
13 following:  
14

- 15 • Description and the quantity of each dangerous waste received and the  
16 method(s) and date(s) of treatment at the TSD unit in accordance with  
17 40 CFR 264 Appendix I and WAC 173-303-380  
18
- 19 • Location of each dangerous waste stored within a TSD unit and the  
20 quantity at each location  
21
- 22 • Waste analyses results  
23
- 24 • Inspection records  
25
- 26 • Waste minimization certification  
27
- 28 • Land disposal restriction records  
29
- 30 • Groundwater monitoring records  
31
- 32 • Contingency plan incident reports.  
33

34 **12.2.2.2.1 Waste Description and Quantity.** A description and the  
35 quantity of each dangerous waste handled by a TSD unit are maintained in  
36 TSD unit records. Waste manifests and onsite waste tracking records,  
37 describing the types and quantities of waste, are maintained as part of the  
38 operating record.  
39

40 **12.2.2.2.2 Waste Location.** The location of each dangerous or mixed  
41 waste and the quantity stored within a TSD unit are documented and maintained.  
42 Transfers are documented on onsite waste tracking records and provided to  
43 other Hanford Facility TSD units receiving the waste. Copies of these onsite  
44 waste tracking records are maintained and can be located by contacting RCRA  
45 Compliance Support.  
46

47 **12.2.2.2.3 Waste Analysis.** Waste analysis and designation records for  
48 TSD units are generated and maintained, as appropriate, for the following:  
49

- Waste resulting from a spill or leak that cannot be identified
- Waste generated at the TSD unit during decontamination or maintenance activities if required.

As required, results of these analyses are provided to other TSD units subsequently receiving the waste for further treatment, storage, and/or disposal.

**12.2.2.2.4 Inspection Records.** Records of unit-specific inspections are maintained for a period of at least 5 years from the inspection date. These records can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support. The records include the following:

- The date and time of inspection
- The inspector's printed name and handwritten signature
- Notations of observations
- The date and nature of any repairs or other remedial actions.

**12.2.2.2.5 Waste Minimization Certification.** Annually a certification by the DOE-RL that the Hanford Facility is in compliance with waste minimization requirements is entered into the operating record as required by 40 CFR 264.73(b)(9).

**12.2.2.2.6 Land Disposal Restrictions Records.** Records related to treatment and disposal of waste subject to land disposal prohibitions are maintained by the Hanford Facility as required by 40 CFR 264.73(b)(10) and (12). Possible records include:

- Waste placed in land disposal units under an extension to the effective date of any land disposal restriction granted pursuant to 40 CFR 268.5
- Waste placed in land disposal units under a petition granted pursuant to 40 CFR 268.6
- The applicable notice and certification required by 40 CFR 268.7(a) or 40 CFR 268.7(b)
- The demonstration and certification required by 40 CFR 268.8, if applicable, for waste subject to land disposal prohibitions or restriction.

An onsite waste tracking system is in place to document the transfer of waste subject to land disposal restrictions. Land disposal restriction documentation can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support.

**12.2.2.2.7 Groundwater Monitoring Records.** Groundwater monitoring records, where applicable, are addressed in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.

12.2.2.2.8 **Contingency Plan Incident Records.** Records documenting the details of any incidents requiring the implementation of the contingency plan (Chapter 7.0) are maintained in the facility operating record as required by 40 CFR 264.73 and WAC 173-303-380. The contingency plan incident records can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support. In addition to these records, occurrence reports are generated to document incidents. The occurrence report describes all incidents, including those that are judged too minor to require the implementation of the contingency plan but are identified as offnormal events, unusual occurrences, or emergencies. These records can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support.

12.2.2.3 **Miscellaneous Support Records.** Miscellaneous support records include the following:

- Training records
- Closure and postclosure cost estimates
- Certification records.

In addition, a rationale for the inapplicability of liability coverage documentation is provided.

12.2.2.3.1 **Training Records.** The name of each employee and the waste management position held are maintained by the TSD unit. Training records document that employees have received the training required for that position. Training records on current employees are kept until closure of the unit. Training records on former employees are kept for 3 years from the date the employee last worked at the TSD unit. Training records are maintained by the contractors' organizations in accordance with the requirements of the *Privacy Act*. Presently, the training records of individual employees are available for inspection purposes through the *Freedom of Information Act*. The DOE-RL is seeking authorization through the U.S. Department of Energy-Headquarters to amend the systems notice under the *Privacy Act* to allow regulatory agencies 'routine use' access to training records under this act.

12.2.2.3.2 **Closure and Postclosure Cost Estimates.** In accordance with 40 CFR 264.140(c) and WAC 173-303, these estimates are not required for federal facilities. The Hanford Facility is a federally owned facility for which the federal government is an operator and these estimates are not applicable.

An annual report updating projections of anticipated closure and postclosure costs for final status TSD units (i.e., those units which have been incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit) will be submitted to Ecology on October 30 of each year, starting with the year after the issuance of the Hanford Facility Permit.

12.2.2.3.3 **Certification Records.** Reports, data, and information requested or required in direct support of the Hanford Facility Permit will be certified as required in accordance with WAC-173-303-810(12) and (13) or 40 CFR Part 2 and 40 CFR 270.11 for *Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendment* provisions. Records of certification will be maintained as part of the operating record.

1        **12.2.2.3.4 Liability Coverage Documentation.** In accordance with  
2 40 CFR 264.140(c) and WAC 173-303, this documentation is not required for  
3 federal facilities. The Hanford Facility is a federally owned facility for  
4 which the federal government is an operator and this documentation is  
5 therefore not applicable.  
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8 **12.3 IMMEDIATE REPORTING**  
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10        The DOE-RL verbally will report to Ecology and the EPA any noncompliance  
11 with the Hanford Facility Permit that might endanger human health and the  
12 environment. Any such information will be reported to Ecology and EPA within  
13 24 hours after the DOE-RL becomes aware of the circumstances of the  
14 noncompliance. The immediate verbal report will contain all the information  
15 needed to determine the nature and extent of any potential threat to human  
16 health and the environment.

Table 12-1. Treatment, Storage, and/or Disposal Reports and Records.  
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Records and/or Reports	Regulation
<b>Notification:</b>	
Notification of dangerous waste activities	WAC 173-303-290
<b>Permit Application Plans:</b>	
Waste analysis plan	WAC 173-303-300
Contingency plan and amendments	WAC 173-303-350
Training plan	WAC 173-303-330
Closure and postclosure plan	WAC 173-303-610
Inspection plans	WAC 173-303-320
<b>Operating Reports and Records:</b>	
Waste description and quantity	WAC 173-303-380 40 CFR 264, Appendix I
Waste location	WAC 173-303-380
Waste analysis	WAC 173-303-300, -380
Inspection records	WAC 173-303-320, -380
Waste minimization certification	40 CFR 264.73(b)(9)
<b>Land Disposal Restriction Records:</b>	WAC 173-303-140 40 CFR 264.74(b)(10), (11)
Extension to an effective date	40 CFR 268.5
Petition for a variance	40 CFR 268.6
Notice and certification of treatment standards	40 CFR 268.7(a) or 268.7(b)
Demonstration and certification for a temporary extension to the effective date	40 CFR 268.8
<b>Waste Manifest Reports and Records:</b>	WAC 173-303-370
Onsite waste tracking records	NR*
Manifests	WAC 173-303-370
Manifest discrepancy	WAC 173-303-220, -370
Unmanifested waste	WAC 173-303-390
<b>Groundwater Monitoring Reports and Records:</b>	WAC 173-303-390, -645, -810
Detection monitoring	WAC 173-303-645
Statistically significant	WAC 173-303-645
Permit modification	WAC 173-303-610, -645
Variance justification or engineering feasibility plan	WAC 173-303-645

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Records and/or Reports	Regulation
Alternate demonstration	WAC 173-303-645
Compliance monitoring	WAC 173-303-645
Corrective action	WAC 173-303-645
<b>Contingency Plan Incident Reports and Records:</b>	WAC 173-303-360, -380 40 CFR 264.56, 274.73
Incident assessment report	WAC 173-303-360
15-day report	WAC 173-303-360
TSD unit restart notification	WAC 173-303-360
<b>Closure Reports and Records:</b>	WAC 173-303-610 40 CFR 264.115, .116
Certification of closure	WAC 173-303-610
Survey plat	WAC 173-303-610
Notice to local land authorities	WAC 173-303-610
<b>Postclosure Reports and Records (where applicable):</b>	WAC 173-303-610 40 CFR 264.119, .120
Inspection plan	WAC 173-303-610
Groundwater monitoring plan	WAC 173-303-610
Maintenance plan	WAC 173-303-610
Notice in deed	WAC 173-303-610
Certification of completion of postclosure care	WAC 173-303-610
<b>Miscellaneous Support Reports and Records:</b>	
Annual dangerous waste report	WAC 173-303-060, -070, -390
Training documentation	WAC 173-303-330
Environmental investigation instructions	NR
Listing of engineering change notices	NR
Listing of equivalency reports	WAC 173-303-830
Certification records	WAC 173-303-810 40 CFR Part 2, 270.11
Anticipated closure and postclosure costs	NR
Solid waste management units report	NR

NR = no requirement.

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### 13.0 OTHER RELEVANT LAWS

This chapter provides a summary of the regulatory review performed to determine that TSD units on the Hanford Facility have met, or will meet, their obligations with respect to other federal and state laws. The environmental laws evaluated include the following, all as amended:

- *Atomic Energy Act of 1954*
- *Clean Air Act of 1977*
- *Clean Water Act of 1977*
- *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980*
- *Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986*
- *Endangered Species Act of 1973*
- *Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act of 1975*
- *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934*
- *Hanford Reach Study Act*
- *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*
- *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*
- *Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974*
- *Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976*
- *Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968.*

When other relevant laws apply to TSD units, best efforts will be made to obtain all other necessary permits and/or approvals in a timely fashion. For the purposes of this permit application, 'best efforts' means submittal of documentation and/or approval(s) in accordance with schedules specified in applicable regulations or as determined through negotiations with the applicable regulatory agency. All non-RCRA permits will be enforceable by the regulatory authority through which the permits are issued.

#### 13.1 THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT OF 1954

The *Atomic Energy Act* provides that the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (succeeded by the U.S. Department of Energy for conducting nuclear defense, waste management, environmental restoration and remediation, and research and development activities at the Hanford Site) is authorized to develop and

1 implement regulations to govern activities related to the design, location,  
2 and operation of U.S. Department of Energy sites, to protect health, and to  
3 minimize danger to life or property. The radioactive component of mixed waste  
4 is interpreted by the U.S. Department of Energy to be regulated under the  
5 *Atomic Energy Act*; the nonradioactive dangerous component of mixed waste is  
6 interpreted to be regulated under the RCRA and WAC 173-303.

7  
8 The U.S. Department of Energy has issued several orders to govern the  
9 activities of its sites and to manage the health protection aspects of mixed  
10 waste. These orders provide for a consistent approach to managing waste that  
11 results from U.S. Department of Energy activities. The orders set radiation  
12 exposure limits and concentration guidelines to minimize exposure to radiation  
13 and detail the standards and procedures for managing mixed waste. All Hanford  
14 Facility operations are, and will be, carried out in accordance with these  
15 orders.

### 16 17 18 13.2 CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1977 19

20 The *Clean Air Act* establishes national ambient air quality standards and  
21 sets standards for abating air pollution and preventing further deterioration  
22 of air quality. Air standards are implemented and enforced primarily by state  
23 and local authorities. Applicable federal, state, and local requirements to  
24 control and abate air pollution include the following:

- 25  
26 • *National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants* (40 CFR 61)  
27 and *National Emission Standard for Radionuclide Emissions* from  
28 U.S. Department of Energy Facilities (40 CFR 61, Subpart H)  
29
- 30 • Air pollution control regulations (WAC 173-400 through 495) issued  
31 under the authority of the *Washington Clean Air Act of 1967*  
32
- 33 • *Radiation Protection - Air Emissions* (WAC 246-247), which promulgates  
34 the policies set forth in Chapter 70.98 of the *Revised Code of*  
35 *Washington, Nuclear Energy and Radiation*, issued under the authority  
36 of the *Washington Clean Air Act*  
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- 38 • Benton-Franklin-Walla Walla Counties Air Pollution Control Authority,  
39 General Regulation 80-7 (1980).  
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### 41 42 13.3 CLEAN WATER ACT OF 1977 43

44 The *Clean Water Act* establishes national ambient water quality standards  
45 and sets standards for abating water pollution and preventing further  
46 deterioration of the water quality. These standards are implemented and  
47 enforced primarily by state and local authorities. Potentially applicable or  
48 relevant regulations relating to water pollution and water quality include the  
49 following:  
50

- *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System*, 40 CFR 121 to 125
- *Washington State Waste Discharge Permitting Program*, WAC 173-216
- *Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington*, WAC 173-201
- *Water Quality Standards for Ground Waters of the State of Washington*, WAC 173-200
- *On-Site Sewage System*, WAC 246-272.

#### 13.4 COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980

The CERCLA, as amended in 1986 by the *Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act* (SARA), establishes a process for undertaking remedial action at inactive waste sites that contain hazardous substances, and establishes reporting requirements for releases of hazardous substances. The CERCLA remedial process has been initiated at the Hanford Site in response to identification on the National Priorities List. The Tri-Party Agreement addresses how RCRA corrective actions and CERCLA remedial actions are to be integrated on the Hanford Facility.

#### 13.5 EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT OF 1986

The *Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act* is a freestanding provision of the SARA. This act establishes the framework for state and local emergency planning and provides a mechanism for community awareness of hazardous chemicals present in a locality.

#### 13.6 ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973

The *Endangered Species Act* establishes a program for conserving endangered species and their ecosystems. Most activities on the Hanford Facility take place in areas that have been extensively developed during past construction. It is not expected that any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or their habitats will be affected by Hanford Facility TSD unit activities. However, activities outside extensively developed areas will be reviewed for applicability and compliance. In the event that such species or habitats must be disturbed as a part of Hanford Facility operating or restoration and remediation activities, mitigative measures will be taken in accordance with applicable requirements.

#### 13.7 FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT OF 1975

The *Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act* establishes a program to regulate the manufacture and use of pesticides. The use of all

pesticides on the Hanford Facility is done in compliance with the *Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act*.

### 13.8 FISH AND WILDLIFE COORDINATION ACT OF 1934

The *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act* authorizes the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to assist and cooperate with public and private organizations to protect fish and wildlife. Activities at the Hanford Facility impacted by the *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*, such as the building or demolition of an outfall, will be handled in accordance with the agreement between the U.S. Department of Energy and the Washington State Department of Fisheries.

### 13.9 HANFORD REACH STUDY ACT

The *Hanford Reach Study Act* directs the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a study on the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River to consider the addition of the Hanford Reach to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. During the 8-year study period ending in 1996, activities undertaken from river miles 396 to 345 and within a quarter-mile of the Columbia River mean high-level mark must be conducted in consultation and coordination with the National Parks Service, acting for the Secretary of the Interior. Hanford Site activities undertaken within the Hanford Reach are conducted in compliance with the *Hanford Reach Study Act*.

### 13.10 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969

The *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) establishes a broad national policy for protection of environmental quality and provides the means for implementing that policy. All major construction and restoration and remediation projects at the Hanford Site are subject to the NEPA review process. As stated in the Tri-Party Agreement, the NEPA requirements are to ensure that the potential environmental impact of investigation and restoration and remediation activities is assessed. These assessments, when determined to be required, will be made primarily as part of the CERCLA remedial action and RCRA corrective action processes.

### 13.11 NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 1966

The *National Historic Preservation Act* establishes national policy to preserve historic places, which include sites, structures, and objects significant in American history, archeology, or culture. The Hanford Facility has in place requirements for the preservation of historical sites and cultural resources. During any future construction activity for a TSD unit, the site will be monitored for the presence of archaeological resources in accordance with regulations issued pursuant to, or other requirements of, the *American Antiquities Preservation Act of 1906*, the *American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978*; the *Historic Sites, Buildings and Antiquities Act of 1935*; and the *Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1979*.

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2 **13.12 SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT OF 1974**  
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4 The *Safe Drinking Water Act* provides for protection of human health by  
5 setting standards for water supplied for public consumption and by protecting  
6 public drinking water sources. Drinking water systems at the Hanford Facility  
7 are in compliance with these standards.  
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10 **13.13 TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT OF 1976**  
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12 The *Toxic Substances Control Act* provides for protection of human health  
13 and the environment from exposure to certain hazardous and toxic chemical  
14 substances and mixtures. The Hanford Facility has in place a program for the  
15 cleanup, treatment, and disposal of materials regulated by the *Toxic*  
16 *Substances Control Act*.  
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19 **13.14 WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT OF 1968**  
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21 The Hanford Facility does not affect any rivers presently designated  
22 under the *Wild and Scenic Rivers Act*.  
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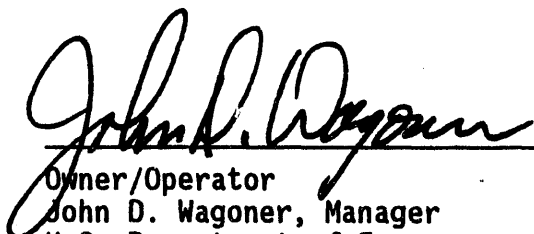
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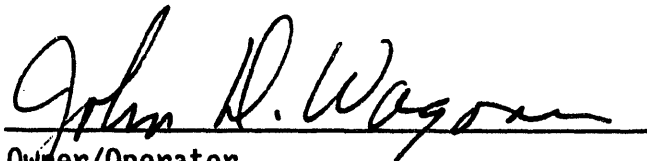
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35 *Historic Sites, Buildings and Antiquities Act of 1935, 16 USC 461-467.*

36  
37 *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 USC 4321 et seq.*

38  
39 *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 USC 470 et seq.*

40  
41 *Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 USC 552a.*

42  
43 *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, 42 USC 6901*  
44 *et seq.*

45  
46 *Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, 42 USC 300f et seq.*

47  
48 *Shoreline Management Act of 1971, Revised Code of Washington,*  
49 *Chapter 90.58.010 et seq., Olympia, Washington.*

50  
51 *State of Washington Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1976, as amended,*  
52 *Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 70.105, Olympia, Washington.*

1 *Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986, 42 USC 11001 et seq.*

2  
3 *Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, 15 USC 2601 et seq.*

4  
5 *Washington Clean Air Act of 1967, Revised Code of Washington,*  
6 *Chapter 70.94, as amended, Olympia, Washington.*

7  
8 *Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended, 16 USC 1271.*

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11 **15.4 WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

12  
13 *WAC 173-200, Water Quality Standards for Ground-Waters of the State of*  
14 *Washington.*

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16 *WAC 173-201, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of*  
17 *Washington.*

18  
19 *WAC 173-216, State Waste Discharge Permit Program.*

20  
21 *WAC 173-218, Underground Injection Control Program.*

22  
23 *WAC 173-303, Dangerous Waste Regulations.*

24  
25 *WAC 173-340, Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation.*

26  
27 *WAC 173-400 through 495, General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources.*

28  
29 *WAC 197-11-960, State Environmental Policy Act Environmental Checklist.*

30  
31 *WAC 246-247, Radiation Protection - Air Emissions.*

32  
33 *WAC 246-272, On-Site Sewage Disposal.*

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36 **15.5 THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ORDERS**

37  
38 *5000.3B, Occurrence Reporting and Processing of Operations Information.*

39  
40 *5820.2A, Radioactive Waste Management.*

41  
42 *6430.1A, General Design Criteria.*

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## 1A1.0 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS

The requirement to address solid waste management units (SWMU) at a RCRA Facility was enacted as part of the *Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984* to RCRA [under Section 3004(u), "Continuing Releases At Permitted Facilities"]. Section 3004(u) states:

"Standards promulgated under this section shall require, and a permit issued after the date of enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 by the administrator or a State shall require, corrective action for all releases of hazardous waste or constituents from any solid waste management unit at a treatment, storage, or disposal facility seeking a permit under this subtitle, regardless of the time at which waste was placed in such unit. Permits....."

Because this requirement is part of the 1984 Amendments, the EPA regulations for implementing Section 3004(u) currently are proposed under 40 CFR 264, Subpart S (264.501 through 264.560). The definition of a corrective action management unit and temporary unit were finalized on February 16, 1993. These definitions are promulgated at 40 CFR Part 264.552 and Part 264.553, respectively of 40 CFR Part 264, Subpart S.

## 1A2.0 IDENTIFICATION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS

Currently, over 1,300 waste management units have been identified within the Hanford Site, the majority of which are identified as SWMUs in accordance with the RCRA. As surveys and scoping studies are performed in support of the ongoing onsite cleanup program, additional SWMUs likely will be identified. The amount of information that currently exists for individual SWMUs varies significantly. It is intended that SWMUs be investigated in accordance with the past-practice process of the Tri-Party Agreement. In support of the issuance of a RCRA permit, the EPA conducted an initial RCRA Facility Assessment. Follow-on assessments, scoping studies, and investigations will be conducted in accordance with the Tri-Party Agreement, if necessary, to obtain additional information on currently identified SWMUs and newly identified SWMUs.

In support of the RCRA permitting of the Hanford Facility, all known SWMUs must be identified to include any releases of hazardous waste (or constituents) from these units. Because of the number and complexity of SWMUs on the Hanford Site, a realistic approach to the identification and documentation of SWMUs is needed. The proposed approach to satisfy the requirements for identifying and updating of SWMUs and releases from SWMUs uses a combination of the following:

- Hanford Waste Information Data System (WIDS)
- *Hanford Site Waste Management Units Report* (HSWMUR) (DOE-RL 1988d)
- Set of Hanford SWMU topographical maps.

1 Because of the number of SWMUs and the age of some of these units, it is  
2 not feasible to provide all available drawings associated with these SWMUs.  
3 The existing maps contained in the HSWMUR will be used until maps more in line  
4 with regulatory requirements are developed.

#### 7 **1A2.1 WASTE INFORMATION DATA SYSTEM**

9 The Waste Information Data System (WIDS) is an electronic database that  
10 identifies known and reported SWMUs located within the DOE-RL controlled area  
11 (i.e., area on the Hanford Site over which DOE-RL has responsibility). The  
12 WIDS also includes other waste management units (i.e., non-SWMUs) in support  
13 of the overall cleanup mission of the Hanford Site. These include one-time  
14 spills, domestic sewage sites, and structures awaiting decontamination and  
15 decommissioning. The SWMUs are clearly designated from the non-SWMUs within  
16 the WIDS. The WIDS includes the type and location of the unit, when the unit  
17 was operated, general dimensions and description, and general descriptions of  
18 waste placed in the unit to include estimated quantities of radionuclides and  
19 chemicals contained in some units. As additional information on the SWMUs is  
20 made available, this information is entered into the WIDS. The WIDS will be  
21 used as the official listing of SWMUs for the DOE-RL controlled area. The EPA  
22 and Ecology have been provided with electronic access to the database.

24 As additional SWMUs are identified as a result of investigations and  
25 scoping studies conducted within the DOE-RL controlled area, the SWMUs will be  
26 entered into the WIDS, along with required information concerning the unit. A  
27 special electronic file will be maintained within the WIDS system that  
28 identifies all SWMUs that have been entered into the system within the last  
29 30 days. This will satisfy the requirement for notification of newly  
30 identified SWMUs. A second electronic file will be maintained to show all  
31 previously entered SWMUs whose descriptive data have been modified within the  
32 last 30 days in accordance with Volume 55, Federal Register, Number 145,  
33 page 30882, Part 270.30(1)(12)(A). This file will be accessible upon request.  
34 Modifications will include newly discovered information concerning releases of  
35 hazardous materials from the SWMUs.

#### 38 **1A2.2 HANFORD SITE WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS REPORT**

40 The HSWMUR is updated annually in accordance with Section 3.0 of the  
41 Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan. The HSWMUR provides summary information on  
42 each waste management unit contained within the WIDS. The annual update  
43 reflects all units added to the database during the preceding year, along with  
44 all updated information on all waste management units.

#### 47 **1A2.3 SET OF HANFORD SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS**

49 The HSWMUR discussed previously includes a set of maps showing the  
50 location of all the SWMUs. These maps are currently not topographical in  
51 nature. Efforts are underway to develop a basemap for the Hanford Site.  
52 Because of the size of the Hanford Site and the number of SWMUs, it will take

1 time to survey and develop a complete set of topographical maps that meet the  
2 requirements of the regulations. As developed, these maps will replace the  
3 maps contained within the HSWMUR and will be updated annually along with the  
4 report. The existing maps are proposed to be used in lieu of the  
5 topographical maps until the topographical maps are developed. The DOE-RL  
6 will negotiate the map requirements with the agencies as allowed in  
7 40 CFR 70.14(b)(15) for large facilities on a case-by-case basis.

#### 10 **1A2.4 SCHEDULES OF COMPLIANCE**

11  
12 Schedules of compliance for the DOE-RL controlled area will be developed  
13 and maintained within the Tri-Party Agreement. All identified SWMUs have been  
14 assigned to operable units within the Tri-Party Agreement along with other  
15 waste management units. Newly identified SWMUs, when identified, will be  
16 assigned to the appropriate operable unit via the Tri-Party Agreement change  
17 control process. Either CERCLA response action authority or RCRA corrective  
18 action authority is assigned as the prime authority over the investigation and  
19 cleanup process for each operable unit. The schedules of compliance for those  
20 assigned RCRA corrective action authority are considered as part of the  
21 Hanford Facility Permit via reference to the Tri-Party Agreement. The  
22 Tri-Party Agreement change control process will be used to modify the  
23 schedules of compliance as necessary, meeting the intent of 40 CFR 270.34  
24 (proposed). Remedy selections, either as a corrective measure or as an  
25 interim measure, will be incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit as  
26 permit modifications.

27  
28 The schedules of compliance will include any follow-on RCRA Facility  
29 Assessments that might be conducted, RCRA facility investigations, corrective  
30 measure studies, and corrective measure implementations. The schedules also  
31 will include any interim measures that are identified to be conducted.

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APPENDIX 1B

GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS

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APPENDIX 1B

GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS

**Accuracy**--Relates to the quality of the result, and is distinguished from precision that relates to the quality of the operation by which the result is obtained.

**Advection**--Transport of water or an aqueous property solely by mass motion.

**Analyte**--The element, ion, or compound of interest.

**ANOVA** (Analysis of Variance)--Name given to variety of statistics procedures. All of these procedures compare the means of different groups of observations to determine whether there are any significant differences among the groups.

**Anticlinal**--Pertaining to an anticline.

**Anticline**--A fold, generally convex upward, whose core contains the stratigraphically older rocks.

**Aquifer**--A lithologic unit or combination of units that has appreciably greater water transmissibility than adjacent units. An aquifer stores and transmits water commonly recoverable in economic useable quantities.

**Aquitard**--A confining bed that retards but does not prevent the flow of water to or from an adjacent aquifer.

**Assessment level monitoring**--A program of monitoring groundwater under interim requirements. After a release of contaminants to groundwater has been determined, the rate of migration, extent of contamination, and hazardous constituent concentration gradients of the contamination must be identified.

**Background**--The composition of a medium that has not been effected by activities at a waste management unit.

**Bar**--A mass of sand, gravel or alluvium deposited on the bed of a stream, sea, or lake or at the mouth of a stream forming an obstruction to water navigation.

**Basalt**--A dark- to medium-dark-colored mafic (iron-magnesium rich) extrusive igneous rock with small grains composed primarily of feldspar (calcic plagioclase), pyroxene, with or without olivine, and varying proportions of glass.

**Bottom zones**--Refers to the base of basalt flows where aquifers can be found.

**Byproduct material**--"(a) For purposes of this part, the term "byproduct material" means any radioactive material (except special nuclear material)

1 yielded in or made radioactive by exposure to the radiation incident to the  
2 process of producing or utilizing special nuclear material.

3 (b) for purposes of determining the applicability of the Resource  
4 Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.) to any radioactive  
5 waste substance owned or produced by the Department of Energy pursuant to the  
6 exercise of its atomic energy research, development, testing and production  
7 responsibilities under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),  
8 the words "any radioactive material," as used in paragraph (a) of this  
9 section, refer only to the actual radionuclides dispersed or suspended in the  
10 waste substance. The nonradioactive hazardous component of the waste  
11 substance will be subject to regulation under the Resource Conservation and  
12 Recovery Act." (10 CFR 962.3)

13  
14 **Carbonate**--A compound containing the radical carbonate.

15  
16 **Cataclysmic**--Any geologic event that produces sudden and extensive changes in  
17 the Earth's surface.

18  
19 **Channelways**--Ancient or recent streams or river beds including flood zones.

20  
21 **Cobble**--A rock fragment that ranges from 2.5 to 10 inches (64 to  
22 256 millimeters) in diameter.

23  
24 **Compliance**--Not exceeding regulations.

25  
26 **Confined aquifer**--Groundwater bounded above and below by impermeable layers.

27  
28 **Conglomerate**--Rounded water worn fragments of rock or pebbles, cemented  
29 together by another mineral substance. .

30  
31 **Conservative tracer**--A tracer that does not chemically interact or degrade the  
32 aquifer system (i.e., the total quantity of the material in the solution  
33 remains constant).

34  
35 **Contaminant mobility**--The capability of any physical, chemical or biological  
36 substance having an adverse effect on air, water, or soil and that can be  
37 transported readily by wind or water.

38  
39 **Control chart**--Area graphical presentations of analytical data to determine if  
40 results are within desired limits.

41  
42 **Cross section**--A profile or portraying of an interpretation of a vertical  
43 section of the earth explored by geophysical and or geological methods.

44  
45 **Detection**--The lowest concentration by which an analyte can be detected on a  
46 field or laboratory instrument. Often recorded in parts per million or parts  
47 per billion.

48  
49 **Detrital**--Pertaining to or formed by detritus material.

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1 **Detritus**--A collective term used for loose rock and mineral material that is  
2 worn away by mechanical means, as by disintegration or abrasion (e.g., sand,  
3 silt, and clay).  
4

5 **Diffusion**--The actual transport of mass, in the form of discrete atoms,  
6 through the lattice of a crystalline solid.  
7

8 **Discharge**--The rate of flow at any given moment, expressed in volume per unit  
9 time (e.g., cubic meters/second).  
10

11 **Dispersivity**--Ability of a contaminant to disperse within the groundwater by  
12 molecular diffusion and chemical mixing.  
13

14 **Distribution coefficient**--The ratio of the concentration of a solute sorbed by  
15 ion exchange substances such as Earth materials, particularly clays, to the  
16 concentration of the solute remaining in solution. A large distribution  
17 coefficient implies that the substance is readily sorbed and is redissolved  
18 slowly. The concentration of material in the solid phase (i.e., rock or  
19 sediment) (moles per gram) divided by the concentration of material in the  
20 aqueous phase (moles per liter).  
21

22 **Domenico-Robbins**--A two dimensional analytical transport model developed by  
23 Domenico and Robbins (1985).  
24

25 **Drinking Water Standard**--Contaminant concentration specified in the *Safe*  
26 *Drinking Water Act*.  
27

28 **Drive-barrel**--Heavy walled pipe used in impact drilling. Soil and rock are  
29 driven into a pipe connected to a cable as it is dropped rapidly on to the  
30 ground. The soil or rock is then extracted by striking the pipe.  
31

32 **Driving force**--The hydraulic head that causes water to flow in one direction  
33 on another.  
34

35 **Effective porosity**--The ratio of the volume of the void spaces of a soil mass  
36 that can be drained by gravity to the total volume of the mass of the soil.  
37

38 **Eolian**--(a) Pertaining to the wind; especially said of such deposits as loess  
39 and dune sand, of sedimentary structures such as wind formed ripple marks, or  
40 of erosion and deposition accomplished by the wind. (b) Said of the active  
41 phase of a dune cycle, marked by diminished vegetal control and increased dune  
42 growth.  
43

44 **Epiclastic**--A term applied to mechanically deposited sediments (e.g., mud,  
45 gravel, sand) consisting of weathered products of older rocks. A rock formed  
46 at the Earth's surface by consolidation of fragments of pre-existing rocks.  
47

48 **Epoch**--A division of geologic time that identifies an abrupt change in the  
49 environment.  
50

1 **Erosional windows**--Can be considered a window to the past where portions of  
2 the land surface have been eroded away exposing landforms that represent the  
3 past.

4  
5 **Evapotranspiration**--The sum total of that portion of precipitation that is  
6 returned to the atmosphere through evaporation and the transpiration of  
7 plants.

8  
9 **Facies**--Part of a rock body as differentiated from other parts by appearance  
10 or composition and that reflects the environment in which it was formed.

11  
12 **Fanglomerate**--A fanglomerate is composed of heterogenous material that was  
13 originally deposited in an alluvial fan or delta as loose unconsolidated  
14 detrital material and has since become cemented into rock.

15  
16 **Fixed limits**--A constant compliance limit or a fixed standard such as maximum  
17 concentration limit or assessment level monitoring.

18  
19 **Flow tops**--Pertaining to the highest portion of individual basalt flows.

20  
21 **Fluvial-lacustrine**--Said of those deposits formed by the streams flowing from  
22 lakes.

23  
24 **Formation(s)**--Something naturally formed, commonly differing from adjacent  
25 rocks or soils. Most formations possess certain distinctive or repetitive  
26 combinations of distinctive rock types.

27  
28 **Geophysical**--Pertaining to that science that deals with the exploration or  
29 prospecting of the earth using instruments and applying the methods of physics  
30 and engineering by observation of magnetic, seismic, electrical, and thermal  
31 distribution.

32  
33 **Glaciofluvial**--Pertaining to streams flowing from glaciers or to the deposits  
34 made from these streams. In the Hanford Site area, this pertains to the  
35 deposited sands and gravels that were deposited because of the Lake Missoula  
36 flood.

37  
38 **Granule**--A rock fragment larger than a very coarse sand grain and smaller than  
39 a pebble. The fragment ranges in size from 0.08 to 0.16 inches (2 to  
40 4 millimeters).

41  
42 **Gravels**--An accumulation of water worn pebbles. Consists of rock grains or  
43 fragments that range in size from 0.19 to 3 inches (4.76 to 76 millimeters).

44  
45 **Groundwater mounds**--A mound shaped elevation in a water table that builds up  
46 as a result of the downward percolation of water through the zone of aeration.

47  
48 **Hard-tool**--Drill bit used in cable tool drilling to crush rock. The slurry  
49 created by the bit is retrieved and examined.

50  
51 **Henry's Law**--The weight of a gas dissolved by a liquid is proportional to the  
52 pressure of the gas.

1 **High energy**--Refers to the environment of sediment deposition where the stream  
2 or river flow or wave action is of sufficient quantity to carry significant  
3 amounts of suspended soil and rock particles.

4  
5 **High-activity waste**--High- and low-activity is reflective of the relative  
6 concentration of radionuclides in mixed waste.

7  
8 **High-level waste**--Highly radioactive waste material that results from the  
9 reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel, including liquid waste produced directly  
10 in reprocessing and any solid waste derived from the liquid that contains a  
11 combination of transuranic waste and fission products in concentrations  
12 requiring permanent isolation.

13  
14 **Holocene**--Recent. That period in time (epoch) since the last ice age in North  
15 America; also those sediment deposited during that epoch.

16  
17 **Hydraulic head**--The height of the free surface of a body of water above a  
18 given subsurface point.

19  
20 **Hydraulic conductivity**--The ratio of the groundwater flow velocity to the  
21 driving force for fluid flow through porous medium under saturated conditions.

22  
23 **Hydraulic gradient**--As applied to an aquifer, the rate of change of the  
24 hydraulic head per unit of distance at a given point and direction.

25  
26 **Hydrogeology**--A term used interchangeably with geohydrology referring to the  
27 hydrologic or flow characteristics of groundwater.

28  
29 **Hydrologic properties**--Properties of a rock related to the capacity to  
30 transmit, hold, and deliver water.

31  
32 **Indicator**--A geologic or other feature that suggests the presence of a  
33 geochemical anomaly inherent to the local geologic setting.

34  
35 **Indurated**--The consolidation of a rock or soil hardened by heat, pressure, or  
36 cementation.

37  
38 **Infiltration**--The flow of fluid (water) into a solid substance through pores  
39 or small openings.

40  
41 **Intercalated**--Said of a relatively thin layer of soil or rock material that  
42 alternates with thicker layers of some other kind of soil or rock.

43  
44 **Intermittent**--Periodic. Stopping and starting again in intervals.

45  
46 **Interval**--The vertical difference between soil or rock bodies of differing  
47 origin or composition.

48  
49 **Loess**--A homogeneous, nonstratified (nonlayered) unindurated soil consisting  
50 predominantly of silt of eolian (windblown) deposition. Often referred to as  
51 'Palouse Soil' located in the far central southeastern portion of Washington  
52 state.

1  
2 **Low-activity waste**--Refer to high-activity waste.

3  
4 **Low-level waste**--Waste that contains radioactivity and is not classified as  
5 high-level waste, transuranic waste, or spent nuclear fuel or 11e(2)  
6 by-product material as defined in U.S. Department of Energy Order 5820.2A.  
7 Test specimens of fissionable material irradiated for research and development  
8 only, and not for the production of power or plutonium, may be classified as  
9 low-level waste, provided the concentration of transuranic is less than  
10 100 nanocuries per gram.

11  
12 **Maximum concentration limit**--Contaminant concentration specified in the *Safe*  
13 *Drinking Water Act*.

14  
15 **Miocene**--The fourth of the five epochs of which the Tertiary period is  
16 divided. The Miocene lasted from between 24 million years ago to 1.8 million  
17 years ago. Also those sediments that were deposited during that epoch.

18  
19 **Mixed waste**--Waste that contains both hazardous and dangerous waste subject to  
20 RCRA, as amended, and the Ecology *Dangerous Waste Regulations*, and radioactive  
21 waste subject to the *Atomic Energy Act*.

22  
23 **Model**--A working hypothesis or precise simulation, by means of description,  
24 statistical data, or analogy of a phenomenon or process that cannot be  
25 observed directly or that is difficult to observe directly.

26  
27 **Monocline**--A steplike bend (flexure) in otherwise flatlying layers or beds of  
28 rock.

29  
30 **Operable unit**--A group of contiguous past-practice waste sites related by site  
31 characteristics or operations so as to be considered collectively for purposes  
32 of environmental restoration under the CERCLA process.

33  
34 **Paleosols**--A buried soil of the ancient past.

35  
36 **Palouse soil**--Refer to loess.

37  
38 **Parameter**--In statistics, a numerical quantity (such as the mean) that  
39 characterizes the distribution of a random variable or a population.

40  
41 **Permeability**--The property or capacity of a porous rock, sediment, or soil for  
42 transmitting a fluid (e.g., groundwater).

43  
44 **Permeameter**--An instrument for measuring permeability.

45  
46 **Perennial**--Streams that flow throughout the year from source to mouth.

47  
48 **pH**--The negative logarithm of the hydrogen-ion activity in a solution, a  
49 measure of the acidity or basicity of a solution.

50  
51 **Physiography**--The study of the genesis and evolution of land forms.

1 **Pleistocene**--The earliest of the two epochs comprising the Quaternary period.  
2 The Pleistocene lasted from between 1.8 million years ago to 10,000 years ago.  
3 Also, those sediments that were deposited during that epoch.

4  
5 **Porosity**--The percentage of the bulk volume of a rock or soil that is occupied  
6 by interstices or voids.

7  
8 **Potentiometric**--Surface to which water in an aquifer would rise by hydrostatic  
9 pressure or head.

10  
11 **Practical quantification limits**--The lowest level that can be reliably  
12 achieved within specified limits of precision and accuracy during routine  
13 laboratory operating conditions.

14  
15 **Pre-Missoula**--As pertaining to before the time of the flooding caused by the  
16 breaching of ice dams that contained Lake Missoula in northwest Montana.

17  
18 **Precision**--The degree of agreement or uniformity of repeated measurements of a  
19 quantity; the degree of refinement. Refer to accuracy.

20  
21 **Prediction interval**--In a regression analysis, a value or set of values for  
22 which one can assert with given probability that they will contain a future  
23 observation.

24  
25 **Purgewater**--Water being excavated from wells or from wells that are undergoing  
26 aquifer testing.

27  
28 **Quartzose**--Containing quartz as the principal constituent.

29  
30 **Recharging**--The quantity of water that is added to the zone of saturation or  
31 the aquifer. Intake.

32  
33 **Recovery phase**--The time an aquifer requires to reach equilibrium after  
34 pumping, such as in a slug test.

35  
36 **Sand**--Detrital material varying in diameter from very fine grained [0.002 to  
37 0.005 inch (0.0625 to 0.125 millimeter)] to very coarse grained [0.07 inch  
38 (2 millimeter)].

39  
40 **Sandy**--A rock or soil in which one of the constituents is sand. Refer to  
41 sand.

42  
43 **Sediment**--(a) (geological) Solid fragmental material that originates from  
44 weathering of rocks and is transported by air, water, or ice, or that  
45 accumulates by other natural agents, such as chemical precipitation from  
46 solution or secretion by organisms; and that forms in layers on the Earth's  
47 surfaces at ordinary temperatures in a loose unconsolidated form; e.g., sand,  
48 gravel, silt, mud, till, loess, alluvium. (b) Strictly solid material that  
49 has settled from a state of suspension in a liquid, e.g., material at the  
50 bottom of an open body of water, such as a pond or an estuary. In the  
51 singular, the term usually is applied to material held in suspension in water

1 or recently deposited from suspension. In the plural, the term is applied to  
2 all kinds of deposits, and refers to essentially unconsolidated materials.

3  
4 **Seismic**--Pertaining to an earthquake or earth vibration.

5  
6 **Silt**--A soil particle that ranges in size from 0.0002 to 0.002 inch (0.0039 to  
7 0.0625 millimeter) in diameter.

8  
9 **Silty**--A rock or soil in which one of the constituents is silt. Refer to  
10 silt.

11  
12 **Slope wash**--Soil and rock material that is being or has been moved down slope  
13 predominantly by the action of gravity assisted by running water that is not  
14 concentrated into channels.

15  
16 **Slope**--The inclined surface of hill, mountain, plateau, plain, or any other  
17 part of the Earth's surface.

18  
19 **Slug testing**--A single well test to determine the insitu hydraulic  
20 conductivity of an aquifer by the instantaneous addition or removal of a known  
21 quantity (slug) of water into or from a well, and the subsequent measurement  
22 of the resulting well recovery time.

23  
24 **Source material**--"(1) uranium, thorium, or any other material which is  
25 determined by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of section 61  
26 [42 U.S.C. 2091] to be source material; or (2) ores containing one or more of  
27 the foregoing materials, in such concentration as the Commission may by  
28 regulation determine from time to time." (*Atomic Energy Act of 1954*)

29  
30 **Special nuclear material**--"(1) plutonium, uranium enriched in the isotope 233  
31 or in the isotope 235, and any other material which the Commission, pursuant  
32 to the provisions of section 51 [42 U.S.C. 2071], determines to be special  
33 nuclear material, but does not include source material; or (2) any material  
34 artificially enriched by any of the foregoing, but does not include source  
35 material." (*Atomic Energy Act of 1954*)

36  
37 **Specific conductance**--A measure of the electrical conductivity of a liquid.

38  
39 **Stratigraphic**-- Said of a stratum by which an arbitrary but systematic  
40 arrangement, zonation, or partitioning of a sequence of rock layers, of the  
41 Earth's crust, into units with reference to any or all of the attributes,  
42 properties, or characteristics that strata possess.

43  
44 **Structural**--Pertaining to, part of, or consequent upon geologic structures.

45  
46 **Structures (tectonic)**--Of, pertaining to, or designating rock structure and  
47 deformations as a result of forces caused by land movement and earthquakes.

48  
49 **Suprabasalt**--Those sediments that are found above basalt flows.

50  
51 **Syncline**--A fold, generally upward concaving, whose core contains the  
52 stratigraphically youngest rock.

1 **Temperature**--Degree of hotness or coldness of a body or environment.

2  
3 **Tolerance**--A permissible deviation from a specified value, expressed in actual  
4 values or more often as a percentage of the nominal value.

5  
6 **Topography**--The general configuration of a land surface or any part of the  
7 Earth's surface, including its relief and its natural and man made features.

8  
9 **Transmissive zone**--Pertaining to transmissivity. The zone where  
10 intercommunication is possible between differing aquifers.

11  
12 **Transmissivity**--The rate (flow) at which water is transmitted through a unit  
13 width of aquifer.

14  
15 **Transuranic waste**--Without regard to source or form, waste that is  
16 contaminated with alpha-emitting transuranium radionuclides with half-lives  
17 greater than 20 years and concentrations greater than 100 nanocuries per gram  
18 at the time of assay. At the Hanford Site, transuranic waste also includes  
19 uranium-233 and radium sources.

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21 **Travel time**--The period of time necessary for a dangerous waste constituent  
22 released to the soil to enter any onsite or offsite aquifer or water supply  
23 system.

24  
25 **Tuff**--A general term for all consolidated volcanic fragments.

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27 **Turbidity**--The state, condition, or quality of opaqueness or reduced clarity  
28 of a fluid, due to the presence of suspended matter.

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30 **Vadose zone**--Zone of aeration. A subsurface zone containing water under  
31 pressure less than that of the atmosphere, including water held by  
32 capillarity; and containing air or gases generally under atmospheric pressure.  
33 This zone is limited above by the land surface and below by the surface of the  
34 'zone of saturation', i.e., the water table.

35  
36 **Vapor pressure**--The pressure at which a liquid and its vapor are at  
37 equilibrium at a given temperature.

38  
39 **Velocity**--The time rate of motion in a given direction (meter/second).

40  
41 **Veneer**--A thin but extensive layer of sediments covering an older geologic  
42 layer or stratum.

43  
44 **Volcanic**--Of, pertaining to, like, or characterized by or composed of material  
45 originating from volcanoes or fissures.

46  
47 **Volcaniclastic**--Pertaining to clastic or fragmental rock material containing  
48 volcanic material in whatever proportion, and without regard to its origin or  
49 environment.

50  
51 **Water table**--The upper surface of a saturation zone except where that surface  
52 is formed by an impermeable layer.

1 **Yakima Fold Belt**--Fold belt characterized by long, narrow anticlines and broad  
2 synclines extending generally eastward from the Cascade Range to the  
3 approximate center of the Columbia Plateau.

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APPENDIX 2A

LOCATION MAPS

# APPENDIX 2A

## CONTENTS

H-6-958 General Overview of Hanford Site.

The Operable Unit maps are included for the purpose of locating TSD units for which final status is sought. Other localities on these maps are considered to be provided for purposes of 'information only'.

Unit	Area	Class	Operable unit
Double-Shell Tank System	200EW	TS	200-PO-3 200-PO-4 200-IU-6 200-TP-5 200-BP-7 200-UP-3 200-RO-2
242-A Evaporator	200E	T	200-PO-3
Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant	200E	TS	200-BP-9
Grout Treatment Facility	200E	TS	200-PO-3
204-AR Waste Unloading Station	200E	T	200-PO-3
Central Waste Complex	200W	TS	200-ZP-3
Waste Receiving and Processing	200W	T	200-ZP-3
Low-Level Burial Grounds	200EW	D	200-BP-10 200-PO-6 200-ZP-3
Liquid Effluent Retention Facility	200E	S	200-BP-11
200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility	200E	T	200-BP-11
T Plant Complex	200W	T	200-TP-4
B Plant	200E	TS	200-BP-6
241-Z Treatment and Storage Tanks	200W	TS	200-ZP-1
222-S Laboratory Complex	200W	TS	200-RO-3
224-T Transuranic Waste Storage and Assay Facility	200W	S	200-TP-4
PUREX Storage Tunnels	200E	S	200-PO-2
325/3100 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit	300	TS	300-FF-3
Biological Treatment Test Facilities	300	T	300-FF-3
Physical/Chemical Treatment Test Facilities	300	TS	300-FF-3
Thermal Treatment Test Facilities	300	T	300-FF-3
305-B Storage Unit	300	S	300-FF-3
Maintenance and Storage Facility	400	T	300-FF-4
616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility	600	S	200-IU-6
600 Area Purge Water Storage and Treatment Facility	600	TS	200-BP-11

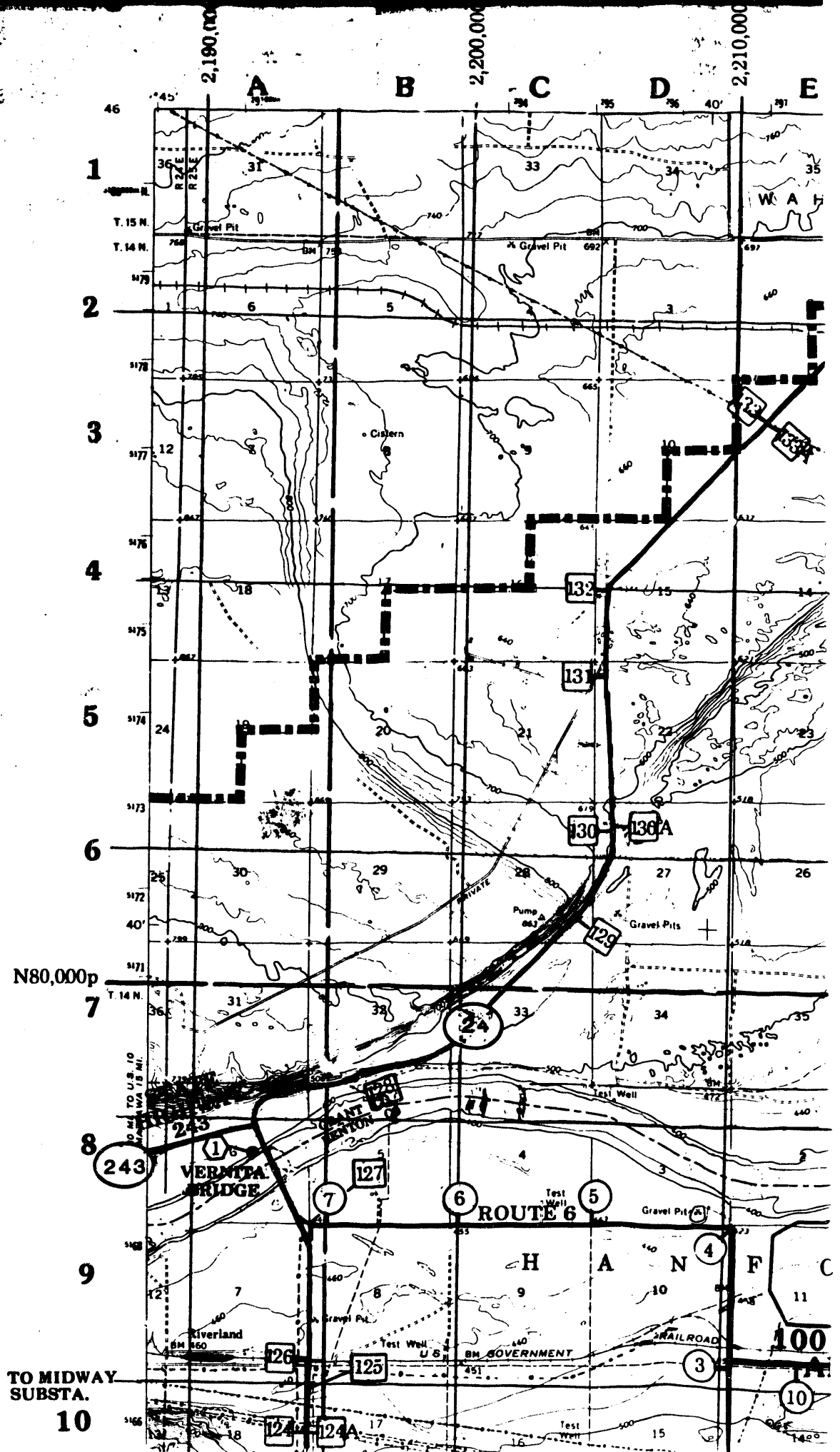
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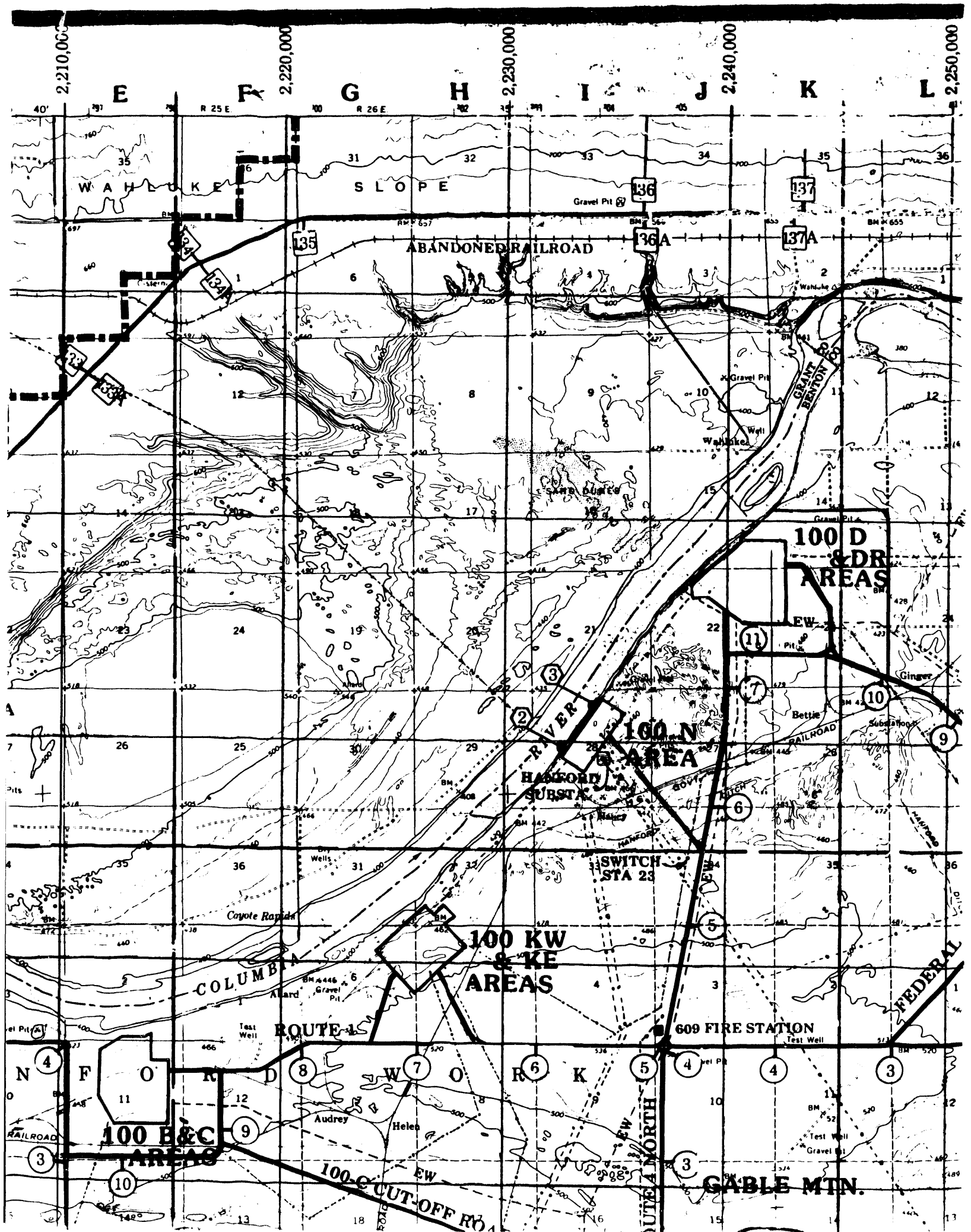
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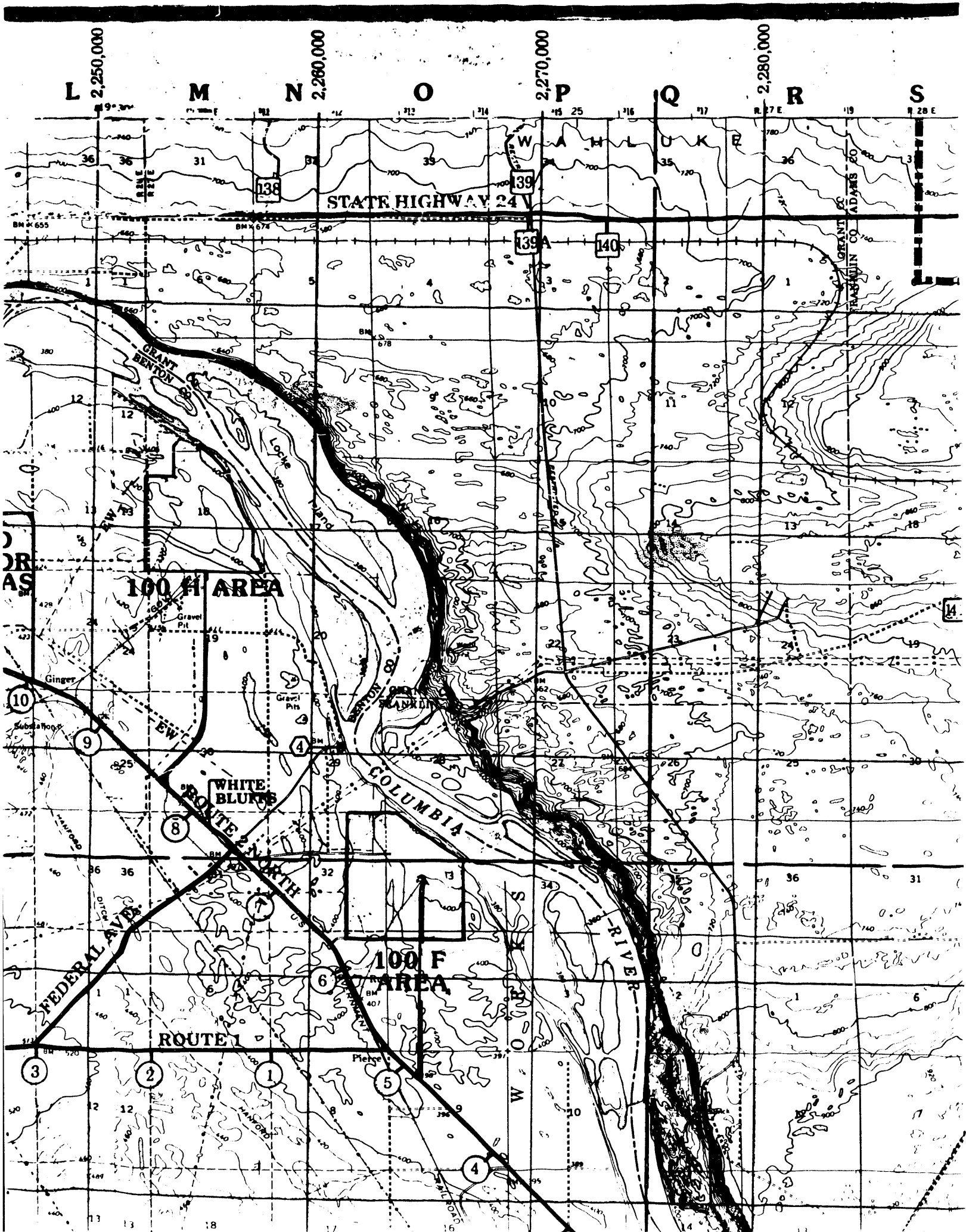
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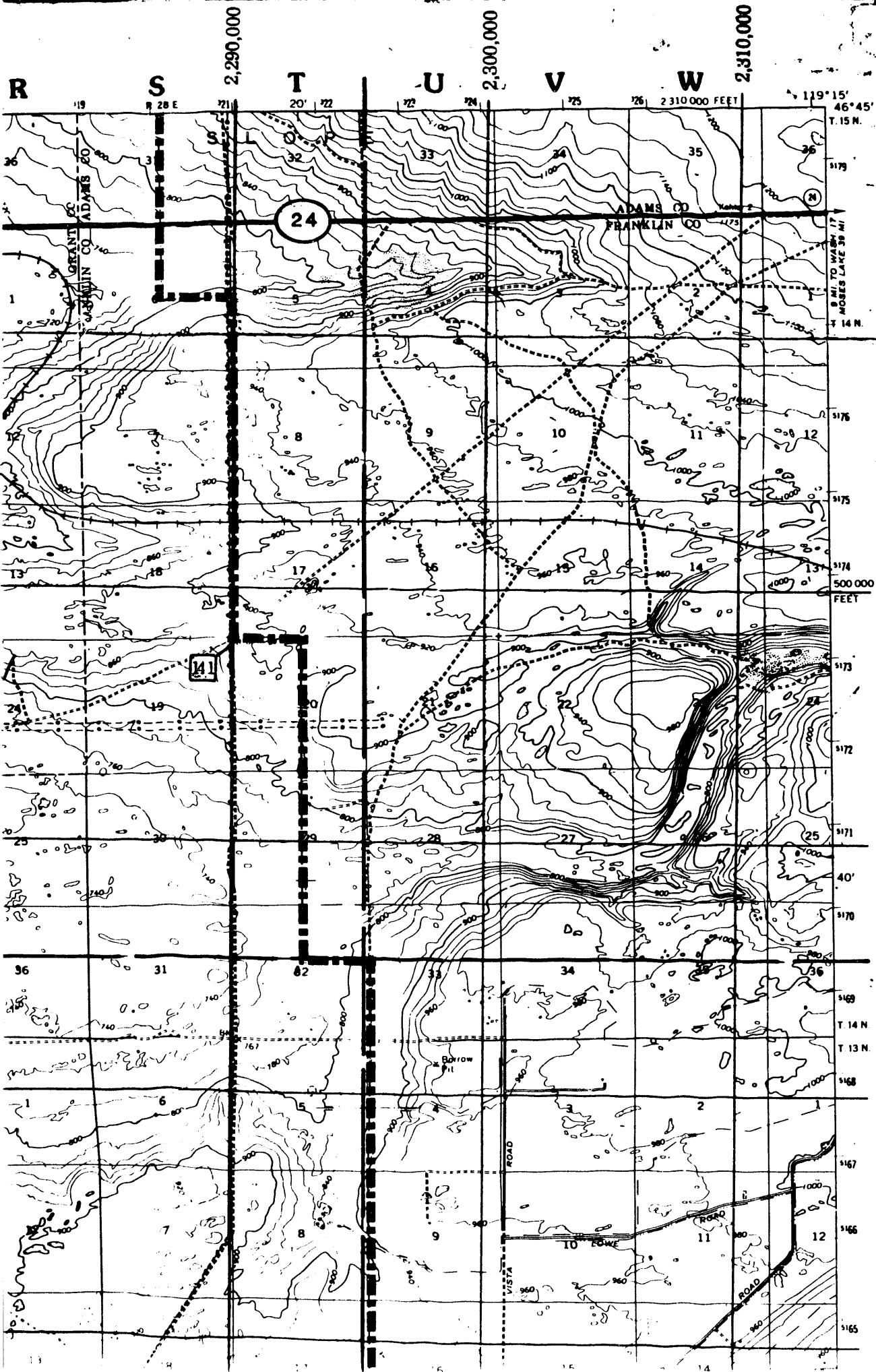
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T--Treatment  
S--Storage  
D--Disposal.









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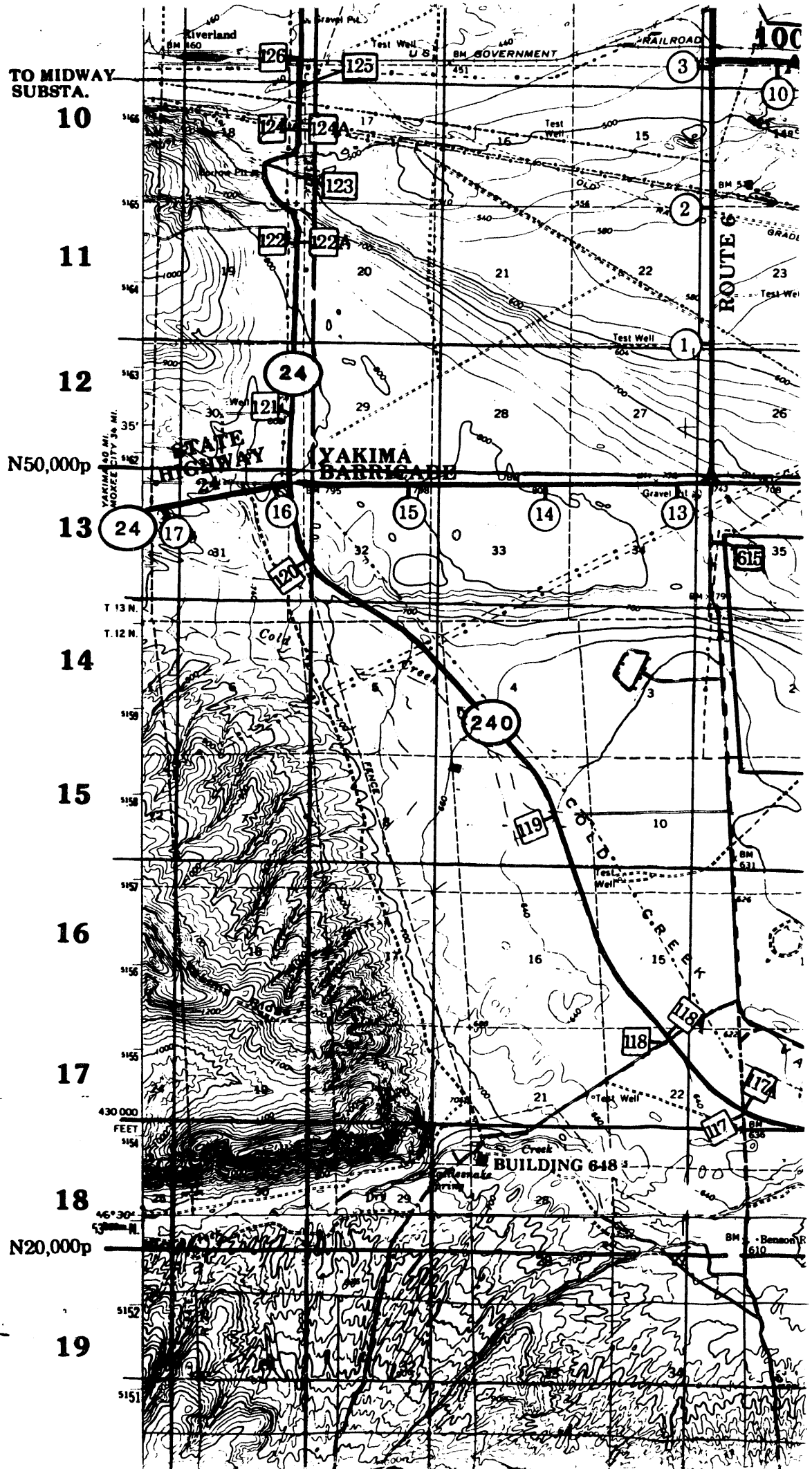
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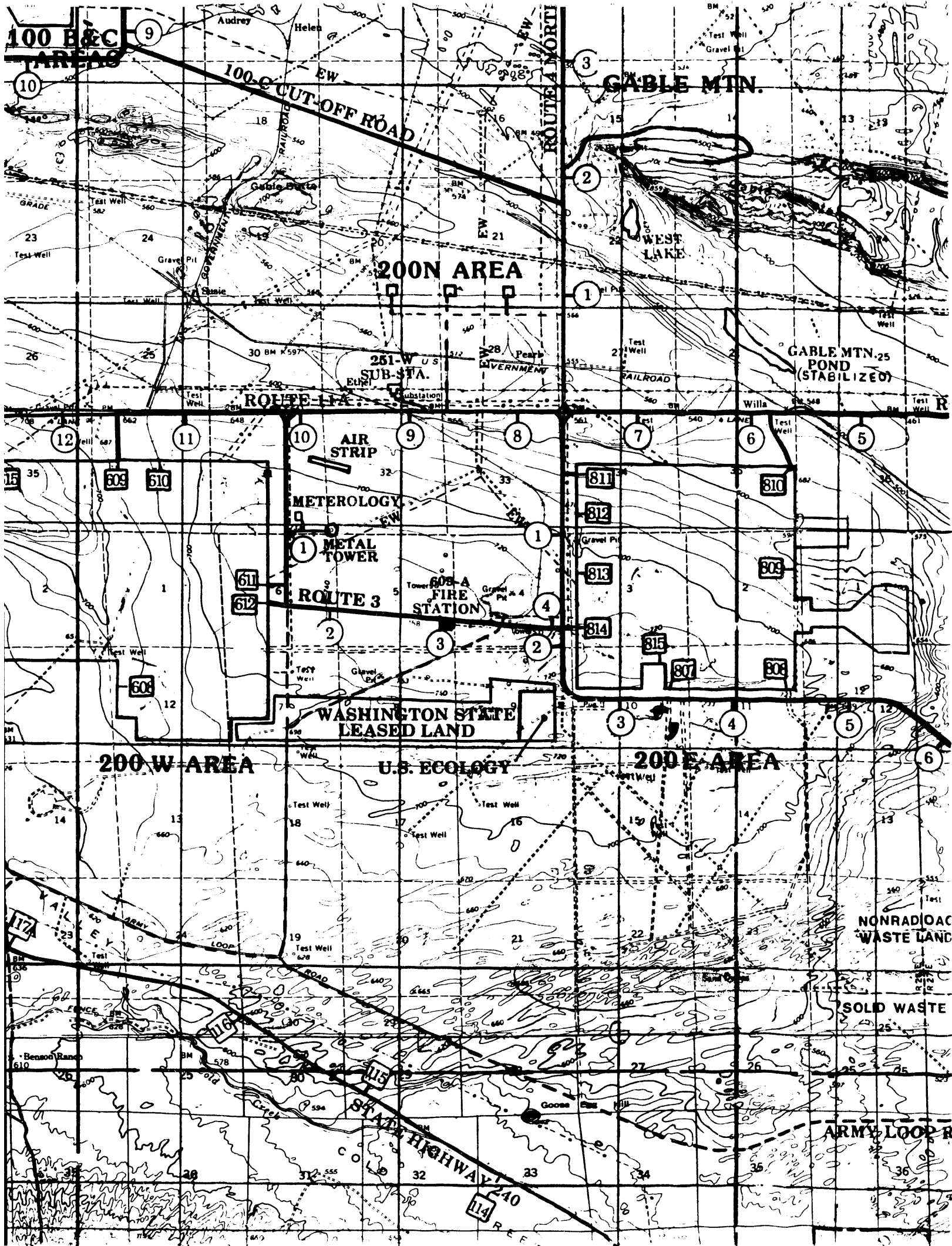
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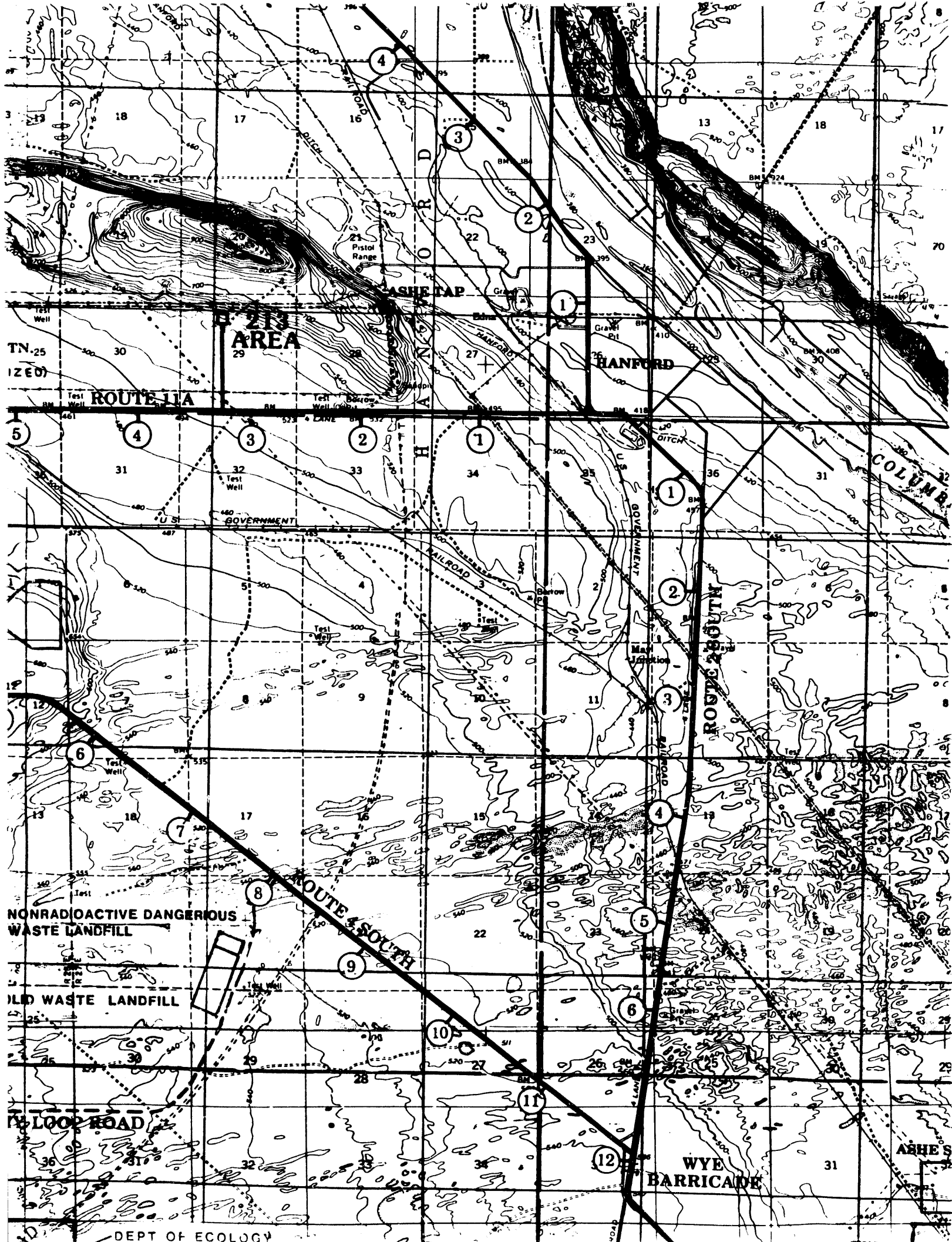
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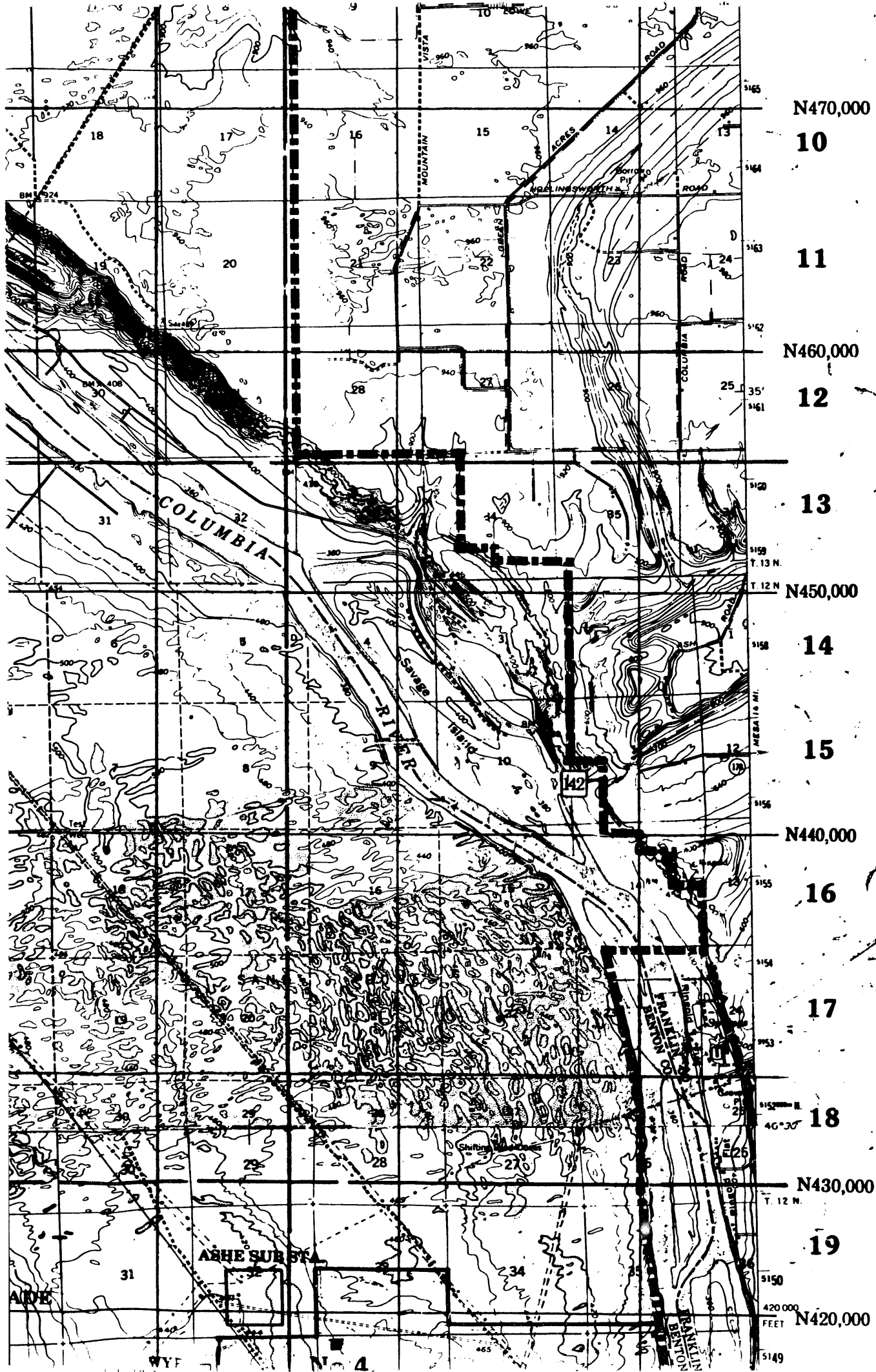
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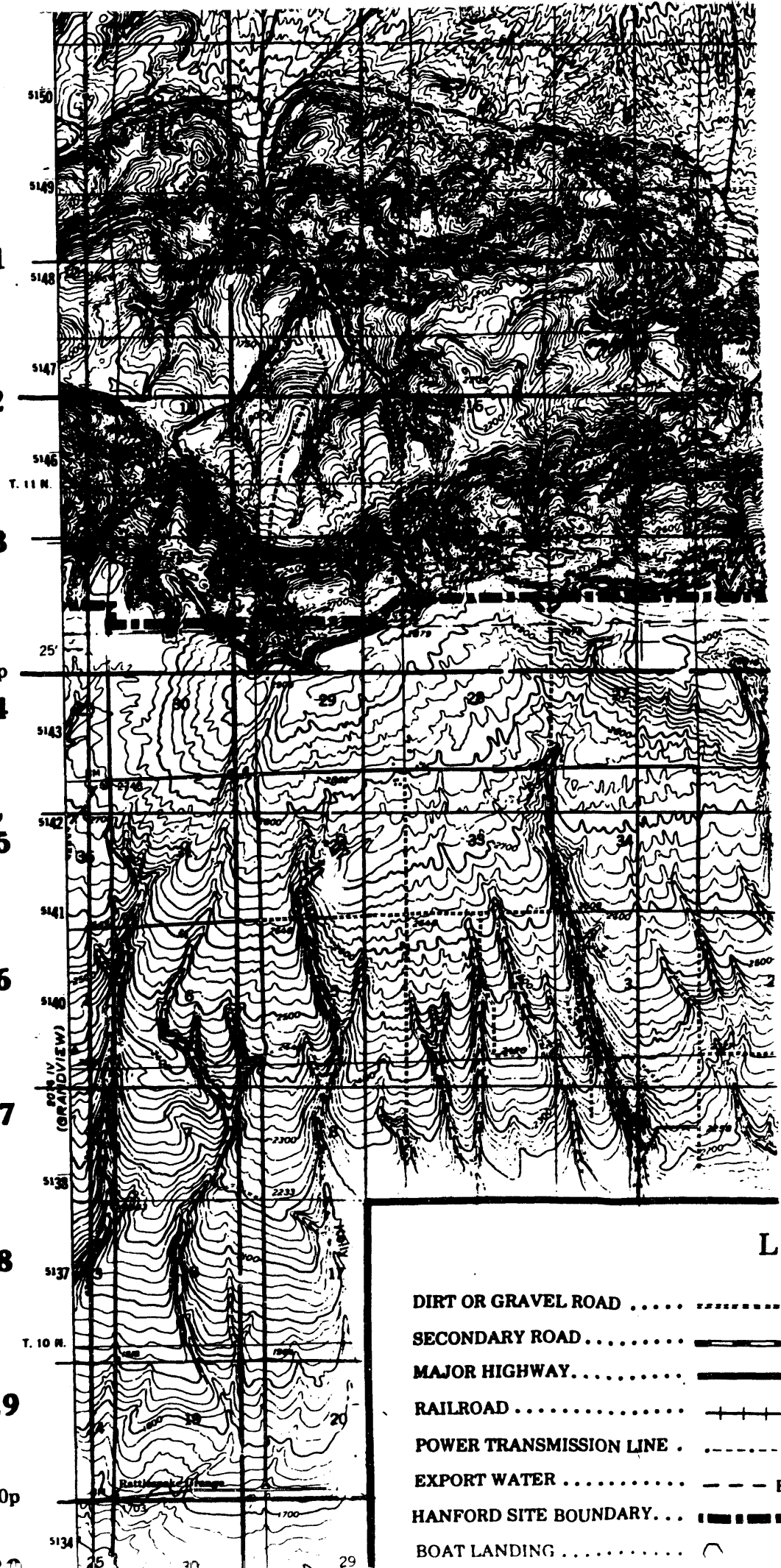
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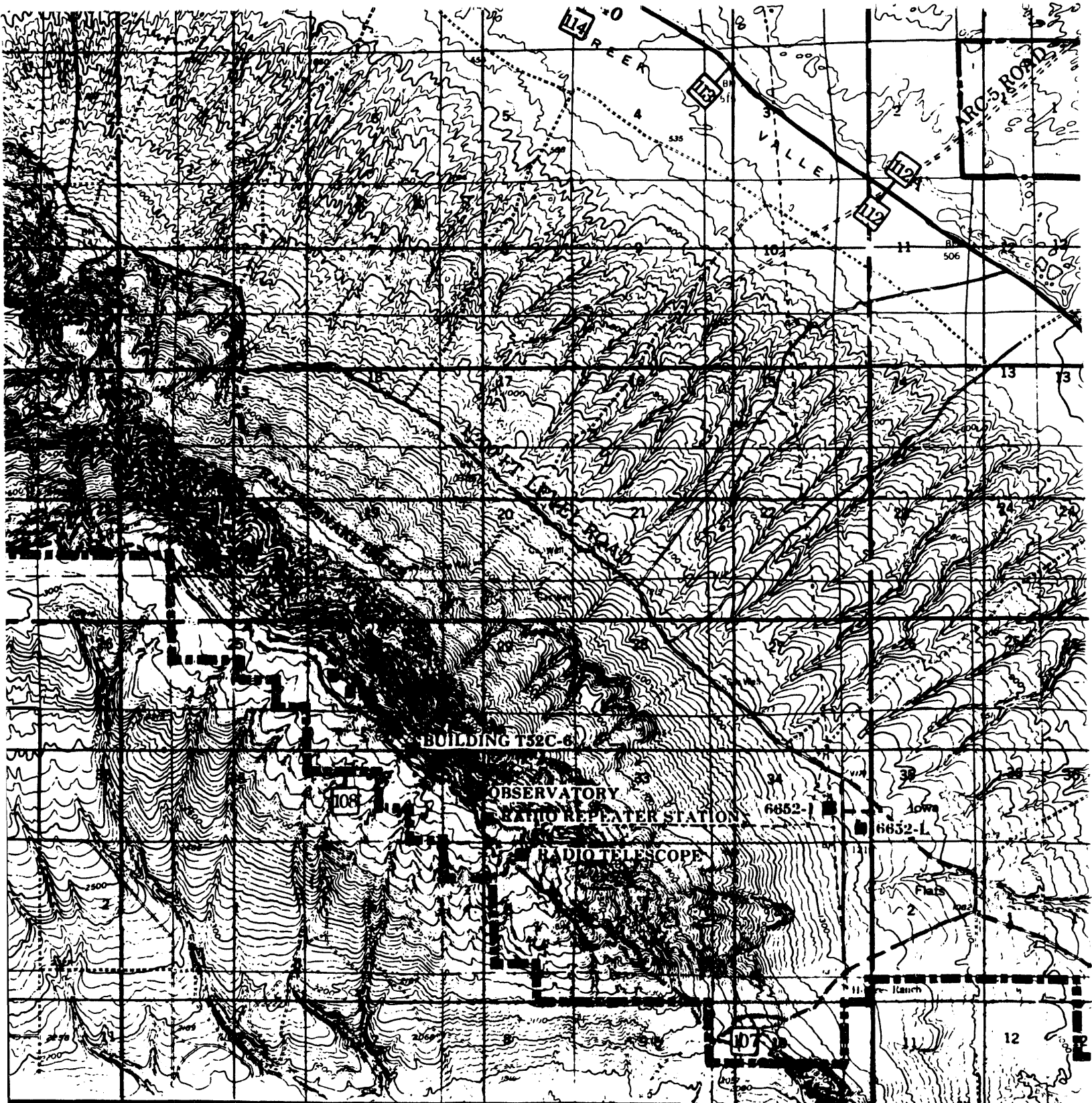


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- RAILROAD** . . . . .
- POWER TRANSMISSION LINE** . . . . .
- EXPORT WATER** . . . . .
- HANFORD SITE BOUNDARY** . . . . .
- BOAT LANDING** . . . . .

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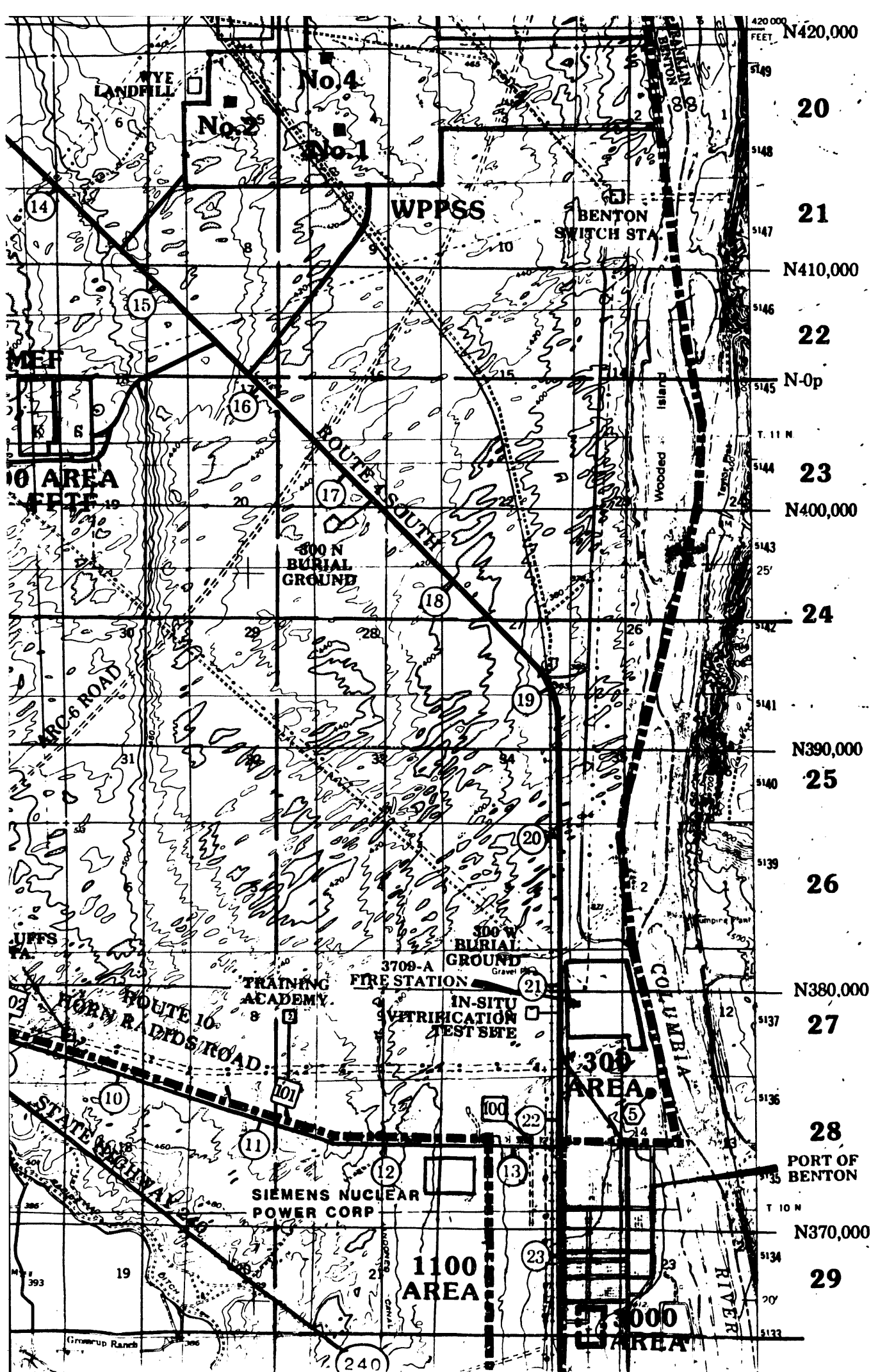
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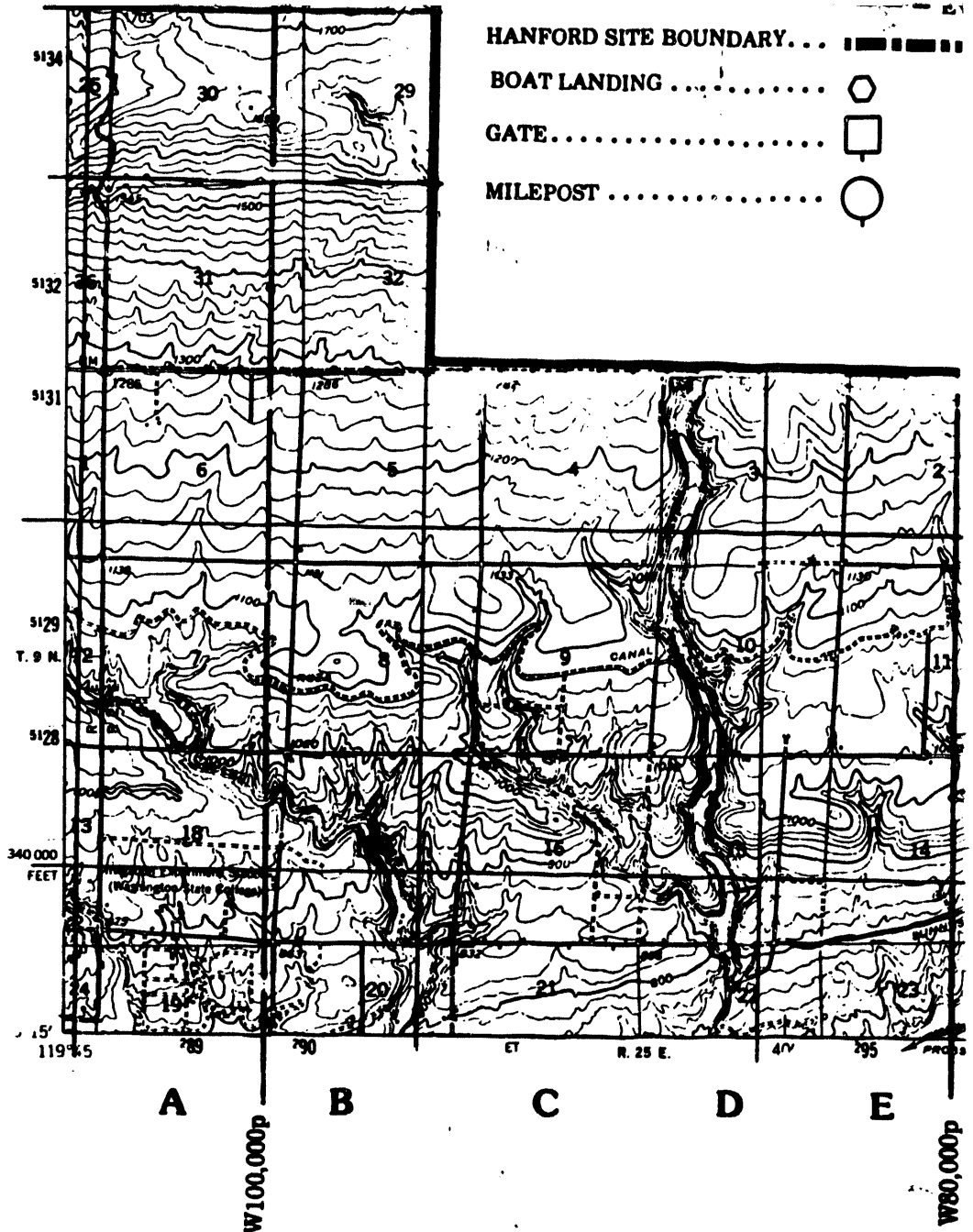
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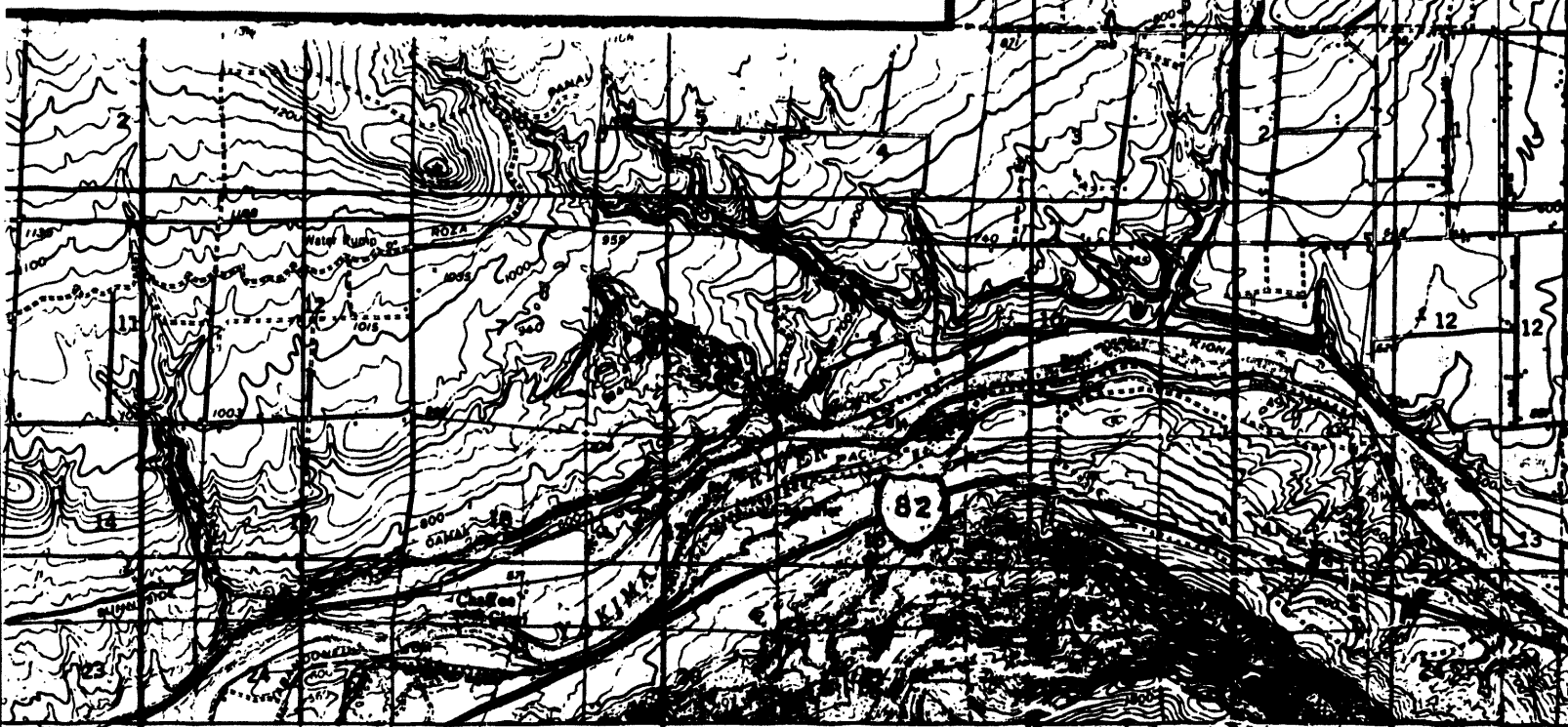
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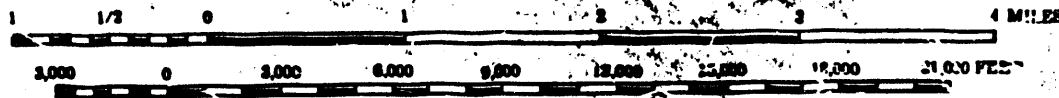
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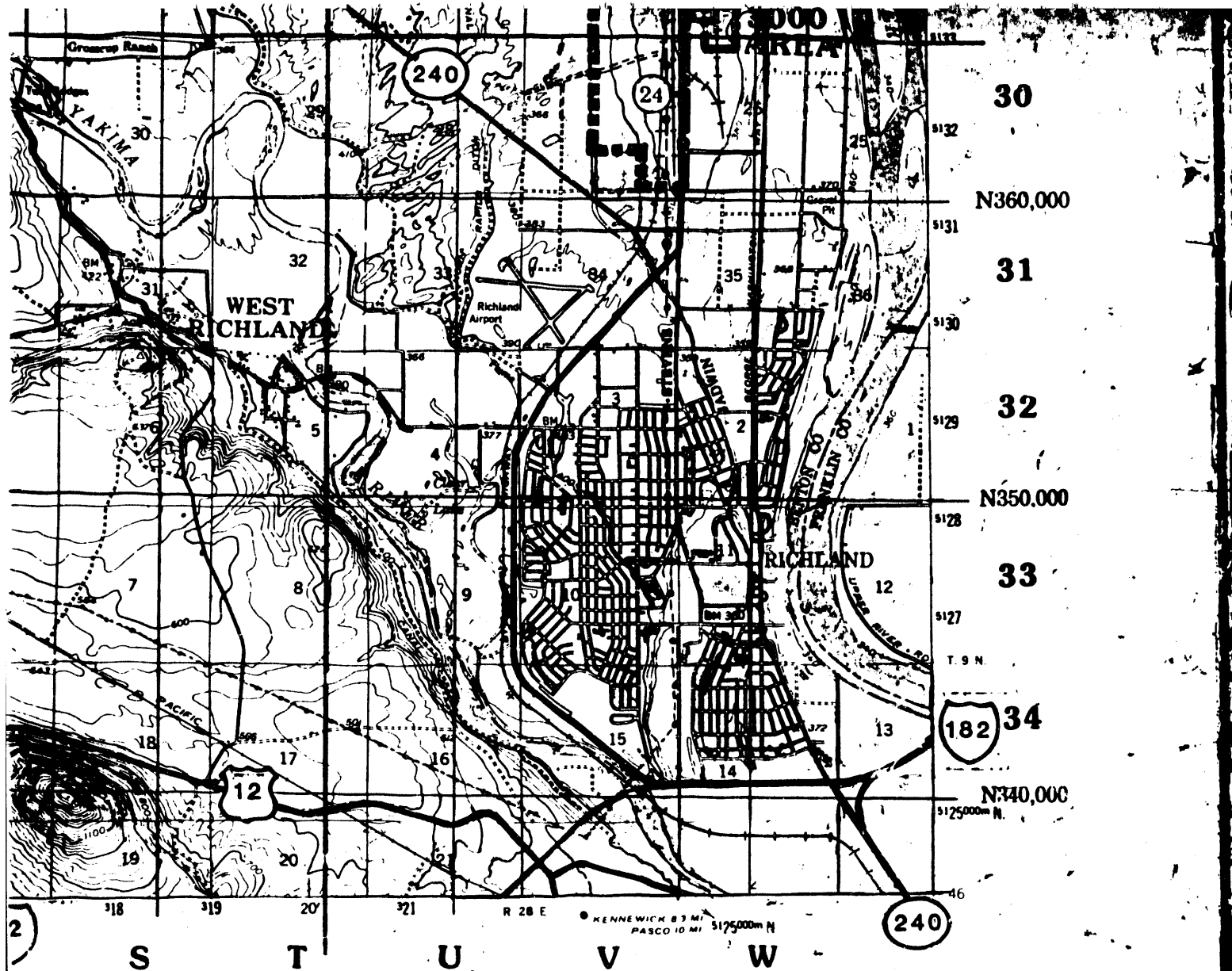


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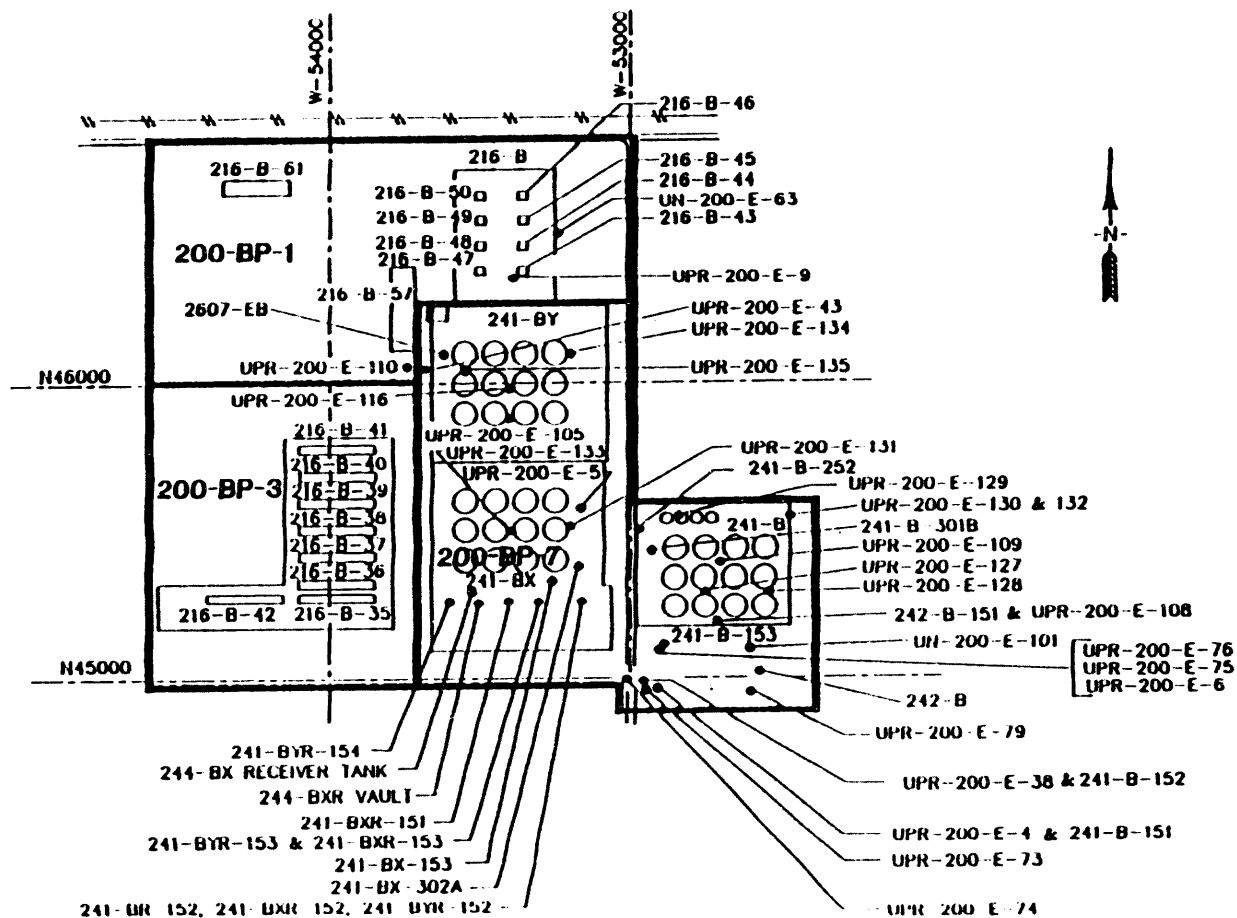




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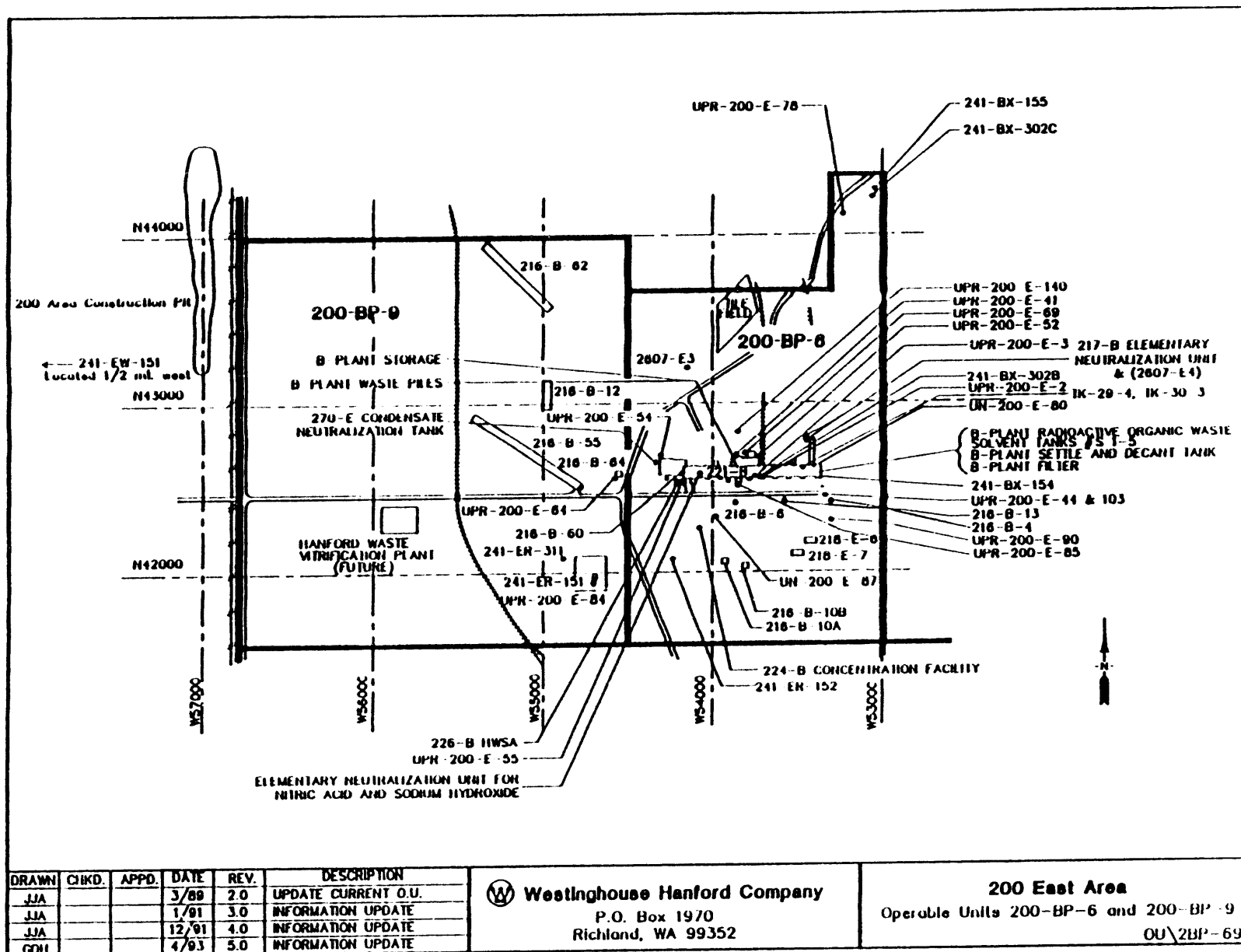
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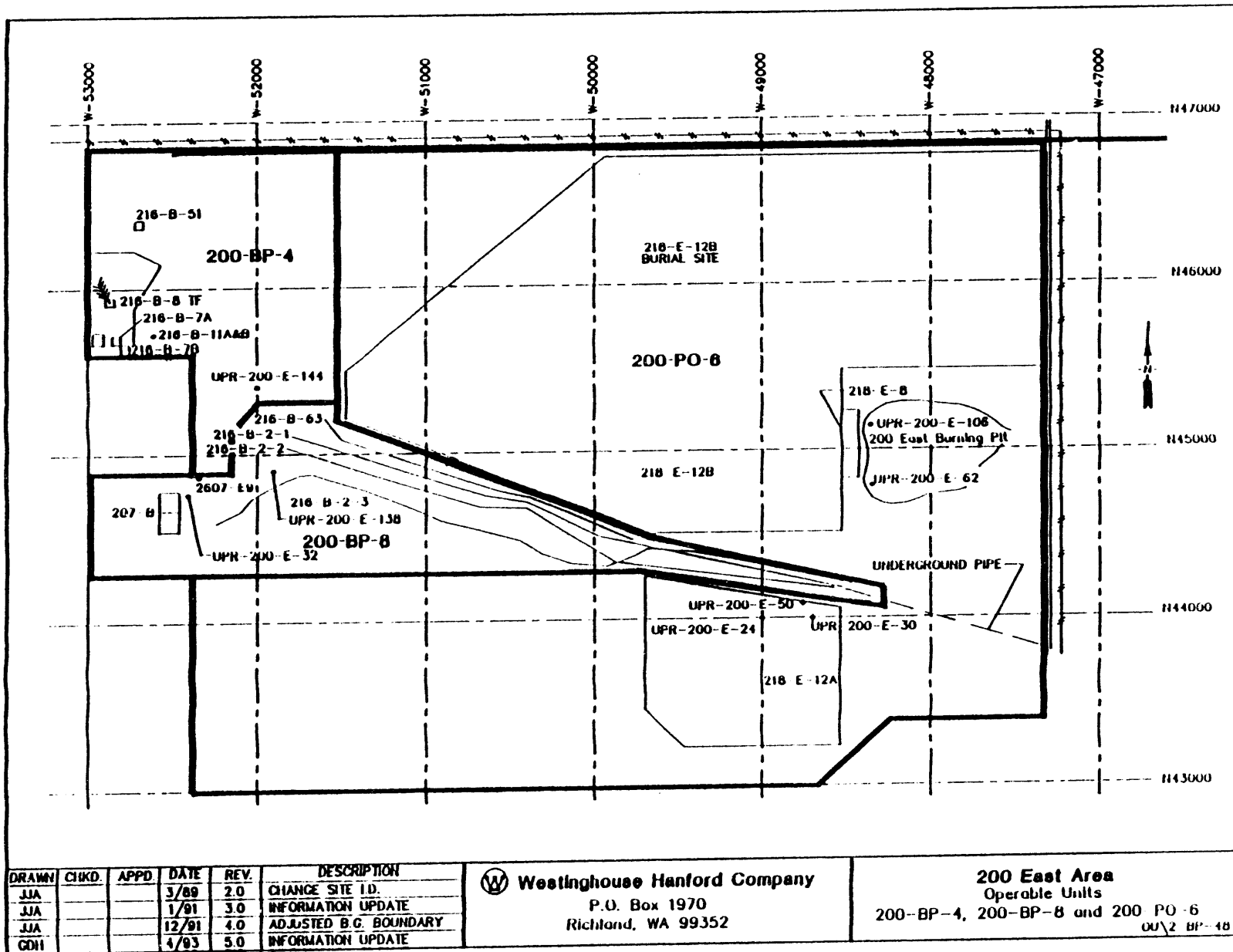


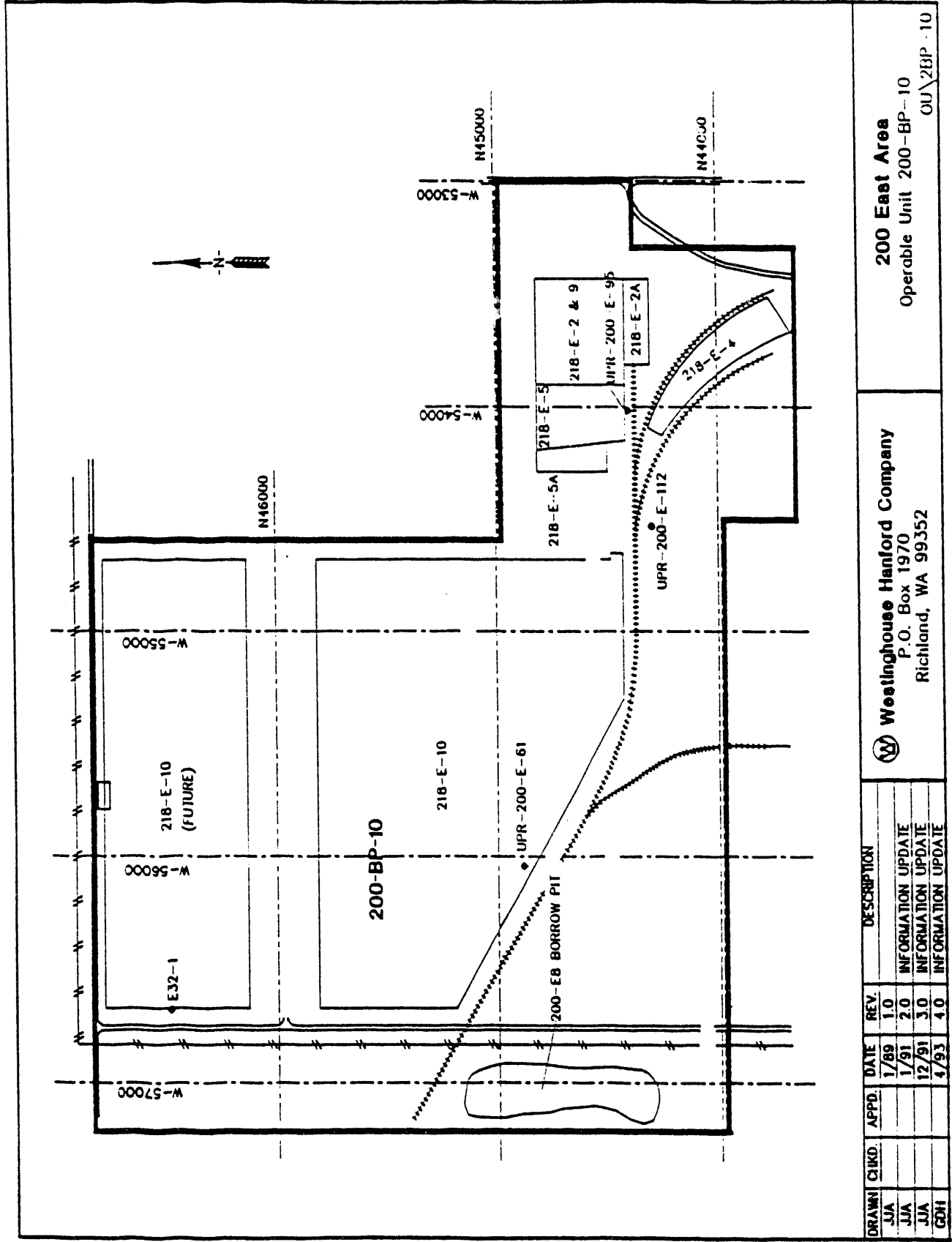
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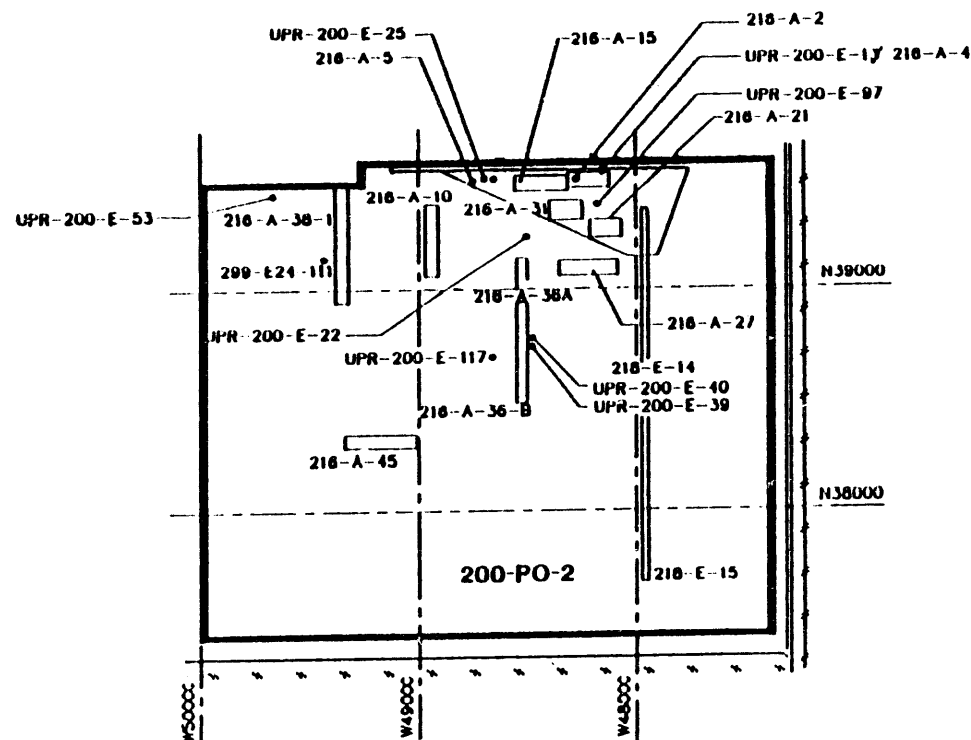





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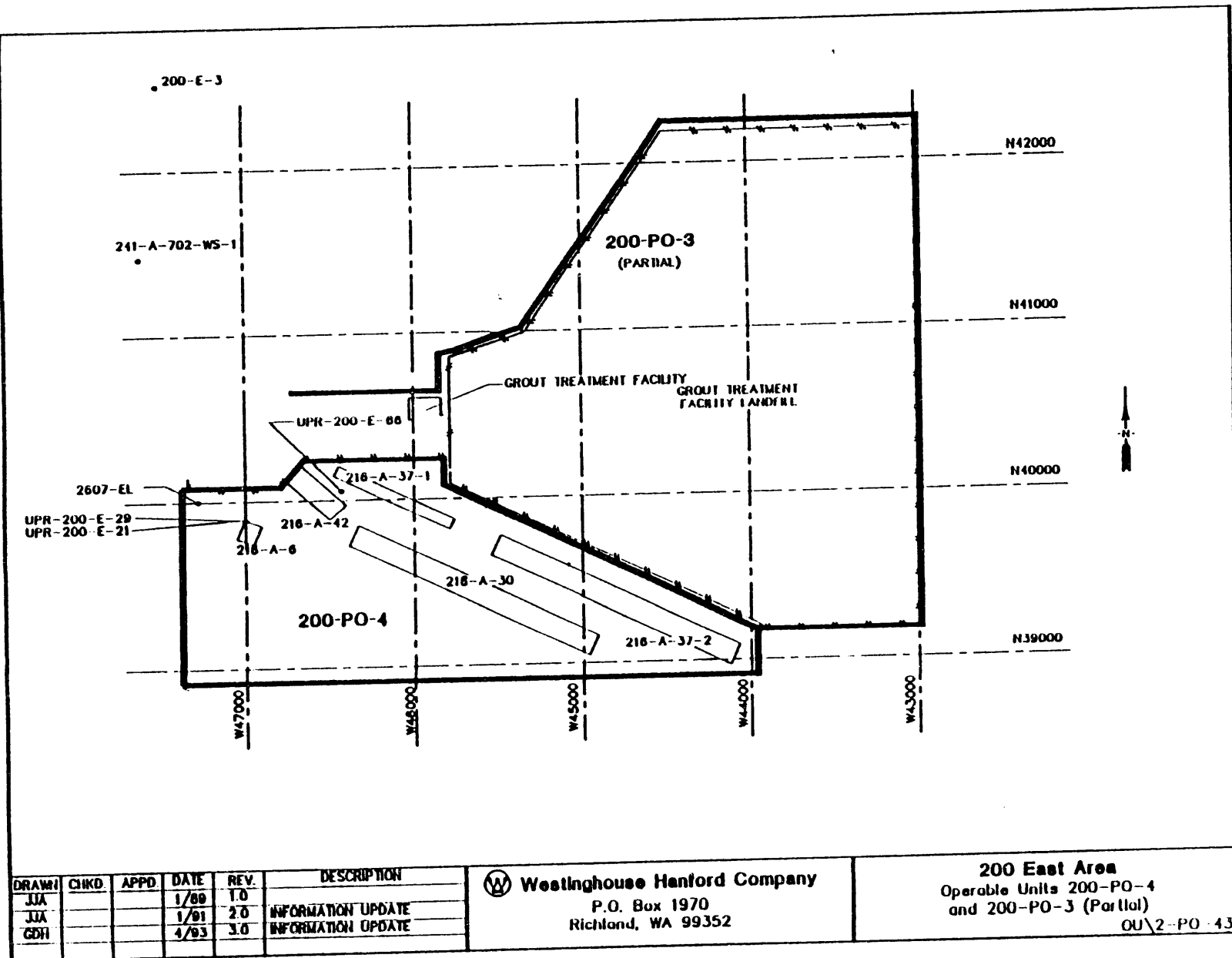


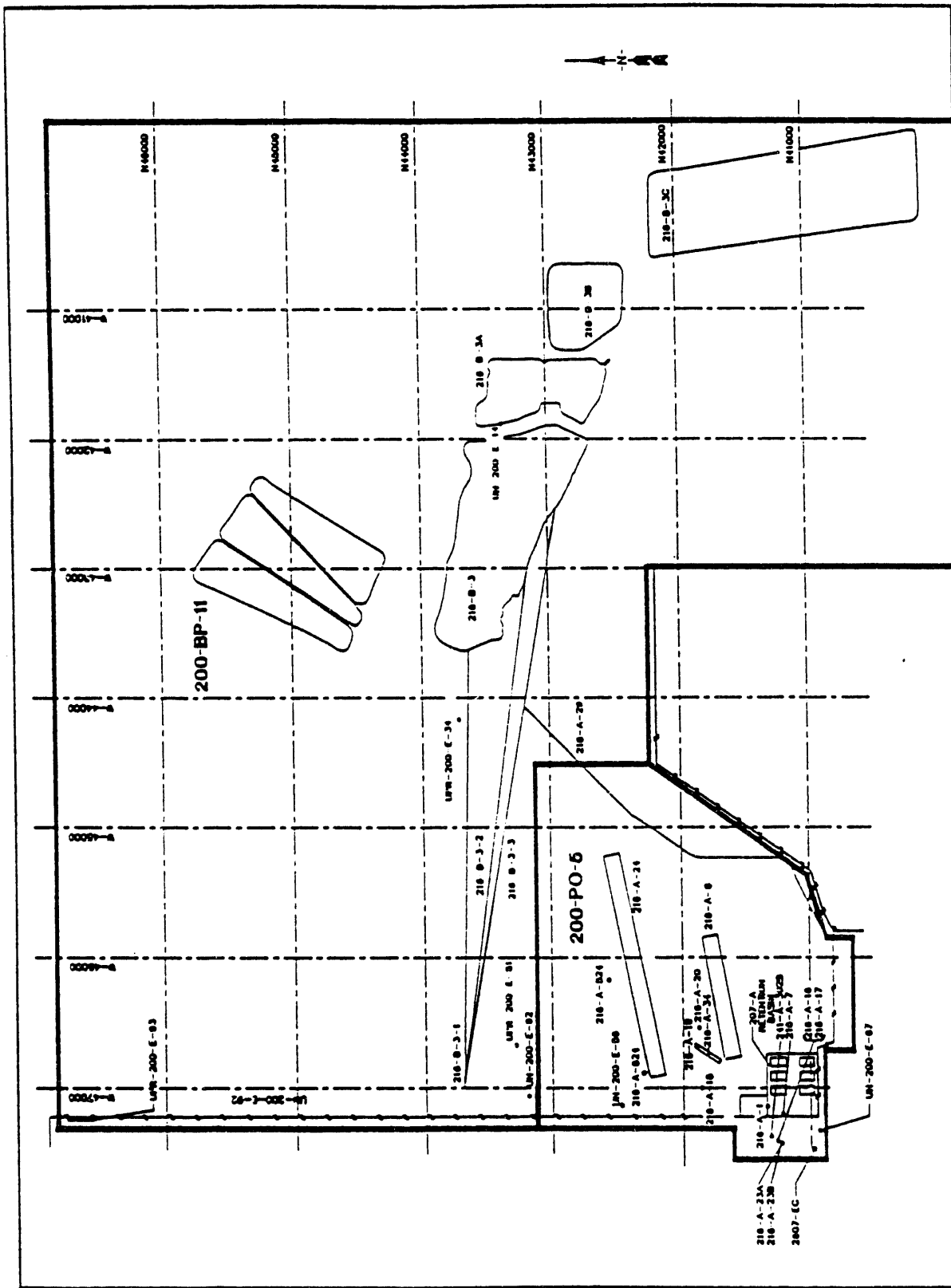
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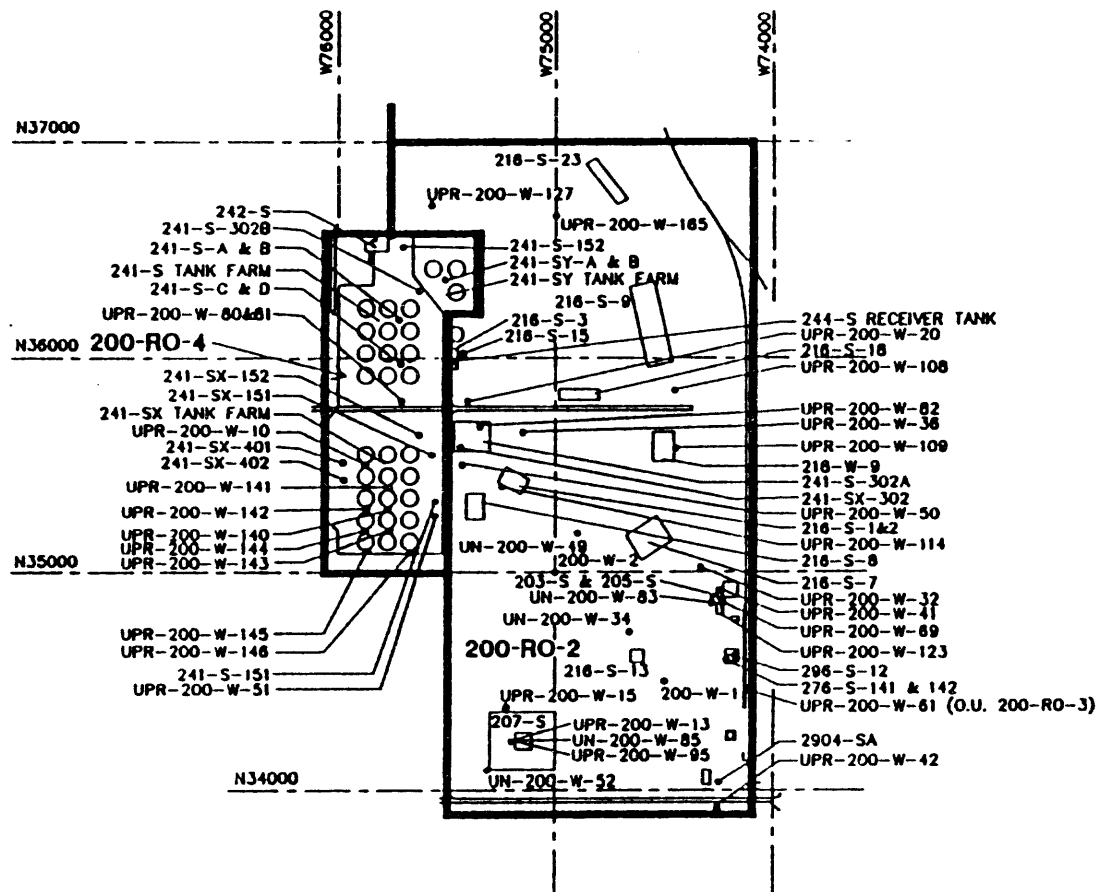




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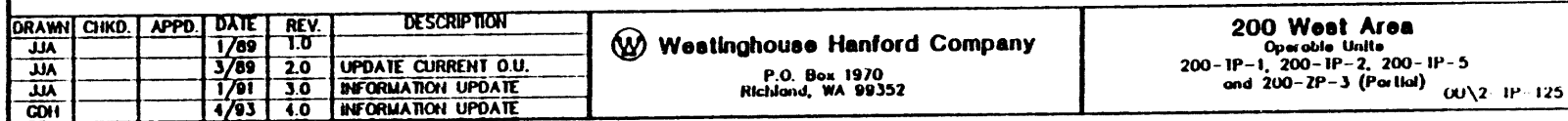
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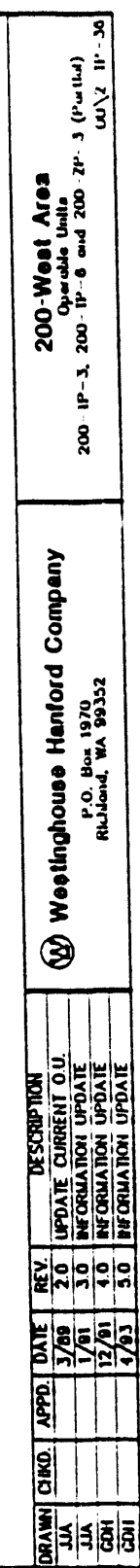


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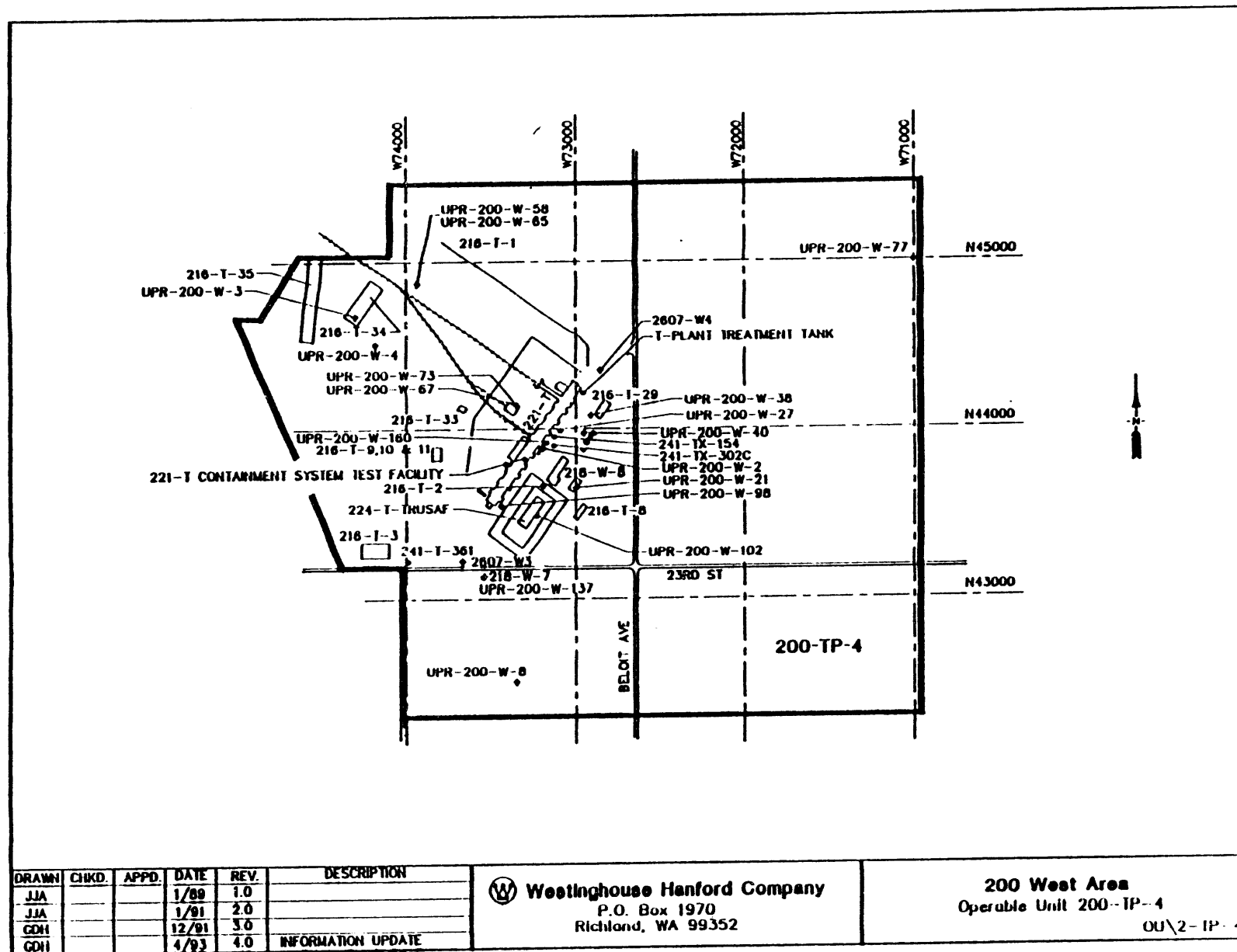
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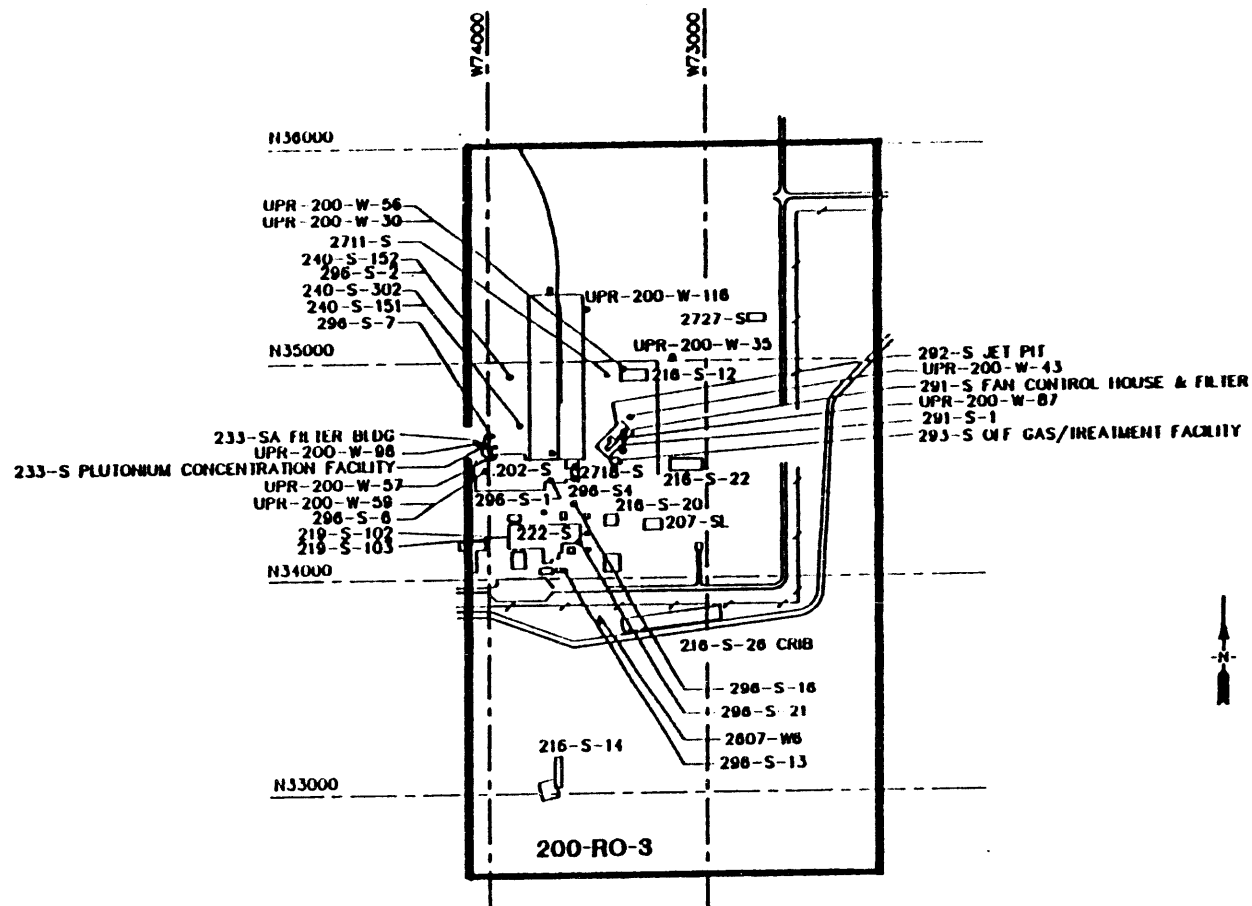
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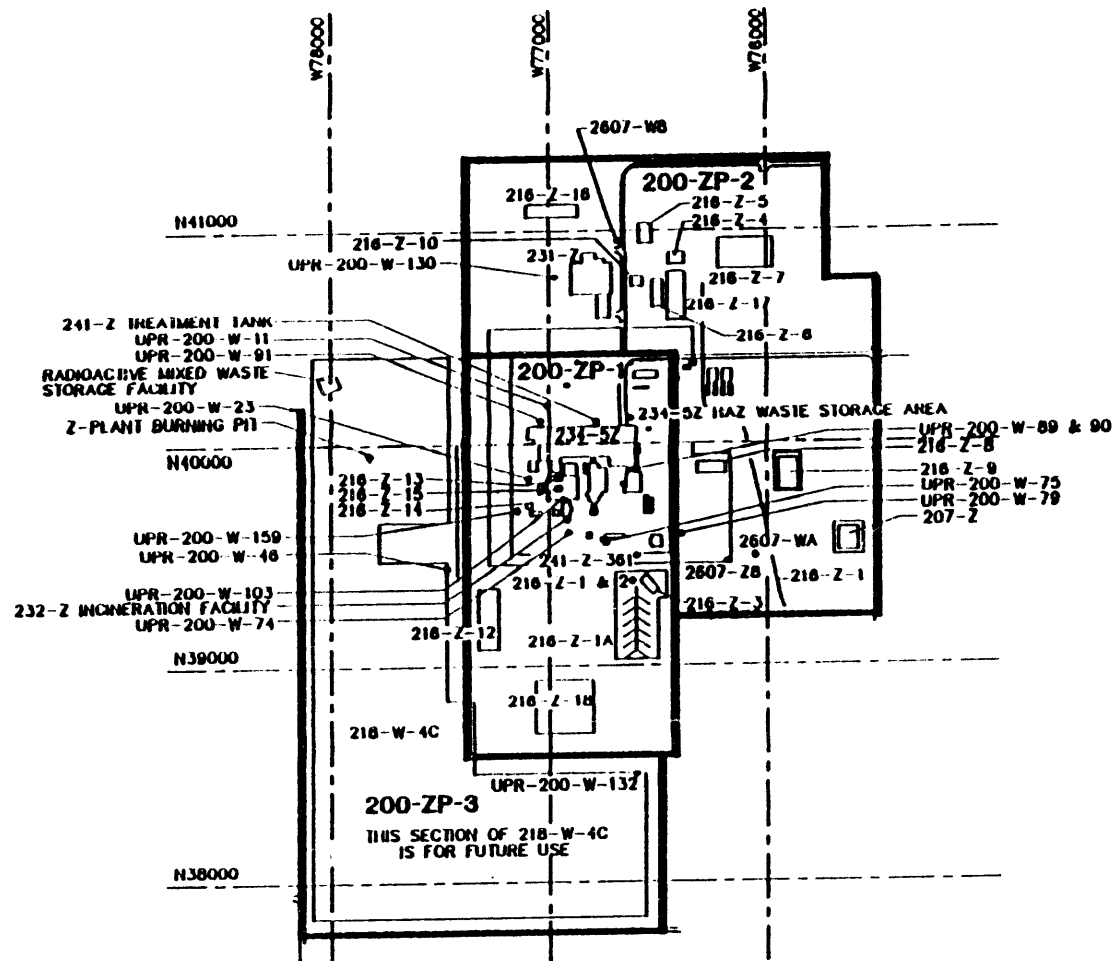


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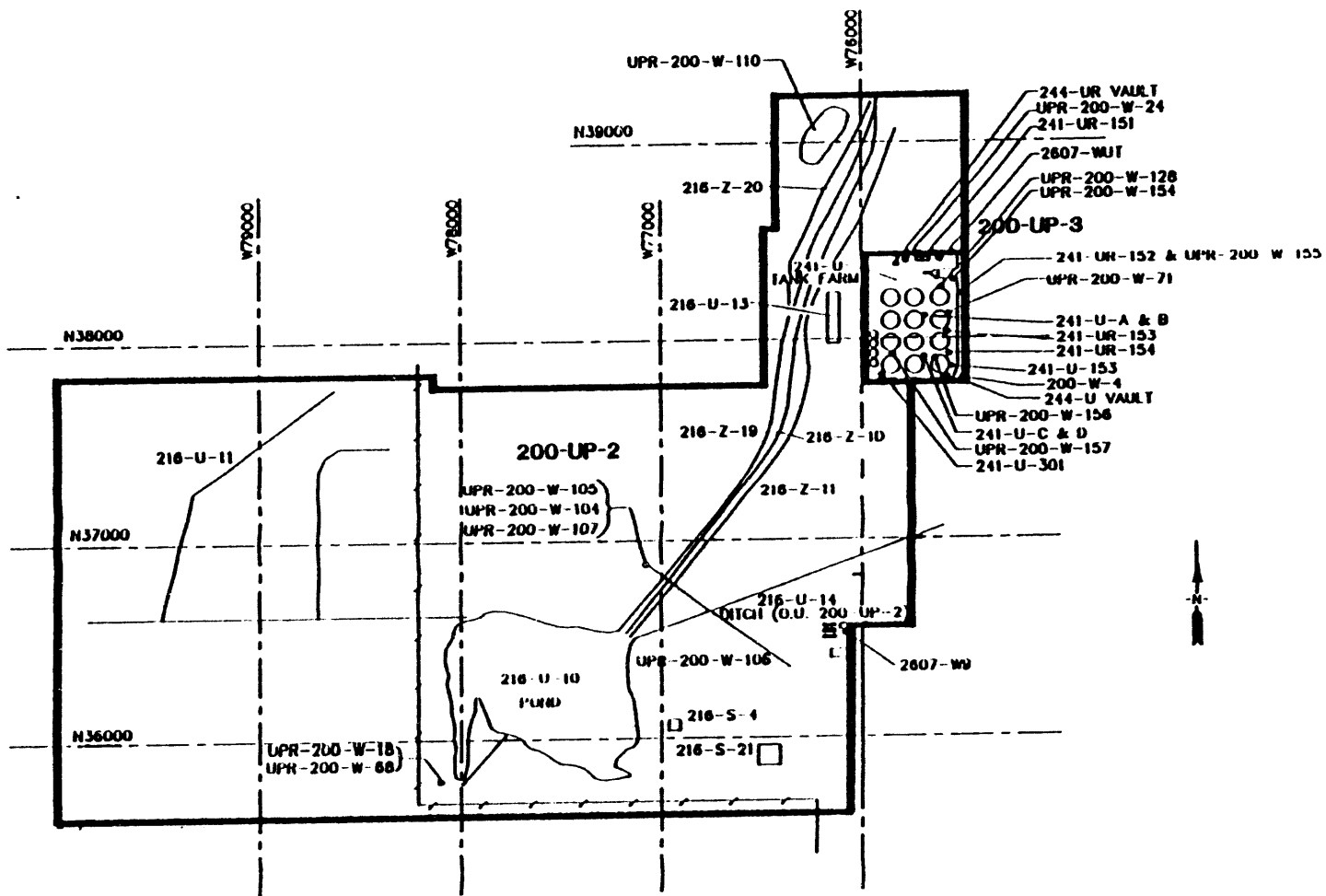
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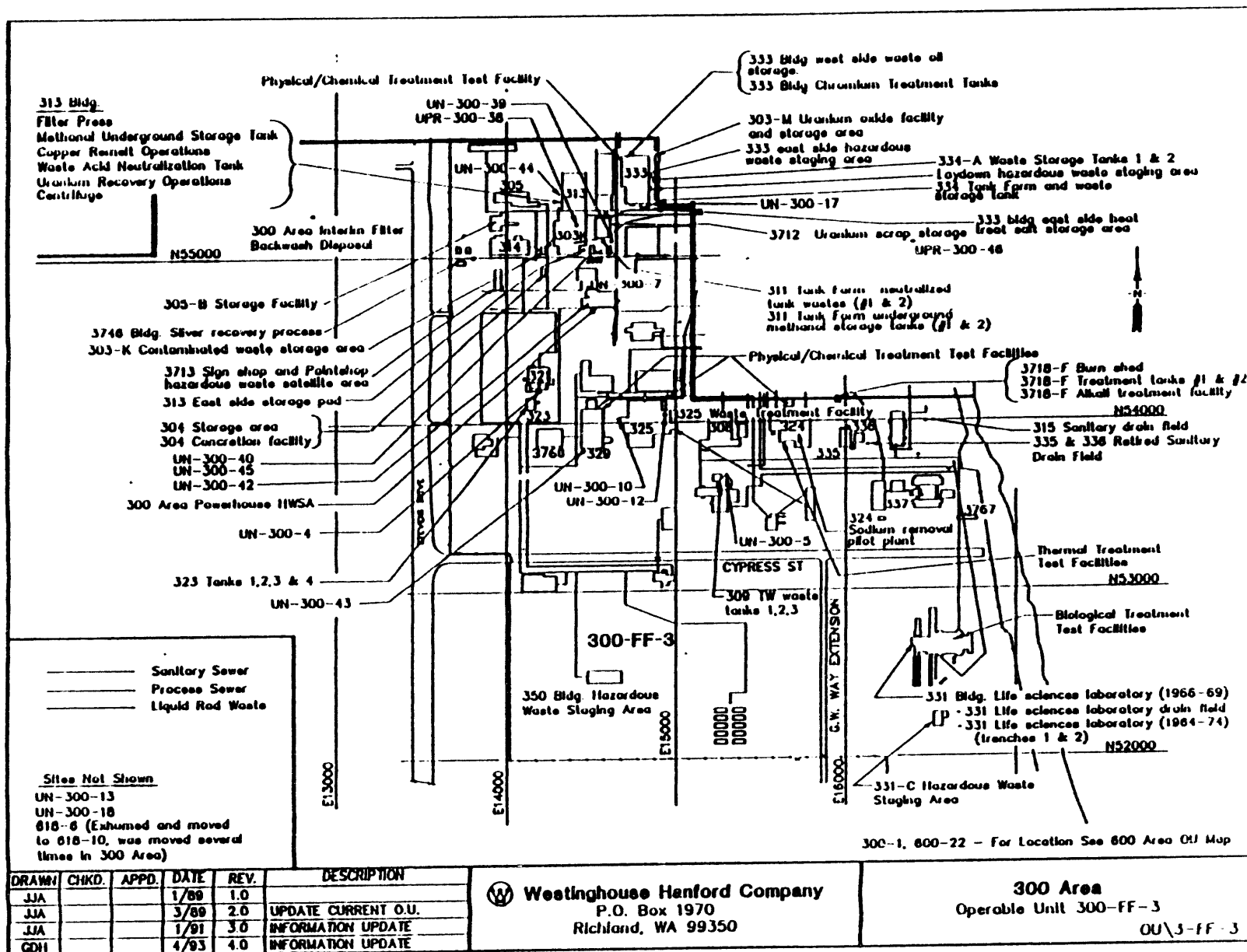
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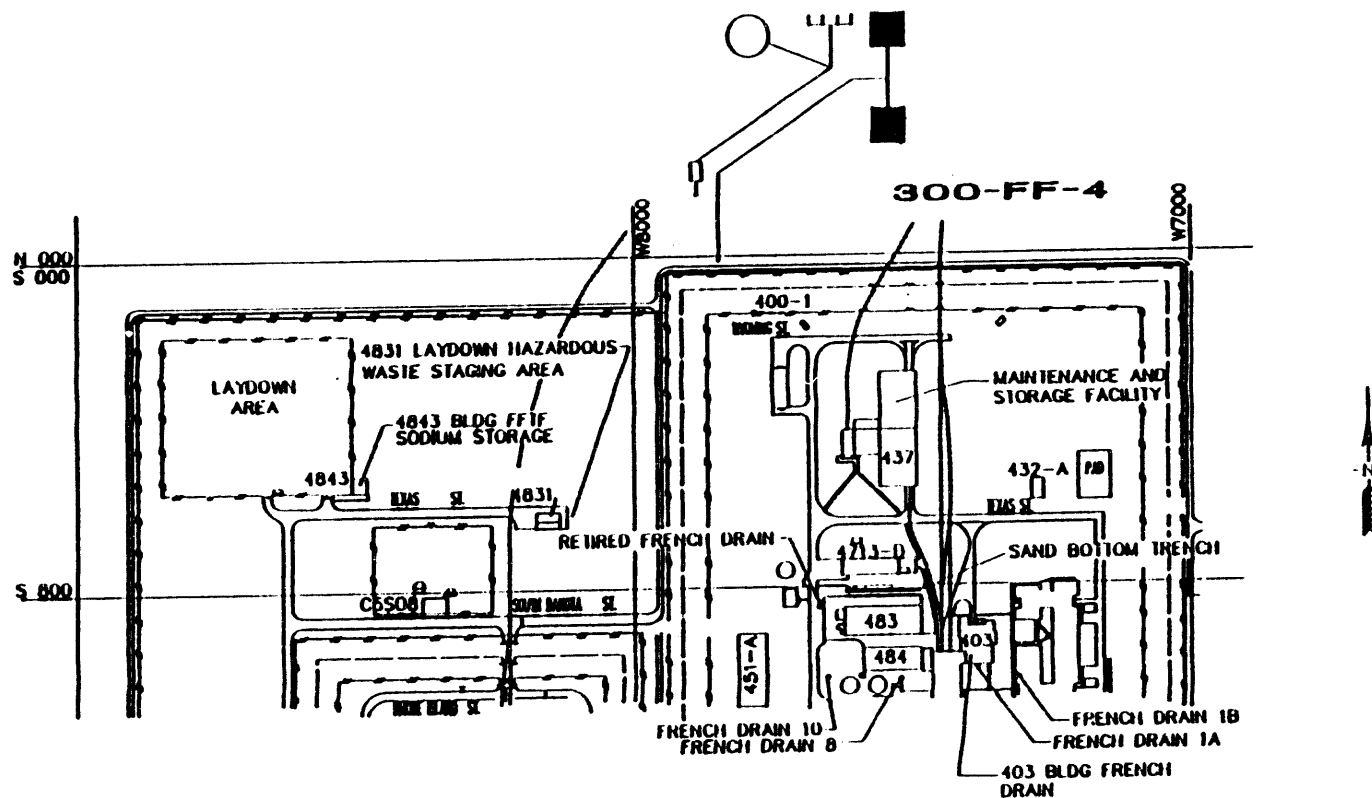


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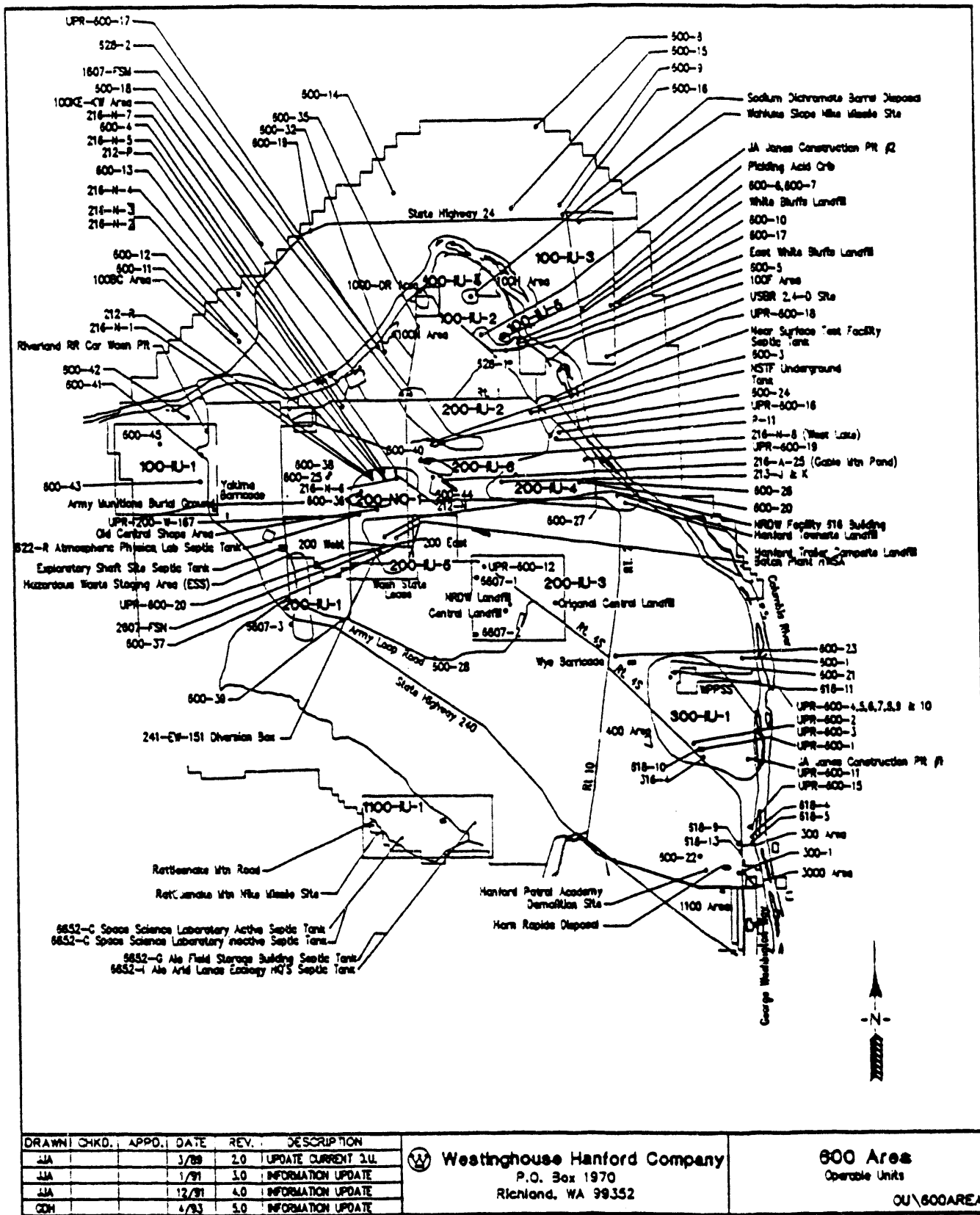




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APPENDIX 2B

HANFORD FACILITY LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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## HANFORD FACILITY LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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2 The following legal description describes the overall facility boundaries  
3 of the DOE-RL controlled Hanford Site. Individual TSD units use only a very  
4 small portion of the Hanford Site. Additional descriptive information on the  
5 individual TSD units is contained in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit  
6 application:  
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8 The Hanford Site being a tract of land located in Benton County, WA, the  
9 aforesaid tract being more particularly described as follows:

10 Commencing at the point of intersection of the E.-W. centerline of  
11 sec. 14, T.10N., R.28E. Willamette Meridian, with the western navigation line  
12 of the Columbia River;

13 Thence northerly 200 feet along said line of navigation to the TRUE POINT  
14 OF BEGINNING;

15 Thence W. to a point on the W. right-of-way line of George Washington  
16 Way, which line is the boundary of the city of Richland;

17 Thence southerly 100 feet or less, along said right-of-way line of George  
18 Washington Way to a point on the N. right-of-way line of Horn Rapids Road, an  
19 unplatted road;

20 Thence W. along the N. right-of-way line of Horn Rapids Road  
21 approximately 1/2 mile to the E. right-of-way line of Stevens Drive, an  
22 unplatted road;

23 Thence S. along said E. right-of-way line to a point on the N. right-of-  
24 way line of Spengler Street, a platted street;

25 Thence W. 145 feet to the W. right-of-way line of Stevens Drive;

26 Thence S. to a point 30 feet N. of the S. line of sec. 27, T.10N., R.28  
27 E.W.M.;

28 Thence W. along a line 30 feet N. of, and parallel with, the S. line of  
29 sec. 27 to the E. line of the S.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of said section;

30 Thence N. along the E. line of the S.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of sec. 27 to  
31 the S.E. corner of the N.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of said sec. 27;

32 Thence W. along the S. line of the N.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 to the W.  
33 line of the E. 1/2 of sec. 27;

34 Thence N. along the W. line of the E. 1/2 of sec. 27, and of the E. 1/2  
35 of sec. 22 and the E. 1/2 of sec. 14 to the N. right-of-way line of Horn  
36 Rapids Road;

37 Thence westerly and northwesterly along the N. right-of-way line of Horn  
38 Rapids Road 26,000 feet more or less to the line's intersection with the N.  
39 right-of-way line of State Highway 240, in the N.E. 1/4 of sec. 11, T.10N.,  
40 R.27E.W.M.;

41 Thence northwesterly along said N. right-of-way line of the highway,  
42 75 feet N. of and parallel with the centerline of said highway to a point in  
43 sec. 3, T.10N., R.27E.W.M., which point is on the eastward extension of the N.  
44 right-of-way line of a county road from Horn Rapids to Benton City;

45 Thence along the northerly and westerly right-of-way line of said road,  
46 75 feet northerly and westerly of, and parallel with, the center line of said  
47 road to a point on the E. line of sec. 8, T.10N., R.27E.W.M.;

48 Thence N. to the E. quarter corner of said section;

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1 Thence W. to the S.W. corner of the E. 1/2 of the N.E. 1/4 of sec. 12,  
2 T.10N., R.26E.W.M.;  
3 Thence N. to the N. line of said sec. 12;  
4 Thence W. to the N.E. corner of the N.W. 1/4 of the N.W. 1/4 of the N.W.  
5 1/4 of sec. 11, T.10N., R.26E.W.M.;  
6 Thence S. 660 feet;  
7 Thence W. 660 feet to the E. line of sec. 10, T.10N., R.26E.W.M.;  
8 Thence S. to the S.E. quarter corner of said sec. 10;  
9 Thence W. along the E.-W. centerline of sec. 10 to the W. line of said  
10 section;  
11 Thence N. along the W. section line to the S.E. corner of sec. 4, T.10N.,  
12 R.26E.W.M.;  
13 Thence W. along the S. line of sec. 4 and sec. 5 to the S.W. corner of  
14 the S.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of sec. 5;  
15 Thence N. to the S.E. corner of the N.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of sec. 5;  
16 Thence W. along the S. line of the N.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 to the S.W.  
17 corner of the N.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4;  
18 Thence N. to the S.E. corner of the N. 1/2 of the N.W. 1/4;  
19 Thence W. along the S. line of the N. 1/2 of the N.W. 1/4 to the W. line  
20 of sec. 5;  
21 Thence N. to the S.E. corner of sec. 31, T.11N., R.26E.W.M.;  
22 Thence W. along the S. line of the E. 1/2 of the S.E. 1/4 of sec. 31 to  
23 the E. line of said E. 1/2 of the S.E. 1/4 of sec. 31;  
24 Thence N. along the W. line of the E. 1/2 of the S.E. 1/4 to the S.E.  
25 corner of the S.W. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 of sec. 31;  
26 Thence W. along the S. line of the S.W. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 to the S.W.  
27 corner of the S.W. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4;  
28 Thence N. along the W. line of the S.W. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 to the S.E.  
29 corner of the N. 1/2 of the N.W. 1/4 of said sec. 31;  
30 Thence W. along the S. line of the N. 1/2 of the N.W. 1/4 to the W. line  
31 of said sec. 31;  
32 Thence N. along the W. line of sec. 31 to the S.E. corner of sec. 25,  
33 T.11N., R.25E.W.M.;  
34 Thence W. along the S. line of sec. 25 to the S.W. corner of the S.E. 1/4  
35 of the S.E. 1/4 of said sec. 25;  
36 Thence N. along the W. line of the S.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 to the S.E.  
37 corner of the N.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4;  
38 Thence W. along the S. line of the N.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 to the S.W.  
39 corner of the N.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4;  
40 Thence N. along the W. line of the N.W. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 to the S.E.  
41 corner of the N.W. 1/4 of sec. 25;  
42 Thence W. along the S. line of the N.W. 1/4 of sec. 25 to the W. line of  
43 sec 25;  
44 Thence N. along the W. line of sec. 25 and the W. line of sec. 24 to the  
45 N. line of the S. 1/2 of the S. 1/2 of sec. 23;  
46 Thence W. along the N. line of the S. 1/2 of the S. 1/2 of sec. 23 and  
47 the N. line of the S. 1/2 of the S. 1/2 of sec. 22 and the N. line of the S.  
48 1/2 of the S. 1/2 of sec. 21 to the E. line of sec. 20;

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1 Thence S. to the S.E. corner of sec. 20;  
2 Thence W. along the S. line of sec. 20 and the S. line of sec. 19 to the  
3 S.E. corner of the S.W. 1/4 of the S.W. 1/4 of sec. 19;  
4 Thence N. to the N.E. corner of the S.W. 1/4 of the S.W. 1/4 of sec. 19;  
5 Thence W. to the W. line of sec. 19, all being in T.11N., R.25E.W.M.;  
6 Thence continuing W. to the S.W. corner of the N.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4  
7 of sec. 24, T.11N., R.24E.W.M.;  
8 Thence N. to the N.W. corner of said N.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of sec. 24;  
9 Thence W. to the S.W. corner of the S.E. 1/4 of the N.W. 1/4 of sec. 24;  
10 Thence N. to the N.W. corner of said S.E. 1/4 of the N.W. 1/4 of sec. 24;  
11 Thence W. to the W. line of sec. 24;  
12 Thence N. to the N.W. corner of sec. 24;  
13 Thence W. to the S.E. quarter corner of sec. 14;  
14 Thence N. to the N.W. quarter corner of sec. 14;  
15 Thence W. along the N. line of sec. 14 to the N.W. corner of sec. 14;  
16 Thence N. along the W. line of sec. 11 and sec. 2 to the N.W. corner of  
17 sec. 2, all being in T.11N., R.24E.W.M., and continuing N. along the W. lines  
18 of secs., 35, 26, 23, 14, 11, and 2, all being in T.12N., R.24E.W.M.;  
19 Thence continuing N. along the W. lines of secs. 35 and 26 in T.13N.,  
20 R.24E.W.M., to the N.W. corner of sec. 26;  
21 Thence W. along the S. line of sec. 22 to the S.E. quarter corner of  
22 sec. 22;  
23 Thence N. along the N.-S. centerline of sec. 22 to the N.E. quarter  
24 corner of sec. 22;  
25 Thence W. along the S. line of sec. 15 to the S.W. corner of sec. 15;  
26 Thence N. along the W. line of sec. 15 to the S.W. corner of the N. 1/2  
27 of the N.W. 1/4 of sec. 15;  
28 Thence E. along the S. line of the N. 1/2 of the N.W. 1/4 of sec. 15 to  
29 the S.W. corner of the N.W. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 of sec. 15;  
30 Thence N. along the W. line of the S.W. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 of sec. 15  
31 and continuing N. along the centerline of sec. 10 to the W. navigation line of  
32 the Columbia River, following said navigation line easterly, northerly, and  
33 southerly to a point directly W. of the S. line of Tract 4 of Ringold Tracts  
34 according to the plat filed in the records of Franklin County.  
35 Thence southerly along the said W. line of navigation to the TRUE POINT  
36 OF BEGINNING.  
37 EXCEPTING FROM THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED LAND THE FOLLOWING PARCELS, EXCLUDING  
38 that portion of the Hanford Railroad and any Hanford Site access roads which  
39 may traverse these parcels.:  
40 PARCEL A) The N. 1/2 of the N.W. 1/4, and that portion of the N.W. 1/4  
41 of the N.E. 1/4 in sec. 14, T.13N., R.24E.W.M. in the ownership and  
42 jurisdiction of the BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION.  
43 PARCEL B) Sec. 1, T.11N., R.26E.W.M. in the ownership under quitclaim  
44 deed, of the STATE OF WASHINGTON.  
45 PARCEL C) A tract of land leased to the STATE OF WASHINGTON lying in  
46 sections 7, 8, and 9, T.12N., R.26E.W.M., containing 1,000 acres more or less,  
47 more particularly described as follows: That part of the S. 1/2 of said sec.  
48 7 bounded on the W. and N. by the following described line: BEGINNING at a

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1 point on the S. line of said sec. 7, which point is S. 88° 44' 47" W. 4,515.30  
2 feet from the S.E. corner of the sec., and at coordinates N. 438,868.46 and E.  
3 2,222,800.00 on the Washington State Grid System, South Zone; thence N.  
4 1,781.54 feet; thence E. 2,200.00 feet; thence N. 907.19 feet more or less to  
5 the N. line of said S. 1/2 of the sec.; thence N. 88° 38' 43" E. along said  
6 line 2,275.48 feet more or less to the E. quarter corner of said sec. 7. The  
7 S. 1/2 of sec. 8. The S. 1/2, and the S. 1/2 of the N. 1/2 of sec. 9, EXCEPT  
8 that portion lying easterly of the following described line: BEGINNING at a  
9 point on the E. line of said sec. 9, which point is N. 0° 53' 09" W. 3,071.71  
10 feet from the S.E. corner of the sec., and at coordinates N. 442,268.92 and E.  
11 2,237,790.19 on the Washington State Grid System, South Zone; thence  
12 northwesterly along a 1,055.37 foot radius curve to the right an arc distance  
13 of 1,064.64 feet (the chord of said arc bears N. 30° 21' 08" W. 1,020.05 feet)  
14 to a point on the N. line of the S. 1/2 of the N. 1/2 of said sec. 9, said  
15 point being at coordinates N. 443,149.16 and E. 2,237,274.74 on the Washington  
16 State Grid System, South Zone.

17 Three tracts of land leased to the WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM  
18 more particularly described as follows:

19 PARCEL D) a tract of land (for the Hanford Generating Plant), commencing  
20 at the S.E. corner of sec. 28, T.14N., R.26E.W.M., said point having  
21 Washington State Coordinates, South Zone, of N. 486,994.01, and E.  
22 2,236,672.11; thence N. 72° 02' 15" W. 3,483.15 feet, thence N. 67° 11' 41" W.  
23 1,810 feet more or less to a point on the line of ordinary high water on the  
24 right bank of the Columbia River, which point is the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING:  
25 thence S. 67° 11' 41" E. 1,810 feet more or less to a point, having Washington  
26 State Coordinates, South Zone, of N. 488,068.19 and E. 2,233,358.73, thence N.  
27 22° 48' 19" E. a distance of 1,595 feet to a point, having Washington State  
28 Coordinates, South Zone, of N. 489,538.48 and E. 2,233,976.96, thence N. 67°  
29 11' 41" W. 1,108 feet more or less to a point on the line of ordinary high  
30 water on the right bank of the Columbia River, thence southwesterly along the  
31 said line of ordinary high water to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, containing  
32 53.42 acres more or less; THIS PARCEL AMENDED BY DELETING THE FOLLOWING:

33 Beginning at the S.E. corner of the leased parcel, which point is at  
34 coordinates N. 488,068.19 and E. 2,233,358.73 on the Washington State  
35 Coordinate, South Zone; thence N. 22° 48' 19" E. 1,060 feet; thence N. 67° 11'  
36 41" W. 200 feet; thence S. 22° 48' 19" W. 1,060 feet; thence S. 67° 11' 41" E.  
37 200 feet to the point of beginning; containing 4.85 acres, more or less;

38 PARCEL E) a tract of land (for WNP Site 2), beginning at the S.W. corner  
39 of sec. 11, T.11N., R.28E.W.M., said corner having Washington State  
40 coordinates, South Zone, of N. 408,335.30 and E. 2,307,653.50, thence N. 0°  
41 41' 08" E. 8,065.28 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence W. 11,153.57  
42 feet; thence S. 01° 01' 23" E. 3,000.48 feet; thence S. 88° 53' 54" W.  
43 5,200.96 feet; thence N. 0° 31' 41" W. 3,690.15 feet; thence E. 1,430.00 feet;  
44 thence N. 1,865.69 feet; thence N. 87° 46' 08" E. 3,703.83 feet; thence S. 01°  
45 01' 23" E. 1,600.25 feet; thence E. 11,189.29 feet; thence N. 01° 01' 23" E.  
46 1,800.29 feet; thence N. 89° 07' 55" E. 3,300.38 feet to the line of  
47 Navigation of the W. bank of the Columbia River, thence southerly along said  
48 line of Navigation to a point that bears N. 89° 15' 21" E. from the TRUE POINT

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1 OF BEGINNING; thence S. 89° 15' 21" W. 3,850.32 feet more or less to the TRUE  
2 POINT OF BEGINNING.

3 PARCEL F) A tract of land (for WNP Sites 1 and 4) lying in Section 4 of  
4 Township 11 North, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, described as follows:

5 Beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 11, Township 11 North,  
6 Range 28 East, W.M., (said corner being located by reference to the Washington  
7 State Coordinate System South Zone at coordinates North 408,335.30 and East  
8 2,307,653.50) thence North 65°-17'-03" West 12113.14 feet to the TRUE POINT OF  
9 BEGINNING (said point being located by reference to the Washington State  
10 Coordinate System South Zone at coordinates North 413,400.00 and East  
11 2,296,650.00); thence North 01°-01'-23" West 3000.48 feet to a point; thence  
12 East 5280.00 feet to a point; thence South 01°-01'-23" East 3000.48 feet to a  
13 point; thence West 5280.00 feet more or less to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING,  
14 containing 363.69 acres more or less; and

15 A parcel of land lying in Sections 3 and 4 of Township 11 North, Range 28  
16 East, and Sections 33 and 34 of Township 12 North, Range 28 East, Willamette  
17 Meridian, described as follows:

18 Beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 11, Township 11 North,  
19 Range 28 East, W.M., (said corner being located by reference to the Washington  
20 State Coordinate System South Zone at coordinates North 408,335.30 and East  
21 2,307,653.50) thence North 50°-42'-00" West 14,311.63 feet to the TRUE POINT  
22 OF BEGINNING (said point being located by reference to the Washington State  
23 Coordinate System South Zone at coordinates North 417,400.00 and East  
24 2,296,578.57); thence North 01°-01'-23" West 3000.48 feet to a point; thence  
25 East 5,280.00 feet to a point; thence South 01°-01'-23" East 1200.19 feet to a  
26 point; thence East 5,973.57 feet to a point; thence South 1°-01'-23" West  
27 1800.29 feet to a point; thence West 11,189.29 feet more or less to the TRUE  
28 POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 609.15 acres more or less.

29 PARCEL G) The parcels on the Hanford Site used but not owned by the  
30 Bonneville Power Administration including the Ashe Substation, the Hanford  
31 Substation, the Benton Switch Substation, and the White Bluffs Substation.

32 ASHE SUBSTATION. A parcel of land in the W. 1/2 S.E. 1/4, the S.E. 1/2  
33 N.W. 1/4 and the S.W. 1/4 of Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 28 East,  
34 Willamette Meridian, Benton County, Washington, more particularly described as  
35 follows:

36 Commencing at a Bonneville Power Administration monument set at the  
37 intersection of the north-south and east-west base lines for the Ashe  
38 Substation Site in the S.E. 1/4 S.W. 1/4 of Section 32, Township 12 North,  
39 Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian. This monument is located N.26°49'15"E.,  
40 1503.1 feet from a 2-inch brass disc on the south line of Section 32, said  
41 disc being set by WPPSS survey of August 11, 1971. Thence N.52°10'10"E.,  
42 1200.0 feet to the true point of beginning. Thence S.37°49'50"E., 400.0 feet;  
43 thence S.52°10'10"W., 1100.0 feet; thence S.37°49'50"E., 1287.7 feet to a  
44 point on the south line of Section 32; thence S.87°46'12"W., along said south  
45 line of Section 32, a distance of 984.0 feet; thence N.37°49'50"W.,  
46 2014.8 feet; thence N.52°10'10"E., 1900.0 feet; thence S.37°49'50"E.,  
47 900.0 feet to the true point of beginning; containing 75.09 acres, more or  
48 less.

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1 ASHE SS SOUTH CORRIDOR, PARCEL 1. A portion of Government Lot 3 of  
2 Section 5, Township 11 North, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, Benton  
3 County, Washington, more particularly described as follows:

4 Commencing at a point in Bay 3 in the Ashe Substation Site in the  
5 N.E. 1/4 S.W. 1/4 of Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 28 East, Willamette  
6 Meridian, said point being N.25°56'16"E., 1716.1 feet from a 2-inch brass disc  
7 on the south line of Section 32, said disc being set by WPPSS survey of  
8 August 11, 1971. Thence S.31°24'10"E., 553.5 feet; thence S.1°50'00"E.,  
9 1029.6 feet to a point on the north line of Section 5, Township 11 North,  
10 Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, the true point of beginning for this  
11 description. Thence N.87°46'12"E., along said north line of Section 5, a  
12 distance of 75 feet; thence S.1°50'00"E., 1299.7 feet; thence S.88°10'00"W.,  
13 281.5 feet; thence N.1°50'00"W., 1297.6 feet to a point on said north line;  
14 thence N.87°46'12"E., along said north line, a distance of 206.5 feet to the  
15 true point of beginning.

16 ASHE SS SOUTH CORRIDOR, PARCEL 2. All that portion of the S.E. 1/4  
17 S.W. 1/4 of Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian,  
18 Benton County, Washington, that lies southerly and easterly of the Ashe  
19 Substation Site and westerly of a line 75 feet easterly from and parallel with  
20 the survey line for the Bonneville Poser Administration WPPSS No. 2  
21 Powerhouse-Ashe 500 kV line No. 2. The survey line is described, with  
22 reference to the Washington Coordinate System - South Zone, as follows:

23 Beginning at a point in Bay 3 in the Ashe Substation Site in the N.E. 1/4  
24 S.W. 1/4 of Section 32, Township 12 North, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian,  
25 at a survey Station 97+84.0, said point being N.25°56'16"E., 1716.1 feet from  
26 a 2-inch brass disc on the south line of Section 32, said disc being set by  
27 WPPSS survey of August 11, 1971. Thence S.31°24'10"E., 553.5 feet to  
28 station 92+30.5; thence S.1°50'00"E., 1029.6 feet to a point on the south line  
29 of Section 32, said point being N.87°46'12"E., 1072.1 feet from said brass  
30 disc.

31 ASHE-SS-AR-1. A portion of Lot 3 S.1/2 N.W. 1/4, and N.W. 1/4 S.W. 1/4  
32 of Section 5, the E. 1/2 S.E. 1/4 and S.W. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 of Section 6, the  
33 N.W. 1/4 N.E. 1/4 and E. 1/2 N.W. 1/4 of Section 7, Township 11 North, Range  
34 28 East, Willamette Meridian, Benton County, Washington.

35 HANFORD SUBSTATION SITE. Lot 1 of Block 8, Lots 13 and 14 of Block 9,  
36 and Lot 8 of Block 10 of Hanford, according to the recorded plat thereof, and  
37 that part of Thirteenth Street lying between the northeasterly line of Tract A  
38 of Hanford, according to the recorded plat thereof and the Columbia River, and  
39 that part of Dunham Street lying southeasterly of a line connecting the  
40 northwesterly lines of Lot 8 of Block 10 and Lot 13 of Block 9 of Hanford,  
41 according to the recorded plat thereof, all in Section 25, Township 13 North,  
42 Range 27 East, Willamette Meridian Benton County, Washington, containing  
43 2.7 acres, more or less. Subject to easement to Pacific Power & Light Company  
44 for power line and access purposes.

45 BENTON SWITCH SUBSTATION. A parcel of land in the N.W. 1/4 of  
46 Section 11, Township 11 North, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, Benton  
47 County, Washington, described with reference to the Washington Coordinate  
48 System - South Zone, as follows:

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Beginning at the northwest corner of said parcel, being S.54°50'E., 1804.0 feet more or less from the northwest corner of said Section 11; thence N.49°13'45"E., 550.0 feet to the northeast corner, evidenced by a brass cap; thence S.40°46'15"E., 500.0 feet to the southeast corner, evidenced by a brass cap; thence S.49°13'45"W., 550.0 feet to the southwest corner, evidenced by a brass cap; thence N.40°46'15"W., 500.0 feet to the point of beginning. The described parcel contains 6.31 acres, of which 2.75 acres lie within the boundaries of the existing Benton Switching Station.

WHITE BLUFFS SUBSTATION. A parcel of land in Government Lots 3 and 4 and the E. 1/2 S.W. 1/4 of Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, Benton County, Washington, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a Bonneville Power Administration monument in said Government Lot 4 at the intersection of the east-west and north-south base lines for the White Bluffs Substation Site, said monument being N.36°45'35"E., 1623.7 feet from the southwest corner of Section 7. This corner is evidenced by a rock mound. Thence N.72°55'20"W., along the east-west base line, a distance of 500 feet to the true point of beginning. Thence N.17°04'40"E., 400 feet; thence S.72°55'20"E., 900 feet; thence S.17°04'40"W., 1060 feet, more or less, to a point 40 feet north of the centerline of Horn Rapids Road; thence N.72°55'20"W., 900 feet., thence N.17°04'40"E., 660 feet, more or less, to the true point of beginning, containing 21.90 acres, more or less.

For purposes of application of Part IV Corrective Action of the Hanford Facility Permit only, the Hanford Facility also includes PARCELS C, D, E, F, and G of the lands identified as Excepted from the ABOVE-DESCRIBED LAND, in the foregoing legal description.

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**APPENDIX 7A**

**HANFORD FACILITY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

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# HANFORD FACILITY CONTINGENCY PLAN

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## 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Hanford Facility is defined as a single *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976* facility identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/State Identification Number WA7890008967 that consists of over 60 treatment, storage, and/or disposal (TSD) units conducting dangerous waste management activities. The Hanford Facility consists of the contiguous portion of the Hanford Site that contains these TSD units and, for the purposes of RCRA, is owned by the U.S. Government and operated by the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (excluding lands north and east of the Columbia River, river islands, lands owned or used by the Bonneville Power Administration, lands leased to the Washington Public Power Supply System, and lands owned by or leased to the state of Washington).

## 2.0 PURPOSE

The *Hanford Facility Contingency Plan* (Plan), together with each TSD unit-specific contingency plan, meets the WAC 173-303 requirements for a contingency plan. This Plan includes descriptions of responses to a nonradiological hazardous materials spill or release at Hanford Facility locations not covered by TSD unit-specific contingency plans or building emergency plans. This Plan includes descriptions of responses for spills or releases as a result of transportation activities, movement of materials, packaging, and storage of hazardous materials.

## 3.0 EMERGENCY COORDINATORS

The overall responsibility for implementation of this Plan lies with the building emergency director (BED) or their designated alternates. The BED has the responsibilities of the Emergency Coordinator as discussed in WAC 173-303-360 and is also the Event Commander. A list of all BEDs and alternates is maintained at various locations throughout the Hanford Facility, and these individuals can be reached 24 hours a day. The BEDs have the authority to commit all necessary resources (both equipment and personnel) to respond to any emergency. Additional responsibilities have been delegated to Hanford Fire Department personnel who are authorized to act for the BED when the BED is absent. These Hanford Fire Department personnel have the authority to commit all necessary resources (both equipment and personnel) to respond to any emergency.

1 Response by a BED (or an Emergency Coordinator) usually is obtained  
2 through the DOE-RL single point-of-contact\* by dialing telephone number 811  
3 or 373-3800 or 375-2400. The single point-of-contact has been designated as  
4 the contact point to mobilize a response to any Hanford Facility emergency.  
5 The single point-of-contact is available at all times and has the  
6 responsibility to initiate notifications to the BED or alternate to begin  
7 responses to emergencies, as well as to dispatch emergency responders (Hanford  
8 Fire Department, Hanford Patrol, or ambulance services). All emergency  
9 notifications to the BED, building managers, etc., can be made directly from  
10 the affected TSD unit or through the single point-of-contact.  
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12 The unit-specific DOE-RL technical contact responds to regulatory agency  
13 inquiries regarding this Plan. The unit-specific DOE-RL technical contact is  
14 accessed by contacting 373-3800 or 375-2400.  
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#### 18 4.0 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN 19 20

21 This Plan describes parallel decision flow paths for evaluating and  
22 classifying an incident. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Orders and  
23 WAC 173-303-360 require incident classification. The definition of  
24 emergencies according to DOE Orders differs from the definition contained in  
25 WAC 173-303. Because of this, a dual incident classification decision path is  
26 necessary to meet both DOE Orders and WAC 173-303 requirements. Incident  
27 classification according to DOE Orders is described in this Plan for  
28 completeness only. The DOE Orders will not be used to evaluate whether an  
29 incident requires implementation of a contingency plan.  
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31 Implementation of a contingency plan will occur when a BED has determined  
32 that a release, a fire, or an explosion has occurred at the Hanford Facility  
33 that could threaten human health and the environment. A release is defined in  
34 WAC 173-303-040 within the definition of "discharge". An incident requiring  
35 evacuation of personnel or the summoning of emergency response units will not  
36 necessarily indicate that a contingency plan has been or will be implemented.  
37

38 Any incident that poses a potential threat to human health and the  
39 environment discovered by TSD unit personnel requires immediate notification  
40 of the BED and the single point-of-contact, who then notifies the Hanford Fire  
41 Department. Personnel may respond, in accordance with the procedures  
42 described in TSD unit-specific contingency plans, before the arrival of the  
43 BED, as long as such response is within their level of training. The Hanford  
44 Fire Department is contacted through the single point-of-contact on all  
45 incidents involving dangerous materials or mixed waste.  
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48 \*The single point-of-contact is the Hanford Patrol Operations Center  
49 (811 or 373-3800) and/or the Pacific Northwest Laboratory single Point-of-  
50 Contact (375-2400).

## 5.0 INCIDENT RESPONSE

Incident response procedures have been established for each TSD unit. The initial response to any emergency will be to immediately protect the health and safety of persons in the immediate area. Identification of released material is essential to determine appropriate protective actions. Containment, treatment, and disposal assessment will be the secondary responses.

The following sections describe actions for personnel for several different types of incidents, including a generic response, that might occur on the Hanford Facility. Regardless of how an incident is classified, minimum onsite notification requirements exist to ensure that the appropriate organizations are contacted and that the incident is classified correctly.

### 5.1 INCIDENT GENERIC RESPONSES

Responses made by the discoverer, single point-of-contact, and the BED are discussed in the following sections. Identification of hazardous materials and dangerous waste and the assessment of hazards also are discussed.

#### 5.1.1 Discoverer

The discoverer performs the following actions:

1. Immediately notifies potentially affected personnel (including the BED, if present, for a TSD unit incident) of the incident
2. Immediately notifies the single point-of-contact (811\* or 375-2400) and provides all known information, if the information can be obtained without jeopardizing personnel safety, including the following:
  - Name(s) of chemical(s) involved and amount(s) spilled, on fire, or otherwise involved, or threatened by, the incident
  - Name and callback telephone number of person reporting the incident

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\*The DOE-RL and other contractor personnel are trained to notify the Hanford Emergency number (811 from onsite telephones and 375-2400 from 375 prefix telephones) for immediate dispatch of the Hanford Fire Department for fire, ambulance services, hazardous materials/mixed waste response, and for the Hanford Patrol. Hanford Patrol, who operates the 811 number, and Pacific Northwest Laboratory Security, who operates the 375-2400 number, notify other organizations and contractors to ensure appropriate actions are taken.

- Location of incident (identify as closely as possible)
- Time incident began or was discovered
- Where the materials involved are going or might go, such as into secondary containment, under doors, through air ducts, etc.
- Source and cause, if known, of spill or discharge
- Name(s) of anyone contaminated or injured in connection with the incident
- Any corrective actions in progress
- Anyone else who the discoverer has contacted.

#### 5.1.2 Single Point-of-Contact

The single point-of-contact performs the following actions:

1. Initiates notification to the BED, or one of the alternates if the BED cannot be reached immediately, to arrange immediate response to the incident
2. Requests immediate response from the Hanford Fire Department for fire, ambulance service, and/or hazardous material/mixed waste incidents as needed
3. Contacts the Hanford Patrol for traffic control and security measures, as needed, based on the report of the discoverer
4. Initiates notification to appropriate management of the spill or release incident
5. Supports the BED in providing further notification and coordination of response activities if needed
6. Activates or requests activation of the appropriate alarm signals (as required) for the affected building or affected 200, 300, 400, or 600 Areas, when the BED determines that protective actions are necessary
7. Notifies the emergency response organizations
8. Prompts the affected area emergency control centers (ECC) to activate if requested by the BED or other authorized persons
9. Prompts activation of the DOE-RL Emergency Action and Coordinating Team (EACT), if necessary, to recommend protective actions for areas outside the Hanford Facility.

1 5.1.3 Building Emergency Director (or alternate)

2  
3 The BED (or alternate) performs the following actions:

- 4  
5 1. Sounds appropriate alarms to notify occupants  
6  
7 2. Notifies the single point-of-contact if additional support or an  
8 area evacuation is needed  
9  
10 3. Activates the building emergency response organization as necessary  
11  
12 4. Arranges for care of any injured employees  
13  
14 5. Requests the single point-of-contact to activate the appropriate ECC  
15 if required. Activation of the ECC should be done whenever  
16 technical assistance is required in evaluating a spill, when the  
17 emergency might affect neighboring buildings, or when otherwise  
18 deemed necessary by the BED  
19  
20 6. Provides for event notification in accordance with DOE Order 5000.3B  
21 and other established Hanford Facility procedures  
22  
23 7. Provides details of the event to appropriate management as the  
24 details become available.  
25  
26

27 5.1.4 Identification of Hazardous Materials and Dangerous Waste  
28 and Assessment of Hazards  
29

30 The BED ensures that trained personnel identify the character, source,  
31 amount, and areal extent of the hazardous material or dangerous waste involved  
32 in the incident to the extent possible. Identification of waste can be made  
33 by visual inspection of involved containers; by sampling; by reference to  
34 inventory records, shipping manifests, or waste tracking forms; or by  
35 consulting with TSD unit operations personnel. Samples of materials involved  
36 in an emergency might be taken by qualified personnel and analyzed as  
37 appropriate.  
38

39 Concurrently, the hazards that the incident poses to human health and the  
40 environment also must be assessed. The assessment must take into  
41 consideration the direct, indirect, immediate, and long-term effects of the  
42 incident. In addition to the information sources identified previously, the  
43 hazard assessment should include other sources such as material safety data  
44 sheet toxicity and health information, and results from any personnel  
45 monitoring examinations conducted at medical facilities. These are the types  
46 of tools that will aid in ascertaining the extent to which human health and  
47 the environment is threatened.  
48

49 Upon activation, the ECC is available to assist the BED if needed.  
50 Possible assistance could include determining the extent of an emergency,  
51 identifying the hazards associated with the materials or waste involved in the

1 incident, assisting in response to the incident, or coordinating the  
2 mobilization of special equipment or supplies to the incident site.

3  
4 If assessment of all available information does not yield a positive  
5 assessment of the danger posed by the incident, a worst-case condition will be  
6 presumed and appropriate protective actions will be initiated. The BED is  
7 responsible to initiate any protective actions.

#### 10 **5.1.5 Incident Classification**

11  
12 After the assessment has been completed, the incident should be ready for  
13 classification. If not, the BED will take whatever means are necessary to  
14 obtain the information to complete the classification. The BED must classify  
15 the incident according to the DOE Order and contingency plan implementation  
16 criteria in this section.

##### 18 **1. DOE Order Incident Classification**

19  
20 There are three categories of incidents on the Hanford Facility:  
21 offnormal event, unusual occurrence, and emergency. Incidents are  
22 categorized based on degradation of TSD-unit safety systems and  
23 impact to other TSD units, employees, structures, public safety, and  
24 the environment. Incidents categorized as offnormal events and  
25 unusual occurrences are communicated as described in Section 9.0.  
26 Incidents categorized as an emergency are further classified into  
27 one of three emergency classes as required by DOE Orders. Incidents  
28 categorized as emergencies will prompt automatic activation of the  
29 appropriate ECCs.

##### 31 **2. WAC 173-303 Incident Classification**

32  
33 If the BED determines that the incident meets the criteria for a  
34 release, a fire, or an explosion that threatens human health and the  
35 environment, the BED notifies the ECC (if activated) or the  
36 Occurrence Notification Center (ONC) for notification to local  
37 authorities for evaluation and/or action. In addition, the BED,  
38 with assistance from the ONC and environmental compliance/protection  
39 personnel, must immediately (within 2 hours) notify Ecology, and  
40 either the government official designated as the on-scene  
41 coordinator or the National Response Center. The information  
42 included in the assessment report to these agencies is described in  
43 Section 9.0.

#### 46 **5.1.6 Protective Actions**

47  
48 Evacuation and take cover alarms and procedures are discussed as follows:

- 49  
50 1. **Evacuation (Signal: Steady siren).** Each TSD unit has emergency  
51 procedures that include an evacuation plan identifying emergency  
52 signals and staging area locations. In the event a Hanford Facility

1 evacuation is required, TSD unit personnel evacuate to their  
2 designated staging area, are accounted for, and receive directions  
3 on routes to take to safely evacuate the area. If the primary route  
4 is blocked by the emergency, personnel use alternate evacuation  
5 routes determined at the time of the event.  
6

7 Evacuation routes for the Hanford Facility are shown on Figure 1.  
8 Specific routes will be determined at the time of the event based on  
9 event magnitude, location, and meteorology.  
10

- 11 2. Take Cover (**Signal: Wavering siren**). In the event of a take cover  
12 alarm, personnel should go inside the nearest building, or remain  
13 inside, close all exterior doors, and regulate ventilation to meet  
14 building-specific requirements. Personnel secure all waste and  
15 classified documents.  
16

## 17 5.2 RESPONSE TO MINOR SPILLS OR RELEASES 18

19  
20 (**Signal: None**) The TSD unit personnel generally perform immediate  
21 cleanup of minor spills or releases using sorbents and emergency equipment.  
22 Personnel detecting such spills or releases contact the single point-of-  
23 contact to notify of the detection of such spills or releases and to ensure  
24 notification of the BED and the Hanford Fire Department. Responses to spills  
25 or releases occurring within individual storage cells, structures, modules,  
26 etc., during routine handling and storage are contained in TSD unit-specific  
27 contingency plans. Response to minor spills generally does not require the  
28 implementation of the contingency plan.  
29

30 A spill or release of hazardous material or dangerous waste is considered  
31 'minor' if all of the following are true:  
32

- 33 • The spill does not threaten the health and safety of personnel at the  
34 TSD unit, i.e., an evacuation is not necessary  
35
- 36 • The spill is small in size (generally less than half of the  
37 immediately dangerous to life and health quantities identified in  
38 material safety data sheets)  
39
- 40 • The composition of the material or waste is known or can be quickly  
41 determined from label, manifest, material safety data sheets, or  
42 disposal request information.  
43

44 If one or more of the foregoing conditions are not met, responses are  
45 performed as outlined in Section 5.3. Notification of the spill or release is  
46 made as outlined in Section 5.1.  
47

## 48 5.3 MAJOR DANGEROUS WASTE AND/OR MIXED WASTE SPILL OR MATERIAL RELEASE 49

50  
51 (**Signal: None**) The following actions are taken in the event of a major  
52 release.

1  
2 **5.3.1 Discoverer**  
3

4 The discover performs the following:  
5

- 6 1. If within the TSD unit, notifies personnel (including BED) of  
7 discovery of spill or release by sounding the appropriate alarm,  
8 using the public address system, etc.  
9  
10 2. Initiates notifications to the Hanford Fire Department (and BED if  
11 necessary) by contacting the single point-of-contact and provides  
12 all known information, in accordance with Section 5.1.  
13  
14 3. Takes action to contain and/or to stop the spill if all of the  
15 following are true:  
16  
17 • Identity of the substance(s) involved is known  
18  
19 • Appropriate protective equipment and control/cleanup supplies are  
20 readily available  
21  
22 • Action(s) can be performed safely without assistance, or  
23 assistance is readily available from other trained TSD unit  
24 personnel.  
25

26 If any of the above conditions are not met, or there is any doubt, the  
27 discoverer evacuates the area and remains outside, upwind of the TSD unit,  
28 pending the arrival of the BED. The discoverer remains available for  
29 consultation with the BED, Hanford Fire Department, or other emergency  
30 response personnel.  
31

32  
33 **5.3.2 Single Point-of-Contact**  
34

35 The single point-of-contact performs the following:  
36

- 37 1. Notifies the Hanford Fire Department and relays information received  
38 from the event scene  
39  
40 2. Initiates notification to the BED if the BED is not at the TSD unit  
41  
42 3. Remains available to support further notification and response  
43 activities if needed.  
44

45  
46 **5.3.3 Building Emergency Director**  
47

48 The BED performs or arranges for the following:  
49

- 50 1. Proceeds directly to the TSD unit to coordinate further activity and  
51 to establish a command post at a safe location  
52

- 1 2. Obtains all available information pertaining to the incident and  
2 determines if the incident requires implementation of the  
3 contingency plan  
4
- 5 3. Determines need for assistance from agencies listed in Section 8.0  
6 and arranges for their mobilization and response through the single  
7 point-of-contact  
8
- 9 4. Initiates the appropriate alarm if building or area evacuation is  
10 necessary  
11
- 12 5. Arranges for care of any injured persons  
13
- 14 6. Requests activation of the affected area ECC via the single point-  
15 of-contact if a threat to surrounding buildings or structures exists  
16
- 17 7. Provides for event notification in accordance with Section 5.1  
18
- 19 8. Maintains access control at the incident site by keeping  
20 unauthorized personnel and vehicles away from the area. Security  
21 personnel can be used to assist in site control if control of the  
22 boundary is difficult (e.g., repeated incursions). In determining  
23 controlled access areas, considers environmental factors such as  
24 wind velocity and direction  
25
- 26 9. Arranges for proper remediation of the incident after evaluation  
27
- 28 10. Remains available for fire, patrol, and other authorities on the  
29 scene and provides all required information  
30
- 31 11. Enlists the assistance of alternate BED(s) if around-the-clock work  
32 is anticipated  
33
- 34 12. Refers media inquiries to the Media Relations/Communications offices  
35 of the contractors or the DOE-RL  
36
- 37 13. Ensures the use of proper protective equipment, remedial techniques  
38 (including ignition source control for flammable spills), and  
39 decontamination procedures by all involved personnel if remediation  
40 is performed by TSD unit personnel. Areas of expertise are  
41 available in determining necessary equipment or procedures  
42
- 43 14. Remains at the scene to oversee activities and to provide  
44 information if remediation is performed by the Hanford Fire  
45 Department Hazardous Materials Response Team or other response teams  
46
- 47 15. Ensures proper containerization, packaging, and labeling of  
48 recovered spill materials and overpacked containers  
49
- 50 16. Ensures decontamination (or restocking) and restoration of emergency  
51 equipment used in the spill remediation before resuming TSD unit  
52 operations

17. Provides required reports after the incident in accordance with Section 9.0.

#### 5.3.4 Hanford Fire Department Response to Major or Unknown Spills

The Hanford Fire Department response to unknown spills is as follows.

1. Initial Hanford Fire Department response includes one engine company, one hazardous materials unit, one ambulance unit, and one battalion commander.
2. The Hanford Fire Department, as the Hazardous Materials Incident Command Agency, establishes command and control of the situation. The first arriving unit assumes incident command and determines location of the command post, and evacuates personnel from a red zone consisting of a minimum of 100 feet (30.5 meters) in all directions. The red zone could be adjusted as deemed necessary by the hazardous materials team leader.
3. The Incident Commander evacuates all personnel within the red zone area.
4. The hazardous materials team leader establishes a yellow zone and decontamination corridor.
5. The hazardous materials team leader assigns fully trained and qualified team members specific tasks, i.e.,

Team Safety Officer	Decontamination Team Leader
Entry Team	Resource Leader
Backup Team	Science Leader
6. The hazardous materials team safety leader controls and directs the medical evaluations for personnel working in the red and the yellow zones.
7. Team members performing entry, back up, and decontamination, suit up in level "A" protection.
8. The entry team members make entry to obtain samples of unknown hazardous material, and observe for other pertinent information.
9. Entry team collects sample and exits area going through decontamination by decontamination team.
10. The hazardous materials sample is analyzed on scene by hazardous materials team personnel using available testing equipment. This testing is to determine hazard group classification, i.e., poison, acid, flammable, oxidizer, etc.

11. Once the hazard classification has been identified, the hazardous materials entry team makes re-entry to stabilize and control hazardous materials to the point that the emergency no longer exists.
12. The entry team exits the area going through decontamination by the decontamination team.
13. The spill site is turned over to cleanup personnel for cleanup and disposal.
14. The hazardous materials response command is dissolved; all units return to stations.
15. A critique of the hazardous materials incident is held with team members as soon as possible after Hanford Fire Department units have returned to their stations.

#### 5.4 RESPONSE TO FIRE

(Signal: Gong) In the event of a fire, the discoverer activates a fire alarm and calls the single point-of-contact. Automatic initiation of a fire alarm (through the smoke detectors and sprinkler systems) also is possible. The TSD unit personnel are trained in the use of portable fire extinguishers for incipient fires. Personnel use their best judgment whether to fight a fire or to evacuate. Under no circumstances do personnel remain to fight a fire if unusual hazards exist.

The following actions are taken in the event of a fire or explosion.

1. On actuation of the fire alarm, personnel shut down equipment, secure waste, and lock up classified documents (or carry the documents with them), ONLY if time permits. The alarm automatically signals the Hanford Fire Department and the Hanford Patrol Operations Center.
2. Personnel leave the area/building by the nearest safe exit and proceed to the designated staging area for accounting.\*
3. The single point-of-contact is notified immediately, who in turn initiates notifications to the BED (or alternate) if necessary.
4. The BED proceeds directly to the scene (if not already there).
5. The BED obtains all necessary information pertaining to the incident.

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\*Nuclear or nuclear reactor facilities are not required to evacuate upon sound of a fire alarm but are provided supplemental information via building notification systems relative to evacuations.

6. Depending on the severity of the event, the BED (or lead TSD unit manager) contacts the ONC and requests additional notifications to offsite agencies (e.g., Ecology, local counties, and DOE-Headquarters), informing them as to the extent of the emergency (including estimates of dangerous waste or mixed waste quantities released to the environment) and any actions necessary to protect nearby buildings and/or structures.
7. Depending on the severity, the BED requests activation of the affected area ECC to establish organizations to provide assistance from the DOE-RL, other Hanford Facility contractors, and outside agencies.
8. The Hanford Patrol establishes roadblocks within the area to route traffic away from the emergency scene.
9. Hanford Fire Department medical personnel remove injured personnel to a safe location, apply first aid, and prepare the injured for transport to medical aid stations or to local hospitals in accordance with established memoranda of understanding (MOUs) (copies of the MOUs are maintained by the Hanford Fire Department). Medical personnel are on standby at the fire stations 24 hours a day.
10. Hanford Fire Department firefighters extinguish the fire.
11. All emergency equipment is cleaned and fit for its intended use following completion of cleanup procedures.

## 5.5 UNUSUAL, IRRITATING, OR STRONG ODORS

(Signal: None) If an unusual, irritating, or strong odor is detected, and the discoverer has reason to believe that the odor might be the result of an uncontrolled release of a toxic or dangerous material, the discoverer performs the following:

- Activates the building evacuation alarm or fire alarm system to evacuate the building
- Notifies the single point-of-contact, the building manager, and cognizant line management.

If the discoverer knows of the source and scope of the release, this information is reported quickly to the BED. Measures are taken to contain the release and ventilate the area, if safe and advisable to do so.

If an unusual odor is detected within the building or structure, and the source of the odor is unknown, the BED considers additional protective actions.

## 5.6 RESPONSE TO CONTAINER SPILLS OR LEAKS

In addition to the foregoing Plan provisions, the following specific actions could be taken for leaks or spills from containers at TSD units. These actions may be taken only by appropriately trained personnel.

- Container leaks are stopped as soon as possible using appropriate procedures. Appropriate personnel protective equipment is used.
- If it is inadvisable to approach the container, absorbent materials are used, and access is restricted pending notification of the BED and implementation of the Plan.
- Contents of leaking containers could be transferred to appropriate nonleaking containers. Transfer procedures for fire safety are followed for ignitable or reactive waste (e.g., use of nonsparking tools, bonding and grounding of containers, isolation of ignition sources, and use of explosion-proof electrical equipment).
- Overpacked containers are marked and labeled in the same manner as the contents. All containers of spill debris, recovered product, etc., are managed in the same manner as waste containers received from outside the TSD unit. Overpacks in use at the TSD unit are marked with information pertaining to their contents and noted as to whether the container inside the overpack is leaking or is in good condition.

## 5.7 RESPONSE TO TRANSPORTATION AND/OR PACKAGING INCIDENTS

This section describes the actions taken in the event of an unplanned sudden or nonsudden release of dangerous waste or dangerous waste constituents to air, soil, surface water, or groundwater during onsite transportation activities, or at locations not covered by a unit-specific contingency plan. This includes spills or releases as a result of transportation activities, movement of materials, packaging, and storage of hazardous materials.

The following actions are performed by those individuals responding to a hazardous materials transportation incident at the Hanford Facility.

### 5.7.1 Initial Responder Actions

The initial responder or discoverer of a hazardous materials spill or release resulting from onsite transportation activities initiates the following response actions, if the actions can be performed without jeopardizing personnel safety, as appropriate:

- Determines the nature of incident
  - Personnel injuries
  - Hazardous material spill with fire
  - Hazardous material spill without fire.

- 1 • Assists injured personnel
- 2
- 3 • Initiates notifications to the single point-of-contact by any
- 4 means available (telephone, radio, passing motorist, etc.) to
- 5 request assistance from the Hanford Fire Department (Emergency
- 6 Coordinator for these type of events), Hanford Patrol, and
- 7 medical personnel
- 8
- 9 • Remains in a safe location and attempts to isolate the area to prevent
- 10 inadvertent personnel access.
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- 12

### 13 5.7.2 Event Commander--Outside Treatment, Storage, and/or Disposal Units

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15 If the emergency event is located within the responsibility of a BED, the  
16 BED will establish event command.

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18 The Hanford Fire Department will establish and maintain incident command  
19 on arrival at the emergency event. The Incident Commander will perform or  
20 coordinate the event command actions for locations not controlled by a BED.

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22 The Event Commander ensures that the cause of the incident and its  
23 possible effects are investigated and evaluated as soon as possible. The  
24 Event Commander, with input from the Incident Commander, assesses possible  
25 hazards to human health and the environment (considering direct, indirect,  
26 immediate, and long-term effects) that might result from the release, fire, or  
27 explosion and takes the following actions as appropriate:

- 28
- 29 • Isolate event from employees:
  - 30 - Cordon off access
  - 31 - Place apparatus to block roadways
  - 32 - Use Hanford Patrol roadblocks
  - 33 - Use TSD unit/vehicle public address systems
  - 34 - Sound appropriate alarms.
- 35
- 36 • Determine type of hazardous materials involved:
  - 37 - Occupancy/location
  - 38 - Container shapes
  - 39 - Markings and colors
  - 40 - Placards and labels
  - 41 - Shipping papers
  - 42 - Consult reference materials [(U.S. Department of Transportation,
  - 43 National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health *Pocket Guide to*
  - 44 *Chemical Hazards* (NIOSH 1993)]
  - 45 - Unit managers/employees.
- 46
- 47 • Notify the appropriate manager of the incident and ensure that the
- 48 incident is reported properly in accordance with Section 9.0 of this
- 49 Plan
- 50

- 1 • If the TSD unit stops operations in response to a fire, an explosion,  
2 or a release, the BED will monitor for leaks, pressure buildup, gas  
3 generation, or ruptures in valves, pipes, or other equipment, wherever  
4 this is appropriate
- 5
- 6 • Coordinate with emergency response organizations to establish a  
7 command post, upwind and uphill of the incident:
  - 8 - Ensure command post is located so as to minimize the need for  
9 relocation
  - 10 - Direct incoming response vehicles to a safe staging area
  - 11 - Coordinate tasks with other responders
  - 12 - Activate required emergency centers
  - 13 - Dispatch radiological and nonradiological field teams to help define  
14 and locate the plume.
- 15
- 16 • Ensure that all personnel who enter the area are equipped with proper  
17 protective clothing and respiratory protection
  - 18 - Rescue should only be attempted when the risks have been evaluated  
19 and are considered acceptable
  - 20 - If the risks are unknown, or considered unacceptable, wait for the  
21 Hazardous Materials Response Team.
- 22

23 Rescue/evacuation can be performed by trained personnel, other than  
24 the Hanford Fire Department, if the victim's location could present an  
25 immediate life-threatening situation or further injuries to the  
26 victim.

- 27
- 28 • Complete other measures as necessary to effect control of the scene,  
29 including but not limited to the following:
- 30

31 NOTE: The following steps normally are conducted and/or directed by a  
32 Hanford Fire Department Hazardous Materials Response Team leader:

- 33 - Secure the scene
- 34 - Use absorbents
- 35 - Use covering (blankets, polyethylene, etc.)
- 36 - Overpack
- 37 - Plug/patch
- 38 - Transfer to new container
- 39 - Venting/vapor suppression.
- 40
- 41 • Initiate other measures as needed, including but not limited to, the  
42 following:
  - 43 - Place hose streams and unmanned monitors
  - 44 - Establish confinement dikes to prevent run-off
  - 45 - Perform first aid.
- 46
- 47 • Obtain additional information:
  - 48 - Who is operating the equipment
  - 49 - What and how much hazardous material is involved
  - 50 - Manufacturer, shipper, receiver
  - 51 - Weather conditions.
- 52

- 1 • Set up resource areas:
  - 2 - Command post location
  - 3 - Logistics area
  - 4 - Triage area
  - 5 - Decontamination area (personnel and equipment)
  - 6 - Staging area
  - 7 - Planning.
- 8
- 9 • Reevaluate evacuation boundaries and identify containment zones to
- 10 adequately protect responding personnel
- 11
- 12 • Take any additional actions to mitigate the incident, possibly
- 13 including the following:
  - 14 - Cool tanks involved in a fire or exposed to heat to reduce the
  - 15 potential for explosion
  - 16 - Remove all available ignition sources
  - 17 - Divert liquid and run-off water to prevent contamination spread
  - 18 - Dike and retain liquids from a leak or spill
  - 19 - Limit property damage as much as possible
  - 20 - Provide on-scene emergency medical services.
- 21
- 22 • Document the response to the incident and provide a report to
- 23 appropriate management
- 24
- 25 • Conduct a critique, including cause(s), impact(s), and lesson(s)
- 26 learned from an incident, following the emergency incident and on
- 27 completion of the emergency response to that incident. The Emergency
- 28 Coordinator and/or BED ensures that all appropriate parties are aware
- 29 of, and participate in, decisions on the best course(s) of action to
- 30 take to prevent or minimize the possibility of future occurrences.
- 31 Steps are listed in Section 5.9.
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## 34 5.8 DAMAGED, UNACCEPTABLE SHIPMENTS

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36 (Signal: None) When a damaged shipment of hazardous material or  
37 dangerous waste arrives at a TSD unit and the shipment is unacceptable for  
38 receipt, the damaged shipment should not be moved. The TSD unit personnel  
39 instead perform the following steps.

- 40
- 41 • If the release from the damaged package is a 'minor' spill under the
- 42 criteria of Section 5.2, the following actions are performed:
  - 43 - Notify the BED, the Hanford Fire Department, and the single point-
  - 44 of-contact to advise of the situation. The BED responds and assists
  - 45 in the evaluation of, and response to, the incident
  - 46 - Notify the generating unit of the damaged shipment and provide any
  - 47 chemical information necessary to assist in responding to the
  - 48 'minor' spill
  - 49 - Proceed with remedial action, including overpacking damaged
  - 50 containers, cleanup of spilled material, or other necessary actions
  - 51 to contain the spill.
  - 52

- Implement the TSD unit contingency plan, if the release does not meet the criteria of a 'minor' spill as noted previously, or the extent of the spill cannot be determined.

## **5.9 PREVENTION OF RECURRENCE OR SPREAD OF FIRES, EXPLOSIONS, OR RELEASES**

The BED, in coordination with emergency response organizations, takes the steps necessary to ensure that a secondary release, fire, or explosion does not occur. The following actions are taken:

- Isolate the area of the initial incident by shutting off power, closing off ventilation systems, etc., to minimize the spread of a release and/or the potential for a fire or explosion
- Inspect containment for leaks, cracks, or other damage
- Inspect for toxic vapor generation
- Remove released material and waste remaining inside of containment structures as soon as possible
- Contain and isolate residual waste material using dikes and adsorbents
- Cover or otherwise stabilize areas where residual released materials remain to prevent migration or spread from wind or precipitation run-off
- Install new structures, systems, or equipment to enable better management of hazardous materials or dangerous waste
- Reactivate adjacent operations in affected areas only after cleanup of residual waste materials is achieved.

## **6.0 TERMINATION OF EVENT, INCIDENT RECOVERY, AND RESTART OF OPERATIONS**

Information concerning termination of event, incident recovery, and restart of operations is provided in the following sections.

### **6.1 TERMINATION OF EVENT**

It is a function of the BED (Emergency Coordinator) to declare the termination of an event. However, in an event where additional emergency centers are activated only the highest activated level of the emergency organization, in conjunction with the BED, will declare that an event has ended. If the DOE-RL-EACT is activated, only the DOE-RL director officially terminates the event. In all cases, however, the BED or Emergency Coordinator must be consulted before reentry is initiated.

## 6.2 INCIDENT RECOVERY AND RESTART OF OPERATIONS

A recovery plan is developed when necessary. A recovery plan is needed following an event when further risk could be introduced to personnel, a TSD unit, or the environment through recovery action and/or to maximize the preservation of evidence. If a recovery plan is required, it is reviewed by appropriate personnel and approved before restart. Restart of operations is performed in accordance with the approved plan.

If the contingency plan was implemented, notification must be made to Ecology before operations can be resumed. Section 9.0 discusses different reports to outside agencies. This notification is in addition to the required reports in Section 9.0. This notification must include assurances that there are no incompatibility issues with the waste and released materials from the incident, and that all the equipment has been cleaned, fit for its intended use, and placed back into service. The notification can be made via telephone conference. Any additional information that Ecology requests regarding these restart conditions could be included in the required 15-day report identified in Section 9.2.

For emergencies not involving activation of the ECC, the BED ensures that conditions are restored to normal before operations are resumed. If the ECC was activated and the emergency phase is complete, a special recovery organization could be appointed at the discretion of the BED to restore conditions to normal. The makeup of this organization depends on the extent of the damage and its effects. The recovery organization will be appointed by the appropriate contractors' emergency director.

## 6.3 INCOMPATIBLE WASTE

After an event, the BED or the recovery organization ensures that no waste that might be incompatible with the released material is treated, stored, and/or disposed of until cleanup is completed. Cleanup actions are taken by TSD unit operations personnel or other assigned personnel. Actions to be taken might include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

- Neutralization of corrosive spills
- Chemical treatment of reactive materials to reduce hazards
- Overpacking or transfer of contents from leaking containers
- Use of sorbents to contain and/or absorb leaking liquids for containerization and disposal
- Decontamination of solid surfaces impacted by released material, e.g., intact containers, equipment, floors, containment systems, etc.
- Disposal of contaminated porous materials that cannot be decontaminated and any contaminated soil

- Containerization and sampling of recovered materials for classification and determination of proper disposal technique
- Follow up sampling of decontaminated surfaces to determine adequacy of cleanup techniques as appropriate.

Waste from cleanup activities is designated and managed as newly generated waste. A field check for compatibility before storage is performed as necessary. Incompatible waste is not placed in the same container. Containers of waste are placed in storage areas appropriate for their compatibility class.

If it is determined that incompatibility of waste was a factor in the incident, the BED or the recovery organization ensures that the cause is corrected. Examples would be modification of an incompatibility chart or increased scrutiny of waste from a generating unit when incorrectly designated waste caused or contributed to an incident.

#### 6.4 POST-EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND DECONTAMINATION

All equipment used during an incident is decontaminated (if practicable) or disposed of as spill debris. Decontaminated equipment is checked for proper operation before storage for subsequent use. Consumables and disposed materials are restocked. Fire extinguishers are recharged or replaced.

The BED ensures that all equipment is cleaned and fit for its intended use before operations are resumed. Depleted stocks of neutralizing and absorbing materials are replenished, self-contained breathing apparatus are cleaned and refilled, and protective clothing are cleaned or disposed of and restocked, etc.

Equipment and personnel decontamination stations are established. Items to consider when establishing a decontamination station are as follows:

- Water supplies
- Containment/catch basins and/or systems
- Staff necessary to accomplish proper decontamination
- Protective clothing
- Decontamination supplies (buckets, brushes, soap, chemicals as needed)
- Risk to personnel
- Weather conditions; i.e., severe heat, cold (current and forecasted)
- Toxicity of material
- Porosity of equipment to be decontaminated
- Disposal requirements of decontamination rinse
- Use of controlled zones to maintain contamination control.

## **7.0 EMERGENCY CONTROL CENTERS, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, AND EMERGENCY ORGANIZATIONS**

Hanford Facility ECCs, emergency equipment, and emergency organizations are discussed in the following sections.

### **7.1 HANFORD FACILITY EMERGENCY CONTROL CENTERS**

The ECCs are those locations staffed to provide assistance to building emergency organizations in an emergency situation. The ECCs are established to support and to provide overall direction of emergency events occurring at locations within their geographic area of responsibility, within the Hanford Facility. This includes acquisition of and assignment of resources to respond to emergency events. Responsibilities also include personnel protection (employee and public), TSD unit safety, and environmental protection. The establishment of ECCs ensures that notification and communication of emergency conditions are communicated properly.

There are five ECCs located throughout the Hanford Facility and Hanford Site (Table 1).

### **7.2 COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

The Hanford Facility has alarm systems that are monitored by the Hanford Fire Department and the Hanford Patrol Operations Center. The alarm signals that exist at the Hanford Facility are identified in Table 2. The TSD unit operations personnel also can use telephones, building public address systems, portable radios, and cellular telephones to summon assistance.

### **7.3 FIRE CONTROL EQUIPMENT**

Many Hanford Facility buildings are equipped with automatic fire-suppression (sprinkler) systems. Portable fire extinguishers are located in working areas in compliance with National Fire Protection Association safety codes. Each Class ABC extinguisher is capable of suppressing fires involving ordinary combustible materials, flammable liquids, oils, paints, flammable gases, and electrical equipment. All extinguishers comply with the National Fire Code standards for portable extinguishers and are inspected monthly. The inspections are recorded on tags attached to each extinguisher.

### **7.4 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

The TSD units have safety showers and eyewash stations, located as necessary, for personnel protection. Drainage from these stations is contained. In addition to these stations, portable eyewash equipment is maintained at protective storage areas as necessary. These eyewash/shower stations are inspected regularly.

1 Protective clothing and respiratory protective equipment are maintained  
2 for use during both routine and emergency operations. This equipment is  
3 identified in the unit-specific contingency plans.  
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## 6 **7.5 SPILL CONTROL AND CONTAINMENT SUPPLIES**

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8 Supplies of absorbent pillows are located in operating areas as  
9 necessary. These pillows absorb organic or inorganic materials and have a  
10 rated absorption capacity of approximately 0.26 gallon (1 liter) of waste  
11 each. Absorbents might be used for barriers to contain liquid spills as well  
12 as for absorbent purposes. Diatomaceous earth for absorption of liquid waste  
13 spills is available. Neutralizing absorbent is available for response to acid  
14 or caustic spills. A supply of empty containers (U.S. Department of  
15 Transportation 17E tight head and U.S. Department of Transportation 17H open  
16 head) and salvage containers (overpacks) also are maintained, as well as  
17 brooms, shovels, and miscellaneous spill response supplies.  
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## 20 **7.6 HANFORD SITE EMERGENCY ORGANIZATIONS**

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22 The Hanford Facility has fire and patrol personnel trained and equipped  
23 to respond in emergency situations. The Hanford Fire Department is the  
24 Hazardous Materials Incident Command Agency for the Hanford Site and has a  
25 Hazardous Materials Response Team that is trained to stabilize and control  
26 hazardous materials emergencies. A description of equipment for hazardous  
27 materials responses available through the Hazardous Materials Response Team is  
28 given in Table 3. Locations of the four fire stations on the Hanford Facility  
29 are shown on Figure 1.  
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31 The Hanford Patrol provides support to the Hanford Fire Department during  
32 an incident, including such activities as activation of area crash alarm  
33 telephone systems or area sirens (for evacuation or take cover), access  
34 control, traffic control, and assistance in emergency notifications.  
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## 1 **8.0 COORDINATION AGREEMENTS**

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4 This section describes a number of coordination agreements, or memoranda  
5 of understanding (MOU) established by and through the DOE-RL to ensure proper  
6 response resource availability for incidents involving the Hanford Facility.  
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8 An agreement among the four major Hanford Site contractors (an operations  
9 and engineering contractor, a research and development contractor, an engineer  
10 and constructor contractor, and a medical and health services contractor)  
11 defines the interfaces and notifications required during an emergency. The  
12 DOE-RL has the overall responsibility for emergency preparedness. Per the  
13 agreements, the operations and engineering contractor has responsibility for  
14 Site-wide emergency preparedness while each contractor retains responsibility  
15 for emergency preparedness at individual units. Agreements have been

1 established with a number of offsite authorities to reduce the impact to human  
2 health and the environment in the event that an incident has offsite public  
3 health implications, or if an onsite emergency warrants offsite assistance.  
4 These agreements are activated through the emergency notification of the  
5 DOE-RL (Section 4.1).  
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## 8 **8.1 LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES**

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10 Various agreements have been established among the DOE-RL and Benton,  
11 Franklin, and Grant Counties and the states of Washington and Oregon. These  
12 agreements describe the cooperative arrangements among these agencies for any  
13 onsite emergency that warrants offsite assistance. These agreements describe  
14 the planning for, communication of, and response to emergencies at the Hanford  
15 Facility that might have offsite consequences.  
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## 18 **8.2 HANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID**

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20 The Hanford Fire Department provides fire department services for the  
21 Hanford Site and Hanford Facility. Mutual aid agreements have been  
22 established with the Richland, Kennewick, and Pasco fire departments; with  
23 Benton County Fire Districts 1 through 6, Franklin County Fire District 3, and  
24 Walla Walla Fire District 5.  
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## 27 **8.3 MEDICAL AND FIRST AID**

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29 Professional medical help is provided onsite by the DOE-RL through the  
30 Hanford Environmental Health Foundation. Doctors and nurses are available for  
31 emergency assistance at all times. These medical personnel are trained in  
32 procedures to assist personnel contaminated with hazardous and/or radioactive  
33 material. Emergency call lists are maintained to provide professional medical  
34 consultation at all times.  
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36 Referral to offsite hospital facilities is made by the Hanford  
37 Environmental Health Foundation physician providing emergency assistance by  
38 telephone or in person. The primary hospital used in emergencies is Kadlec  
39 Hospital, Richland. Kennewick General Hospital, Kennewick, and Our Lady of  
40 Lourdes Hospital, Pasco, are used as backup facilities. Agreements have been  
41 established among these hospitals and the DOE-RL.  
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## 44 **8.4 AMBULANCE SERVICE**

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46 Ambulance service is provided by the Hanford Fire Department, which uses  
47 paramedics and emergency medical technicians as attendants. This service is  
48 available from area fire stations on a 24-hour, 7-day basis. Additional  
49 ambulance service is available from other local city fire departments through  
50 the mutual aid agreements (Section 8.2).  
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1 **8.5 UNIFIED DOSE ASSESSMENT CENTER**  
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3 The Unified Dose Assessment Center (UDAC) is the technical extension of  
4 the DOE-RL-EACT, providing services to both the DOE-RL-EACT and the ECC. The  
5 primary mission of the UDAC is to provide recommendations for protective  
6 actions, dose calculations and projections, and consultation in the area of  
7 industrial hygiene for hazardous materials, biology, environmental monitoring,  
8 and meteorology to support the DOE-RL-EACT and the ECC.  
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10 Industrial hygiene and biological consultants at the UDAC advise and  
11 assist in determining proper response procedures for spills or releases of  
12 toxic, flammable, carcinogenic, and pathogenic materials. The UDAC personnel  
13 are responsible to provide a central unified assessment of the dispersion and  
14 impact of environmental releases from the Hanford Facility. In communication  
15 with the ECC, the UDAC coordinates the assessment of impacts and assists in  
16 the determination of actual and potential release scenarios.  
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19 **8.6 HANFORD PATROL/BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF**  
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21 The Hanford Patrol serves as the security agency for the Hanford  
22 Facility. The Benton County Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement for  
23 the Hanford Facility. In the event of an emergency, the Hanford Patrol  
24 provides services such as activating the crash alarm systems or area sirens,  
25 coordinating the movement of emergency responders through security gates,  
26 assisting evacuation, establishing barricades, and making necessary  
27 notifications through the single point-of-contacts. Benton County Deputies  
28 will assist with traffic control activities. Agreements also have been  
29 established with the Richland, Kennewick, and Pasco police departments to  
30 provide additional backup capabilities if required.  
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34 **8.7 ALERTING OF PERSONNEL ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER**  
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36 An agreement exists among the DOE-RL, the Washington Public Power Supply  
37 System, Benton and Franklin Counties, and the Thirteenth Coast Guard District  
38 to ensure safety on the Columbia River during an emergency at the Hanford  
39 Facility and to coordinate response activities for alerting personnel on the  
40 Columbia River.  
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43 **8.8 METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION**  
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45 An agreement is in place between the DOE-RL and the National Weather  
46 Service to define mutual responsibilities for providing meteorological  
47 information in an emergency situation. Additional meteorological information  
48 can be obtained from the Hanford Site Meteorological Station.  
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## 8.9 WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM

An agreement has been established between the DOE-RL and Washington Public Power Supply System for providing mutual assistance as needed. This assistance is available in the use of facilities and equipment for personnel decontamination, first aid, evacuation and reassembly areas, respiratory protective equipment, protective clothing, radiological survey equipment, resources for river evacuation, and radiological assistance response.

## 9.0 REQUIRED REPORTS

Three types of written post-incident reports are required for incidents at the Hanford Facility. These reports are summarized in the following sections.

### 9.1 ASSESSMENT REPORT TO ECOLOGY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER

Immediately following classification of an incident as a WAC 173-303 emergency, an assessment report must be transmitted when the regulatory agencies are notified. This initial assessment report will be submitted by DOE-RL and must include:

- Name and telephone number of reporter
- Name and address of the Hanford Facility/TSD unit
- Time and type of incident
- Name and quantity of material(s) involved to the extent known
- Extent of injuries if any
- Possible hazards to human health and the environment outside the Hanford Facility.

### 9.2 WRITTEN REPORT TO ECOLOGY

Following an incident that requires implementation of the contingency plan, the BED must ensure that the time, date, and details of the incident are recorded in the operating record. Within 15 days of the incident, a written report must be submitted to Ecology. The report generated through the DOE-RL reporting system may be used to supplement this written report, but will not be used as a substitute. The 15 day report will be submitted by DOE-RL and must include:

- Name, address, and telephone number of the owner or operator
- Name, address, and telephone number of the Hanford Facility/TSD unit
- Date, time, and type of incident
- Name and quantity of material(s) involved
- Extent of injuries if any
- Assessment of actual or potential hazards to human health and the environment where this is applicable
- Estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material that resulted from the incident
- Cause of incident
- Description of corrective action taken to prevent recurrence of the incident.

### 9.3 OCCURRENCE REPORTING

Under DOE Order 5000.3B, an occurrence report is required for incidents occurring at the Hanford Facility involving hazardous materials release, fire, or explosion. Specific details of this reporting system are found in the DOE Order. To summarize, the event is categorized within 2 hours and proper notifications are completed to onsite and offsite agencies to include contractor, DOE, county, and state organizations.

These occurrences are investigated, reported, and analyzed promptly to ensure that effective corrective actions are taken in compliance with contractual and statutory requirements. All such occurrences are recorded in the building manager's log book, and the log book is audited to ensure that incidents were reported and handled properly. In the DOE reporting system, three levels of incidents are described, in descending order of severity: emergency, unusual occurrence, and offnormal occurrences.

#### 9.3.1 Emergency Event Reporting

An emergency event involves an incident in progress, or having occurred, that is the most serious occurrence and requires an increased alert status for onsite and, in specified cases, for offsite authorities. There are three classifications associated with emergency events: Alert, Site Area Emergency, and General Emergency. Occurrences are classified into one of the three levels based on real or potential consequences to personnel, facilities, or the environment, both on and off the Hanford Facility. Current MOUs between the state of Washington and the Hanford Site identify events that would be classified at the stated levels. Emergency events require notification of classification to affected populations.

1 **9.3.2 Unusual Occurrence Reporting**

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3 An unusual occurrence is a nonemergency occurrence that has significant  
4 impact or potential for impact on safety, environment, health, security, or  
5 operations. Generally, these types of events result in release of radioactive  
6 or hazardous materials in minor amounts, involve degradation of unit safety  
7 systems; and/or result in fatalities, exposures to hazardous or radioactive  
8 materials, or significant contamination incidents.  
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11 **9.3.3 Offnormal Event Reporting**

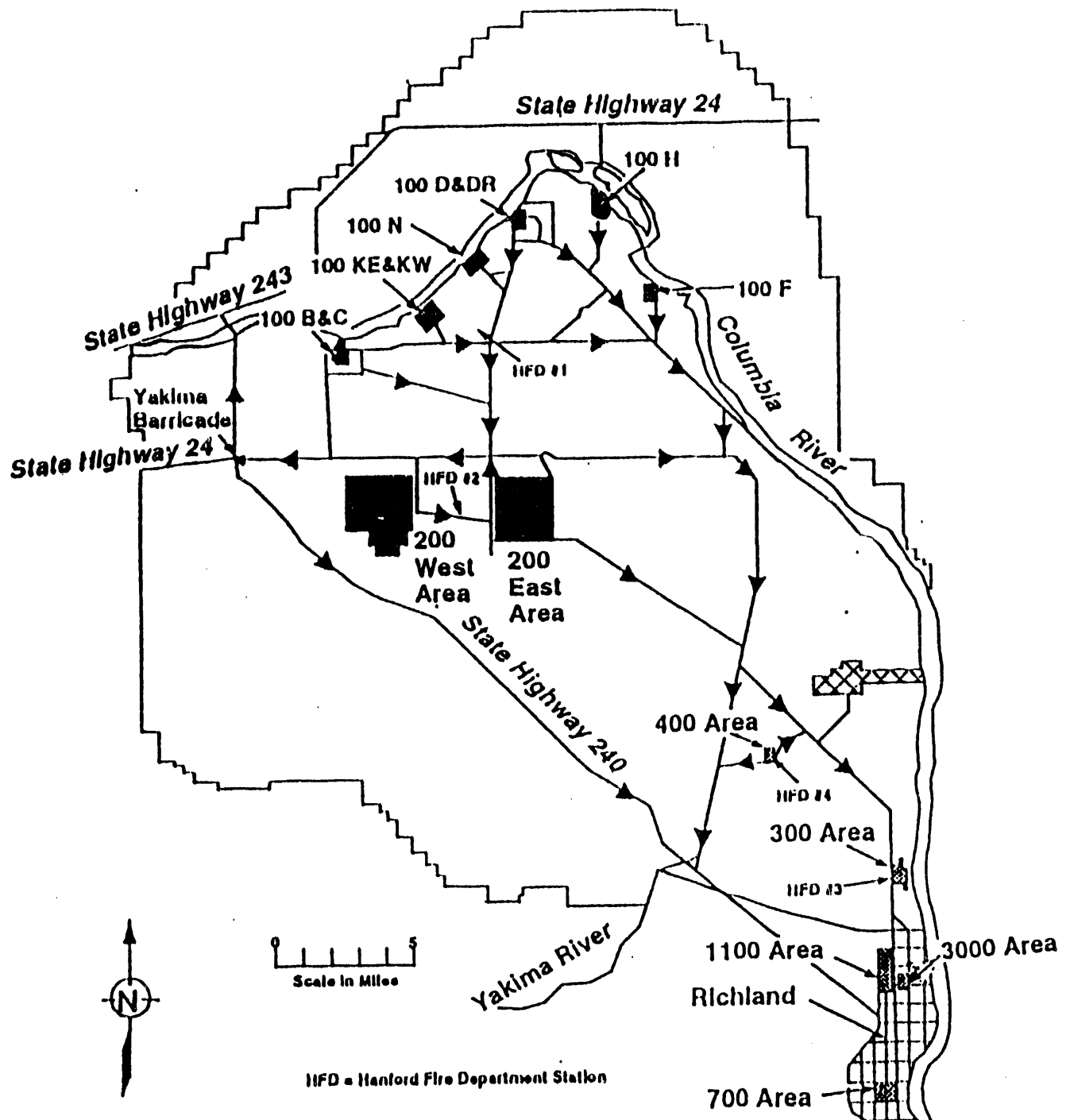
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13 An offnormal event is a significant deviation from normal operations that  
14 requires categorization and reporting. Hanford Facility management is  
15 required to evaluate an event to determine the depth of investigation and  
16 level of reporting required.  
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20 **10.0 CONTINGENCY PLAN LOCATION**

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23 Copies of this Plan are maintained at the following locations:

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  - Each specific TSD unit
  - Hanford Fire Department (area fire stations)
  - Area ECCs
  - ONC
  - The DOE-RL ECC, Federal Building, Richland.

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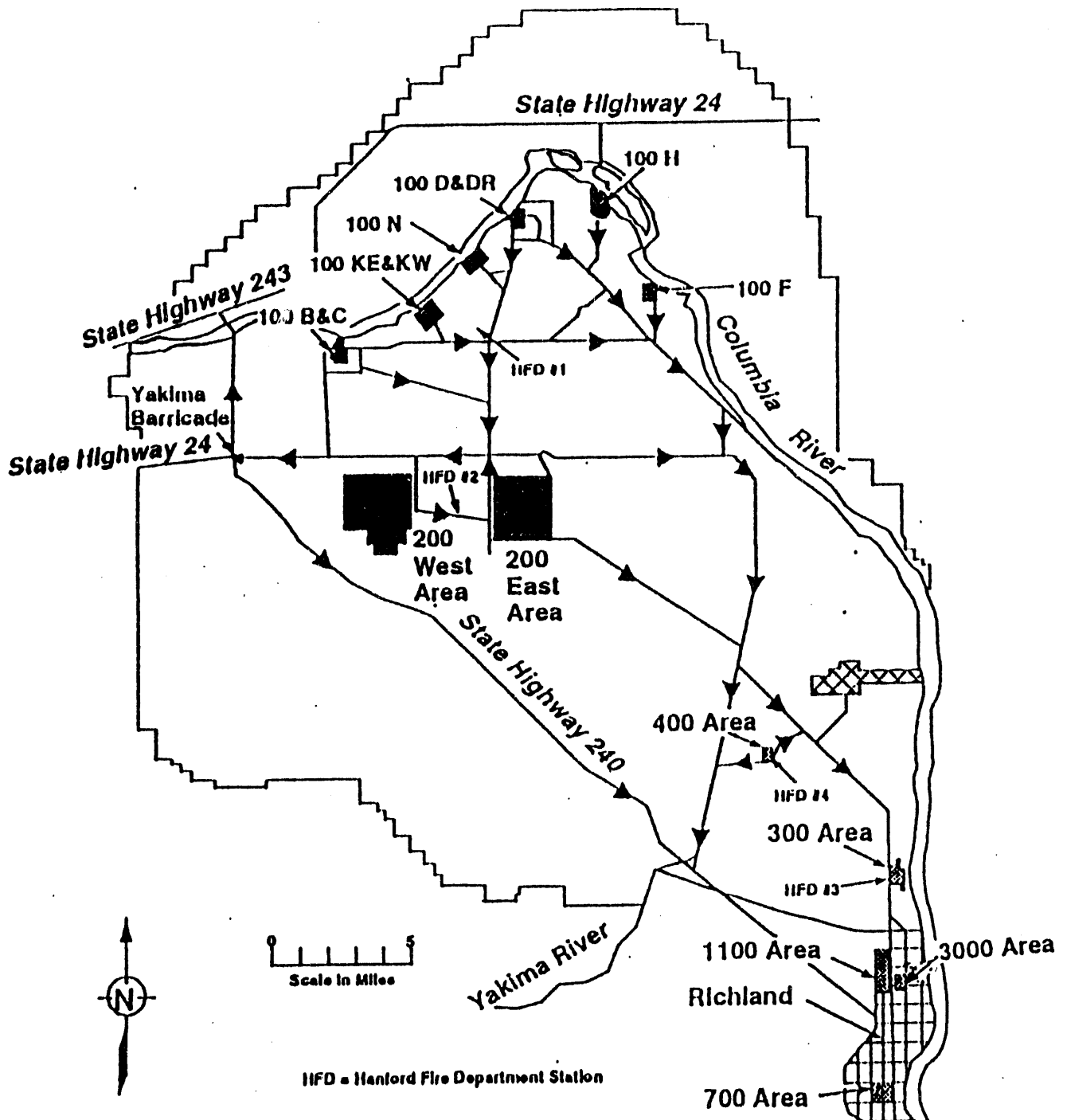
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Figure 1. Hanford Facility Evacuation Routes and Locations of the Fire Stations on the Hanford Facility.

Table 1. Emergency Control Centers.

Emergency Control Center	Responsibility
<u>Northern Area Emergency Control Center</u> Location: 2750-E, 200 East Area	Geographic area of responsibility: All 100 and 200 Areas plus the 600 Area north of the WYE Barricade bounded by the Columbia River and Highway 240.
<u>300 Area Emergency Control Center</u> Location: 3701-D, 300 Area	Geographic area of responsibility: RCHS, RCHC, RCHN, 1100 and 3000 Areas plus the 600 Area south of the WYE Barricade bounded by the Columbia River and Highway 240.
<u>400 Area Emergency Control Center</u> Location: Fast Flux Test Facility, 400 Area	Geographic area of responsibility: 400 Area.
<u>Emergency Management Center</u> Location: 1170 Building	Area of responsibility: Responsible for the remaining 600 Area not covered by the area ECCs, assisting area ECCs, coordinating the Facility-wide response to emergencies, and serving as the focal point for other Hanford Site contractors and DOE-RL during emergencies.
<u>DOE-RL Emergency Control Center</u> Location: Federal Building, Richland	Area of responsibility: Responsible for providing overall direction for all Hanford Facility emergency situations involving the DOE-RL and/or contractor personnel, ensuring direct interface with all offsite agencies for mitigation and protection of offsite populations, facilities, and the environment.

RCHS = Richland South.  
RCHC = Richland Central.  
RCHN = Richland North.



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Emergency Control Center	Responsibility
<u>Northern Area Emergency Control Center</u> Location: 2750-E, 200 East Area	Geographic area of responsibility: All 100 and 200 Areas plus the 600 Area north of the WYE Barricade bounded by the Columbia River and Highway 240.
<u>300 Area Emergency Control Center</u> Location: 3701-D, 300 Area	Geographic area of responsibility: RCHS, RCHC, RCHN, 1100 and 3000 Areas plus the 600 Area south of the WYE Barricade bounded by the Columbia River and Highway 240.
<u>400 Area Emergency Control Center</u> Location: Fast Flux Test Facility, 400 Area	Geographic area of responsibility: 400 Area.
<u>Emergency Management Center</u> Location: 1170 Building	Area of responsibility: Responsible for the remaining 600 Area not covered by the area ECCs, assisting area ECCs, coordinating the Facility-wide response to emergencies, and serving as the focal point for other Hanford Site contractors and DOE-RL during emergencies.
<u>DOE-RL Emergency Control Center</u> Location: Federal Building, Richland	Area of responsibility: Responsible for providing overall direction for all Hanford Facility emergency situations involving the DOE-RL and/or contractor personnel, ensuring direct interface with all offsite agencies for mitigation and protection of offsite populations, facilities, and the environment.

RCHS = Richland South.  
RCHC = Richland Central.  
RCHN = Richland North.

Table 2. Hanford Facility Alarm Systems.

Signal	Meaning	Response
Crash Alarm Telephones (steady ringing phone)	Emergency message	Lift receiver, do not speak, listen to caller and relay message(s) to building occupants and BED or alternate.
Gong (2 gongs/second)	Fire	Evacuate building. Move upwind. Keep clear of emergency vehicles.
Siren (steady blast)	Area evacuation	Proceed promptly to accountability area. Follow instructions.
Wavering Siren	Take cover	Close all exterior doors, turn off all intake ventilation and notify manager of whereabouts. Request call back for status and monitor portable radios.
Howler (AA-00-GAH)	Criticality	Immediately run to the nearest exit and move and remain at least 100 feet (30.5 meters) from the building.

Table 3. Fire Department Equipment List. (sheet 1 of 3)

Equipment	Description	*Normally Located
Engines 4 Ladders 4 Pumpers	Examples of equipment contained on engines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1,500-2,000 gal/min (5,678.1-7,570.8 L/min) pump</li><li>• 300-500 gal (1,135.6-1,892.7 L) portable tank</li><li>• Telescoping nozzle</li><li>• Jaws of Life.</li></ul>	1 at each station
Tankers 6 Each	Examples of equipment contained on tankers and pumpers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 500 gal/min (1,892.7 L/min) pump</li><li>• 1,500 gal (5,678.1 L) tank</li><li>• 6x6 with 2,000 gal (7,570.8 L) porti-tank</li><li>• Hose, nozzles, fittings, and tools.</li></ul>	1 at Station 1 2 at Station 2 1 at Station 4 2 at Station 3
Water Tenders 1 Each	Examples of equipment contained on water tenders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 450 gal/min (1,703.4 L/min) pump</li><li>• 4,500 gal (17,034.3 L) tank</li><li>• Hose, nozzles, fittings, and tools.</li></ul>	Station 1
Grass Fire Units 4 Each	Examples of equipment contained on grass fire units: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100 gal/min (378.5 L/min) pump</li><li>• 250 gal (946.3 L) tank</li><li>• 4-wheel drive</li><li>• Hose, nozzles, fittings, and tools.</li></ul>	1 at each station
Ambulances 5 Each	Examples of equipment contained on ambulances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Life support systems</li><li>• Medical supplies and emergency response supplies.</li></ul>	1 at Station 1 2 at Station 2 1 at Station 3 1 at Station 4
Command Vehicles 3 Each	Contains communications equipment and protective equipment for commander.	Station 2

Table 3. Fire Department Equipment List. (sheet 2 of 3)

Equipment	Description	*Normally Located
Attack Vehicles 1 Each	Examples of equipment contained on attack vehicles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 450 lb (204.1 kg) of purple-K</li><li>• 300 gal (1,133.6 L) aqueous film-forming foam concentrate</li><li>• 300 gal (1,135.6 L) of aqueous film-forming foam pre-mix solution</li><li>• Hose, nozzles, fittings, and tools.</li></ul>	Station 2
Hazardous Materials Vehicle 2 Each	Examples of equipment contained on hazardous materials vehicle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protective clothing for Hazardous Materials Response Team</li><li>• Breathing apparatus for Hazardous Materials Response Team</li><li>• Diking, plugging, and damming equipment</li><li>• Detection instruments for Hazardous Materials Response Team</li><li>• Tools for plugging and repairing leaking containers</li><li>• Overpack containers for leaking containers</li><li>• Command module with material safety data sheets, software, and portable meteorological station</li><li>• Tools and communications devices necessary to provide communications during emergency response activities.</li></ul>	1 at Station 2 1 at Station 3
Metal Fire Response Vehicle 1 Each	Examples of equipment contained on metal fire response vehicle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Equipment for response to special metals fire</li><li>• 500 lb (226.8 kg) of extinguishing powder</li><li>• 1,000 lb (453.6 kg) of carbon microspheroids.</li></ul>	Station 4

Table 3. Fire Department Equipment List. (sheet 3 of 3)

Equipment	Description	*Normally Located
Mobile Air Vehicle  1 Each	Examples of equipment contained on mobile air vehicle:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile air compressor, recharges self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders</li> <li>• Tools and fittings for operation of vehicle and spare cylinders.</li> </ul>	Station 4

\*The Hanford Fire Department Chief has the authority to direct the placement of Fire Department equipment as needed to control emergency events. The Hanford Fire Department Chief also has the authority to take pro-active action and assign different vehicle locations based on such conditions as fuel moisture content, area fire history, work in progress, or other conditions that could arise.

gal = gallon(s)  
gal/min = gallon(s) per minute  
kg = kilogram(s)  
L = liter(s)  
L/min = liter(s) per minute  
lb = pound(s)

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