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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.
5

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
23		
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
38		
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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WAC	Washington Administrative Code
WIDS	Waste Information Data System
WPPSS	Washington Public Power Supply System
WRAP	Waste Receiving and Processing

PART A

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

10
11 The current *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application*
12 [document number DOE/RL-88-21 (DOE-RL 1988b)] consists of two "Dangerous Waste
13 Permit General Information, Form 1s" (submitted at the facility level) and
14 63 "Dangerous Waste Permit Application, Form 3s" (submitted at the unit level;
15 in one instance, two units are covered by one Form 3). The *Hanford Facility*
16 *Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* consolidates into a single
17 controlled document the current revisions of all Hanford Facility Part A
18 Permit Application Form 1s and Form 3s submitted to the U.S. Environmental
19 Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology. Thus, the
20 contents of this document have not been reproduced for inclusion in the Part A
21 division of the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit Application, General*
22 *Information*.

23
24 The *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* was
25 designed to facilitate the insertion of revised material and will be revised
26 in the future, as needed, to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.
27 All revisions to Part A permit application Form 3s for treatment, storage,
28 and/or disposal units operating under interim status will be carried out in
29 accordance with the requirements of the Washington State Department of Ecology
30 *Dangerous Waste Regulations*, Washington Administrative Code 173-303-805(7).

31
32 The 64 interim status treatment, storage, and/or disposal units within
33 the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* include, but
34 are not limited to, tank systems, surface impoundments, container storage
35 areas, waste piles, landfills, and miscellaneous units. Present plans are
36 that final status will be sought for 24 of these 64 interim status treatment,
37 storage, and/or disposal units. Thirty-four units will be closed under
38 interim status and will not be covered by a final status permit. Six units
39 will be dispositioned through other regulatory options. Future circumstances
40 may cause this number to change.

41
42 The scope of the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit Application*
43 includes only those Hanford Facility treatment, storage, and/or disposal units
44 for which final status is sought. Thus, only Part A permit applications for
45 units for which final status is sought are included in this Part A division,
46 by reference to the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit*
47 *Application*.

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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
- 18
- 19 • To minimize the duplication of analysis and documentation
- 20
- 21 • To promote the coordination and integration of TSD unit closures with
22 the remediation of surrounding past-practice waste management units.
- 23

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.

38
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:

42
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.

48
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."
4

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.
17

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.
29

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.
39

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.
44

45 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

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

15
16 'Dangerous Waste', as used in the title of the *Hanford Facility Dangerous*
17 *Waste Permit Application*, refers to waste subject to WAC 173-303 requirements
18 and to requirements of the *Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments* for which
19 Washington State has not yet been granted authority by the EPA. The scope of
20 this application includes only those TSD units for which final status is
21 sought. Non-TSD units, activities, and areas are not included.

22
23 Once the initial Hanford Facility Permit is issued, the following process
24 will be used. As final, certified TSD unit-specific documents are developed,
25 and completeness notifications are made by the EPA and Ecology, additional
26 unit-specific permit conditions will be incorporated into the Hanford Facility
27 Permit through the permit modification process. These additions will be
28 conducted as specified in Section 1.5, which addresses the permit modification
29 process. All TSD units that are included in the *Hanford Facility Dangerous*
30 *Waste Permit Application* will operate under interim status until final status
31 conditions for these units are incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.

32 33 34 **1.1.4 Relationship Between the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and** 35 **Consent Order and the Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit**

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

40
41 The initial Hanford Facility Permit will be developed in accordance with
42 the Tri-Party Agreement, WAC 173-303, and the RCRA. Dangerous waste
43 activities at TSD units receiving 'final administrative disposition' will be
44 incorporated into permit conditions and will be subject to final facility
45 standards. For example, if the 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage
46 Facility is included in the initial permit, activities at this storage unit
47 will be subject to final facility standards. Other interim status TSD units
48 not included in the initial Hanford Facility Permit will continue to qualify
49 for interim status pursuant to Section 3005 of the RCRA until included in a
50 subsequent modification of the Hanford Facility Permit. Non-TSD units,
51 activities, and areas are not included.

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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.
12

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

1 The *Hanford Facility Part B Permit Application, General Information*
2 consists of the following 15 chapters:
3

- 4 • Introduction (Chapter 1.0)
- 5 • Facility Description and General Provisions (Chapter 2.0)
- 6 • Waste Characteristics (Chapter 3.0)
- 7 • Process Information (Chapter 4.0)
- 8 • Groundwater Monitoring (Chapter 5.0)
- 9 • Procedures to Prevent Hazards (Chapter 6.0)
- 10 • Contingency Plan (Chapter 7.0)
- 11 • Personnel Training (Chapter 8.0)
- 12 • Exposure Information Report (Chapter 9.0)
- 13 • Waste Minimization (Chapter 10.0)
- 14 • Closure and Postclosure Requirements (Chapter 11.0)
- 15 • Reporting and Recordkeeping (Chapter 12.0)
- 16 • Other Relevant Laws (Chapter 13.0)
- 17 • Certification (Chapter 14.0)
- 18 • References (Chapter 15.0).

19
20 A brief description of each chapter is provided in the following
21 sections. These chapters contain information that is common to all TSD units
22 for which final status is sought.
23

24 25 **1.2.1 Facility Description and General Provisions (Chapter 2.0)**

26
27 This chapter provides a general description of the Hanford Facility.
28 This chapter also contains a discussion of performance standards, spill
29 management, manifesting, and the quality assurance and quality control
30 program.
31

32 33 **1.2.2 Waste Characteristics (Chapter 3.0)**

34
35 This chapter briefly addresses the physical, chemical, and biological
36 characteristics of the waste types treated, stored, and/or disposed of on the
37 Hanford Facility. Reference is made to the contents of the *Hanford Facility*
38 *Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* (DOE-RL 1988b) for waste
39 characteristics information. This chapter also includes a brief overview of
40 TSD unit-specific waste analysis plans and a discussion of the handling of
41 land disposal restricted waste.
42

43 44 **1.2.3 Process Information (Chapter 4.0)**

45
46 This chapter provides a general discussion of the design, construction,
47 and operation of TSD units within the Hanford Facility for which final status
48 is sought. This chapter also provides a discussion of the handling of design
49 information related to permitting considerations.
50
51

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.
13

14
15 **1.2.6 Contingency Plan (Chapter 7.0)**
16

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.
20

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.
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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

35
36 1.3 ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS
37

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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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

- 1 • An Operations and Engineering Contractor
- 2 • A Research and Development Contractor
- 3 • An Engineer and Construction Contractor
- 4 • A Medical and Health Services Contractor.

5
6 Throughout the remainder of this permit application portion, the term
7 contractor, except where specified, is used to refer to the operations and
8 engineering contractor and the research and development contractor. The use
9 of the word 'operations' in 'operations and engineering contractor' is a
10 contractual term, and is unrelated to the word 'operator' as defined by the
11 RCRA and WAC 173-303.

12
13 **Dangerous or hazardous waste**--In addition to the definition in
14 WAC 173-303-040, means the nonradioactive dangerous component of waste
15 commonly called mixed waste (i.e., waste that is both dangerous and
16 radioactive). Dangerous waste commonly is used to refer to hazardous,
17 dangerous, or extremely hazardous waste within this permit application.

18
19 **Facility**--Dependent on context, the term 'facility', as used in this permit
20 application portion, could refer to:

- 21
22 • The Hanford Facility (refer to definition)
- 23
24 • Building nomenclature commonly used at the Hanford Facility. In this
25 context, the term 'facility' remains as part of the title for various
26 TSD units (e.g., 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility,
27 Grout Treatment Facility)
- 28
29 • For purposes of complying with the RCRA corrective action provisions,
30 all contiguous property under the control of the owner or operator
31 seeking a permit under Subtitle C of RCRA.

32
33 **Generating unit**--Term inferred to have the same meaning as 'generator' as
34 defined in WAC 173-303-040. For purposes of the RCRA and the *Dangerous Waste*
35 *Regulations*, the Hanford Site is considered to be a single generator comprised
36 of a number of generating units.

37
38 **Hanford Facility**--A single RCRA facility identified by the EPA/State
39 Identification Number WA7890008967 that consists of over 60 TSD units
40 conducting dangerous waste management activities. These TSD units are
41 included in the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application*
42 (DOE-RL 1988b). The Hanford Facility consists of the contiguous portion of
43 the Hanford Site that contains these TSD units and, for the purposes of RCRA,
44 is owned by the U.S. Government and operated by the U.S. Department of Energy,
45 Richland Operations Office (excluding lands north and east of the Columbia
46 River, river islands, lands owned or used by the Bonneville Power
47 Administration, lands leased to the Washington Public Power Supply System, and
48 lands owned by or leased to the state of Washington). The physical
49 description of the property (including structures, appurtenances, and
50 improvements) is set forth in Appendix 2A. The legal description of the
51 Hanford Facility is set forth in Appendix 2B.
52

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.
4

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.
7

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).
15

16 Operator--The U.S. Department of Energy and its successors.
17

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).
21

22 Reasonable times--Normal business hours; hours during which production,
23 construction, treatment, storage, disposal, or discharge occur.
24

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.
35

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.
40

41 A glossary of technical terms used within this permit application portion
42 is provided in Appendix 1B.
43
44

45 1.5 PERMIT MODIFICATIONS

46

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.
4

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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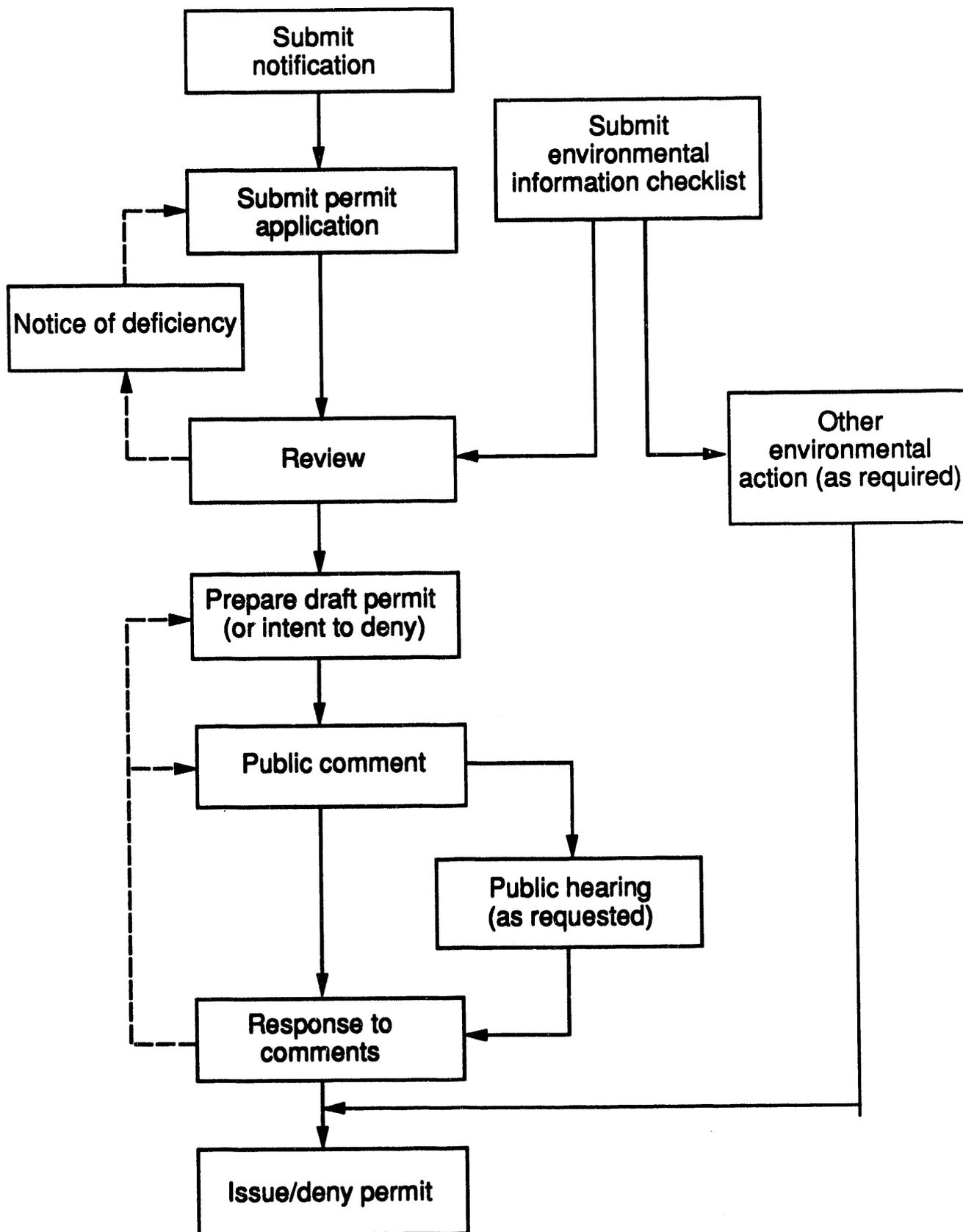


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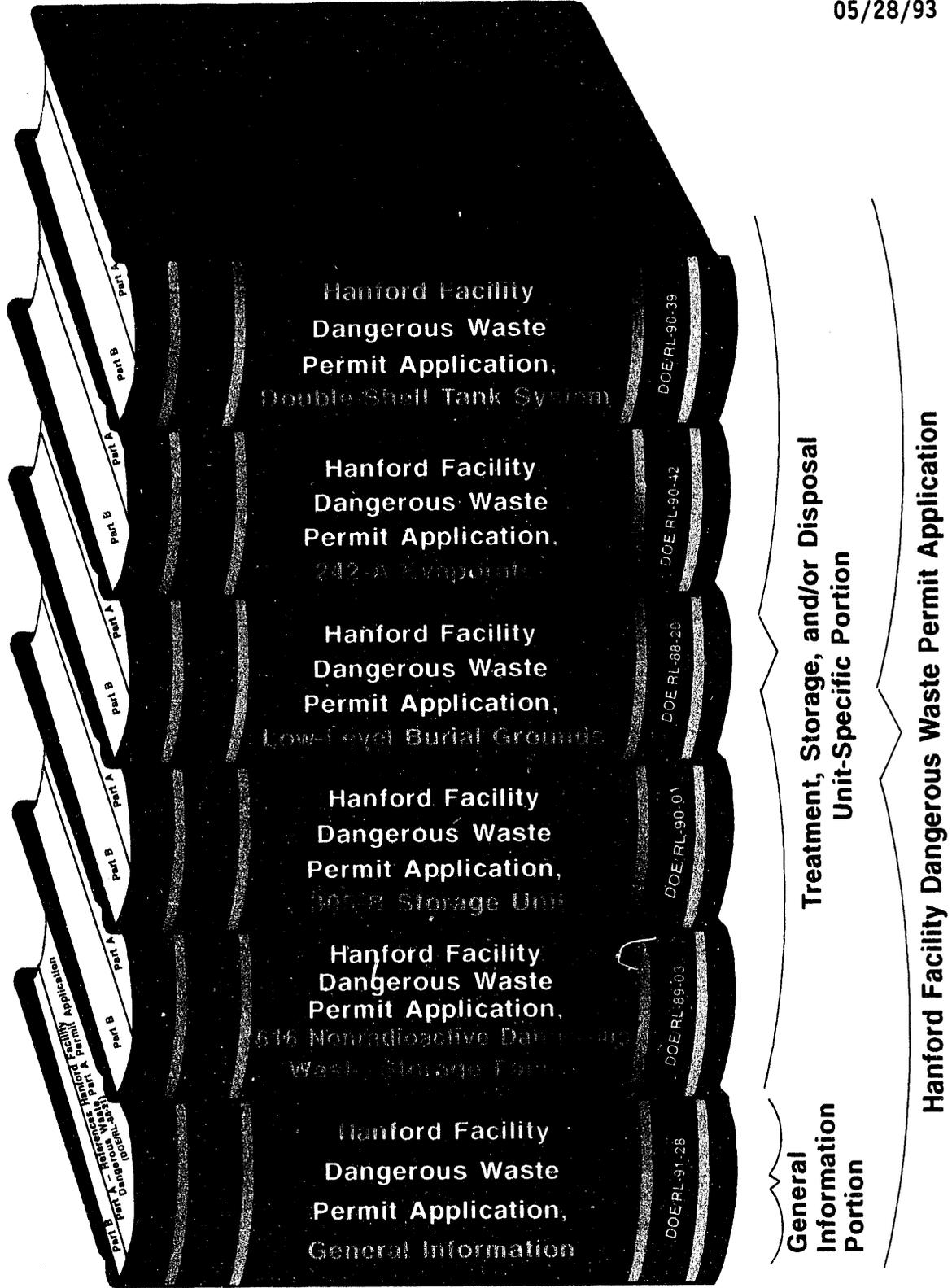


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1 **2.0 FACILITY DESCRIPTION AND GENERAL PROVISIONS [B]**
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4 This chapter briefly describes the Hanford Site and provides a general
5 overview of the Hanford Facility, including the following:
6

- 7 • General description
8 • Topography
9 • Location information
10 • Traffic information
11 • Performance standards
12 • Buffer monitoring zones
13 • Spills and discharges
14 • Manifest system
15 • Quality assurance and quality control.
16

17
18 **2.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION [B-1]**
19

20 As of March 15, 1993, the Hanford Facility consists of 64 interim status
21 TSD units. Present plans are that final status will be sought for 24 of these
22 64 interim status TSD units. Thirty-four units will be closed under interim
23 status and will not be covered by a final status permit. Six units will be
24 dispositioned through other regulatory options. Future circumstances may
25 cause this number to change.
26

27 The 24 TSD units for which final status is sought are involved in
28 dangerous and/or mixed waste activities. Dangerous waste means hazardous,
29 dangerous, or extremely hazardous waste as defined by the RCRA and/or
30 WAC 173-303 (Chapter 1.0, Section 1.4). Mixed waste means waste that contains
31 both hazardous and dangerous waste subject to the RCRA and WAC 173-303, and
32 radioactive waste subject to the *Atomic Energy Act* (Chapter 1.0, Section 1.4).
33 The radioactive portion of mixed waste can be low-activity, high-activity,
34 and/or transuranic. Because radionuclides are not subject to regulation under
35 the RCRA or WAC 173-303, any discussion of the treatment, storage, and/or
36 disposal of radionuclides in this permit application is included for
37 information only.
38

39 The TSD units within the Hanford Facility include, but are not limited
40 to, tank systems, surface impoundments, container storage areas, waste piles,
41 landfills, and miscellaneous units. An overview of the various TSD units
42 within the Hanford Facility for which final status is sought is provided in
43 Chapter 4.0. As noted in Chapter 1.0, TSD units that are undergoing interim
44 status closure are not included in this permit application.
45

46
47 **2.1.1 The Hanford Site**
48

49 The Hanford Site covers approximately 560 square miles (1,450 square
50 kilometers) of semiarid land that is owned by the U.S. Government and managed
51 by the DOE-RL. The Hanford Site is located northwest of the city of Richland,
52 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.
27
28

29 2.1.2 Hanford Facility

30
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 15

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

1 process condensate will be transferred to the 200 Area Effluent
2 Treatment Facility, once this unit comes online.
3

- 4 • Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant--This unit will treat the
5 high-activity portion of waste stored in the Double-Shell Tank System
6 by converting the waste into glass, with ultimate disposal of the
7 vitrified waste in a national repository.
8
- 9 • Grout Treatment Facility--This unit processes low-activity double-
10 shell tank waste by combining this waste with grout-forming solids
11 and, if necessary, chemical additives. The grouted waste is disposed
12 of in near-surface concrete vaults.
13

14 The scope of the Solid/Liquid Waste Remediation Program includes
15 (1) storing solid waste safely until a disposal decision is reached,
16 (2) providing handling and treatment capabilities for management of solid
17 waste and preparation for final disposal, and (3) eliminating releases of
18 untreated liquid effluents and treating and disposing of liquid waste
19 according to applicable federal and state laws and regulations. A brief
20 description of key TSD units supporting the Solid/Liquid Waste Remediation
21 Program is as follows:
22

- 23 • Central Waste Complex--This treatment and storage unit consists of
24 multiple storage structures (i.e., storage modules, buildings, and a
25 storage pad) for radioactive and/or mixed waste.
26
- 27 • Waste Receiving and Processing--This unit will treat mixed waste,
28 low-level waste, and transuranic waste. The treated transuranic waste
29 eventually will be transported for disposal to the Waste Isolation
30 Pilot Plant in New Mexico (when this plant becomes operational) or to
31 another approved waste disposal site.
32
- 33 • Low-Level Burial Grounds--This unit disposes of solid low-level
34 radioactive waste and mixed waste. Since 1987, most mixed waste,
35 other than submarine reactor compartments, is being stored at the
36 Central Waste Complex until a lined disposal trench is constructed.
37
- 38 • The 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility--This unit
39 stores nonradioactive dangerous waste before shipment offsite for
40 treatment, storage, and/or disposal.
41
- 42 • The 305-B Storage Unit--This unit stores, bulks, and labpacks
43 dangerous waste before shipment offsite for treatment, storage, and/or
44 disposal. Small-quantities of mixed waste also are stored at the
45 305-B Storage Unit before being transported to the Central Waste
46 Complex.
47
- 48 • Liquid Effluent Retention Facility--This unit will be used to provide
49 interim storage of mixed waste (process condensate) received from the
50 242-A Evaporator. The mixed waste will be stored until the 200 Area
51 Effluent Treatment Facility is available.
52

- 1 • 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility--This unit will treat mixed waste
2 (process condensate) from the 242-A Evaporator. The treatment process
3 is expected to include filtration, pH adjustments, ultraviolet light
4 oxidation, reverse osmosis, and ion exchange. Treated effluent will
5 be collected in tanks, sampled to verify that treatment standards have
6 been met, and discharged to the soil column, pending approval of a
7 delisting petition by the EPA and issuance of a State Waste Discharge
8 Permit by Ecology.
9

10 The TSD units discussed are, or will be, used to support RCRA closure and
11 CERCLA remediation activities.
12

13 14 2.1.4 Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Units 15

16 The TSD units for which final status is sought (as of March 15, 1993) are
17 identified in Table 2-1. Also identified in Table 2-1 is the classification
18 of waste management activities conducted at each of these TSD units. Location
19 maps for these TSD units are provided in Appendix 2A. The following sections
20 provide a brief discussion of these TSD units, by area.
21

22 2.1.4.1 200 Areas. The 200 Areas are centrally located on the Hanford Site.
23 There are two separate areas, referred to as the 200 East Area and the
24 200 West Area (Figure 2-2). Underground piping connects the 200 East Area and
25 200 West Area for purposes of liquid waste transfer. The following TSD units
26 are included in the 200 Areas:
27

- 28 • Double-Shell Tank System
- 29 • 242-A Evaporator
- 30 • Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant
- 31 • Grout Treatment Facility
- 32 • 204-AR Waste Unloading Station
- 33 • Central Waste Complex
- 34 • Waste Receiving and Processing
- 35 • Low-Level Burial Grounds
- 36 • Liquid Effluent Retention Facility
- 37 • 200 Area Effluent Treatment Facility
- 38 • T Plant Complex
- 39 • B Plant
- 40 • 241-Z Treatment and Storage Tanks
- 41 • 222-S Laboratory Complex
- 42 • 224-T Transuranic Waste Storage and Assay Facility
- 43 • PUREX (plutonium-uranium extraction) Storage Tunnels.
44

45 2.1.4.2 300 Area. The 300 Area is located adjacent to and north of Richland,
46 Washington, along the Columbia River. The 300 Area contains fuels fabrication
47 and research and development buildings for the Hanford Site. The following
48 TSD units are included in the 300 Area:
49

- 50 • 325/3100 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit
- 51 • Biological Treatment Test Facilities
- 52 • Physical/Chemical Treatment Test Facilities

- 1 • Thermal Treatment Test Facilities
- 2 • 305-B Storage Unit.

3
4 2.1.4.3 400 Area. The 400 Area is located approximately 5 miles
5 (8 kilometers) northwest of the 300 Area and contains the experimental nuclear
6 reactor, Fast Flux Test Facility, and support and research buildings. The
7 single TSD unit in the 400 Area is the Maintenance and Storage Facility.

8
9 2.1.4.4 600 Area. The 600 Area covers all locations not specifically given
10 an area designation. The TSD units within the 600 Area are primarily in
11 support of the overall waste management activities throughout the Hanford
12 Facility. The following TSD units are included in the 600 Area:

- 13
- 14 • 616 Nonradioactive Dangerous Waste Storage Facility
- 15 • 600 Area Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility.
- 16
- 17

18 2.2 TOPOGRAPHIC MAP [B-2]

19
20 Drawing H-6-958 in Appendix 2A provides a general overview of the Hanford
21 Site and surrounding area. The drawing illustrates the following:

- 22
- 23 • Boundary of the Hanford Site (for area shown)
- 24
- 25 • Contours [at 20-foot (6.1-meter) intervals] sufficient to show surface
- 26 water flow
- 27
- 28 • Fire control services on the Hanford Site
- 29
- 30 • Access roads, internal roads, railroads, perimeter gates, and
- 31 barricades
- 32
- 33 • Longitudes and latitudes.
- 34

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

39
40 Monthly average wind speeds are lowest during the winter months,
41 averaging 6 to 7 miles (9.7 to 11.3 kilometers) per hour, and highest during
42 the summer, averaging 9 to 10 miles (14.5 to 16.1 kilometers) per hour. Wind
43 speeds that are well above average usually are associated with southwesterly
44 winds. However, the summertime drainage winds generally are northwesterly and
45 frequently reach 31 miles (49.9 kilometers) per hour. Estimates of wind
46 extremes have been summarized by Stone et al. (1983). Information on the
47 likelihood and frequency of strong winds and tornados in the region have been
48 summarized in a final environmental impact statement (DOE 1987), the Hanford
49 Meteorological Station climatological summary (Stone et al. 1983), and reports
50 from the National Severe Storms Forecast Center.

51

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

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 The TSD units within the Hanford Facility are not located within
35 regulated 'shorelines of the state' or 'wetlands' as defined in the *Shoreline*
36 *Management Act of 1971*. The Hanford Facility is located within the Hanford
37 Site, which is owned by the U.S. Government and managed by the DOE-RL. The
38 Hanford Site is not classified as natural, conservancy, rural, or residential.
39
40

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

43 The Hanford Facility is not located over a 'sole source aquifer' as
44 defined in Section 1424(e) of the *Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974*. Therefore,
45 no demonstration of compliance is required.
46
47
48

1 **2.4 TRAFFIC INFORMATION [B-4]**
2

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

8 Roadways on the Hanford Site east of the Yakima Barricade and north of
9 the Wye Barricade, and within the 300 and 400 Areas, are restricted to
10 authorized personnel only. Other U.S. Department of Energy roadways are
11 subject to such restrictions or closure as the U.S. Department of Energy might
12 require. Estimated traffic volumes for the 1990 timeframe, in vehicles per
13 day, are shown in Figure 2-7. The majority of traffic is passenger vehicles
14 used for commuting and conducting company business. Approximately 10 percent
15 of the traffic volume is trucks, and these trucks are mainly delivery,
16 construction, and maintenance vehicles.
17

18
19 **2.4.1 Hanford Site Roadways**
20

21 Figure 2-7 shows the major roads throughout the Hanford Site. These
22 roads are classified as either primary or secondary routes. The primary
23 routes include Routes 4S, 10, 2N, 3, 6, and 11A, as well as various avenues
24 within each area. The primary routes are constructed of bituminous asphalt
25 [usually 2 inches (5 centimeters) thick, but the thickness of the asphalt
26 layer will vary with each road] with an underlying aggregate base in
27 accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation requirements. The secondary
28 routes are constructed of layers of an oil and rock mixture with an underlying
29 aggregate base. The aggregate base consists of various types and sizes of
30 rock found onsite. Currently, no load-bearing capacities of these roads are
31 available; however, loads as large as 140 pounds per square inch
32 (9.8 kilograms per square centimeter) have been transported without observable
33 damage to road surfaces. All roads meet the requirements for the American
34 Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials HS-20-44 load rating
35 (AASHTO 1983). An HS-20-44 loading represents a two-axle tractor [front
36 axle loading of 8,000 pounds (3,630 kilograms) and rear axle loading of
37 32,000 pounds (14,500 kilograms)] plus a single-axle trailer with a
38 32,000-pound (14,500 kilogram) axle loading.
39

40
41 **2.4.2 Traffic Control Signs, Signals, and Procedures**
42

43 Standard traffic control signs are used throughout the Hanford Site
44 (e.g., hexagonal stop signs, triangular yield signs). Speed limits are posted
45 throughout the Hanford Site, and the maximum posted speed is 55 miles
46 (88 kilometers) per hour on major thoroughfares. Inside the various areas,
47 posted speeds are reduced to a maximum of 35 miles (56 kilometers) per hour
48 and held to speeds as low as 15 miles (24 kilometers) per hour.
49

1 2.4.3 Hanford Site Railroad System
2

3 Some dangerous and mixed waste is transported to and/or from TSD units
4 (e.g., Double-Shell Tank System, Low-Level Burial Grounds) in railroad cars.
5 The general location of rail lines can be found on Drawing H-6-958 in
6 Appendix 2A. Typically, shipments are made during periods of low traffic
7 activity (i.e., between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., on weekends, or during off-
8 peak traffic hours). All roads that cross the waste route are barricaded by
9 the Hanford Patrol during shipments to prevent motor vehicle accidents. Based
10 on evaluation of risk, railroad shipments are prohibited during periods of low
11 visibility, when there are winds in excess of 15 miles (25 kilometers) per
12 hour, and during heavy rain, snow storms, or icy conditions.
13

14 All railroad track, track beds, and related equipment are maintained to
15 the requirements of Federal Railroad Association track safety standards for
16 Class III track as detailed in 49 CFR 213. Class III track is sufficient for
17 the loads and train speeds on the Hanford Site.
18

19
20 2.5 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS [B-5]
21

22 The Hanford Facility TSD units are designed to minimize the exposure of
23 personnel to dangerous waste and hazardous substances and to prevent dangerous
24 waste and hazardous substances from reaching the environment. In addition,
25 measures are taken to ensure that the TSD units for which final status is
26 sought are maintained and operated in a manner that prevents the following:
27

- 28 • Degradation of groundwater quality
- 29
- 30 • Degradation of air quality by open burning or other activities
- 31
- 32 • Degradation of surface water quality
- 33
- 34 • Destruction or impairment of flora or fauna
- 35
- 36 • Excessive noise
- 37
- 38 • Negative aesthetic impacts
- 39
- 40 • Unstable hillsides or soils
- 41
- 42 • Use of processes that do not treat, detoxify, recycle, reclaim, and
43 recover waste material to the extent economically feasible
- 44
- 45 • Endangerment to the health of employees or the public.
46

47 The measures taken to prevent each of these potentially negative effects
48 from occurring are described in the following sections. Closure performance
49 standards are discussed in Chapter 11.0, Section 11.2.
50
51

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 **2.5.6 Measures to Prevent Negative Aesthetic Impacts**

13

14 Most of the TSD units within the Hanford Facility are located in
15 restricted areas. These units are not visible from offsite or are visible
16 only from a great distance. This aspect helps to eliminate any significant
17 negative aesthetic impacts from these TSD units. Measures to be taken for
18 individual TSD units are detailed, where applicable, in the Unit-Specific
19 Portion of this permit application.
20
21

22 **2.5.7 Measures to Prevent Unstable Hillsides or Soils**

23

24 There are no naturally unstable hillsides or soils within or adjacent to
25 existing TSD units. Compaction of the soil is used to stabilize the soil
26 during and after any construction activities. Native vegetation often is
27 planted to eliminate erosion potential of soils due to wind and water.
28 Measures to be taken for individual TSD units are detailed, where applicable,
29 in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.
30
31

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

35

36 Measures to prevent the use of processes that do not treat, detoxify,
37 recycle, reclaim, and recover waste material to the extent economically
38 feasible are taken into consideration in the operation of Hanford Facility
39 TSD units. Measures to be taken for individual TSD units are detailed, where
40 applicable, in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.
41
42

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

45

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

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

- 1 • The estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material that
2 resulted from the incident.
3

4 In addition, an oral report and written submission that contains a
5 description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance,
6 including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been
7 corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or
8 planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance
9 will be made in accordance with the provision of WAC 173-303-810(14)(f).
10

11

12 2.7.2 Mitigation and Control [B7-b]

13

14 Releases or discharges of dangerous waste that endanger human health and
15 the environment will be dispositioned in accordance with the applicable
16 provisions of Chapter 7.0 and the applicable provisions of WAC 173-303-600.
17

18 2.7.2.1 Cleanup and Management of Released Dangerous Wastes and Contaminated
19 Soil, Water, or Other Materials [B7-b(1) and (2)]. Provisions for
20 dispositioning of recovered material resulting from an incident that endangers
21 human health and the environment will be in accordance with the applicable
22 provisions of Chapter 7.0 and the applicable provisions of WAC 173-303-600.
23

24 2.7.2.2 Restoration of Impacted Area [B7-b(3)]. Restoration of property
25 outside the Hanford Facility that is impacted by releases or discharges of
26 dangerous waste, fire, or explosion will be accomplished in accordance with
27 the applicable provisions of WAC 173-303-600.
28

29

30 2.8 MANIFEST SYSTEM [B-8]

31

32 The Hanford Facility handles dangerous waste from onsite sources and
33 mixed waste from both onsite and offsite sources. This section briefly
34 discusses the system that is in place to track waste shipments.
35

36

37 2.8.1 Onsite Waste Shipments

38

39 The Hanford Site has one EPA/State identification number as required by
40 WAC 173-303-060, and all TSD units within the Hanford Facility are part of a
41 single dangerous waste facility. Therefore, onsite shipments of dangerous or
42 mixed waste are not subject to the manifesting requirements specified in
43 WAC 173-303-370 and -180. However, all onsite waste shipments are conducted
44 in a manner to ensure protection of human health and the environment. Four
45 onsite waste tracking systems are voluntarily used for transporting waste on
46 the Hanford Facility. The following four systems are used to track the
47 transfer of waste:
48

- 1 • Liquid mixed waste via underground pipelines
- 2
- 3 • Liquid mixed waste via railroad tank car or tank truck or via barrels
- 4 transported by truck
- 5
- 6 • Containerized mixed waste (e.g., rags, failed equipment, contaminated
- 7 soil) via trucks and railroad cars
- 8
- 9 • Containerized nonradioactive dangerous waste via truck before being
- 10 shipped offsite for treatment, storage, and/or disposal at a TSD
- 11 facility.
- 12

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

17 2.8.2 Offsite Waste Shipments

18
19 Offsite shipments of dangerous waste to and from the Hanford Facility are
20 subject to the manifesting requirements specified in WAC 173-303-370 and -180,
21 respectively. The EPA Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest is used for
22 transporting dangerous waste from the Hanford Facility to an offsite TSD
23 facility. Mixed waste could be shipped offsite in the future (e.g., to the
24 Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico or to a national repository when
25 these sites become operational). Offsite waste transfer information for
26 individual TSD units can be found in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit
27 application. Offsite waste tracking records for individual TSD units are
28 maintained on file and can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support
29 (Chapter 12.0).

32 2.8.3 Receipt of Offsite Waste

33
34 The Hanford Facility receives dangerous and mixed waste from offsite
35 (including foreign) sources. Such waste is subject to the manifesting
36 requirements specified in WAC 173-303-370 and to the reporting requirements of
37 WAC 173-390(1). Notification for foreign waste receipt is made in accordance
38 with WAC 173-303-290. Notification of subsequent shipments of the same waste
39 from the same foreign source in the same calendar year is not required.

40
41 Offsite waste receipt information specific to individual TSD units can be
42 found in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. Offsite waste
43 receipt records for individual TSD units are maintained on file and can be
44 located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support (Chapter 12.0).

47 2.9 QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM FOR 48 THE HANFORD FACILITY

49
50 The quality assurance and quality control information for individual
51 TSD units can be found in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit
52 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.

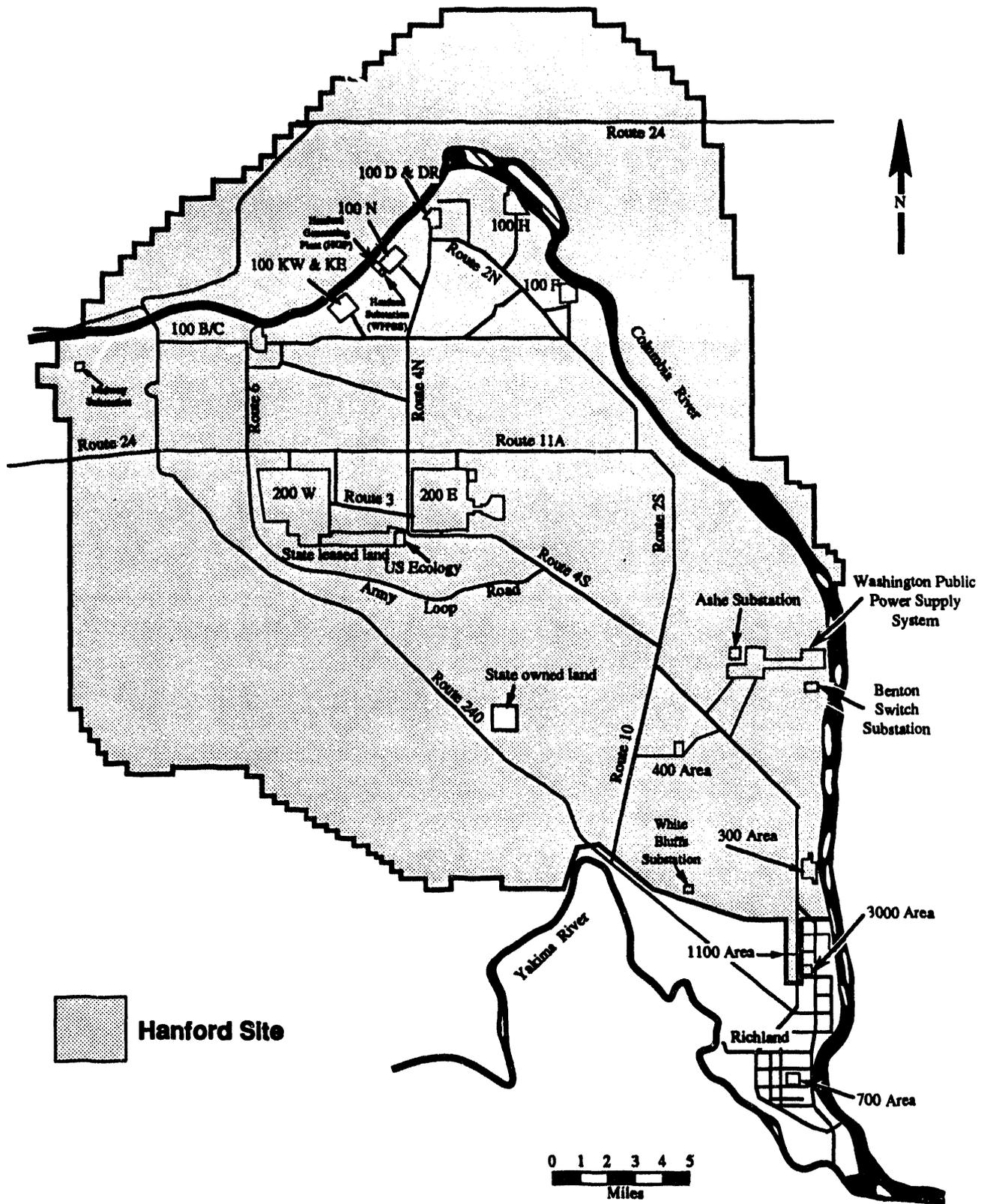


Figure 2-1. Hanford Site Map.

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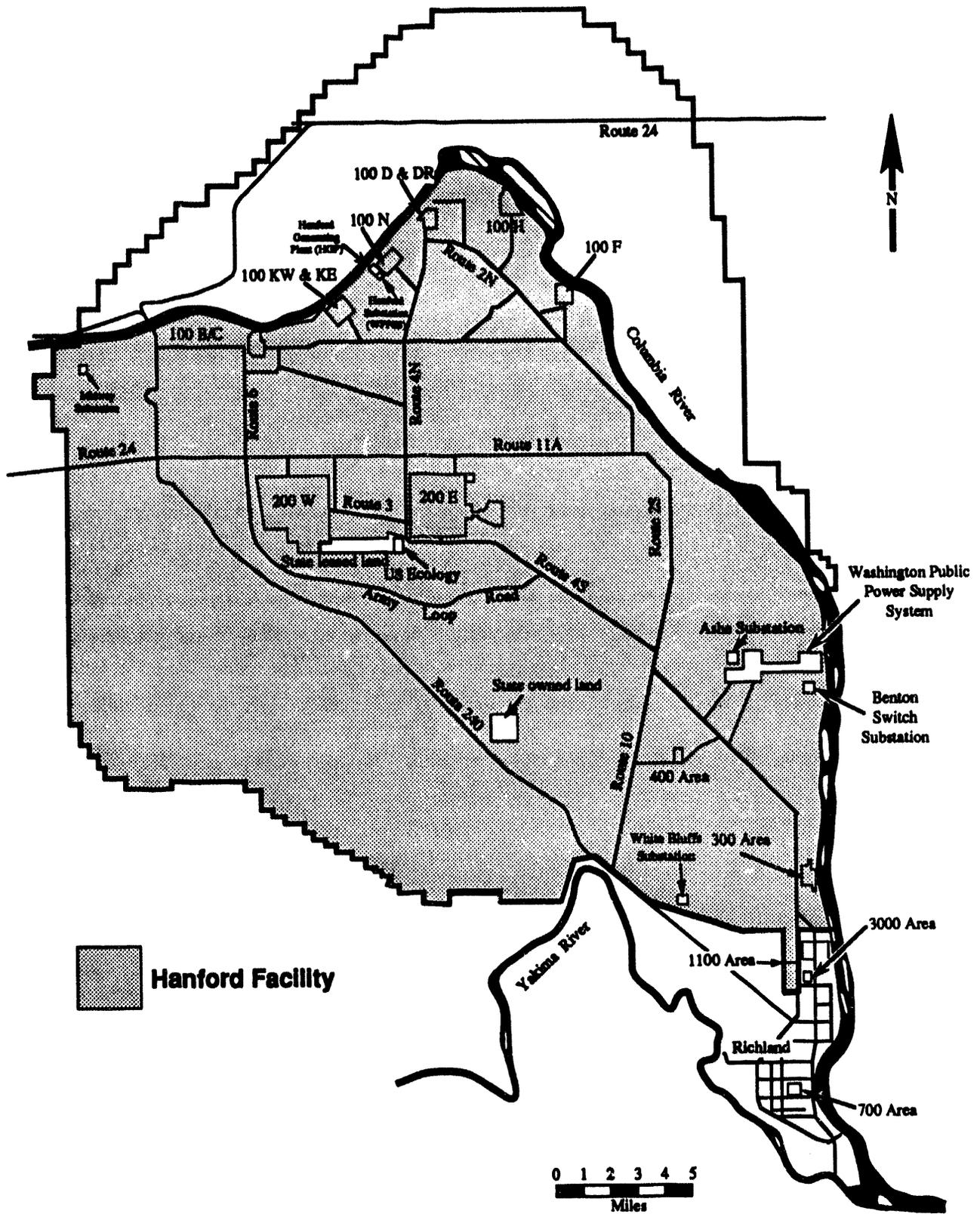
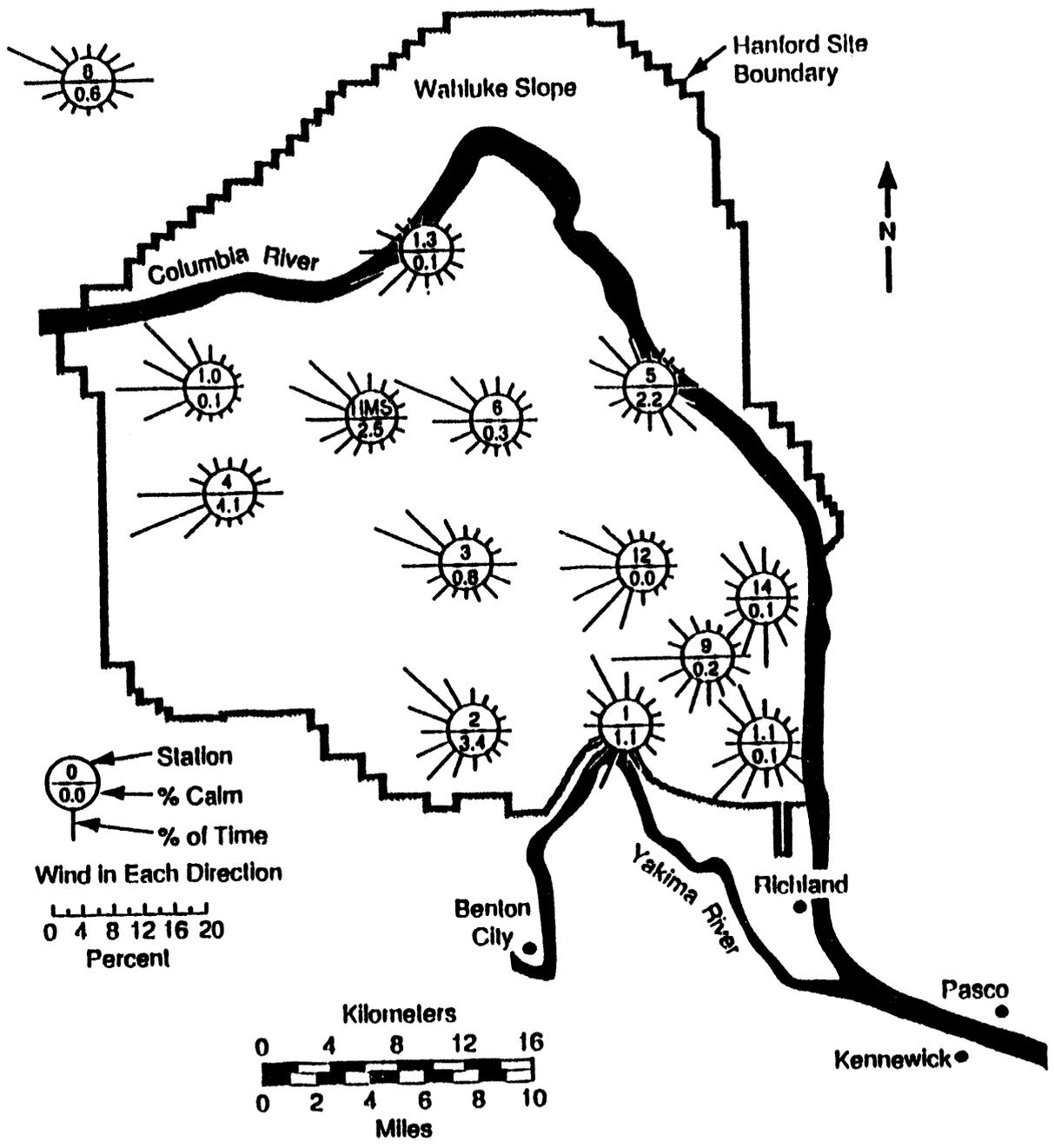


Figure 2-2. Hanford Facility Map.

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HMS = Hanford Meteorological Station

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

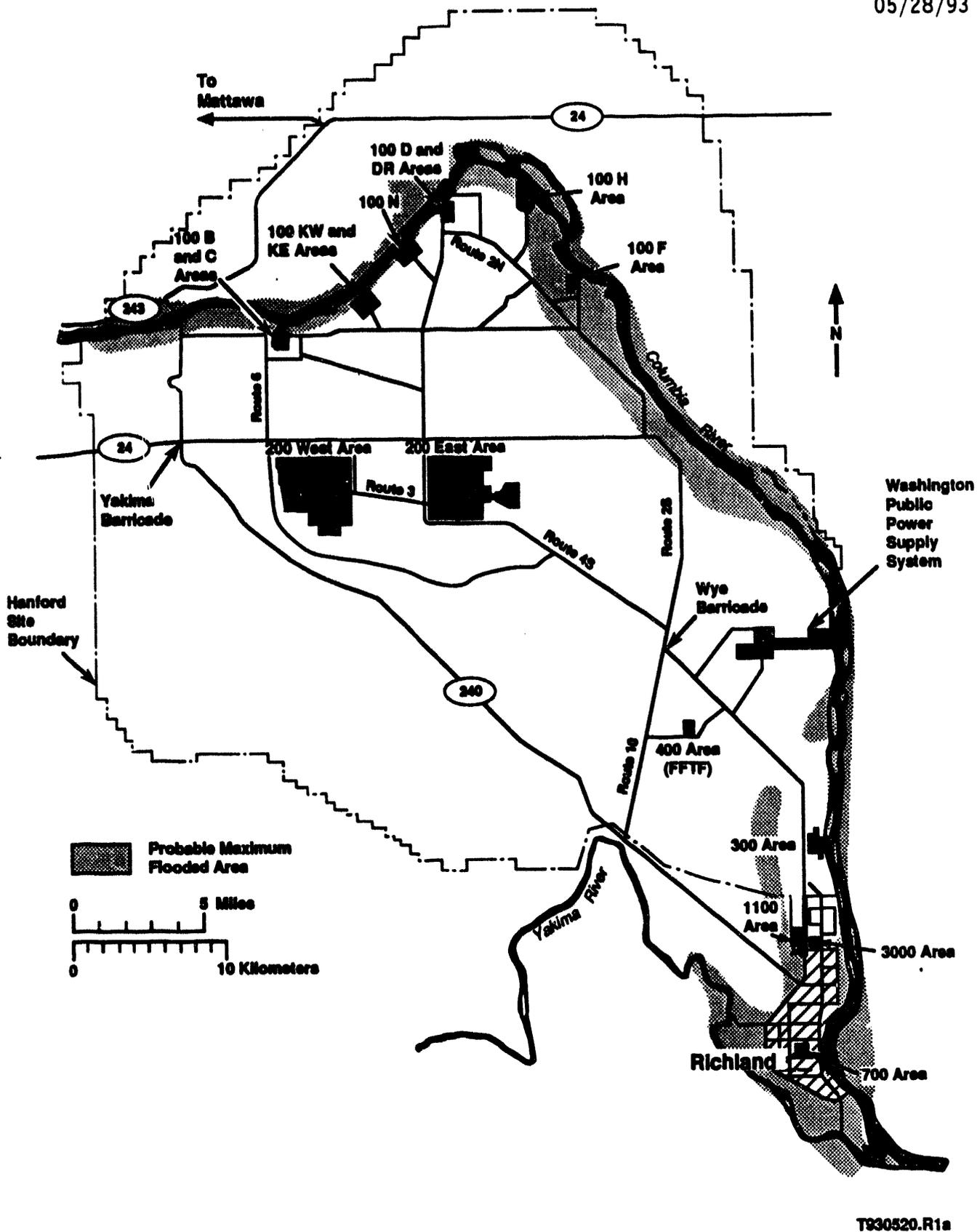
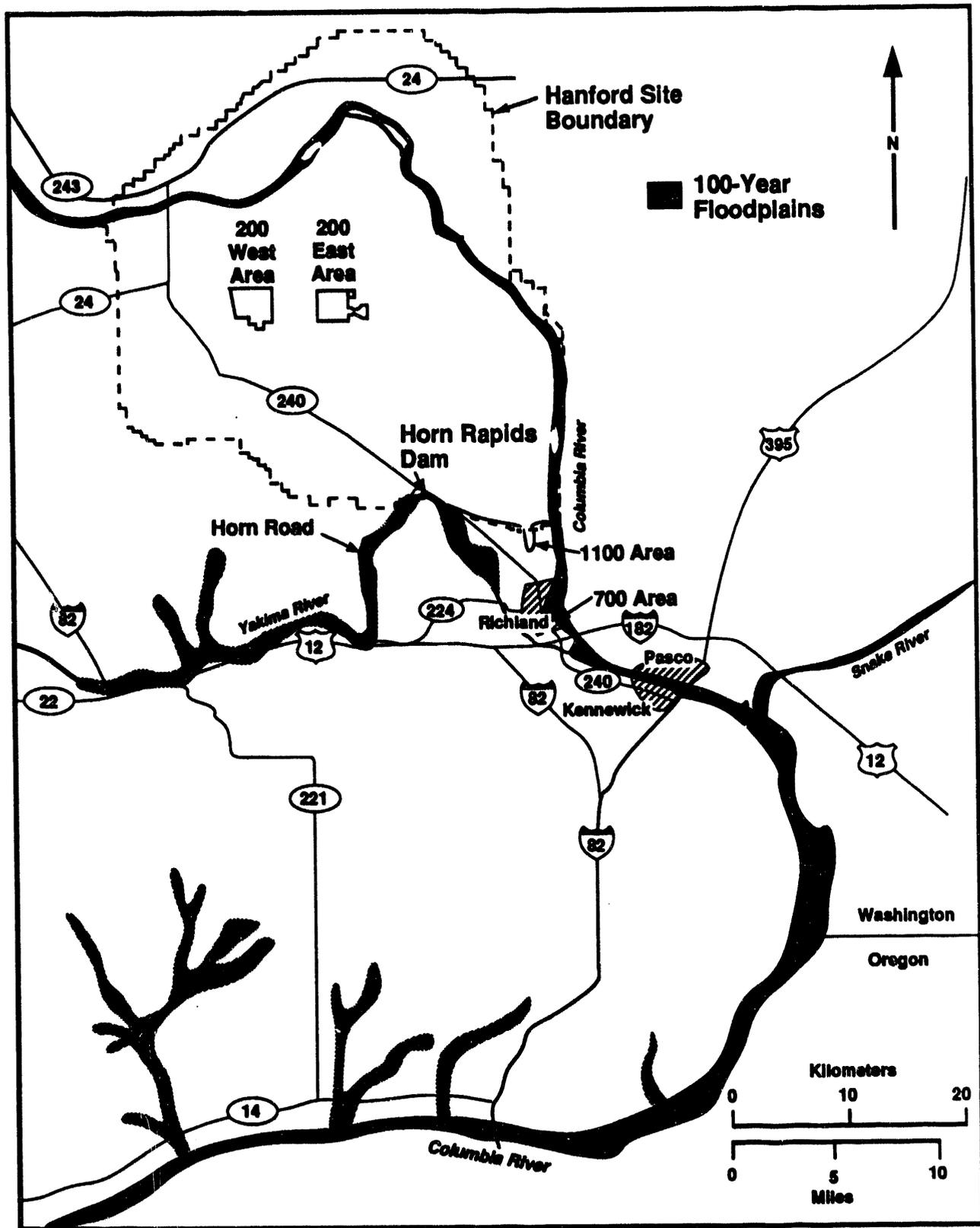


Figure 2-4. Columbia River Floodplain (probable maximum flood).



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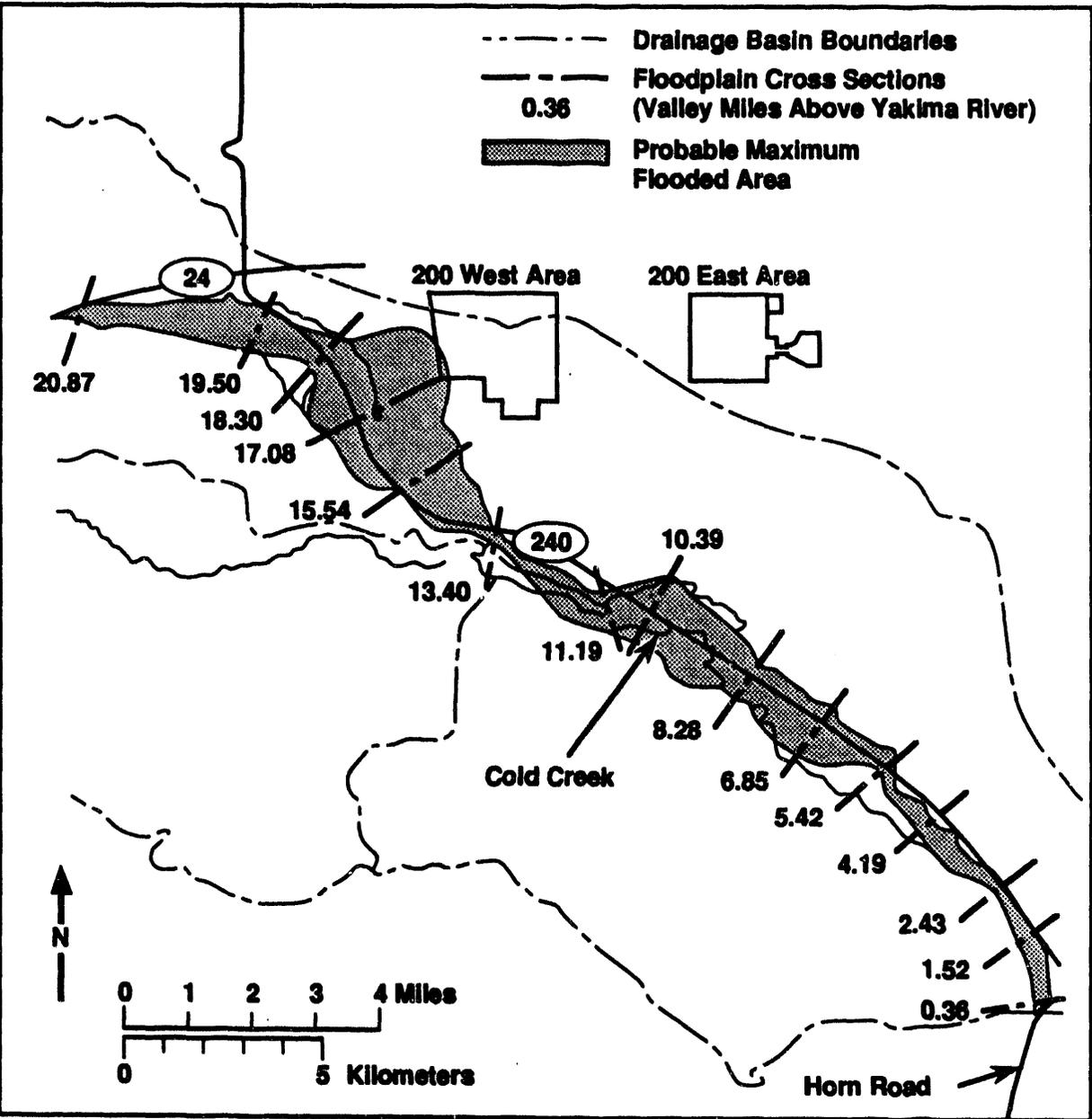


Figure 2-6. Cold Creek Watershed Floodplain (probable maximum flood).

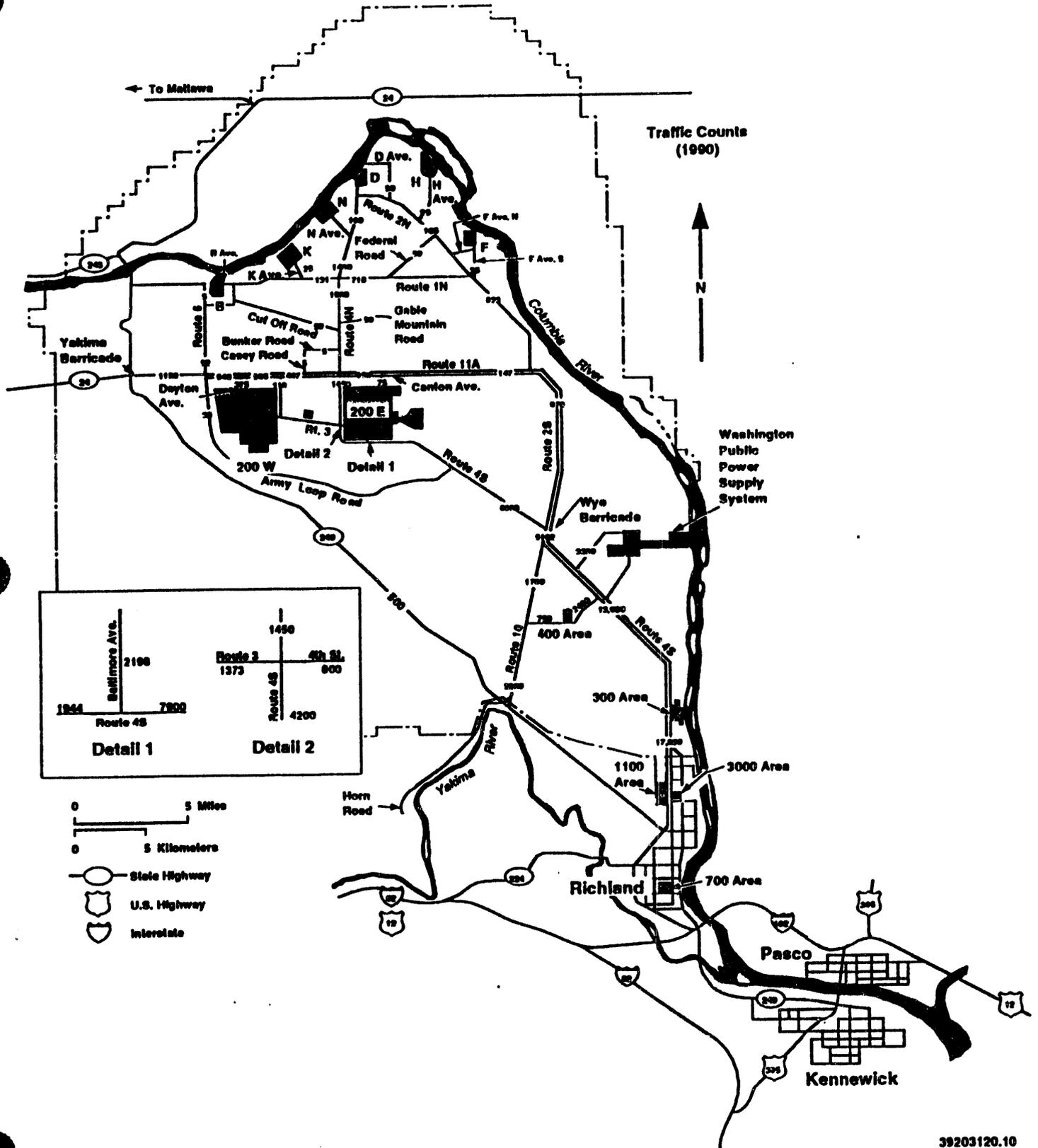


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3.0 WASTE CHARACTERISTICS [C]

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 **4.0 PROCESS INFORMATION [D]**

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

15 For each TSD unit for which final status is sought (as of March 15,
16 1993), the following information is provided: the classification of the
17 TSD unit (e.g., surface impoundment, container storage unit, etc.); the type
18 of waste processed at the TSD unit (dangerous and/or mixed waste); and a brief
19 description of the waste management process or processes conducted at the
20 TSD unit. Information presented in this chapter has been compiled from
21 existing documents and is current as of March 15, 1993. The following
22 documents have been used as the primary sources of information: *Hanford Site*
23 *Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application* (DOE-RL 1988b), *Draft Environmental*
24 *Restoration and Waste Management Fiscal Year 1993 Site-Specific Plan for the*
25 *Richland Field Office* (DOE-RL 1993), and the Tri-Party Agreement.

26
27 Activities conducted within the Hanford Facility that only involve the
28 management of radioactive waste are not regulated under the RCRA or the
29 WAC 173-303 regulations and, therefore, are not addressed in this chapter.
30 References to such activities are included for informational purposes only.
31
32

33 **4.1 OVERVIEW**

34
35 The Hanford Facility generates dangerous and mixed waste, and treats,
36 stores, and disposes of dangerous and mixed waste that is generated onsite.
37 Mixed waste that is generated offsite also is managed within certain TSD units
38 on the Hanford Facility.
39

40 The waste managed on the Hanford Facility includes low-activity and high-
41 activity waste, low activity and high-activity mixed waste, transuranic waste,
42 transuranic mixed waste, and nonradioactive dangerous waste. As discussed in
43 Chapter 2.0, Section 2.1.3, most of the waste management activities fall into
44 two major programmatic areas: Tank Waste Remediation System and Solid/Liquid
45 Waste Remediation.
46

47 The scope of the Tank Waste Remediation System includes managing all
48 programs, projects, and activities for receiving, safely storing, maintaining,
49 treating, and packaging tank waste for onsite or offsite disposal. The Tank
50 Waste Remediation System currently is conducting rebaselining activities that
51 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.
52

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.
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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.
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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.
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1 **4.2.3 Disposal Units**
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3 Except for the Grout Treatment Facility, the only disposal unit located
4 in the 200 Areas for which final status is sought (as of March 15, 1993) is
5 the Low-Level Burial Grounds.
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7 The Low-Level Burial Grounds TSD unit is categorized as a landfill. The
8 Low-Level Burial Grounds TSD unit is divided into eight burial grounds. Each
9 burial ground consists of a number of trenches. Six burial grounds are
10 located in the 200 West Area and two burial grounds are located in the
11 200 East Area. The Low-Level Burial Grounds TSD unit currently accepts for
12 disposal low-level waste and disposes of mixed waste according to its
13 characteristics. The mixed waste is generated by several different
14 operations, both on and off the Hanford Facility. The waste is packaged in
15 steel, concrete, or wooden containers and placed in the burial trenches.
16 Since 1987, most mixed waste, other than submarine reactor compartments, is
17 being stored at the Central Waste Complex until a lined disposal trench is
18 constructed within the Low-Level Burial Grounds.
19

20 The Low-Level Burial Grounds will be operated under interim status until
21 incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.
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24 **4.3 300 AREA**
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26 The 300 Area historically was used for the fabrication of the 100 Area
27 reactor fuels and for the main research and development activities for the
28 Hanford Site. Fuels fabrication activities ceased when N Reactor was placed
29 in standby. Current activities include research and development supporting
30 the waste management and environmental restoration and remediation mission,
31 including the development of new technologies for the treatment and disposal
32 of the waste accumulated throughout the life of the Hanford Site.
33

34 Currently (as of March 15, 1993), final status is sought for five
35 TSD units located in the 300 Area. The TSD units include both treatment and
36 storage units.
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39 **4.3.1 Treatment Units**
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41 Treatment units located in the 300 Areas for which final status is sought
42 (as of March 15, 1993) are discussed in the following sections.
43

44 **4.3.1.1 325/3100 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit.** The 325/3100 Hazardous
45 Waste Treatment Unit, categorized as a miscellaneous treatment unit, currently
46 is located in rooms 520 and 528 of the 325 Building. At present, the 3100
47 portion of the unit is not active. Current plans are for the construction of
48 a new building, or retrofitting of an existing building, in the 300 Area.
49

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

1 Unit treats mixed waste by grouting and other processes and also serves as a
2 research and development area to test and evaluate the effectiveness of
3 thermal, physical, chemical, and biological treatment technologies.
4

5 The 325/3100 Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit will be operated under
6 interim status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit.
7

8 **4.3.1.2 Biological Treatment Test Facilities.** The Biological Treatment Test
9 Facilities TSD unit is categorized as a miscellaneous treatment unit. The
10 Biological Treatment Test Facilities unit is used to perform research,
11 development, and testing of biological waste treatment technologies capable of
12 treating dangerous waste. These technologies can treat various chemical
13 constituents, such as organics, nitrates, chromium, and cyanide waste
14 constituents in soil; effluents; and groundwater through the use of
15 microorganisms (naturally present organisms or organisms that are
16 environmentally enhanced). Technologies are tested in selected laboratories
17 in the 324, 325, and 331 Buildings; however, the technologies are being
18 developed for future uses in other units and at dangerous waste remedial
19 action locations.
20

21 The Biological Treatment Test Facilities TSD unit will be operated under
22 interim status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit. An
23 evaluation currently is underway to determine if an alternate permitting
24 approach, such as preparation of a research, development, and demonstration
25 permit application, might be more appropriate.
26

27 **4.3.1.3 Physical/Chemical Treatment Test Facilities.** The Physical and
28 Chemical Treatment Test Facilities TSD unit is categorized as a miscellaneous
29 treatment unit. The Physical and Chemical Treatment Test Facilities TSD unit
30 is used to perform research, development, and testing of physical and chemical
31 waste treatment technologies for the treatment of mixed waste. These
32 technologies are tested in hot cell complexes in the 324 and 325 Buildings and
33 in selected laboratories in the 324 Building. The technologies are being
34 developed for future uses in other units and at dangerous waste remedial
35 action locations.
36

37 The Physical and Chemical Treatment Test Facilities Unit will be operated
38 under interim status until incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit. An
39 evaluation currently is underway to determine if an alternate permitting
40 approach, such as preparation of a research, development, and demonstration
41 permit application, might be more appropriate.
42

43 **4.3.1.4 Thermal Treatment Test Facilities.** The Thermal Treatment Test
44 Facilities TSD unit is categorized as a miscellaneous treatment unit. The
45 Thermal Treatment Test Facilities TSD unit is used to perform research,
46 development, and testing of waste treatment technologies capable of treating
47 mixed waste. These technologies are tested in the high bay and hot cell
48 complex of the 324 Building, in the in situ vitrification test site west of
49 the 300 Area, the 116-B-6-1 Crib, and in other selected laboratories in the
50 324, 325, and 331 Buildings. The technologies are being developed for future
51 uses in other units and at dangerous waste remedial action locations.
52

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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7

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**
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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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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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1 **4.6 DESIGN AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

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3 This section presents a discussion of the processes used to control
4 design and operational information, and the method for transmitting design and
5 operational changes to the regulators. In addition, a discussion of
6 certification is included, as it pertains to supporting certain RCRA and
7 dangerous waste permitting activities.
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10 **4.6.1 Transmittal of Design Information to Regulatory Agencies**

11
12 Design of TSD units on the Hanford Facility is controlled in accordance
13 with an established engineering control system. Standard engineering
14 practices ensure that uniform methods are in place to control tasks such as
15 design review, configuration control, change control, specification
16 preparation, and review and approval requirements. These practices are used
17 on all engineering, development, and project work on the Hanford Facility,
18 which result in a documented design or deliverable hardware end item.
19

20 Development of, and changes to, design specifications and drawings
21 related to TSD units on the Hanford Facility are carried out in accordance
22 with the engineering practices of the contractor responsible for the activity.
23 Although there is some variation among contractors, no work affecting design
24 (excluding emergency response activities that will be conducted in accordance
25 with contingency plans) is allowed to be performed at a TSD unit until an
26 approved design drawing or appropriate engineering design directive has been
27 issued. This process ensures that components and materials selected meet
28 system requirements while providing a means for configuration control.
29

30 The contents of WAC 173-303-830 require that design changes, at a
31 minimum, be submitted as Class 1 permit modifications. This requires that
32 permit holders submit specific information regarding the design change to the
33 regulatory agencies within 7 days after the change is put into effect. The
34 magnitude of the work on the Hanford Facility that involves modifications to
35 existing approved designs is substantial, and the following approach will be
36 used to address the modification process. Requirements specified in
37 WAC 173-303-830 will be followed for design changes categorized as Class 2 or
38 Class 3 permit modifications and for design changes categorized as Class 1
39 permit modifications requiring regulatory agency approval before
40 implementation. Other Class 1 changes will be submitted annually in
41 accordance with Chapter 1.0, Section 1.5, of the General Information Portion
42 of this permit application. Classification of permit modifications will be as
43 established in Appendix I of WAC 173-303-830.
44

45 On an ongoing basis, a tabulation of design changes (for those TSD units
46 incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit) can be located through RCRA
47 Compliance Support (Chapter 12.0).
48
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1 **4.6.2 Utilization of Aperture Cards**
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3 Additions to the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application are
4 prepared according to the requirements prescribed in WAC 173-303-806. These
5 requirements specify inclusion of certain design information, including design
6 drawings as well as other engineering data.
7

8 Design drawings included as part of unit-specific documentation will be
9 provided in an 11-inch by 17-inch format. Drawings provided in this format,
10 for the most part, will exhibit a sufficient degree of legibility to support
11 document review. In selected cases, it might be necessary to enlarge certain
12 portions of drawings to enhance legibility. To support this need, drawings
13 included as part of unit-specific documentation also will be provided in an
14 aperture card format.
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17 **4.6.3 Replacement or Upgrading With Functionally Equivalent Components**
18

19 All maintenance on the Hanford Facility is controlled and performed in
20 accordance with an established work control system. The work control system
21 ensures that the proper documentation is prepared for the activity, and also
22 provides a means to track work from initiation to completion.
23

24 The contents of WAC 173-303-830, Appendix I, identify equipment
25 replacement or upgrading with functionally equivalent components (e.g., pipes,
26 valves, pumps, conveyors, controls) as a Class 1 modification to a permit.
27 This requires that permit holders submit specific information regarding the
28 use of functionally equivalent components to the regulatory agencies within
29 7 days after the change is put into effect. The magnitude of the work on the
30 Hanford Facility that involves the use of functionally equivalent components
31 is substantial, and the following approach will be used to address the
32 modification process. On an ongoing basis, a tabulation of functional
33 equivalency information (i.e., a listing of equivalent equipment substitutions
34 for those TSD units incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit) can be
35 located through RCRA Compliance Support (Chapter 12.0). Class 1 changes
36 relating to functionally equivalent components (for those TSD units
37 incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit) will be submitted annually in
38 accordance with Chapter 1.0, Section 1.5, of the General Information Portion
39 of this permit application.
40

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42 **4.6.4 Professional Engineer Certification**
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44 Certifications in accordance with WAC 173-303-810(13)(a) by an
45 independent registered professional engineer/registered professional engineer
46 are required to support certain RCRA and dangerous waste permitting activities
47 on the Hanford Facility (e.g., tank integrity assessments, closures, etc.).
48 Such certification, where required, will be conducted using a U.S. Department
49 of Energy contractor or subcontractor. Employees of the U.S. Department of
50 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

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

3
4 The remainder of this chapter includes a more specific discussion of the
5 implementation of the Hanford Facility groundwater monitoring activities.

6 7 8 **5.1 EXEMPTION FROM GROUNDWATER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS [E-1]**

9
10 A waiver from the groundwater monitoring requirements as allowed under
11 WAC 173-303-645 is not requested in the General Information Portion of this
12 permit application. Any requests for waivers from groundwater monitoring
13 requirements will be included in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit
14 application.

15 16 17 **5.2 INTERIM STATUS PERIOD GROUNDWATER MONITORING DATA [E-2]**

18
19 In 1986, interim status groundwater monitoring for four Hanford Facility
20 TSD units was implemented through a *Consent Agreement and Compliance Order*
21 (Ecology 1986). Three of these units are to be closed under interim status,
22 and are not within the scope of the Hanford Facility Permit Application. As
23 specified in the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan, permit application
24 documentation for the remaining unit, the Low-Level Burial Grounds, was
25 submitted in 1989 (DOE-RL 1989a). Final status is sought for at least two
26 other TSD units requiring groundwater monitoring systems, the Grout Treatment
27 Facility (DOE-RL 1988a) and the Liquid Effluent Retention Facility
28 (DOE-RL 1991b). The initial permit application documentation for these two
29 units was submitted in November 1988 and June 1991, respectively.

30
31 The interim status groundwater monitoring program implemented for a
32 TSD unit during the interim status period is summarized in the following
33 sections. The information presented includes (1) a summary of the existing
34 hydrogeologic data, (2) a description of the general well design,
35 (3) discussion of the groundwater monitoring system design, (4) a summary of
36 the interim status groundwater sampling and analysis plan for monitoring
37 wells, and (5) a preliminary description of the statistical procedures used to
38 assess water quality results. In addition, a summary is presented on the
39 techniques and methods used to characterize the uppermost aquifer beneath the
40 Hanford Site in support of the monitoring well system design.

41 42 43 **5.2.1 Interim Status Groundwater Monitoring Approach**

44
45 A specific investigative approach is taken to support the design of each
46 TSD unit groundwater monitoring system in the interim status period. This
47 approach consists of the following two elements.

- 48
49 • Establish an initial groundwater monitoring well system from which
50 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
6

7 **5.2.2 Investigative Methods**

8

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

- 13 • Sources used for existing hydrogeologic information
- 14 • Design and construction details for interim status wells
- 15 • Descriptions of investigative techniques, including geologic sampling
16 methods, geophysical well logging methods, hydrochemical sampling
17 methods, and hydrogeologic testing methods.
18
19
20

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.
29

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.
33

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).
40

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.
45

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)

- 1 • Grain-size distribution
- 2
- 3 • Field moisture content
- 4
- 5 • Water retention capacity
- 6
- 7 • Calcium carbonate content
- 8
- 9 • Total and inorganic carbon analysis
- 10
- 11 • Cation exchange capacity
- 12
- 13 • Hydraulic conductivity.
- 14

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

20
21 Historically, the following types of geophysical borehole logging were
22 available and might have been conducted:

- 23
- 24 • Natural gamma (gross gamma ray)
- 25 • Porosity (neutron-epithermal neutron)
- 26 • Density (gamma-gamma).
- 27

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

33
34 Limited hydraulic properties have been obtained from field determinations
35 as well as permeameter testing in the laboratory. Aquifer testing (constant-
36 discharge production and recovery phases) was performed primarily before 1989.
37 Increased restrictions on purgewater disposal resulted in the use of
38 alternative testing methods from 1989 through September 15, 1991. During this
39 period, slug testing was the preferred method used to obtain field information
40 on the aquifer properties. This method entailed instantaneously changing the
41 aquifer hydraulic head by suddenly removing a cylinder of known volume. The
42 water level recovery response was observed over time. Descriptions of the
43 test method used to obtain hydraulic property information are provided in
44 unit-specific permit application documentation.

45 46 47 **5.2.3 Interim Status Data**

48
49 Groundwater monitoring activities performed during the interim status
50 period are summarized in this section.
51

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
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51
52
- Bottles with septum caps (volatiles)
 - Unfiltered samples (major-ions, cyanide, semivolatiles, metals)
 - 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 semivolatle 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]** 34

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.
51
52

1 **5.3.1 Physiographic and Geomorphic Setting**
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3 This section addresses the physiographic and geomorphic setting of the
4 Hanford Site, or a description of the nature and origin of landforms. The
5 Hanford Site is situated within the Pasco Basin of south-central Washington
6 (Figure 5-3). The Pasco Basin is one of a number of topographic (land
7 configuration) depressions located within the Columbia Plateau Physiographic
8 Province (Figure 5-4). The Pasco Basin is bounded on the north by the Saddle
9 Mountains, on the west by Umtanum Ridge, Yakima Ridge, and the Rattlesnake
10 Hills, and on the south by Rattlesnake Mountain, all anticlinal folds of the
11 Yakima Fold Belt (a physiographic subdivision of the Columbia Plateau
12 characterized by anticlinal upwarps and synclinal downwarps of the underlying
13 bedrock). The Pasco Basin is bounded on the east by the Palouse slope, a
14 monocline (broad fold) that inclines to the east (Figure 5-3).
15

16 Surface topography seen at the Hanford Site is the result of:
17 (1) anticlinal ridges, (2) Pleistocene cataclysmic flooding (flooding
18 resulting from glacial activity occurring north of the Hanford Site 10,000 to
19 13,000 years ago), (3) Holocene eolian activity (relatively recent wind
20 activity), and (4) landsliding. Since the end of the Pleistocene, winds have
21 locally reworked the flood sediments, depositing dune sands in the lower
22 elevations and loess (windblown silt) around the margins of the Pasco Basin.
23 Sand dunes have largely stabilized except where these dunes have been
24 reactivated because of the disturbance of anchoring vegetation (WHC 1991a).
25

26
27 **5.3.2 Climate and Meteorology**
28

29 The Hanford Site is in a semiarid desert area. The climate in the
30 vicinity of the Hanford Site is largely influenced by the rain-shadow effect
31 of the Cascade Range located in western Washington. This effect results in
32 cold air drainage across the region that largely controls the wind regime of
33 the Hanford Site.
34

35 Climatological data have been collected at the Hanford Meteorological
36 Station, located between the 200 Areas, since 1945 (Cushing 1988).
37 Temperature and precipitation data also are available from nearby locations
38 for the period 1912 through 1943. A summary of these data through 1980 has
39 been published by Stone et al. (1983). Data from the Hanford Meteorological
40 Station are representative of the general climatic conditions for the region
41 and describe the specific climate of the 200 Areas Plateau.
42

43 **5.3.2.1 Wind.** Prevailing wind directions on the 200 Areas Plateau are from
44 the northwest in all months of the year (Chapter 2.0, Figure 2-3). Secondary
45 maxima occur for southwesterly winds.
46

47 Monthly average wind speeds are lowest during the winter months,
48 averaging 6 to 7 miles (10 to 11 kilometers) per hour, and highest during the
49 summer, averaging 9 to 10 miles (15 to 16 kilometers) per hour. Wind speeds
50 that are well above average usually are associated with southwesterly winds.
51 However, the summertime drainage winds generally are northwesterly and
52 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.
9

10 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 2.5×10^4 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.

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.

1 1984). This heterogeneity produces variability of groundwater flow through
2 the aquifer (Graham et al. 1984).

5 5.3.7 Groundwater Travel Times

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

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

- 18 • Distance
- 19 • Permeability
- 20 • Porosity
- 21 • Hydraulic gradient
- 22 • Dispersivity
- 23 • Retardation
- 24 • Heterogeneity (geologic structure).

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

34 **5.3.7.1 Vadose Zone.** The travel time through the vadose zone depends on the
35 moisture content, which in turn depends on the recharge rate. In the cases of
36 artificial recharge where near saturated conditions have been maintained down
37 to the water table [e.g., B Pond (refer to Figure 5-9)], the flow velocity is
38 nearly equal to the hydraulic conductivity of the soil column. This implies a
39 travel time on the order of days. For other cases where the natural recharge
40 is the driving force, the travel time becomes highly uncertain. Several
41 calculations have been done (DOE 1987) for natural recharge in the 200 East
42 area ranging from 0.2 inch (0.5 centimeter) per year to 2 inches
43 (5.0 centimeters) per year. These values were chosen to reflect current and
44 possibly future wetter conditions. The computational results indicated travel
45 times on the order of 900 years to 100 years respectively for conservative
46 contaminants.

48 **5.3.7.2 Saturated Zone.** More than 20 estimates of groundwater travel times
49 from the 200 East and 200 West Areas to the Columbia River have been made by
50 investigators using a number of different methodologies and assumptions.
51 Freshley and Graham (1988) provided a review of the various travel time
52 estimates that have been made over the past 40 years. These estimates can be

1 classified as being based on one of the following methods: (1) extrapolation
2 of local groundwater velocity measurements, (2) mathematical methods, and
3 (3) monitoring the movement of contaminant plumes.
4

5 The rate and direction of groundwater flow in the vicinity of the
6 100 Areas are greatly influenced by the level of the Columbia River
7 (Section 5.3.5.1). This can severely alter the groundwater gradient and even
8 cause flow to be reversed up to 1,000 feet (305 meters) inland during periods
9 of high water. A similar effect occurs at the 300 Area (DOE-RL 1991a,
10 p. 16-10).
11
12

13 5.4 CONTAMINANT PLUME DESCRIPTION [E-4] 14

15 Ecology regulations [WAC 173-303-806(4)(a)(xx)(D)] require "A description
16 of any plume of contamination that has entered the groundwater from a
17 regulated unit at the time that the application was submitted..." This
18 section contains a description of contaminant plumes identified in the
19 aquifers beneath the Hanford Site.
20

21 The status of groundwater contamination is monitored monthly. The
22 results of the monitoring program along with isopleth maps are prepared and
23 published annually (e.g., WHC 1993c). Contaminant plumes are primarily
24 delineated using isopleth maps (i.e., maps with lines connecting points of
25 equal concentration or values).
26
27

28 5.4.1 Radionuclide Contamination 29

30 Isopleth maps are prepared routinely to show radioactive tritium and
31 gross beta radiation, and nonradioactive nitrate contamination (plumes) in the
32 unconfined groundwater flow system beneath the Hanford Site. Although these
33 constituents are not considered to be subject to RCRA and Ecology *Dangerous*
34 *Waste Regulations*, a study of these plumes can be used to provide an early
35 indication of the rate and direction of contaminant movement. An example of
36 an isopleth map delineating a contamination plume is shown in Figure 5-9
37 (Evans et al. 1990, p. 2.33). This figure depicts the distribution of tritium
38 concentrations in the unconfined aquifer in 1989. Additional information on
39 tritium contamination is found in *Westinghouse Hanford Company Operational*
40 *Groundwater Status Report* (WHC 1993c).
41
42

43 5.4.2 Nonradioactive Contamination 44

45 The most common nonradioactive inorganic contaminants that have been
46 observed in groundwater are nitrate, cyanide, fluoride, and hexavalent
47 chromium. Among the nonradioactive organic contaminants routinely observed in
48 the groundwater samples are carbon tetrachloride, 1,1,1-trichloromethane,
49 trichloroethylene, perchlorethylene, 1,1-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloroethene,
50 and chloroform (e.g., Evans et al. 1990).
51

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

- 1 • Relative mobility and low retardation with respect to groundwater
2 flow, and the stability and persistence in the environment
3
- 4 • Lack of significant natural presence of the parameters in the
5 groundwater
6
- 7 • Ease of detection and minimal sampling and analytical interferences
8 (detectability)
9
- 10 • Usefulness as indicators of other potential contaminants
11
- 12 • Lack of data interpretation problems caused by common laboratory and
13 field contaminants.
14

15 **5.5.1.1 Dangerous Waste Characterization [E-5a(1)].** A compilation of the
16 dangerous waste that has been disposed of in each TSD unit is a part of
17 unit-specific permit application documentation. This compilation will
18 include, to the degree possible, compositions, quantities, and dates of waste
19 disposal, and will form the basis for the selection of the unit-specific
20 monitoring parameters and constituents.
21

22 **5.5.1.2 Behavior of Constituents [E-5a(2)].** The mobility, stability, and
23 persistence of waste constituents and their reaction products that have been
24 disposed of at a TSD unit are of prime importance in determining the proper
25 unit-specific monitoring parameters and constituents. Those constituents that
26 generally are mobile and persistent through the soil zone and into the
27 saturated zone are useful indicators of chemical migration from a waste
28 disposal site.
29

30 Parameters such as distribution or sorption coefficients for inorganic
31 (e.g., Freeze and Cherry 1979, pp. 402-408) and organic constituents (Lyman
32 et al. 1982) and chemical solubilities are used in these evaluations. Other
33 important properties that are considered for organic constituents are vapor
34 pressure and the Henry's Law constant (used to evaluate to what degree
35 compounds will be partitioned into the aqueous phase and to what degree this
36 phase is likely to migrate as a vapor).
37

38 **5.5.1.3 Detectability [E-5a(3)].** The detectabilities of the groundwater
39 sampling parameters for each TSD unit are to be given in terms of practical
40 quantification limits for each of the constituents listed. The practical
41 quantification limits represent the lowest concentrations of analytes in
42 groundwater that can be reliably determined within specified limits of
43 precision and accuracy by the standard analytical methods under routine
44 laboratory operating conditions. Data quality objectives regarding detection
45 levels are addressed in a quality assurance project plan (WHC 1990d, as
46 amended).
47

48 **5.5.2 Groundwater Monitoring Program [E-5b]**

49 This section describes a comprehensive program of monitoring wells for
50 each TSD unit to be used during the final status detection monitoring program.
51
52

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.

52

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 **5.5.3 Background Values [E-5c]**

15
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 Pricleaned 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)
51 • Unfiltered samples (major-ions, cyanide, semivolatiles, metals)
52 • Filtered samples (metals).

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.
51

1 **5.5.4.5.1 Sample Frequency [E-5d(5)(a)].** In compliance with
2 regulations, all wells (compliance and background) will be sampled at least
3 semiannually during detection monitoring [WAC 173-303-645(9)(d) and
4 40 CFR 264.98(d)] and during the active and postclosure period of each
5 TSD unit. During each sampling event, a sequence of four samples will be
6 taken from each well [WAC 173-303-645(8)(g)(i) and 40 CFR 264.97(g)(1)].
7 These four samples will be taken at an interval that ensures, to the greatest
8 extent technically feasible, that an independent sample is obtained. This
9 requirement could be accomplished by reference to the uppermost aquifer's
10 effective porosity, hydraulic conductivity, and hydraulic gradient, and the
11 fate and transport characteristics of the potential contaminants. In
12 hydrogeologic environments where the groundwater velocity prohibits one from
13 obtaining four independent samples on a semiannual basis, an alternate
14 sampling procedure approved by Ecology may be used [WAC 173-303-656(8)(g)(ii)
15 and 40 CFR 264.97(g)(2)]. Specific sampling intervals will be presented in
16 unit-specific permit application documentation.
17

18 **5.5.4.5.2 Compliance Point Groundwater Quality Values [E-5d(5)(b)].** The
19 groundwater quality data obtained from the compliance point monitoring wells
20 will be documented in a form that expresses each groundwater sampling
21 parameter, the analytical value of the concentration in groundwater from the
22 most recent sampling event, the analytical detection limit, and the background
23 concentration limit for each parameter. Summary statistics to be presented
24 include the mean and variance of the sampling sequence (based on a minimum of
25 four independent samples), the number of less-than-detection-limit values, the
26 median, coefficient of variation, and minimum and maximum values.
27

28 **5.5.4.6 Annual Determination [E-5d(6)].** Groundwater flow rates and flow
29 direction within the uppermost aquifer will be determined annually for those
30 TSD units being monitored. Average horizontal flow rates and directions will
31 be determined from groundwater elevation contour maps constructed after each
32 sampling event. The velocity of flow will be determined using the Darcian
33 flow theory:
34

$$35 \quad v_h = K_h i_h / n_e$$

36
37 where

38
39 V_h = the horizontal groundwater velocity
40 K_h = the horizontal hydraulic conductivity
41 i_h = the horizontal hydraulic gradient
42 n_e = the effective porosity.
43

44 The value of K_h will be determined from hydraulic property investigations
45 performed on monitoring wells. The average value of i_h at the location of
46 each monitoring well will be calculated from the water table contour maps.
47 Effective porosities range between 10 percent and 30 percent (Graham 1981,
48 p. 3-12). These data will enable the groundwater flow velocity to be
49 determined in the vicinity of each monitoring well.
50

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

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

6
7 **5.5.4.7 Statistical Determination for Detection Monitoring Program [E-5d(7)].**

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

22
23 **5.5.4.8 Reporting.** The results of the statistical evaluation will be
24 reported to Ecology in the RCRA annual groundwater monitoring reports. The
25 statistical results might include a list of groundwater parameters analyzed,
26 detection limits and background values for each parameter, and the quantified
27 laboratory results. For a particular TSD unit, if a statistically significant
28 increase in one or more of the groundwater parameters is determined, the
29 following steps will be taken.

- 30
- 31 • Ecology will be notified in writing within 7 days of the finding with
32 a report indicating which indicator parameters and or constituents
33 have shown statistically significant increase over the background
34 values. Ecology will be notified in writing in 7 days if the
35 owner/operator intends to demonstrate that increases are caused from
36 sources other than the regulated units, or from sampling errors,
37 analyses, and/or evaluations.
 - 38
 - 39 • All monitoring wells will be sampled immediately and analyzed for all
40 constituents listed in 40 CFR 264, Appendix IX, and for any other
41 specific dangerous constituents as determined by any additional
42 information regarding the waste managed in that TSD unit.
 - 43
 - 44 • Following review and validation of the Appendix IX analytical data,
45 the compliance wells will be resampled within one month and reanalyzed
46 for all of the compounds detected [WAC 173-303-645(9)(g)(iii)].
 - 47
 - 48 • Following review and validation of the reanalyzed data, these
49 confirmed constituents will form the basis for compliance monitoring.
 - 50
 - 51 • Within 90 days, a plan will be submitted to Ecology to establish a
52 compliance monitoring program meeting the requirements of

1 WAC 173-303-645(10) or 40 CFR 264.99, or the data necessary to justify
2 that a compliance monitoring program is not required
3 [WAC 173-303-645(9)(g)(iv)].
4
5

6 5.6 COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROGRAM [E-6] 7

8 A compliance monitoring program will be established for a TSD unit if
9 groundwater sampling during detection level monitoring reveals statistically
10 significant increases (or pH decrease) over area background concentrations for
11 groundwater. In a compliance monitoring program, the monitoring objective is
12 to determine whether groundwater protection standards have been exceeded.
13 This is accomplished by comparing the concentration of a constituent of
14 concern to groundwater protection standards such as maximum concentration
15 limit and alternate concentration limit; area or natural background; or
16 applicable, relevant, and appropriate requirements.
17

18 19 5.6.1 Waste Description [E-6a] 20

21 A list of all recorded waste handled at Hanford Facility TSD units is
22 included in the *Hanford Facility Part A Dangerous Waste Permit Application*
23 (DOE-RL 1988b). If required, additional information will be provided on
24 (1) the results of any direct sampling of the waste, (2) a list of expected
25 waste constituents, and (3) an estimate of the composition and physical
26 properties of any immiscible fluids that might be expected to have been
27 derived from the waste.
28

29 30 5.6.2 Characterization of Contaminated Groundwater [E-6b] 31

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

41 42 5.6.3 Dangerous Constituents to be Monitored [E-6c] 43

44 If compliance monitoring is required at any TSD unit, data quality
45 objectives and indicator parameters will be established. Additionally, any
46 other Appendix IX constituents detected and confirmed will be added to the
47 constituent list. If other groundwater constituents indicative of migrating
48 waste products are identified, the list of groundwater parameters will be
49 revised to include such constituents.
50

51

1 **5.6.4 Concentration Limits [E-6d]**
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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).
15

16
17 **5.6.5 Groundwater Monitoring System [E-6f]**
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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.
38

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.
5

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

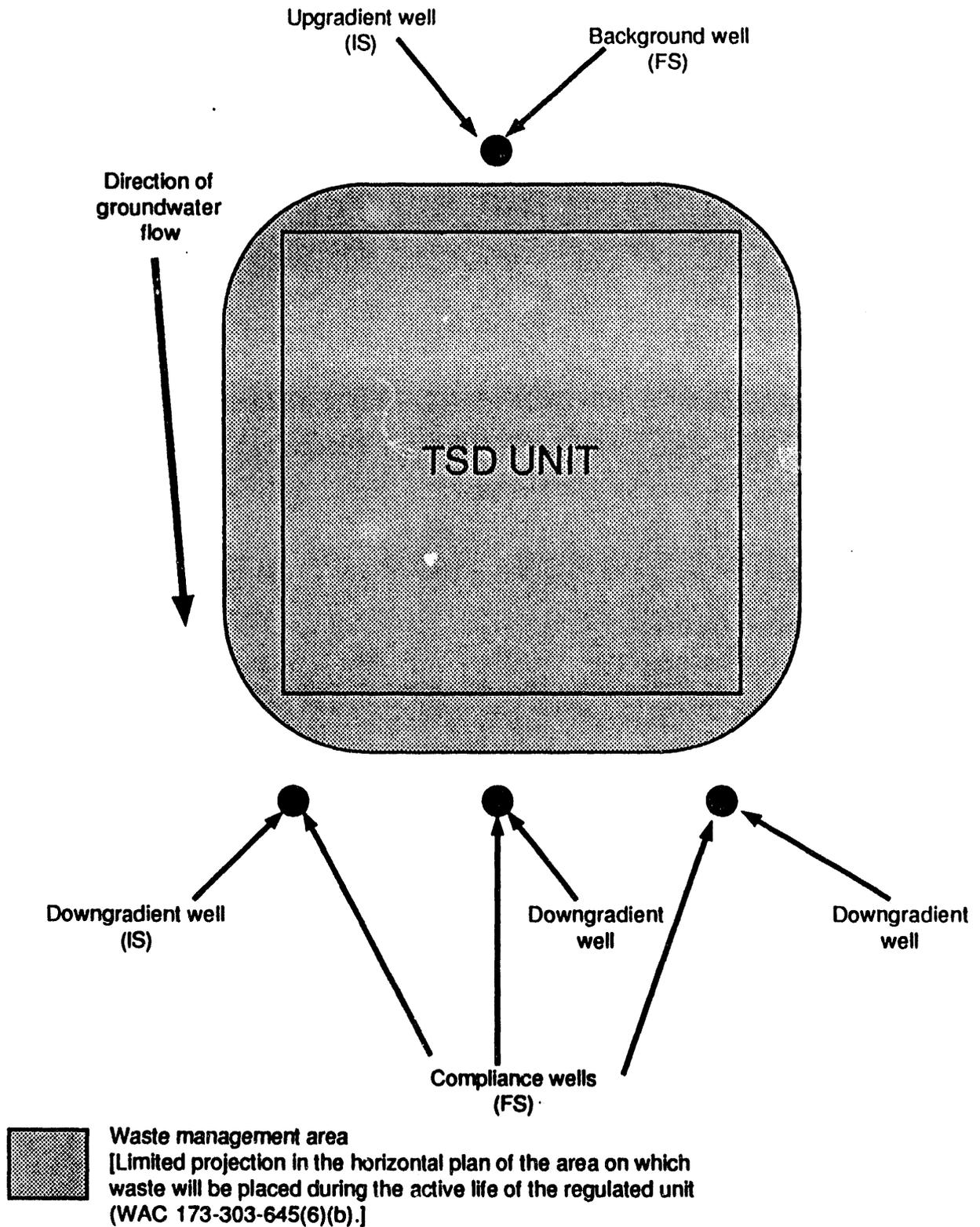
1 the compliance limit is a specified constant limit such as maximum
2 concentration limit or alternate concentration limit, the appropriate
3 statistical procedures will compare the compliance well concentrations
4 estimated from sampling with the prescribed fixed limits. The recommended
5 procedure 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] 15

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.
20

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).



IS = Interim status
FS = Final status

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

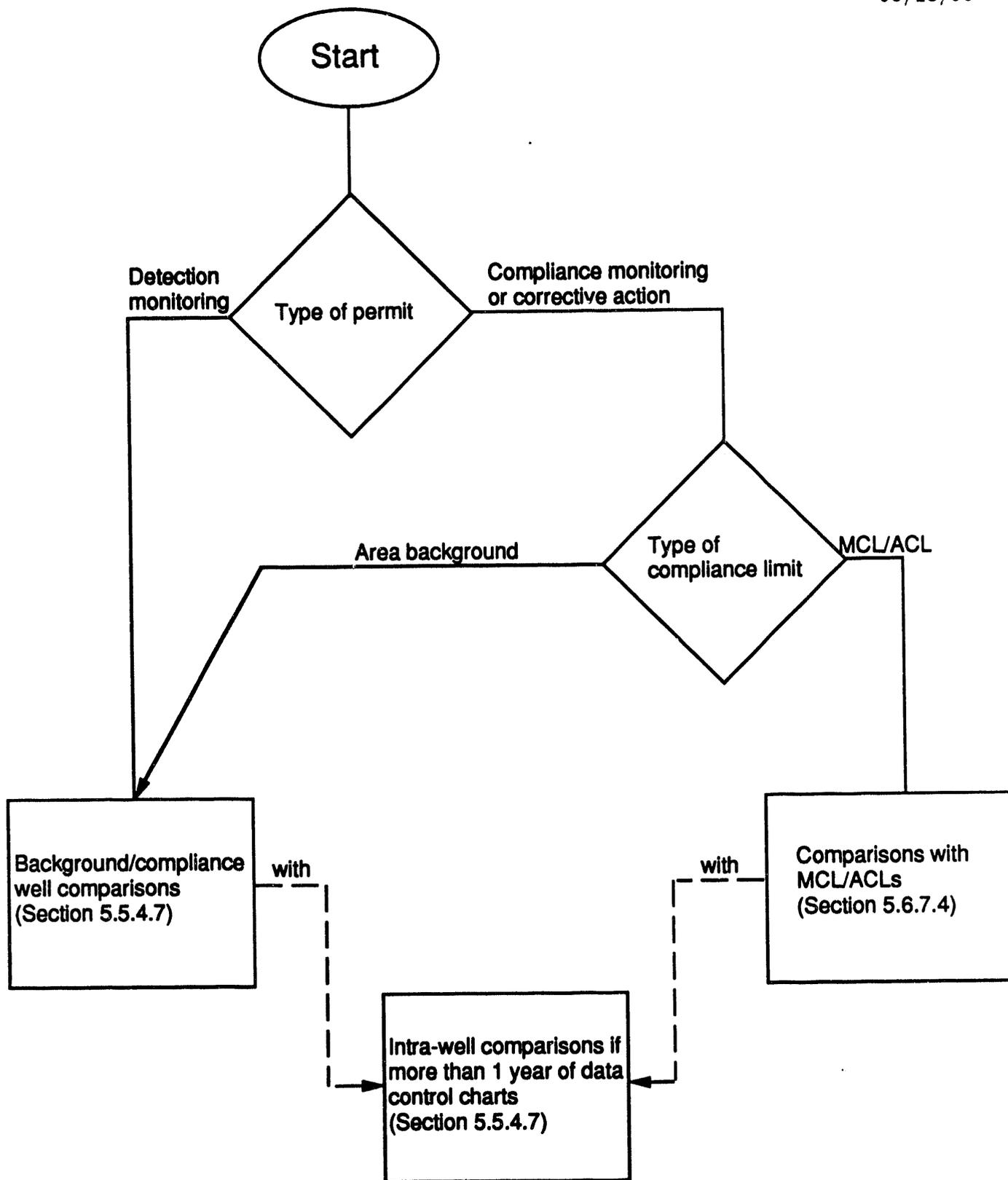
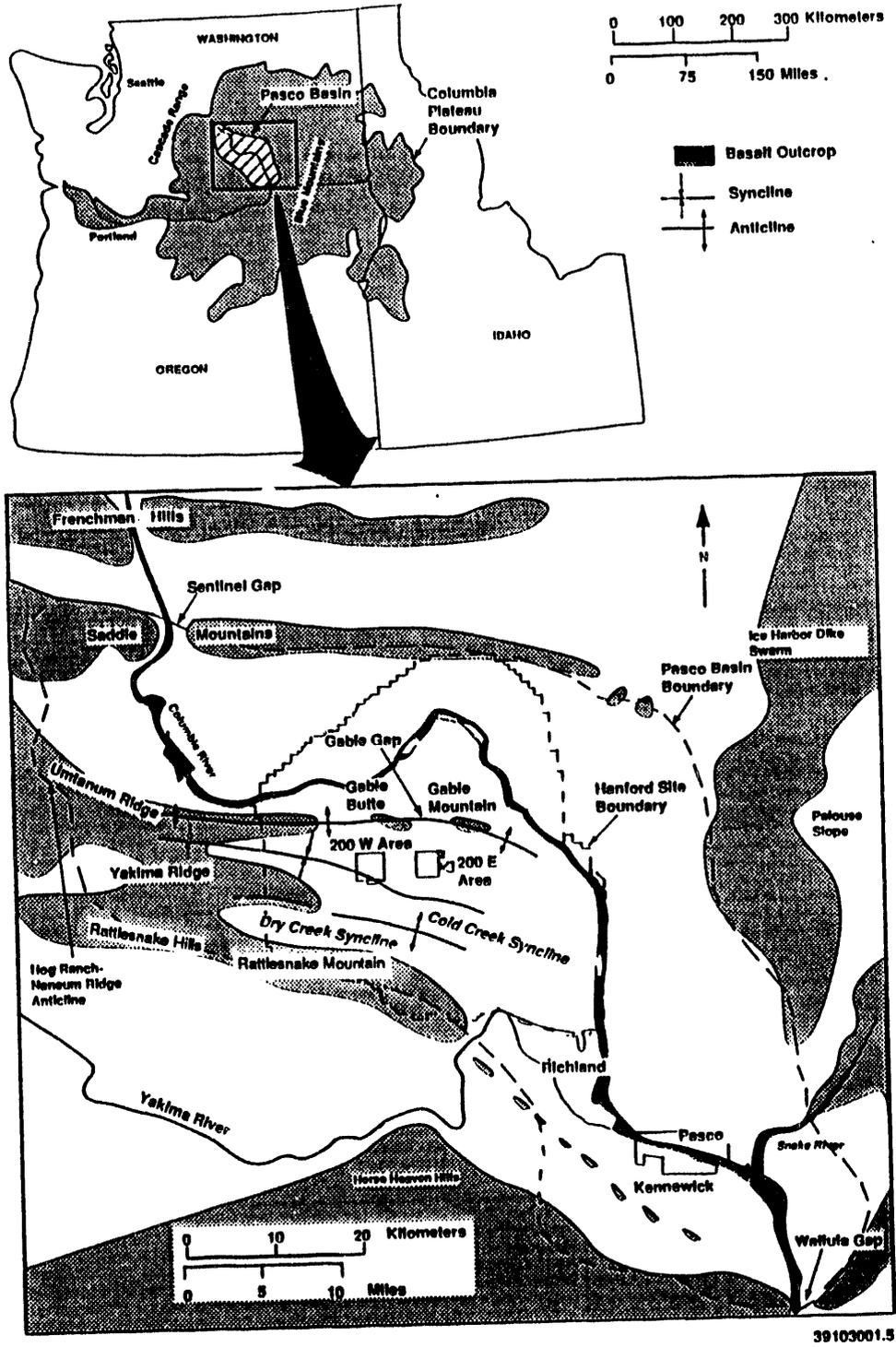
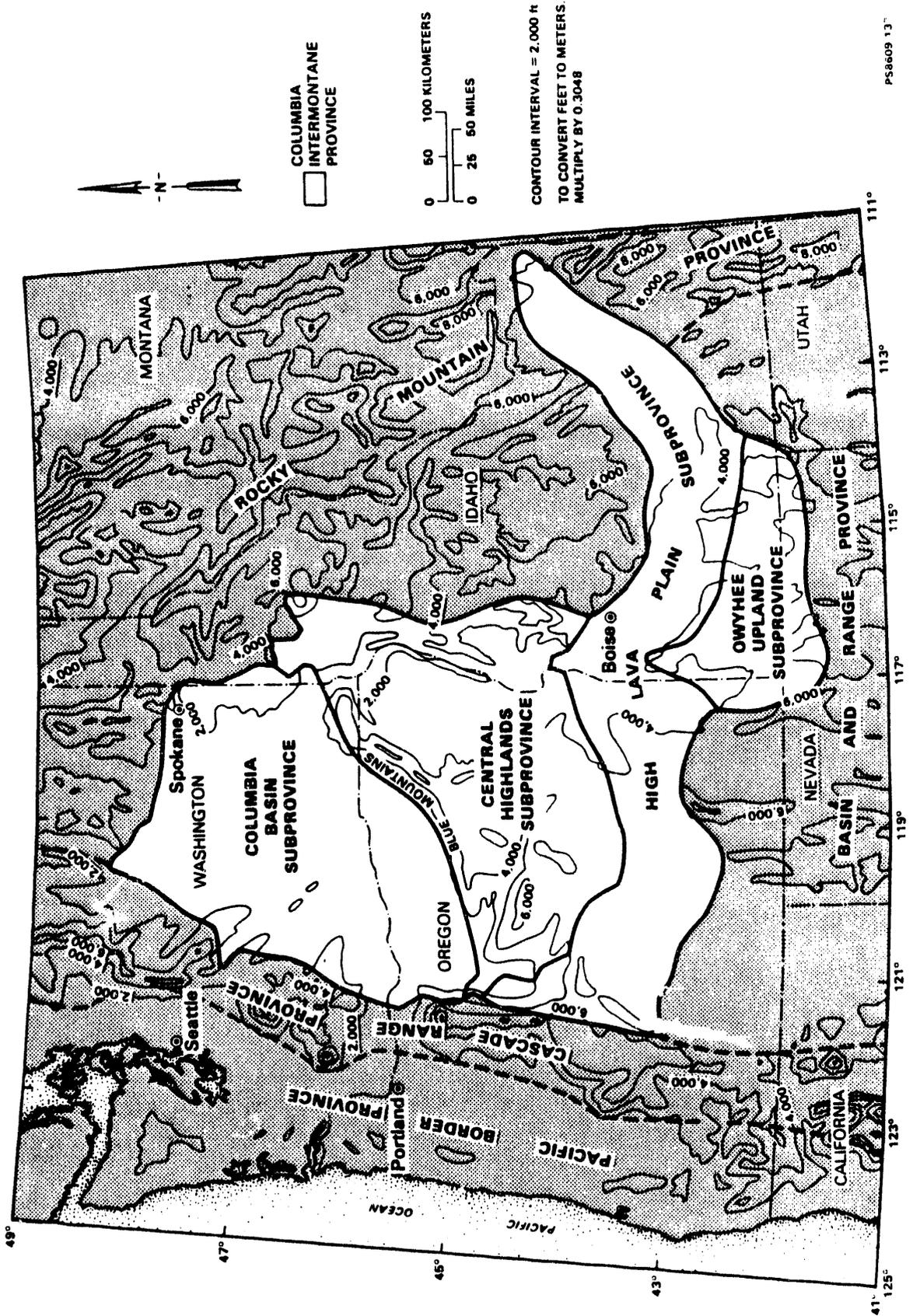


Figure 5-2. Flow Chart for Selection of Appropriate Statistical Method Used for Data Interpretation.



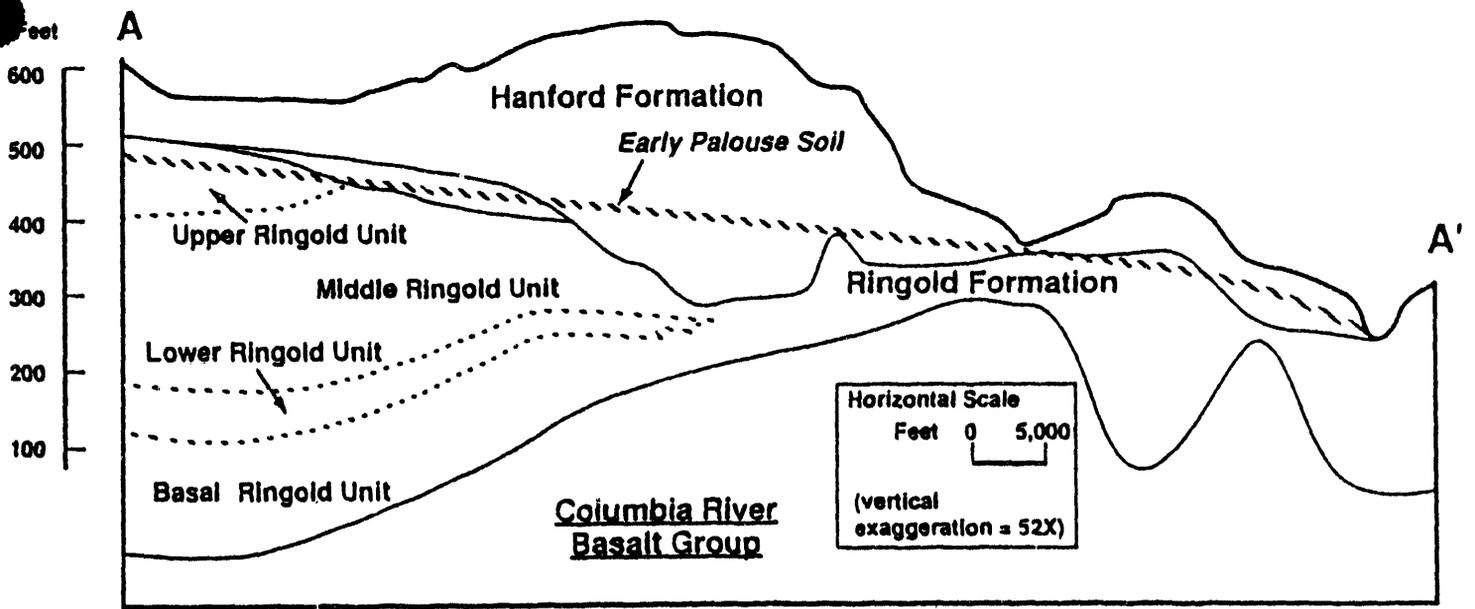
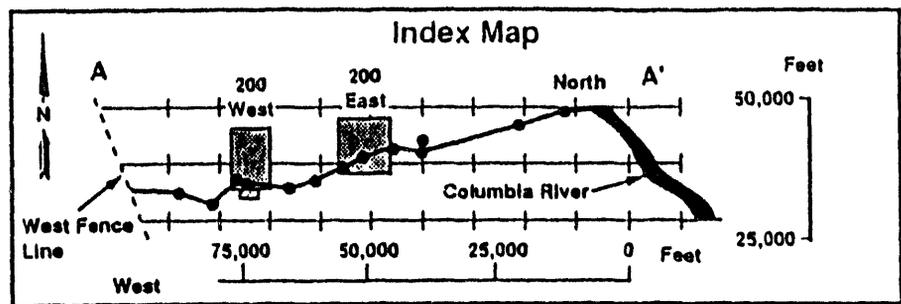
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Figure 5-3. Location of Bounding Structures of the Pasco Basin.



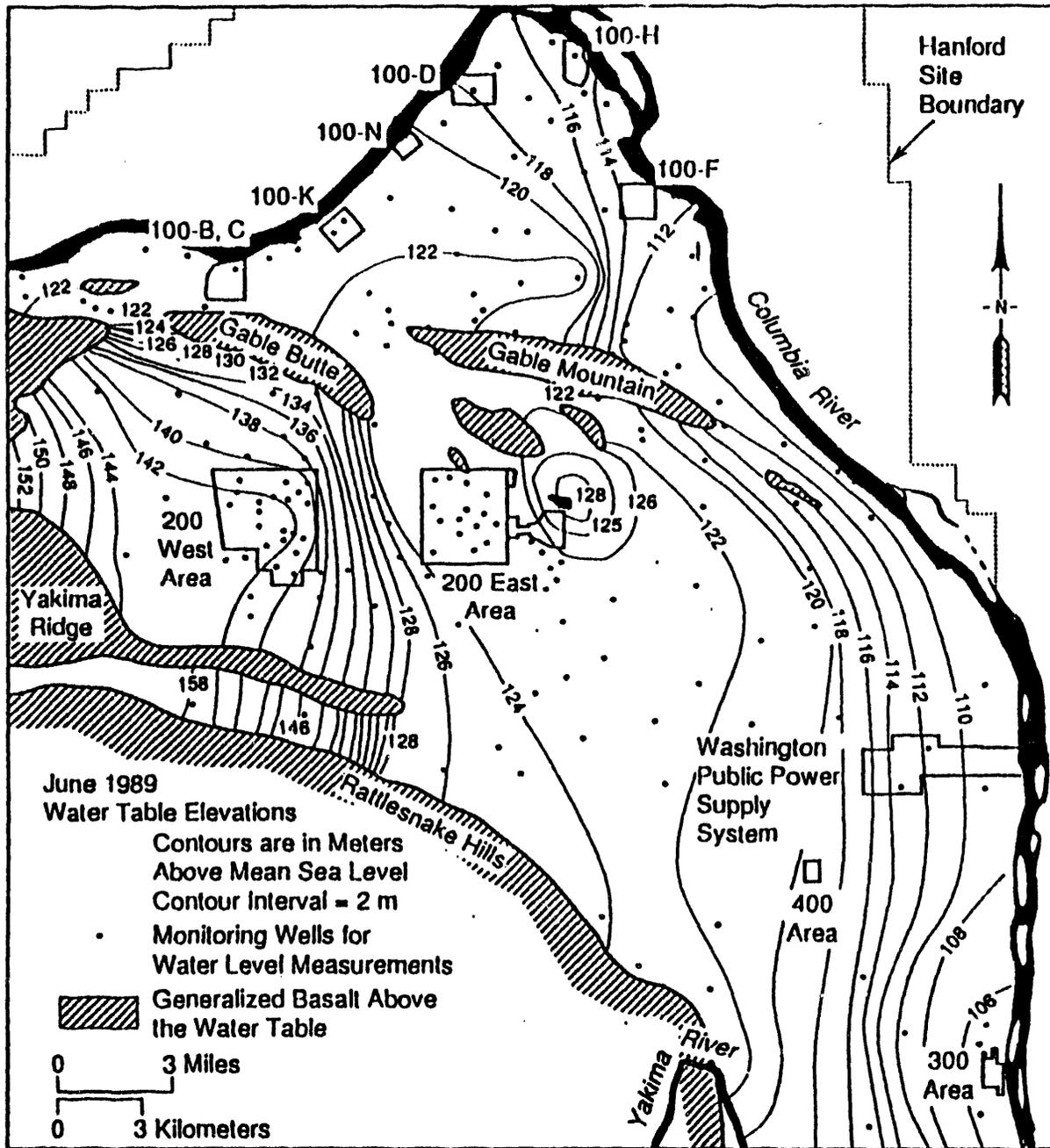
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Figure 5-4. Divisions of the Columbia Intermontane Province and Adjacent Snake River Plains Province.



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

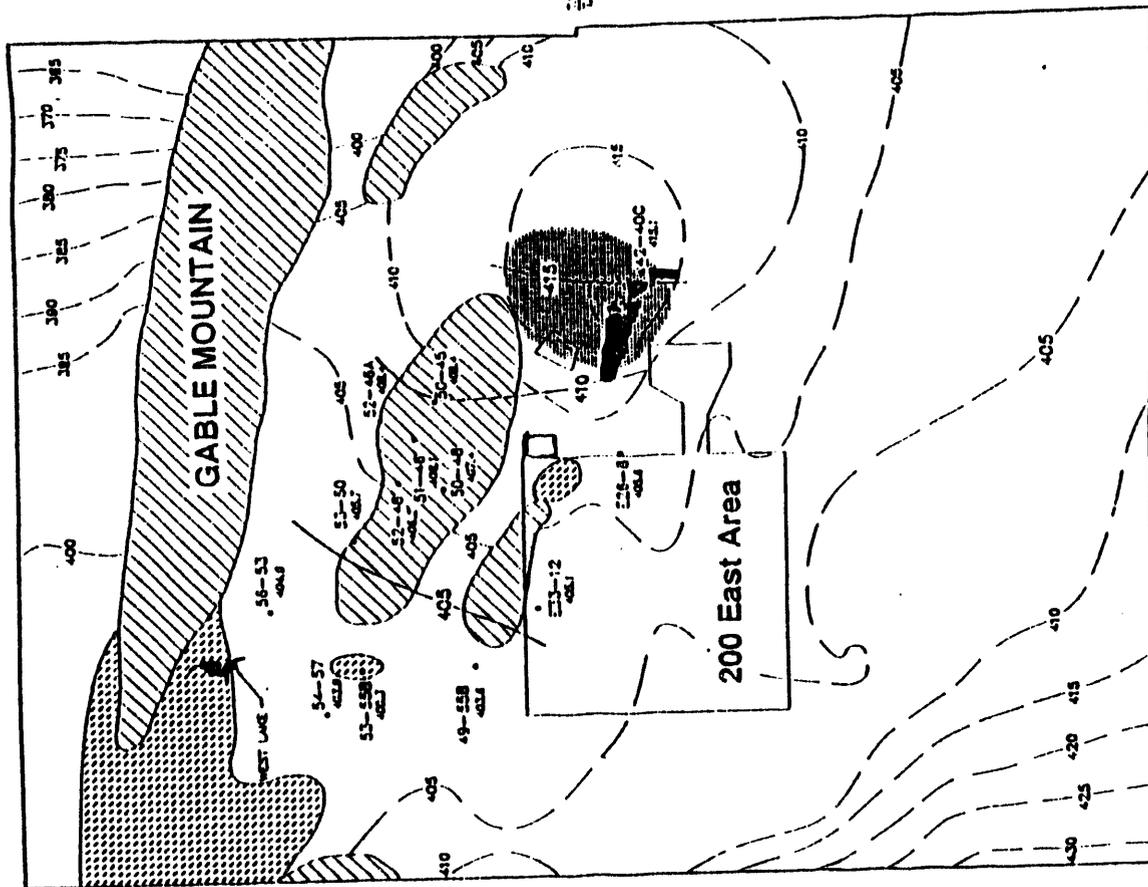


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Figure 5-7. Water Table Map of the Hanford Site (June 1979) (Smith and Gorst 1990).

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. msl)
- 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
- 5C-45 Wells in confined aquifer used in preparation of maps
- 405 Pond
- ▧ Generalized basalt above water table, as inferred from

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.

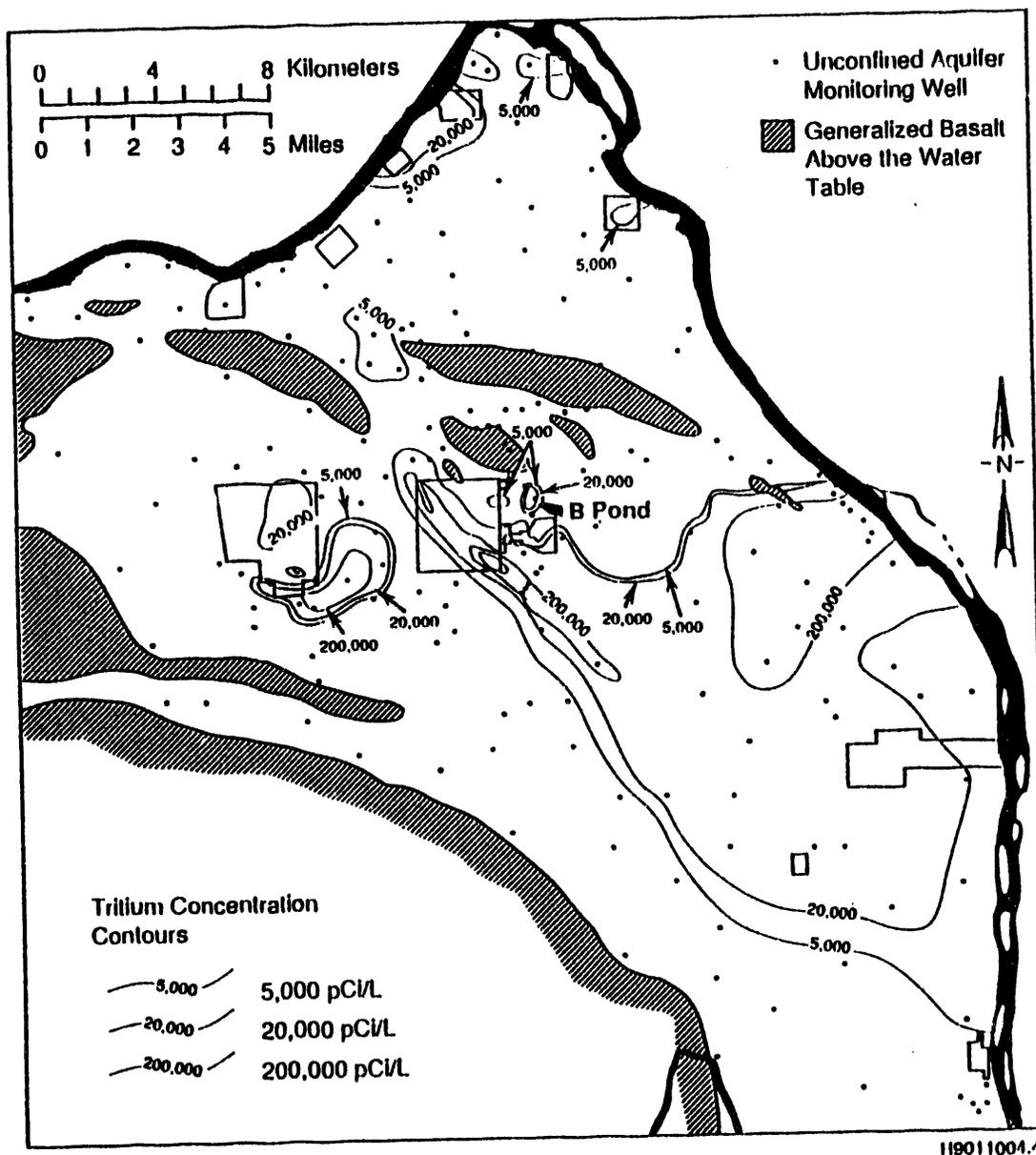


Figure 5-9. Distribution of Tritium on the Hanford Site, 1989 (Evans et al. 1990).

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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]**

19
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
- 49
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

- 1 • Two-way radio system--consists of hand-held or vehicle radios; the
2 system accesses the Hanford Facility emergency network and can summon
3 the Hanford Fire Department, Hanford Patrol, and/or any other
4 assistance needed to deal with emergencies.
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7 **6.4 PREVENTIVE PROCEDURES, STRUCTURES, AND EQUIPMENT [F-4]**
8

9 The preventive procedures, structures, and equipment used on the Hanford
10 Facility are described in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit
11 application. Preventive procedures are in place to ensure that unloading
12 activities are conducted in a safe manner and that run-off of liquid, if
13 spilled during waste unloading operations, are contained and disposed of
14 properly. In those areas of TSD units where significant risk of exposure
15 exists, personnel are required to wear protective suits and/or respiratory
16 devices, depending on the specific hazard that could exist. Procedures are in
17 place at specific TSD units to provide backup power to equipment critical to
18 unit operation.
19

20 A plan also is in place to address response measures to control and
21 mitigate effects to human health and the environment for any spill or release
22 between TSD unit boundaries (e.g., onsite transportation) (Chapter 7.0).
23
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25 **6.5 PREVENTION OF REACTION OF IGNITABLE, REACTIVE, AND**
26 **INCOMPATIBLE WASTES [F-5]**
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28 The Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application describes procedures
29 and precautions to prevent the reaction of ignitable, reactive, and
30 incompatible waste at TSD units for which final status is sought.

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7.0 CONTINGENCY PLAN [G]

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The WAC 173-303 requirements for a contingency plan are satisfied by the *Hanford Facility Contingency Plan* (Appendix 7A), together with each TSD unit-specific contingency plan contained in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. Appendix 7A includes response to a nonradiological hazardous materials spill or release at Hanford Facility locations not covered by TSD unit-specific contingency plans or building emergency plans. The *Hanford Facility Contingency Plan* also includes response to a spill or release as a result of transportation activities, movement of materials, packaging, 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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4 **9.0 EXPOSURE INFORMATION REPORT**

5 Requirements for submittal of exposure information are contained in
6 40 CFR 270.11. Such information must be included in a Part B permit
7 application submitted by an owner or operator for a facility that stores,
8 treats, or disposes of hazardous waste in a surface impoundment or a landfill.
9 The information provided is to be "reasonably ascertainable" and must address,
10 at a minimum, the following:

- 11 • Reasonably foreseeable potential releases from both normal operations
12 and accidents at the unit, including releases associated with
13 transportation to or from the unit;
14
15 • The potential pathways of human exposure to hazardous wastes or
16 constituents resulting from these releases; and
17
18 • The potential magnitude and nature of the human exposure resulting
19 from such releases.
20

21 Further guidance on the submittal of exposure information is provided in
22 the *Permit Applicants' Guidance Manual for Exposure Information Requirements*
23 *under RCRA Section 3019* (EPA Guidance Manual) (EPA 1986a). The EPA Guidance
24 Manual states that the purpose of the exposure information report is to
25 identify and characterize the magnitude of human exposure resulting from
26 contaminant releases or potential releases from the units under evaluation,
27 and to determine if there is a "significant potential risk" to public health.
28 The EPA Guidance Manual cites three criteria that must be considered in
29 evaluating the potential for human exposure.
30

- 31 • A release of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents must have
32 occurred.
33
34 • The release must have moved offsite via an environmental pathway
35 (groundwater, surface water, or air).
36
37 • A nearby population must be affected by such a release.
38

39 These criteria form the basis for the exposure information reports
40 included in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application. Hanford
41 Facility units currently requiring such a report include the Grout Treatment
42 Facility, the Low-Level Burial Grounds, and the Liquid Effluent Retention
43 Facility. The Double-Shell Tank System might be added to this list at a later
44 time, if it is determined that portions of the Double-Shell Tank System will
45 undergo landfill closure. The Purgewater Storage Unit might also be added, if
46 the Part A permit application, Form 3, for this unit is not withdrawn. All
47 these units are located within or near the 200 Areas of the Hanford Site.
48

49 The EPA Guidance Manual states that the "EPA does not expect applicants
50 to develop major, expensive new pieces of information..." to prepare the
51 exposure information report. Therefore, the exposure information reports
52 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

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4 Requirements relevant to waste minimization are contained in
5 40 CFR 264.73(a) and 264.73(b)(9). The requirements of 40 CFR.264.73(a)
6 state that the "owner or operator must keep a written operating record at
7 his facility." The requirements of 264.73(b)(9) mandate:

8
9 "a certification by the permittee no less often than annually,
10 that the permittee has a program in place to reduce the volume and
11 toxicity of hazardous waste that he generates to the degree
12 determined by the permittee to be economically practicable; and
13 the proposed method of treatment, storage or disposal is that
14 practicable method currently available to the permittee which
15 minimizes the present and future threat to human health and the
16 environment."

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

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11.0 CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE REQUIREMENT [I]

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4 This chapter describes the general activities and objectives common to
5 closures of Hanford Facility TSD units for which final status is sought. If
6 closure of TSD units will leave waste in place, then postclosure documentation
7 also will be included in the Unit-Specific Portion of this permit application.
8 This chapter addresses closure options, closure performance standards, closure
9 activities, closure and postclosure plans, postclosure permit application
10 documentation, and closure of the Hanford Facility. As noted in Chapter 1.0,
11 interim status closure and postclosure plans are not part of this permit
12 application.
13

14 When a TSD unit is no longer used to treat, store, and/or dispose of
15 dangerous or mixed waste, the TSD unit is closed. Closure is required to be
16 accomplished in a manner that is protective of human health and the
17 environment. Closure of the TSD units within the Hanford Facility is
18 conducted in accordance with the current regulations contained in 40 CFR 264
19 through 268 and 40 CFR 270, WAC 173-303, and the requirements of the Tri-Party
20 Agreement. The term 'RCRA closure', as used in this chapter, refers to
21 considerations of both federal and state regulations, as applicable.
22

23 In addition, RCRA closures of TSD units within the Hanford Facility must
24 be integrated with remediation of any surrounding past-practice units. This
25 integration is addressed in the Tri-Party Agreement in Article III,
26 Article IV, Article XXIV, Article XXXII, and in Section 5.5 of the Tri-Party
27 Agreement Action Plan.
28

29 On the Hanford Site, there are over 1,000 past-practice units. These
30 past-practice units are organized into areas called operable units that
31 contain all of the individual TSD units (Appendix 2A). The past-practice
32 units will be remediated either under the CERCLA regulations or the RCRA
33 corrective action regulations. These regulations, although based on
34 protection of human health and the environment, might not require the same
35 performance standard as for a RCRA TSD closure. Integration of the
36 remediation of past-practice operable units with TSD closures will require
37 RCRA TSD units located within past-practice operable units to have the same
38 cleanup standards. This integration will eliminate the possibility of having
39 different cleanup standards for coincident or adjacent parcels of land.
40 Ongoing discussions are taking place with the EPA and Ecology to address RCRA
41 and CERCLA integration needs. The contents of this chapter will be updated,
42 through the permit modification process if necessary, to incorporate the
43 results of these discussions.
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46 11.1 CLOSURE OPTIONS

47
48 Currently, there are three RCRA closure options: clean closure, health-
49 based closure, and landfill closure. All of the TSD units are within the
50 Hanford Site past-practice (RCRA and CERCLA) operable units. Because of this,
51 activities and cleanup standards for remediation of the past-practice operable

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

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

7
8 The following sections address the three closure options: clean closure,
9 health-based closure, and landfill closure.

10 11 12 11.1.1 Clean Closure

13
14 Clean closure requires that all dangerous waste constituents and
15 contamination be removed and disposed of in accordance with applicable
16 regulations. Clean closure is accomplished by verifying that the potentially
17 dangerous constituents treated, stored, and/or disposed of at the TSD unit
18 being closed are not present above action levels for those potential
19 contaminants. Action levels are concentrations of analytes of interest that
20 prompt an action, such as soil removal/treatment or further evaluation.
21 Initial action levels will be the greater of two levels: background or limit
22 of quantitation. Background will be Sitewide background threshold values as
23 defined in *Hanford Site Soil Background* (DOE-RL 1992c). The limit of
24 quantitation is the level above which quantitative analysis can be obtained
25 with a specific degree of confidence (generally the mean background signal
26 plus 10 standard deviations). If concentrations exceed initial action levels,
27 health-based action levels will be assessed.

28
29 In some instances, samples obtained at a TSD unit for closure will be
30 compared to local background instead of the Hanford Site background. Local
31 background refers to the concentrations of constituents from analyses of
32 samples obtained in the local vicinity of a unit. If the concentrations of
33 potentially dangerous constituents are not above the local background
34 threshold, the TSD unit would be considered clean closed. Any necessary
35 remediation beyond the TSD unit closure would be accomplished during cleanup
36 of the past-practice operable unit in which the TSD unit is located.

37 38 39 11.1.2 Health-Based Closure

40
41 Health-based closure is closure of a TSD unit accomplished by treating or
42 removing contamination to concentrations based on protection of human health
43 and the environment. The situation for such closures occurs at the Hanford
44 Site because of the past-practice operable units (CERCLA and RCRA) that
45 surround the operating TSD units. The remediation of past-practice operable
46 units is based on human health and environmental protection standards. The
47 health-based levels will be based on equations and exposure assumptions
48 presented in the *Hanford Site Baseline Risk Assessment Methodology*
49 (DOE-RL 1992a). For noncarcinogens, the principal variable relating human
50 health to action levels is the oral reference dose, and the oral reference
51 dose is defined as the level of daily human exposure at or below which no
52 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."

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2 **11.2.1 Minimizing the Need for Future Maintenance**
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4 Minimizing the need for future maintenance will be accomplished by clean
5 closing (at or below health-based standards) the specific TSD units whenever
6 possible. Clean closure will eliminate the need for future maintenance. In
7 cases where clean closure cannot be achieved, future maintenance needs will be
8 addressed in unit-specific postclosure permit application documentation.
9

10
11 **11.2.2 Protection of Human Health and the Environment**
12

13 Protection of human health and the environment will be accomplished by
14 removing or treating all contamination at a TSD unit to concentration levels
15 that are not a threat to human health and the environment. If contamination
16 cannot be removed or treated to levels that are protective of human health and
17 the environment and must be left in place, a RCRA-compliant landfill cover
18 will be installed. Regulations require monitoring and maintenance for at
19 least 30 years unless a shorter time is approved by Ecology (the shorter time
20 must be shown to be sufficient to protect human health and the environment).
21

22 Health based risk standards will be established using guidance such as
23 WAC 173-340, the EPA *Integrated Risk Information System* database (EPA 1989a),
24 the EPA *Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Human Health Evaluation Manual*
25 (EPA 1989c), the *Hanford Site Baseline Risk Assessment Methodology*
26 (DOE-RL 1992a), and other appropriate information.
27

28
29 **11.2.3 Return Land to the Appearance and Use of Surrounding Land**
30

31 Closure plans will include, to the extent practicable, consideration of
32 returning the TSD units to an appearance compatible with surrounding
33 structures and/or the semi-desert terrain of the area.
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36 **11.3 CLOSURE ACTIVITIES**
37

38 The activities undertaken to perform closure for an individual TSD unit
39 for which final status is sought are identified in the unit-specific closure
40 and postclosure plans. General closure activities address the following three
41 aspects during the cleanup of the Hanford Site.
42

- 43 • Waste investigation
- 44 • Remediation process
- 45 • Sampling methods.

46
47 In addition to these aspects, the sampling methods and sample data reduction
48 and inventory database control aspects are discussed in the following
49 sections.
50
51

1 **11.3.1 Waste Investigation**
2

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.
11

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.
41

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.
4

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 For landfill closure (closure with waste in place) of a TSD unit for
26 which final status is sought, a postclosure plan will be submitted with the
27 closure plan.
28
29

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.

16 17 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.

30 31 32 **11.5.1 Provisions to Amend Postclosure Permit Application Documentation**

33
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).

38 39 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.

1 11.6 NOTICE IN DEED
2

3 For those TSD units that cannot be clean closed, the following action
4 will be taken in accordance with 40 CFR 264.119 and WAC 173-303-610(1)(b).
5 Within 60 days of the certification of closure, the DOE-RL will sign,
6 notarize, and file for recording the notice indicated below. The notice will
7 be sent to the Auditor of Benton County, P.O. Box 470, Prosser, Washington,
8 with instructions to record this notice in the deed book.
9

10 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
11

12 The United States Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office,
13 an operations office of the United States Department of Energy,
14 which is a department of the United States government, the
15 undersigned, whose local address is the Federal Building, 825 Jadwin
16 Avenue, Richland, Washington, hereby gives the following notice as
17 required by 40 CFR 264.119 and WAC 173-303-610(10) (whichever is
18 applicable):
19

- 20 (a) The United States of America is, and since
21 April 1943, has been in possession in fee simple of
22 the following described lands: (legal description of
23 the TSD unit).
24
- 25 (b) The United States Department of Energy, Richland
26 Operations Office, by operation of the (name of TSD
27 unit), has disposed of hazardous and/or dangerous
28 waste under the terms of regulations promulgated by
29 the United States Environmental Protection Agency and
30 the Washington State Department of Ecology (whichever
31 is applicable) at the above described land.
32
- 33 (c) The future use of the above described land is
34 restricted under terms of 40 CFR 264.117(c) and
35 WAC 173-303-610(7)(d) (whichever is applicable).
36
- 37 (d) Any and all future purchasers of this land should
38 inform themselves of the requirements of the
39 regulations and ascertain the amount and nature of
40 wastes disposed on the above described property.
41
- 42 (e) The United States Department of Energy, Richland
43 Operations Office, has filed a survey plat with the
44 Benton County Planning Department and with the United
45 States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10,
46 and the Washington State Department of Ecology
47 (whichever are applicable) showing the location and
48 dimensions of the (name of the TSD unit) and a record
49 of the type, location, and quantity of waste treated.
50
51

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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11
12 **11.8 POSTCLOSURE COST ESTIMATES**
13

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**
24

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).
31

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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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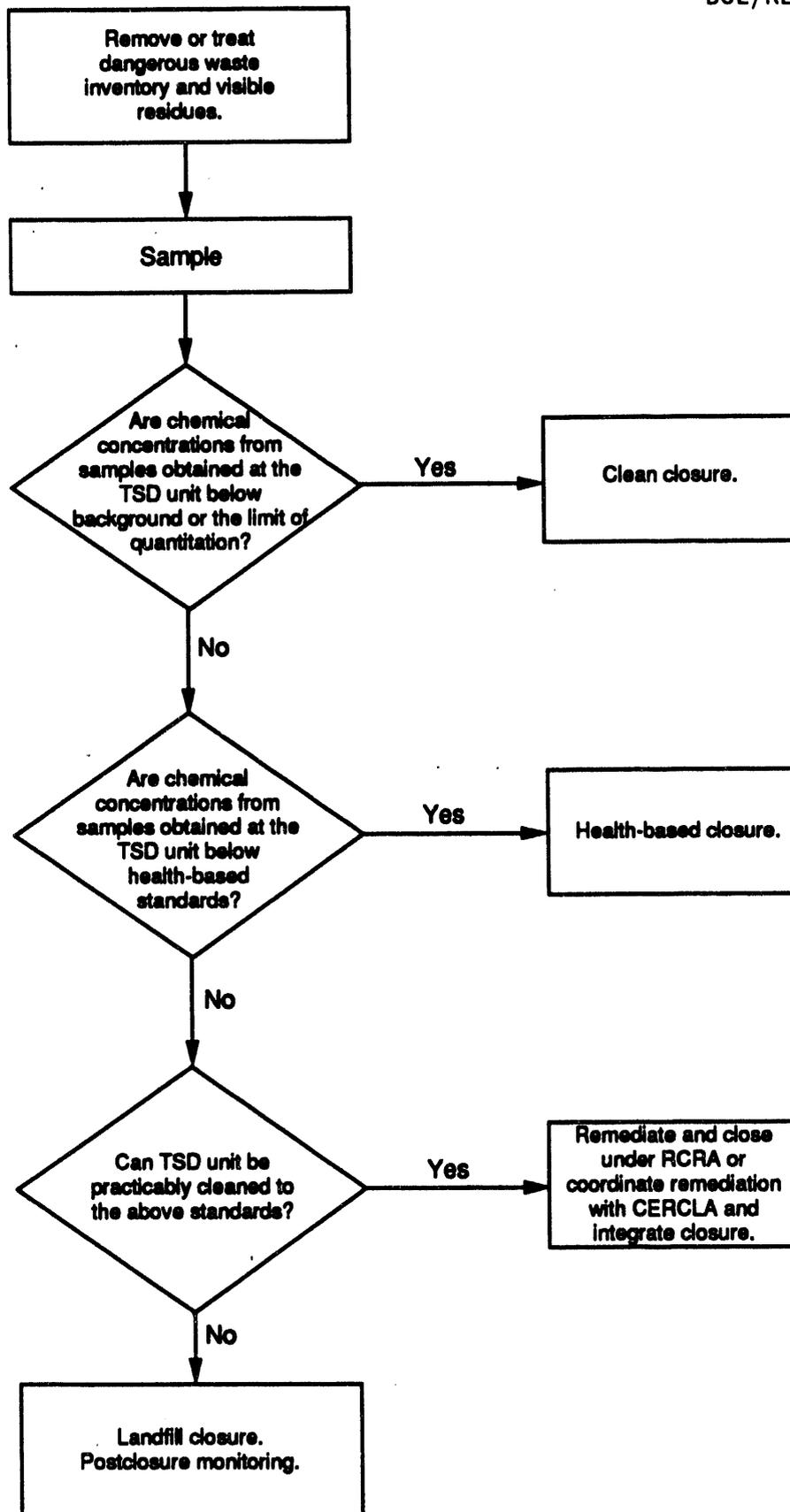


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12.0 REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING

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**
2

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:
7

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

15
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 • The EPA/State identification number
- 35 • Name and address of the Hanford Facility
- 36 • Calendar year covered by the report
- 37 • Sources of the waste stored on the Hanford Facility
- 38 • Description and quantity of the waste stored on the Hanford Facility
- 39 • TSD methods
- 40 • Certification statement signed by an authorized representative.

41
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

- 1 • Date, time, and type of incident
- 2
- 3 • Name and quantity of material(s) involved
- 4
- 5 • Extent of injuries if any
- 6
- 7 • Assessment of actual or potential hazards to human health and the
- 8 environment where this is applicable
- 9
- 10 • Estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material that
- 11 resulted from the incident
- 12
- 13 • Cause of incident
- 14
- 15 • Description of corrective action taken to prevent recurrence of the
- 16 incident.
- 17

18 12.2.1.5.3 Treatment, Storage, and/or Disposal Unit Restart

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

25
26 **12.2.1.6 Closure Reports.** Reports regarding the closure of Hanford Facility
27 TSD unit for which final status is sought will be made in accordance with the
28 requirements of 40 CFR 264.115 and .116 and WAC 173-303-610(6) and (9). These
29 reports are discussed in Section 11.4.1 and include the certification of
30 closure, survey plat, and notice to local land authorities.

31
32 **12.2.1.7 Postclosure Reports.** Postclosure plans and reports required by
33 40 CFR 264.119 and .120 and WAC 173-303-610(9), (10), and (11) for disposal
34 units include the inspection plan, groundwater monitoring plan, maintenance
35 plan, notice in deed, and certification of completion of postclosure care.
36 These plans and reports are discussed in Sections 11.4.2 and 11.6.

37 38 39 12.2.2 Recordkeeping Requirements

40
41 Records retained by the Hanford Facility include:

- 42 • Permit application plans
- 43 • Operating records
- 44 • Miscellaneous support records.
- 45
- 46

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

49
50 For purposes of maintaining records designated for the "Hanford
51 Facility", the 700 Area of the Hanford Site is considered to meet the intent
52 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 • Description and the quantity of each dangerous waste received and the
15 method(s) and date(s) of treatment at the TSD unit in accordance with
16 40 CFR 264 Appendix I and WAC 173-303-380
- 17
- 18 • Location of each dangerous waste stored within a TSD unit and the
19 quantity at each location
- 20
- 21 • Waste analyses results
- 22
- 23 • Inspection records
- 24
- 25 • Waste minimization certification
- 26
- 27 • Land disposal restriction records
- 28
- 29 • Groundwater monitoring records
- 30
- 31 • Contingency plan incident reports.
- 32

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

- 1 • Waste resulting from a spill or leak that cannot be identified
- 2
- 3 • Waste generated at the TSD unit during decontamination or maintenance
- 4 activities if required.
- 5

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

9
10 **12.2.2.2.4 Inspection Records.** Records of unit-specific inspections
11 are maintained for a period of at least 5 years from the inspection date.
12 These records can be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support. The
13 records include the following:

- 14
- 15 • The date and time of inspection
- 16 • The inspector's printed name and handwritten signature
- 17 • Notations of observations
- 18 • The date and nature of any repairs or other remedial actions.
- 19

20 **12.2.2.2.5 Waste Minimization Certification.** Annually a certification
21 by the DOE-RL that the Hanford Facility is in compliance with waste
22 minimization requirements is entered into the operating record as required by
23 40 CFR 264.73(b)(9).

24
25 **12.2.2.2.6 Land Disposal Restrictions Records.** Records related to
26 treatment and disposal of waste subject to land disposal prohibitions are
27 maintained by the Hanford Facility as required by 40 CFR 264.73(b)(10) and
28 (12). Possible records include:

- 29
- 30 • Waste placed in land disposal units under an extension to the .
- 31 effective date of any land disposal restriction granted pursuant to
- 32 40 CFR 268.5
- 33
- 34 • Waste placed in land disposal units under a petition granted pursuant
- 35 to 40 CFR 268.6
- 36
- 37 • The applicable notice and certification required by 40 CFR 268.7(a)
- 38 or 40 CFR 268.7(b)
- 39
- 40 • The demonstration and certification required by 40 CFR 268.8, if
- 41 applicable, for waste subject to land disposal prohibitions or
- 42 restriction.
- 43

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

47
48 **12.2.2.2.7 Groundwater Monitoring Records.** Groundwater monitoring
49 records, where applicable, are addressed in the Unit-Specific Portion of this
50 permit application.

51

1 **12.2.2.2.8 Contingency Plan Incident Records.** Records documenting the
2 details of any incidents requiring the implementation of the contingency plan
3 (Chapter 7.0) are maintained in the facility operating record as required by
4 40 CFR 264.73 and WAC 173-303-380. The contingency plan incident records can
5 be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support. In addition to these
6 records, occurrence reports are generated to document incidents. The
7 occurrence report describes all incidents, including those that are judged too
8 minor to require the implementation of the contingency plan but are identified
9 as offnormal events, unusual occurrences, or emergencies. These records can
10 be located by contacting RCRA Compliance Support.

11
12 **12.2.2.3 Miscellaneous Support Records.** Miscellaneous support records
13 include the following:

- 14 • Training records
- 15 • Closure and postclosure cost estimates
- 16 • Certification records.

17
18
19 In addition, a rationale for the inapplicability of liability coverage
20 documentation is provided.

21
22 **12.2.2.3.1 Training Records.** The name of each employee and the waste
23 management position held are maintained by the TSD unit. Training records
24 document that employees have received the training required for that position.
25 Training records on current employees are kept until closure of the unit.
26 Training records on former employees are kept for 3 years from the date the
27 employee last worked at the TSD unit. Training records are maintained by the
28 contractors' organizations in accordance with the requirements of the *Privacy*
29 *Act*. Presently, the training records of individual employees are available
30 for inspection purposes through the *Freedom of Information Act*. The DOE-RL is
31 seeking authorization through the U.S. Department of Energy-Headquarters to
32 amend the systems notice under the *Privacy Act* to allow regulatory agencies
33 'routine use' access to training records under this act.

34
35 **12.2.2.3.2 Closure and Postclosure Cost Estimates.** In accordance with
36 40 CFR 264.140(c) and WAC 173-303, these estimates are not required for
37 federal facilities. The Hanford Facility is a federally owned facility for
38 which the federal government is an operator and these estimates are not
39 applicable.

40
41 An annual report updating projections of anticipated closure and
42 postclosure costs for final status TSD units (i.e., those units which have
43 been incorporated into the Hanford Facility Permit) will be submitted to
44 Ecology on October 30 of each year, starting with the year after the issuance
45 of the Hanford Facility Permit.

46
47 **12.2.2.3.3 Certification Records.** Reports, data, and information
48 requested or required in direct support of the Hanford Facility Permit will be
49 certified as required in accordance with WAC-173-303-810(12) and (13) or
50 40 CFR Part 2 and 40 CFR 270.11 for *Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendment*
51 provisions. Records of certification will be maintained as part of the
52 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**
9

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
Notification:	
Notification of dangerous waste activities	WAC 173-303-290
Permit Application Plans:	
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
Operating Reports and Records:	
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)
Land Disposal Restriction Records:	
Extension to an effective date	WAC 173-303-140 40 CFR 264.74(b)(10), (11)
Petition for a variance	40 CFR 268.5
Notice and certification of treatment standards	40 CFR 268.6
Demonstration and certification for a temporary extension to the effective date	40 CFR 268.7(a) or 268.7(b)
Waste Manifest Reports and Records:	
Onsite waste tracking records	40 CFR 268.8
Manifests	WAC 173-303-370
Manifest discrepancy	NR*
Unmanifested waste	WAC 173-303-370
Groundwater Monitoring Reports and Records:	
Detection monitoring	WAC 173-303-220, -370
Statistically significant	WAC 173-303-390
Permit modification	WAC 173-303-645, -810
Variance justification or engineering feasibility plan	WAC 173-303-645

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Records and/or Reports	Regulation
1 Alternate demonstration	WAC 173-303-645
2 Compliance monitoring	WAC 173-303-645
3 Corrective action	WAC 173-303-645
4 Contingency Plan Incident Reports and 5 Records:	WAC 173-303-360, -380 40 CFR 264.56, 274.73
6 Incident assessment report	WAC 173-303-360
7 15-day report	WAC 173-303-360
8 TSD unit restart notification	WAC 173-303-360
9 Closure Reports and Records:	WAC 173-303-610 40 CFR 264.115, .116
10 Certification of closure	WAC 173-303-610
11 Survey plat	WAC 173-303-610
12 Notice to local land authorities	WAC 173-303-610
13 Postclosure Reports and Records (where 14 applicable):	WAC 173-303-610 40 CFR 264.119, .120
15 Inspection plan	WAC 173-303-610
16 Groundwater monitoring plan	WAC 173-303-610
17 Maintenance plan	WAC 173-303-610
18 Notice in deed	WAC 173-303-610
19 Certification of completion of 20 postclosure care	WAC 173-303-610
21 Miscellaneous Support Reports and Records:	
22 Annual dangerous waste report	WAC 173-303-060, -070, -390
23 Training documentation	WAC 173-303-330
24 Environmental investigation instructions	NR
25 Listing of engineering change notices	NR
26 Listing of equivalency reports	WAC 173-303-830
27 Certification records	WAC 173-303-810 40 CFR Part 2, 270.11
28 Anticipated closure and postclosure costs	NR
29 Solid waste management units report	NR

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31 NR = no requirement.

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13.0 OTHER RELEVANT LAWS

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4 This chapter provides a summary of the regulatory review performed to
5 determine that TSD units on the Hanford Facility have met, or will meet, their
6 obligations with respect to other federal and state laws. The environmental
7 laws evaluated include the following, all as amended:
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- 9 • *Atomic Energy Act of 1954*
- 10 • *Clean Air Act of 1977*
- 11 • *Clean Water Act of 1977*
- 12 • *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act*
13 *of 1980*
- 14 • *Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986*
- 15 • *Endangered Species Act of 1973*
- 16 • *Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act of 1975*
- 17 • *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934*
- 18 • *Hanford Reach Study Act*
- 19 • *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*
- 20 • *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*
- 21 • *Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974*
- 22 • *Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976*
- 23 • *Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968.*

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38 When other relevant laws apply to TSD units, best efforts will be made to
39 obtain all other necessary permits and/or approvals in a timely fashion. For
40 the purposes of this permit application, 'best efforts' means submittal of
41 documentation and/or approval(s) in accordance with schedules specified in
42 applicable regulations or as determined through negotiations with the
43 applicable regulatory agency. All non-RCRA permits will be enforceable by the
44 regulatory authority through which the permits are issued.
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47 13.1 THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT OF 1954

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49 The *Atomic Energy Act* provides that the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
50 (succeeded by the U.S. Department of Energy for conducting nuclear defense,
51 waste management, environmental restoration and remediation, and research and
52 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.

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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**

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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*
- 37
38 • Benton-Franklin-Walla Walla Counties Air Pollution Control Authority,
39 General Regulation 80-7 (1980).

40 41 42 **13.3 CLEAN WATER ACT OF 1977**

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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:

- 1 • *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System*, 40 CFR 121 to 125
- 2
- 3 • *Washington State Waste Discharge Permitting Program*, WAC 173-216
- 4
- 5 • *Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington*,
- 6 WAC 173-201
- 7
- 8 • *Water Quality Standards for Ground Waters of the State of Washington*,
- 9 WAC 173-200
- 10
- 11 • *On-Site Sewage System*, WAC 246-272.
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14 **13.4 COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND**

15 **LIABILITY ACT OF 1980**

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

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27 **13.5 EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT OF 1986**

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

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35 **13.6 ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973**

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

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49 **13.7 FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT OF 1975**

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

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

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5 **13.8 FISH AND WILDLIFE COORDINATION ACT OF 1934**
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7 The *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act* authorizes the U.S. Secretary of
8 the Interior to assist and cooperate with public and private organizations to
9 protect fish and wildlife. Activities at the Hanford Facility impacted by the
10 *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*, such as the building or demolition of an
11 outfall, will be handled in accordance with the agreement between the
12 U.S. Department of Energy and the Washington State Department of Fisheries.
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15 **13.9 HANFORD REACH STUDY ACT**
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17 The *Hanford Reach Study Act* directs the Secretary of the Interior to
18 prepare a study on the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River to consider the
19 addition of the Hanford Reach to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
20 During the 8-year study period ending in 1996, activities undertaken from
21 river miles 396 to 345 and within a quarter-mile of the Columbia River mean
22 high-level mark must be conducted in consultation and coordination with the
23 National Parks Service, acting for the Secretary of the Interior. Hanford
24 Site activities undertaken within the Hanford Reach are conducted in
25 compliance with the *Hanford Reach Study Act*.
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28 **13.10 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969**
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30 The *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) establishes a broad national
31 policy for protection of environmental quality and provides the means for
32 implementing that policy. All major construction and restoration and
33 remediation projects at the Hanford Site are subject to the NEPA review
34 process. As stated in the Tri-Party Agreement, the NEPA requirements are to
35 ensure that the potential environmental impact of investigation and
36 restoration and remediation activities is assessed. These assessments, when
37 determined to be required, will be made primarily as part of the CERCLA
38 remedial action and RCRA corrective action processes.
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41 **13.11 NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 1966**
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43 The *National Historic Preservation Act* establishes national policy to
44 preserve historic places, which include sites, structures, and objects
45 significant in American history, archeology, or culture. The Hanford Facility
46 has in place requirements for the preservation of historical sites and
47 cultural resources. During any future construction activity for a TSD unit,
48 the site will be monitored for the presence of archaeological resources in
49 accordance with regulations issued pursuant to, or other requirements of, the
50 *American Antiquities Preservation Act of 1906*, the *American Indian Religious*
51 *Freedom Act of 1978*; the *Historic Sites, Buildings and Antiquities Act of*
52 *1935*; and the *Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1979*.

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13.12 SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT OF 1974

The *Safe Drinking Water Act* provides for protection of human health by setting standards for water supplied for public consumption and by protecting public drinking water sources. Drinking water systems at the Hanford Facility are in compliance with these standards.

13.13 TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT OF 1976

The *Toxic Substances Control Act* provides for protection of human health and the environment from exposure to certain hazardous and toxic chemical substances and mixtures. The Hanford Facility has in place a program for the cleanup, treatment, and disposal of materials regulated by the *Toxic Substances Control Act*.

13.14 WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT OF 1968

The Hanford Facility does not affect any rivers presently designated under the *Wild and Scenic Rivers Act*.

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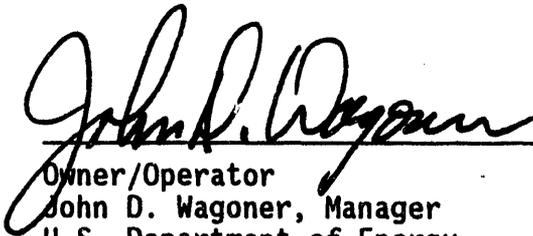
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1A1.0 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS

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

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

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

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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**

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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.

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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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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)

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14 **Carbonate**--A compound containing the radical carbonate.

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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.

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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. .

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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.

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39 **Control chart**--Area graphical presentations of analytical data to determine if
40 results are within desired limits.

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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.

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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.

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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).
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5 **Diffusion**--The actual transport of mass, in the form of discrete atoms,
6 through the lattice of a crystalline solid.
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8 **Discharge**--The rate of flow at any given moment, expressed in volume per unit
9 time (e.g., cubic meters/second).
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11 **Dispersivity**--Ability of a contaminant to disperse within the groundwater by
12 molecular diffusion and chemical mixing.
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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).
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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.
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32 **Driving force**--The hydraulic head that causes water to flow in one direction
33 on another.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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).
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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.
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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.
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17 **Hydraulic head**--The height of the free surface of a body of water above a
18 given subsurface point.
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20 **Hydraulic conductivity**--The ratio of the groundwater flow velocity to the
21 driving force for fluid flow through porous medium under saturated conditions.
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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.

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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.
52

- 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.
20
- 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.
26
- 27 **Turbidity**--The state, condition, or quality of opaqueness or reduced clarity
28 of a fluid, due to the presence of suspended matter.
29
- 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 Purgewater Storage and Treatment Facility	600	TS	200-BP-11

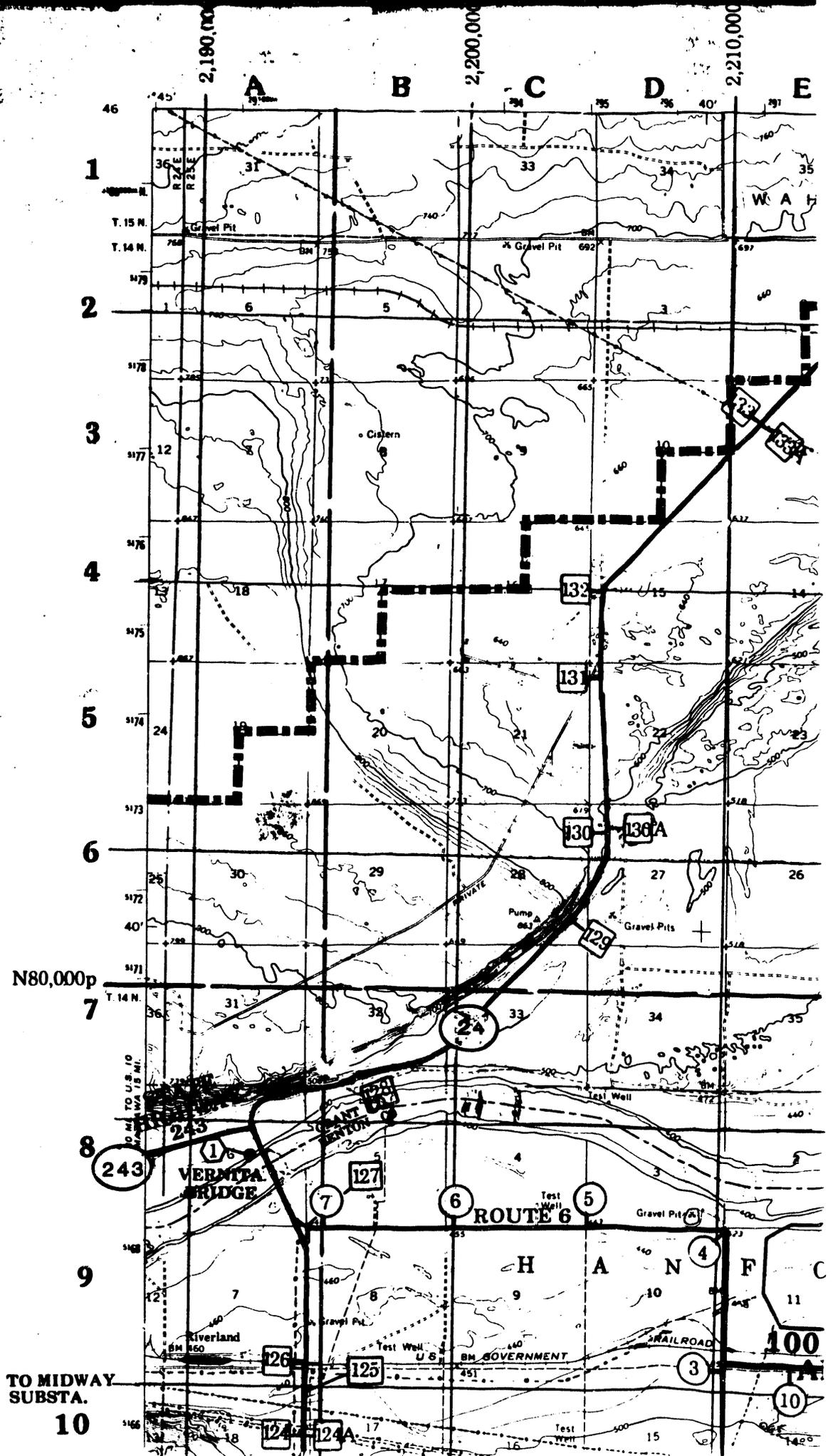
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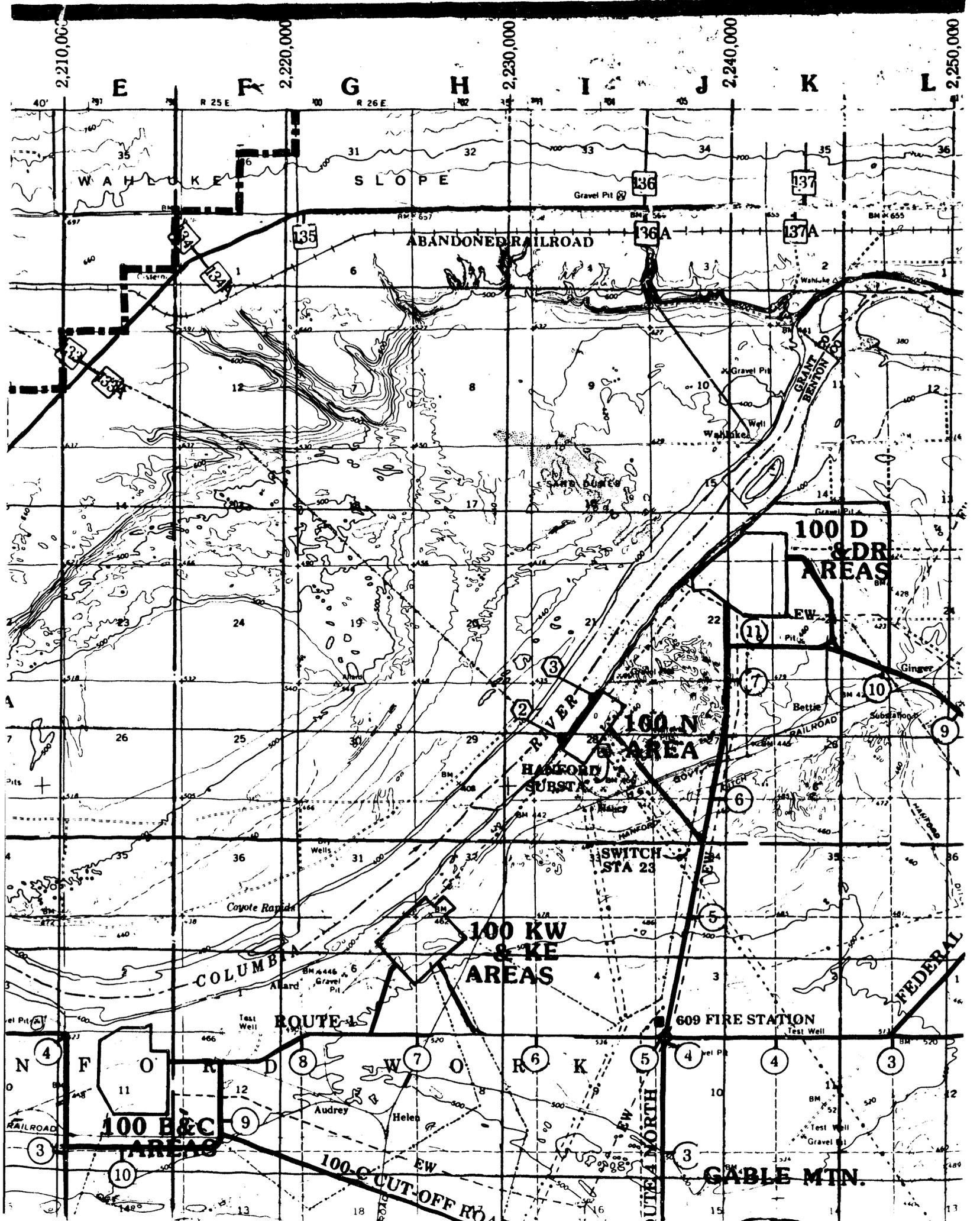
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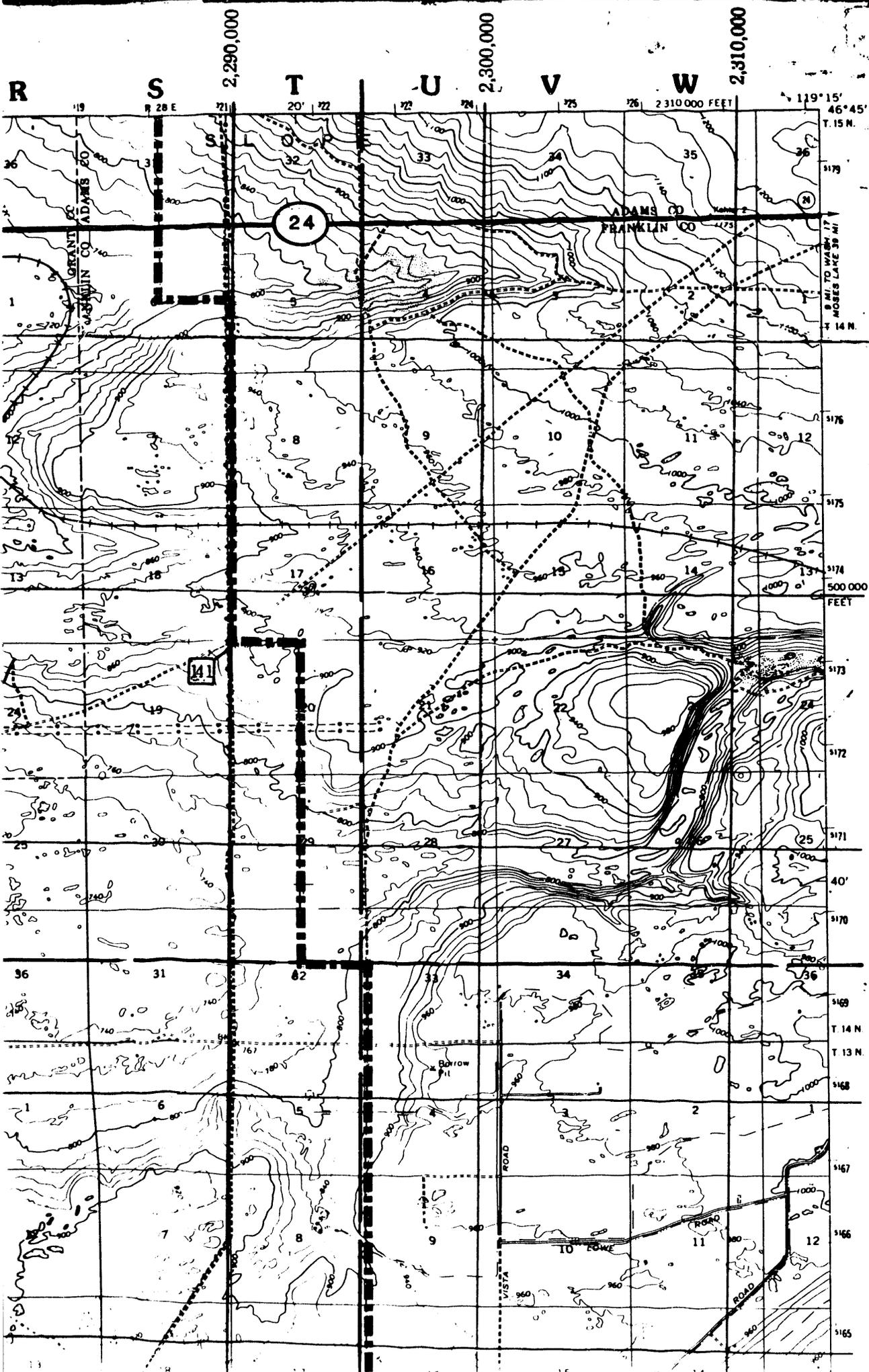
200E	-- 200 East Area	300	-- 300 Area
200W	-- 200 West Area	400	-- 400 Area
200EW	-- Parts of a unit are located in both the 200 East and the 200 West Areas	600	-- 600 Area.

Class--Waste unit operational classification

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







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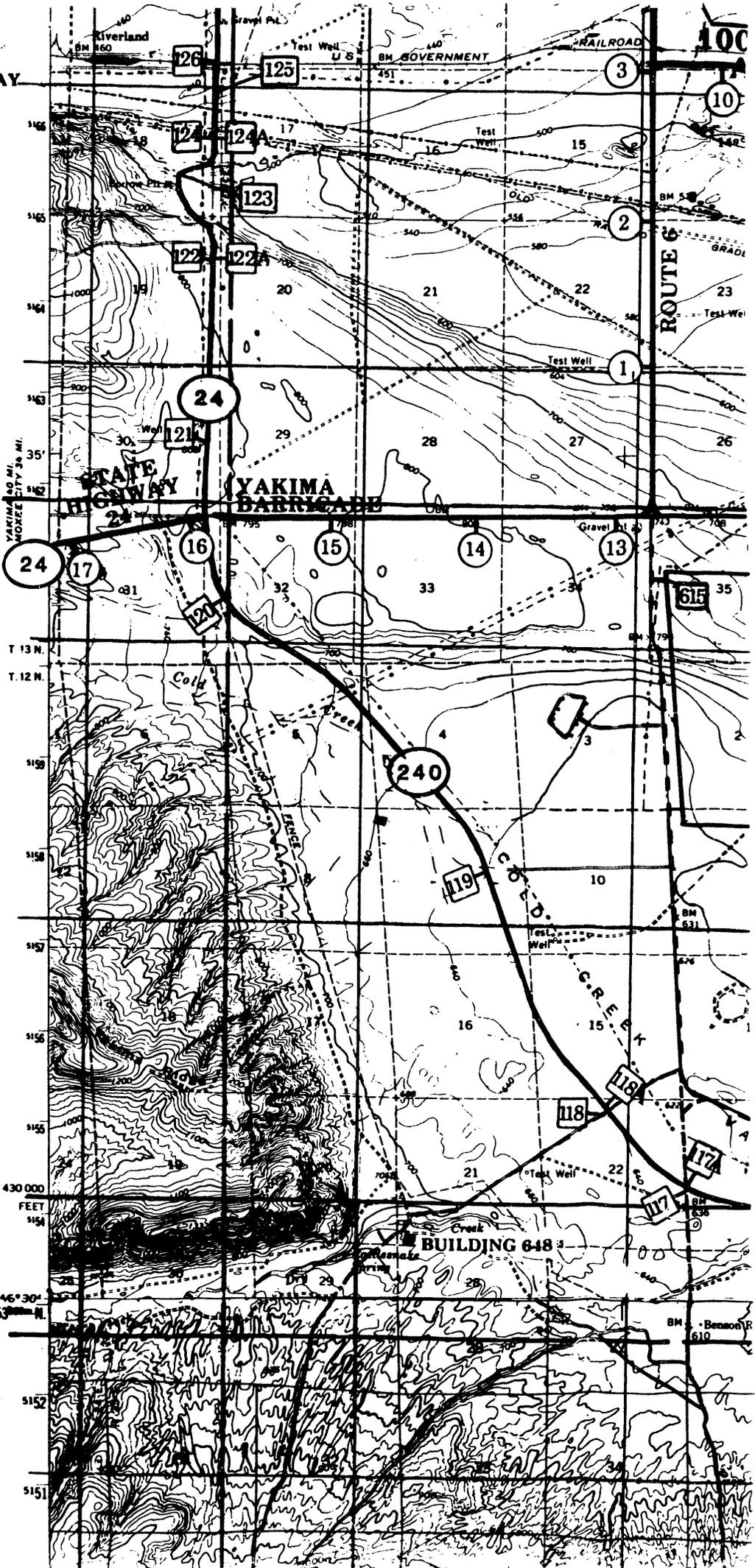
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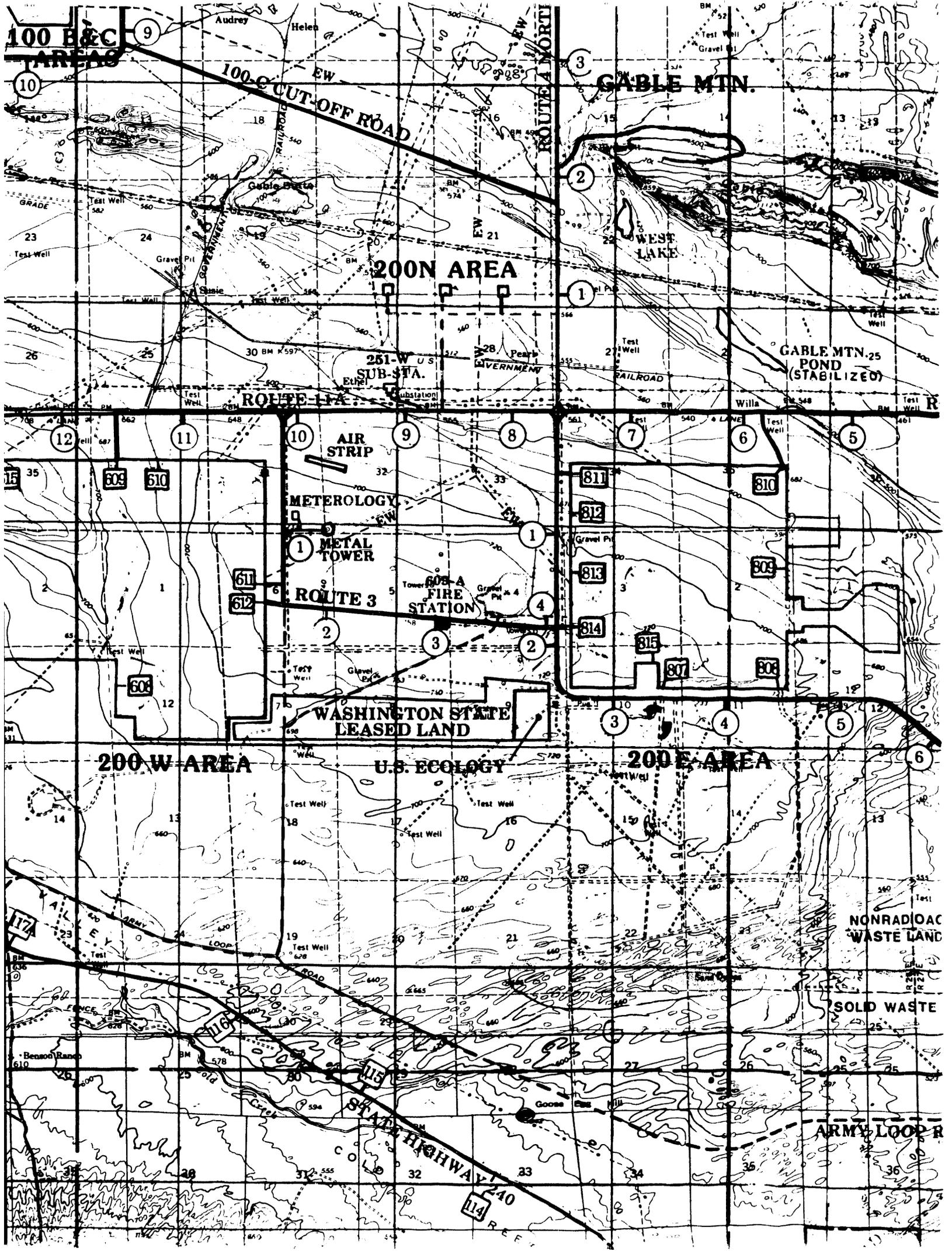
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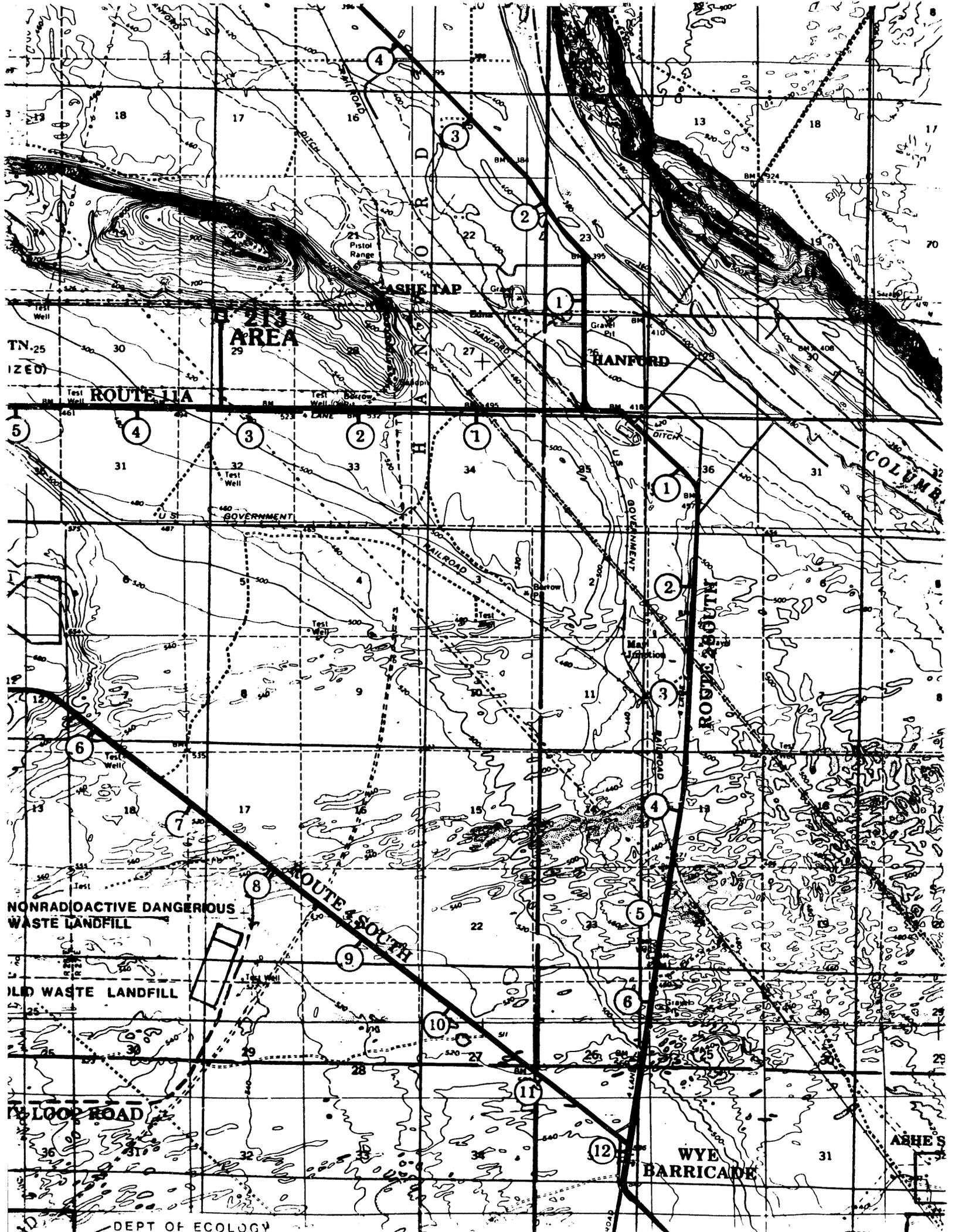
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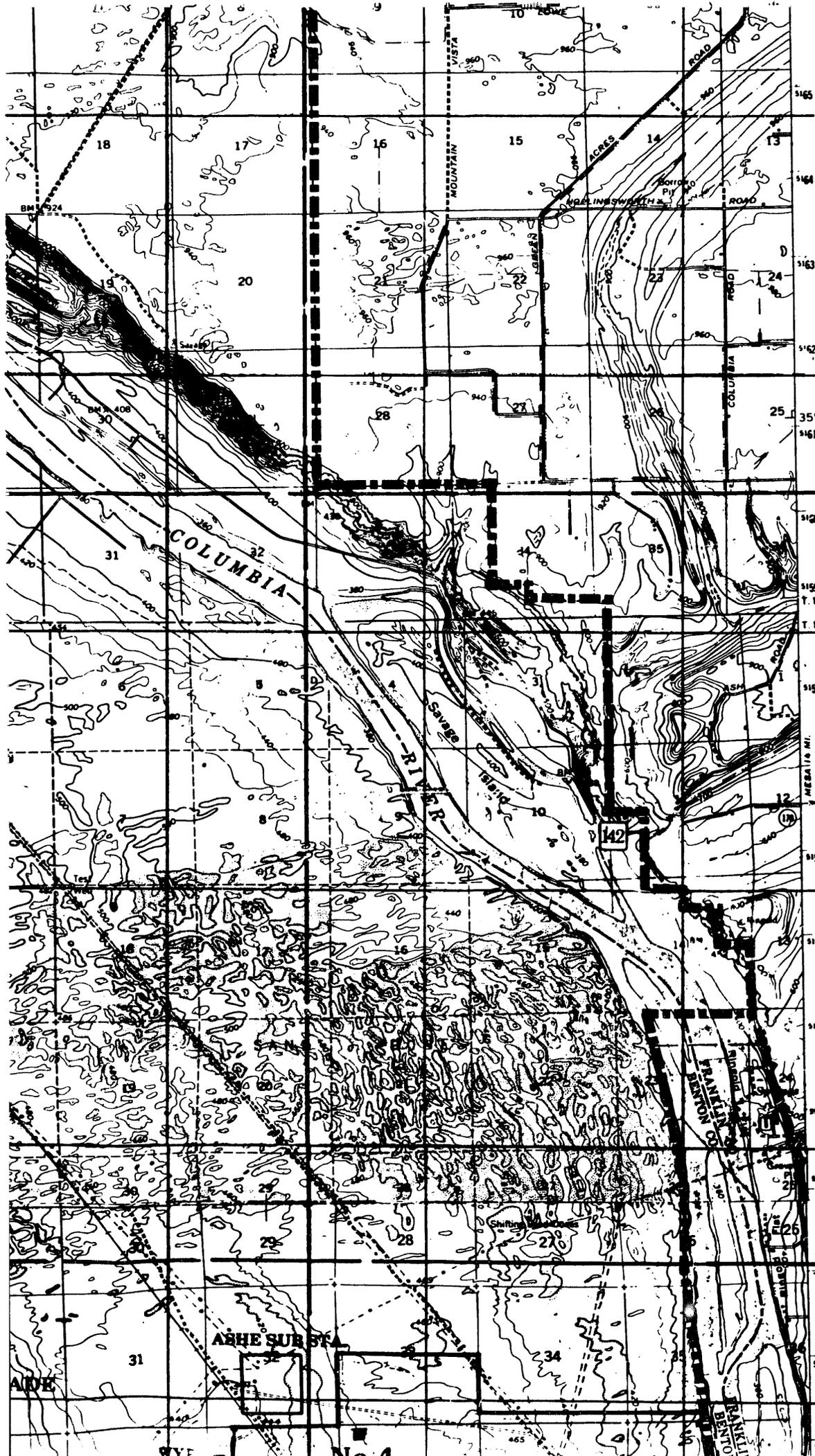
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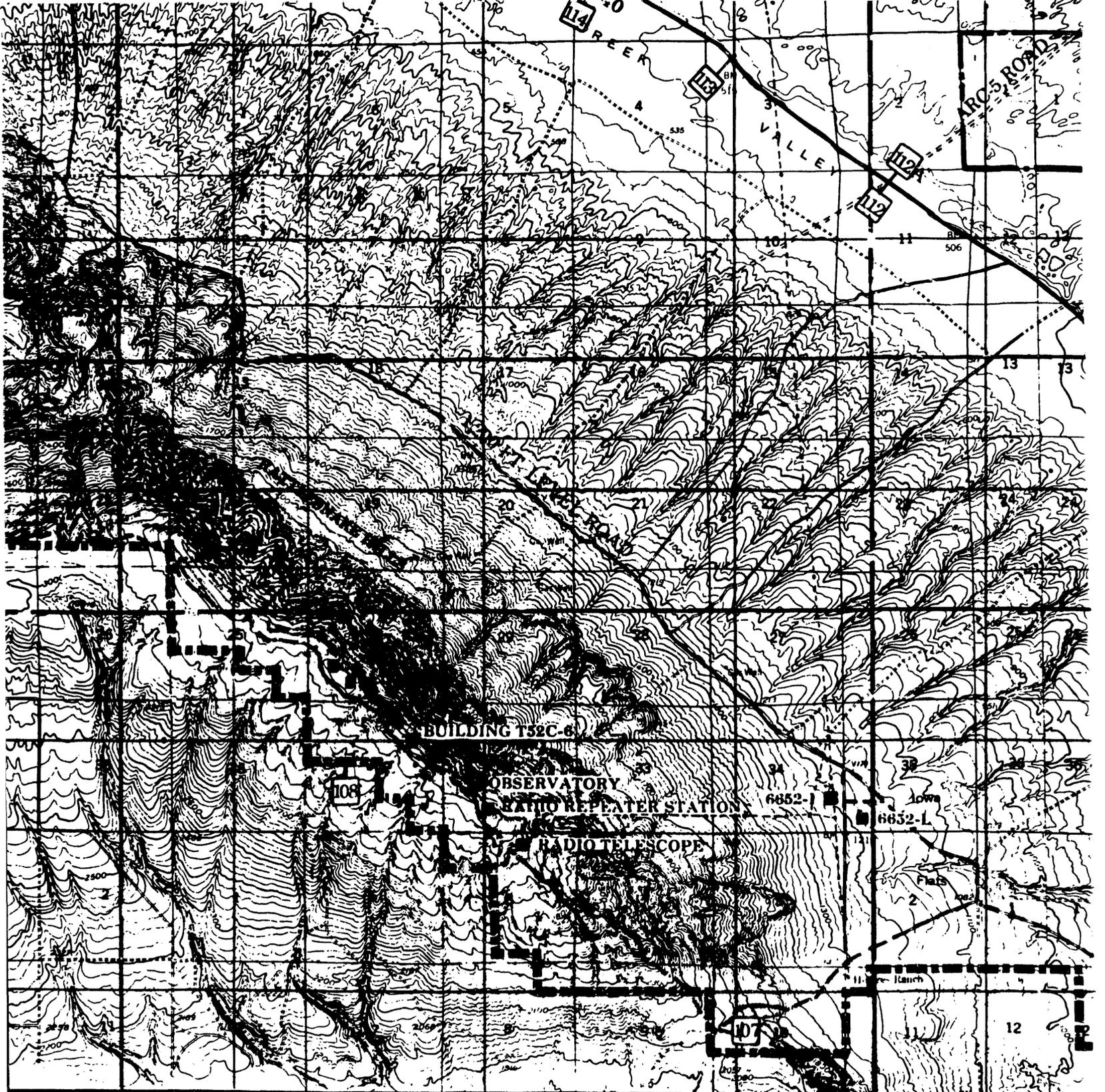
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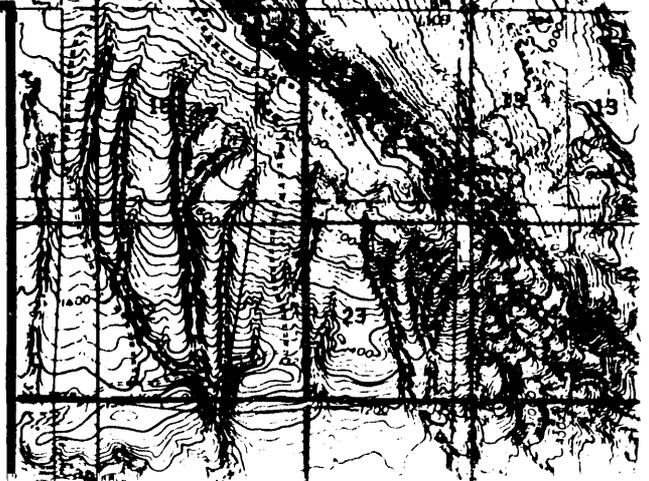
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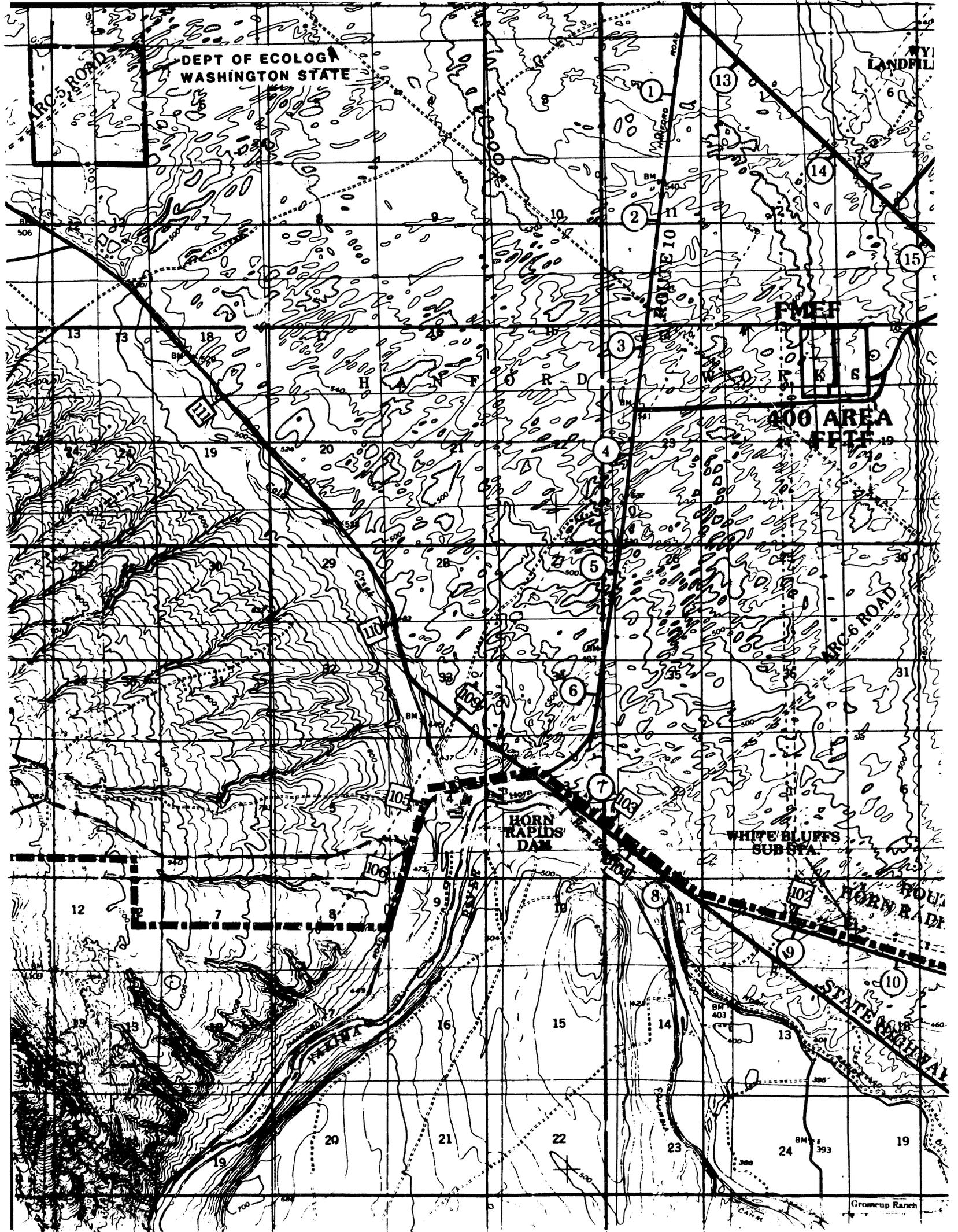
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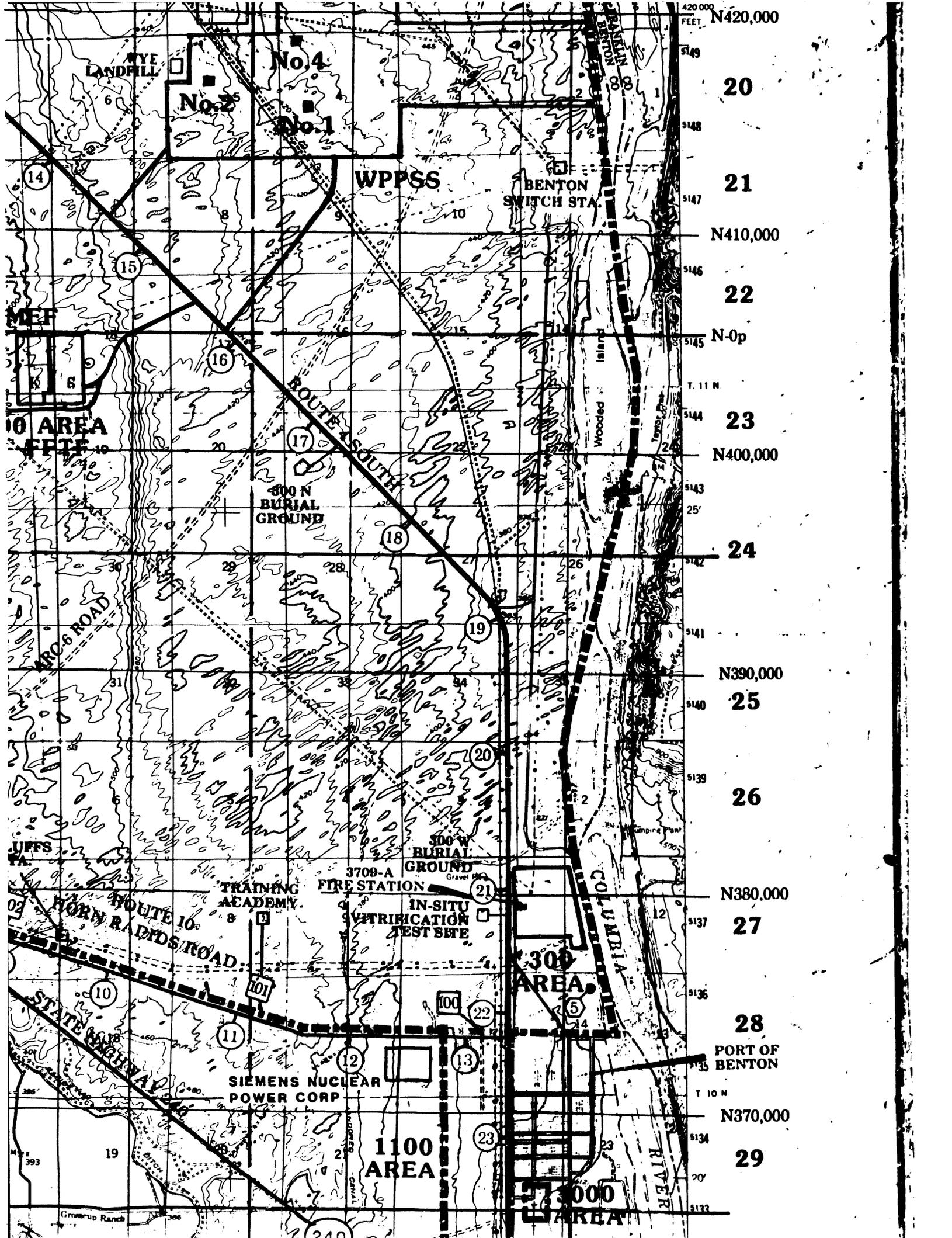
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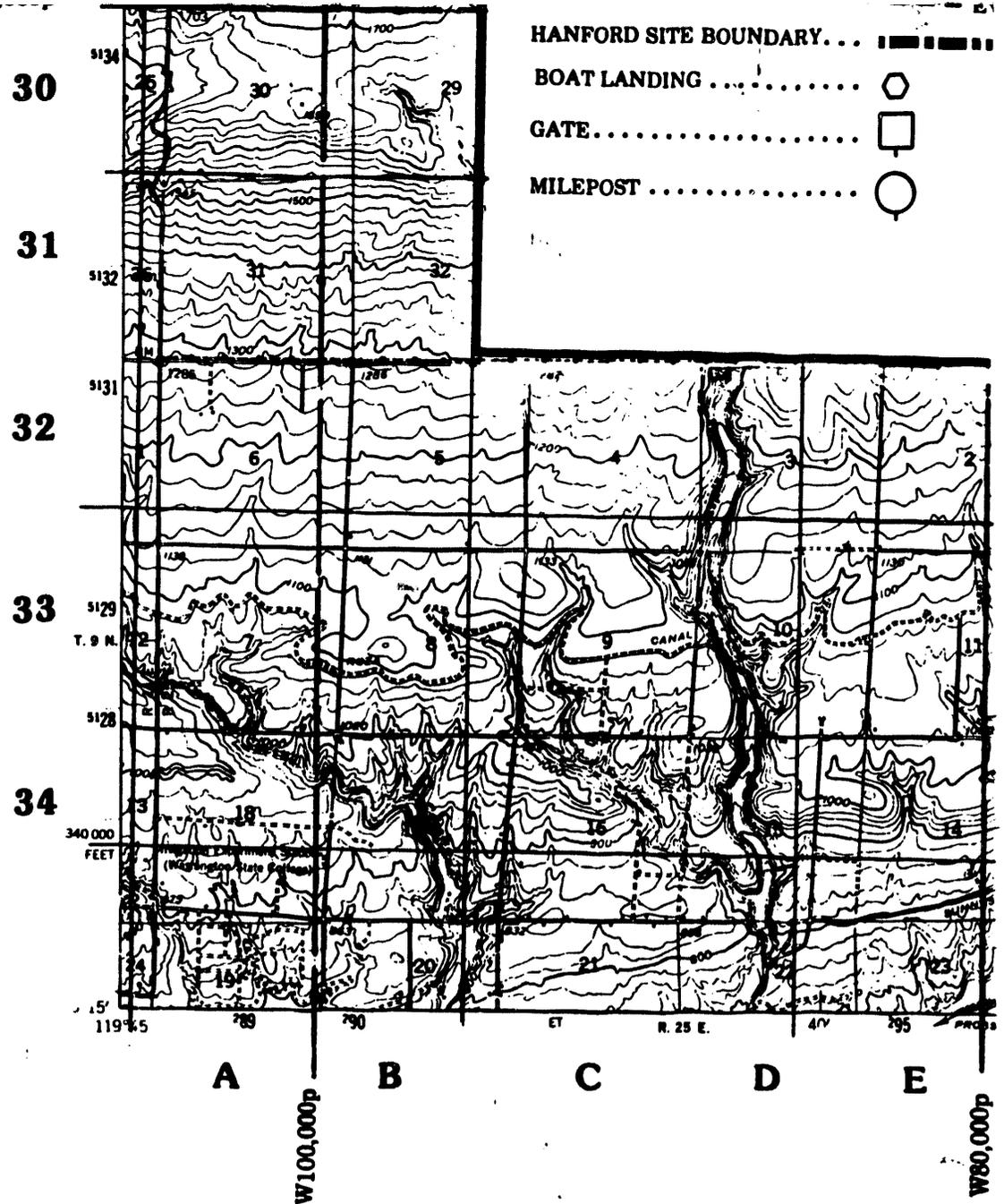
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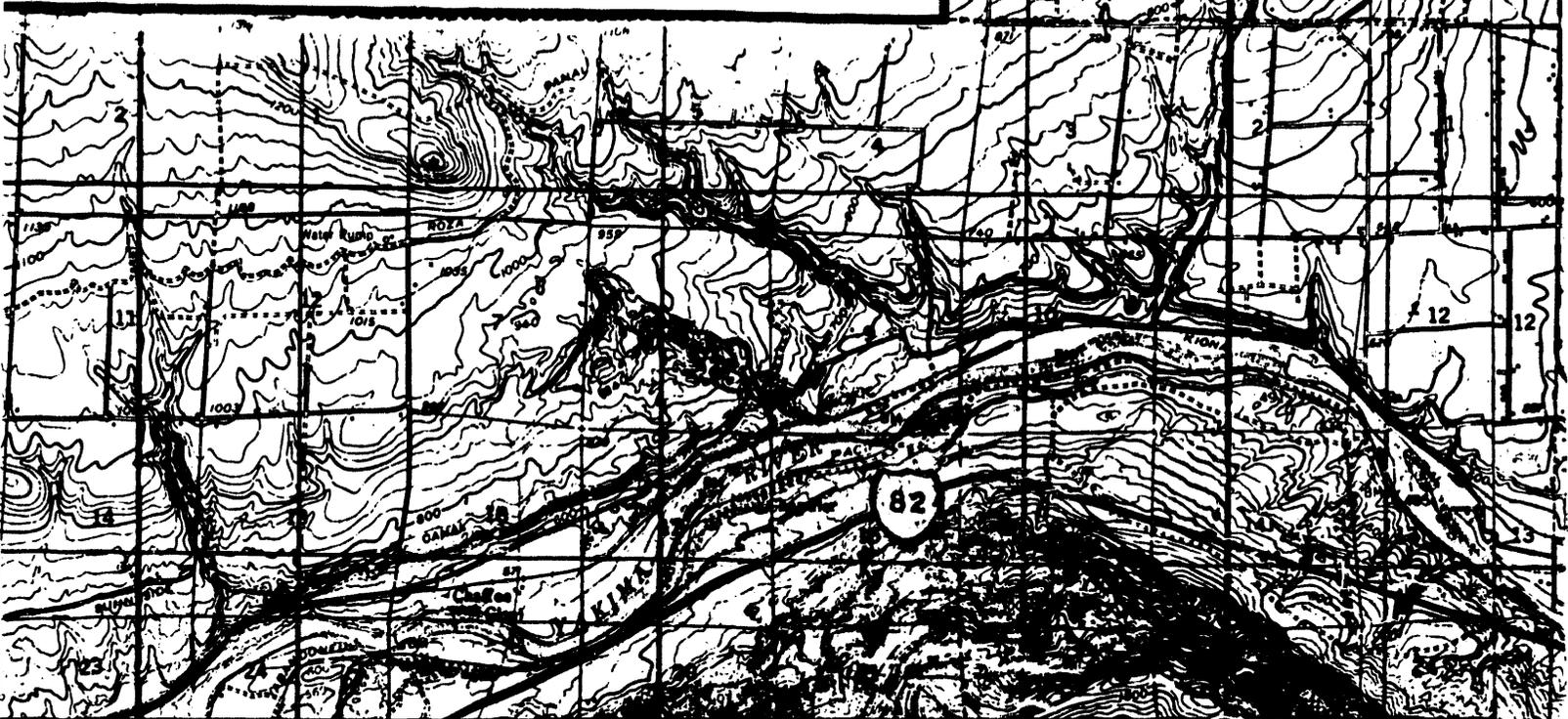
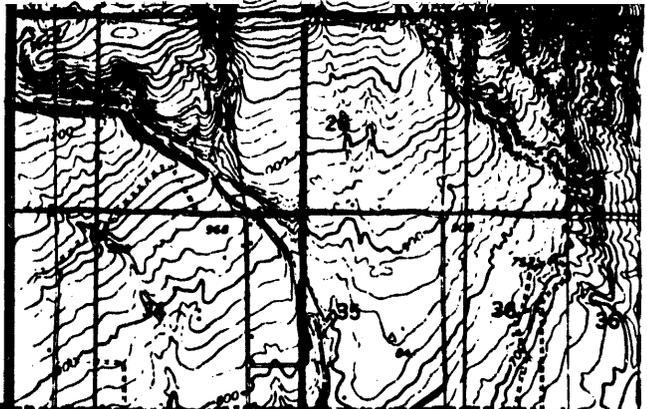
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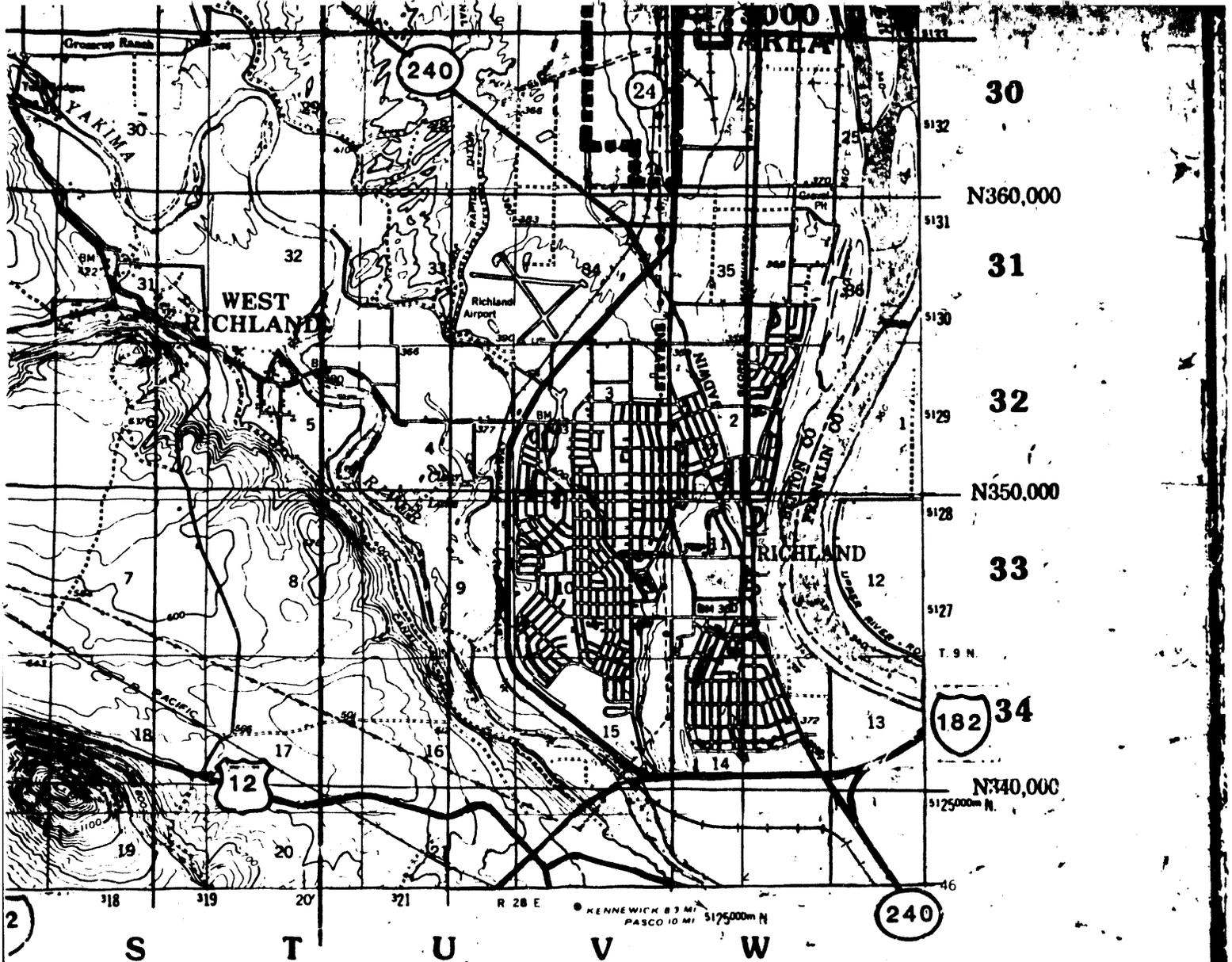


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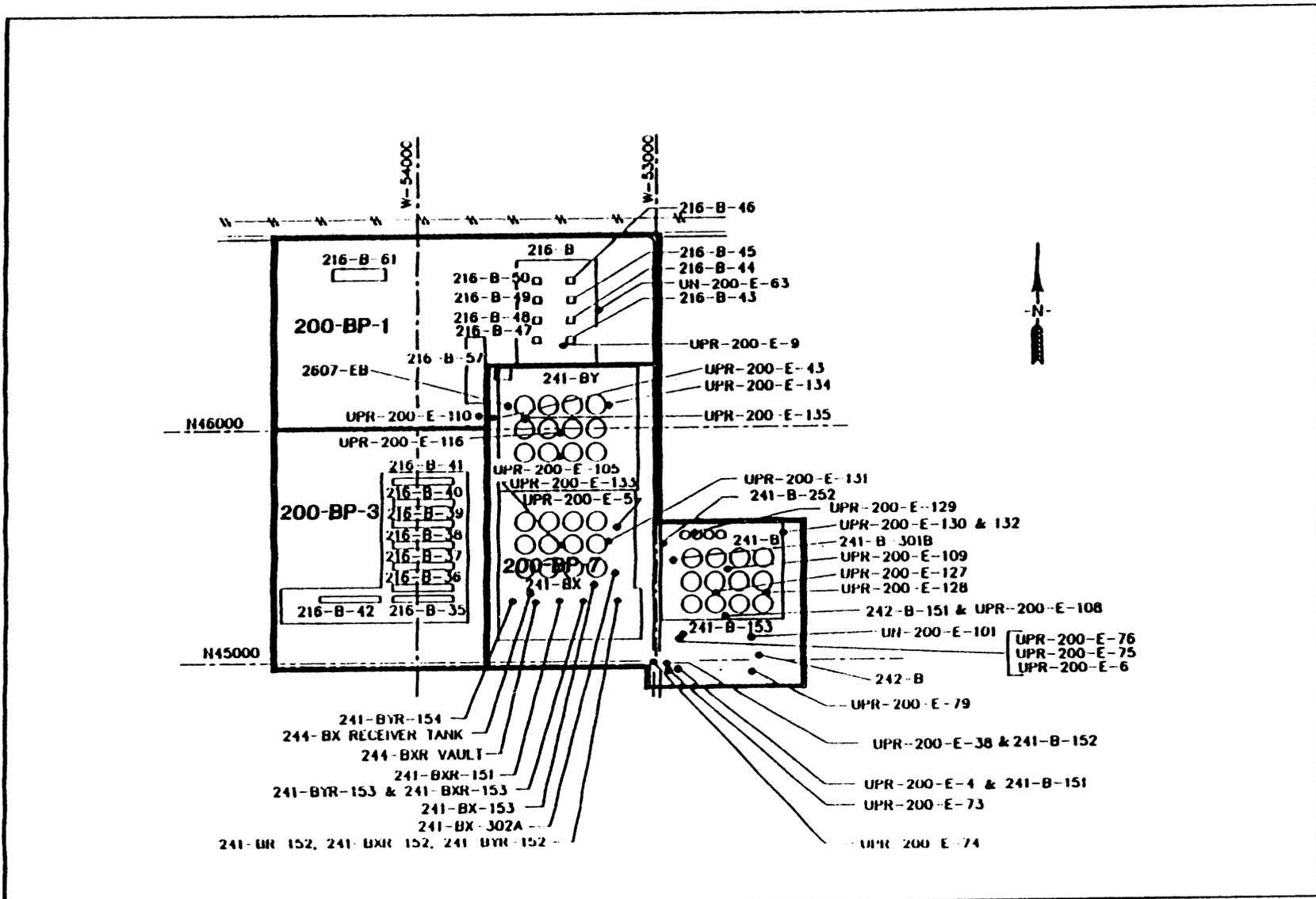
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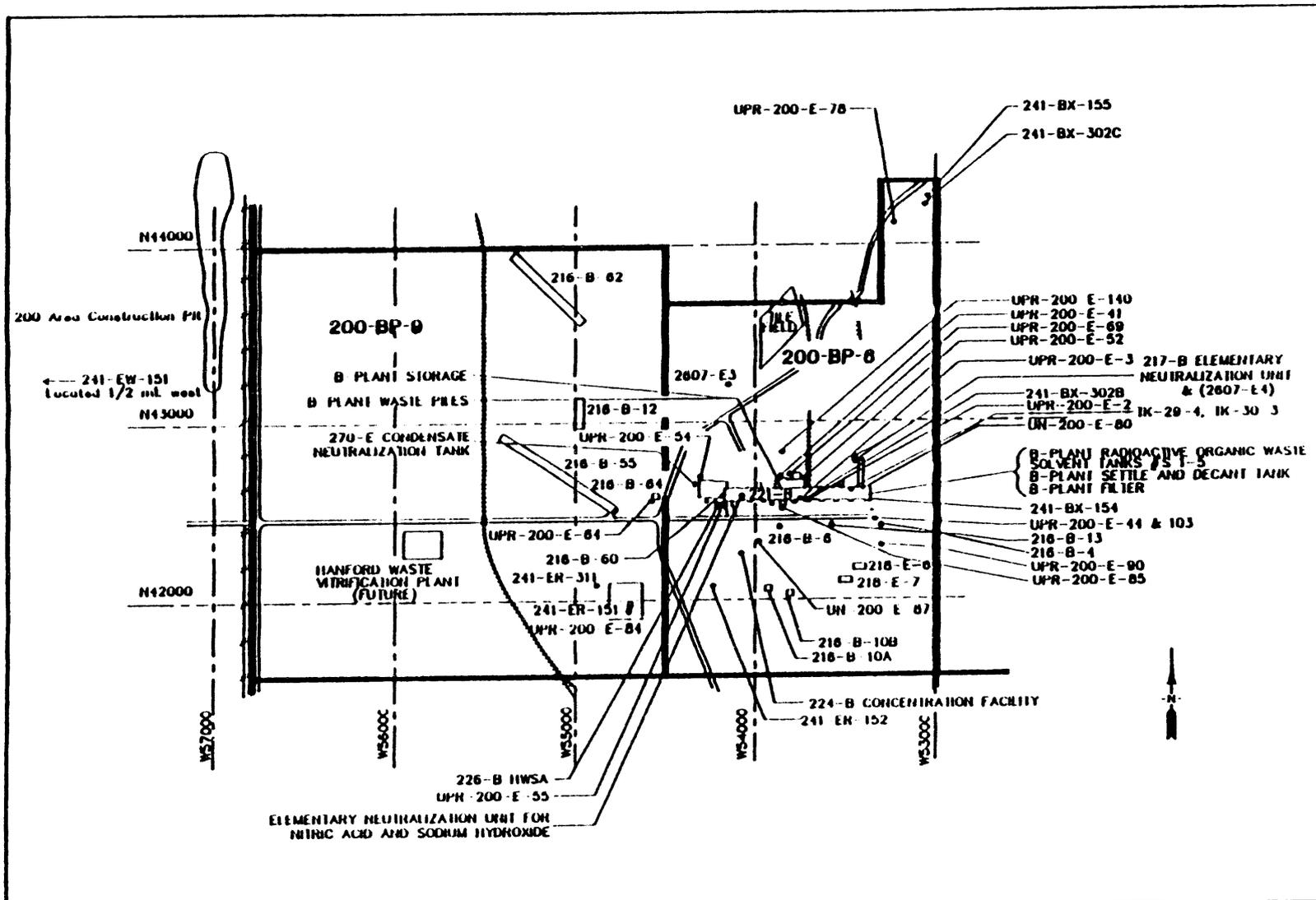
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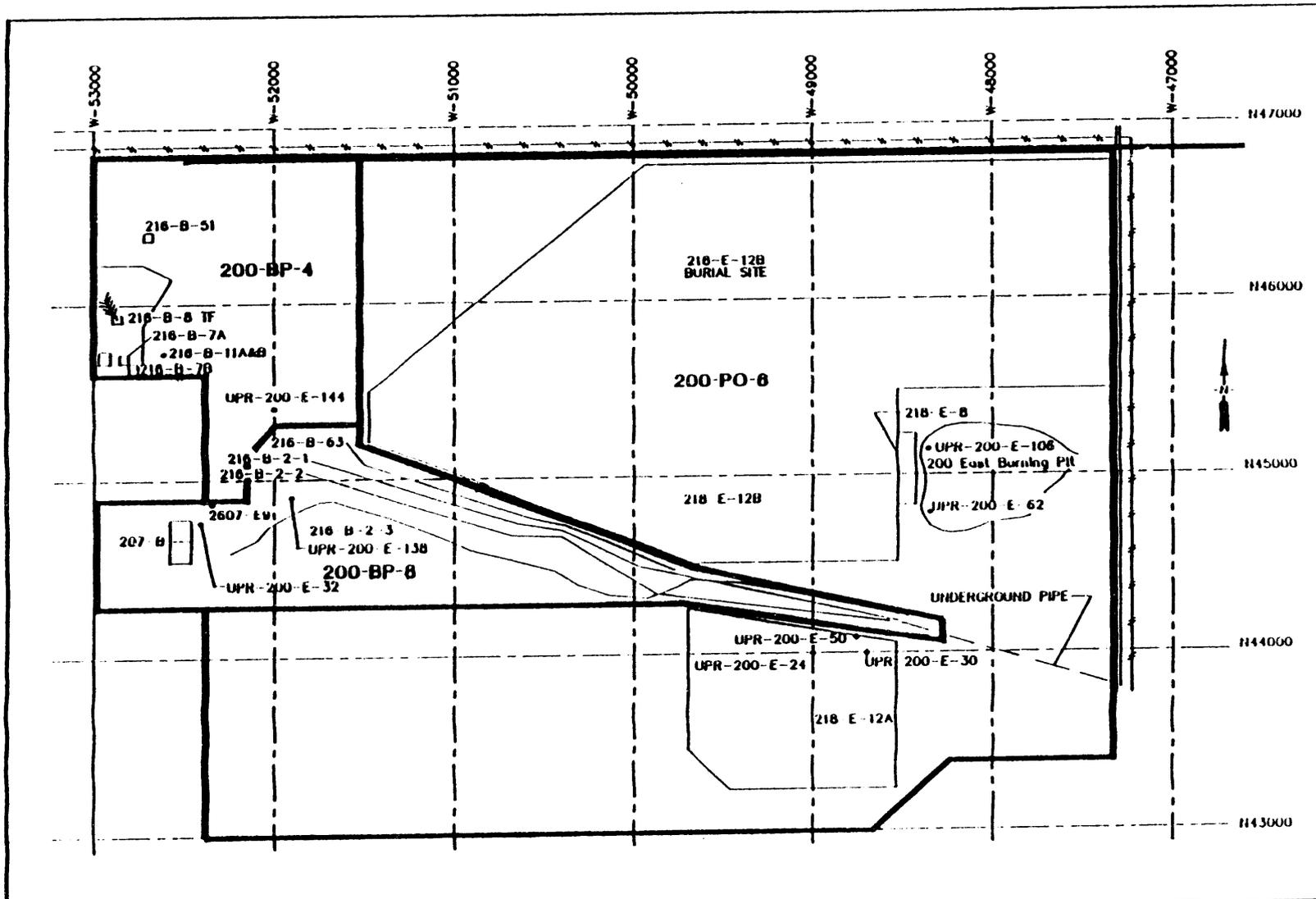
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GDH			4/93	5.0	INFORMATION UPDATE


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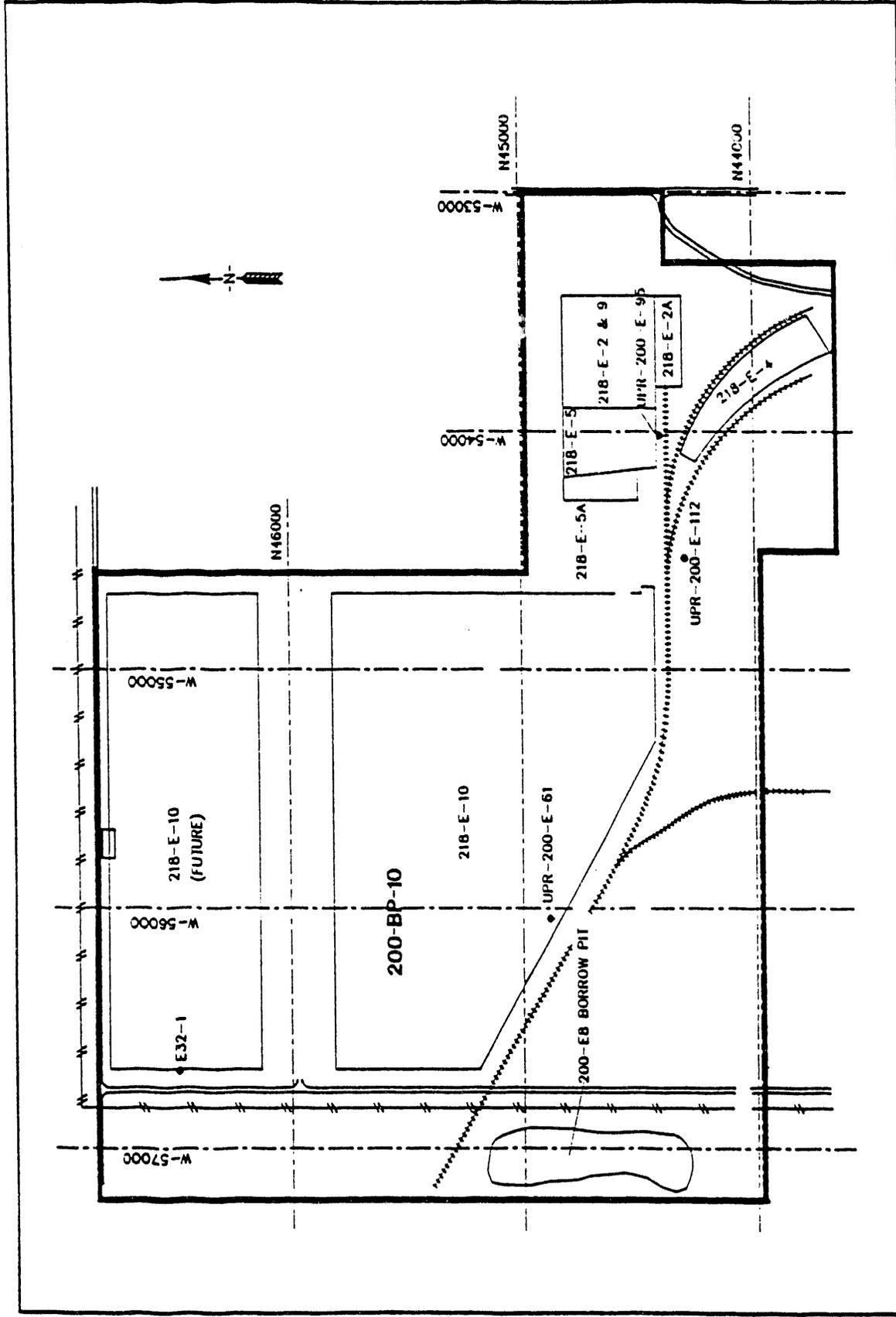
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 Operable Units 200-BP-6 and 200-BP-9
 OU\2BP-69



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JJA			12/91	4.0	ADJUSTED B.G. BOUNDARY
GDH			4/93	5.0	INFORMATION UPDATE


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200 East Area
 Operable Units
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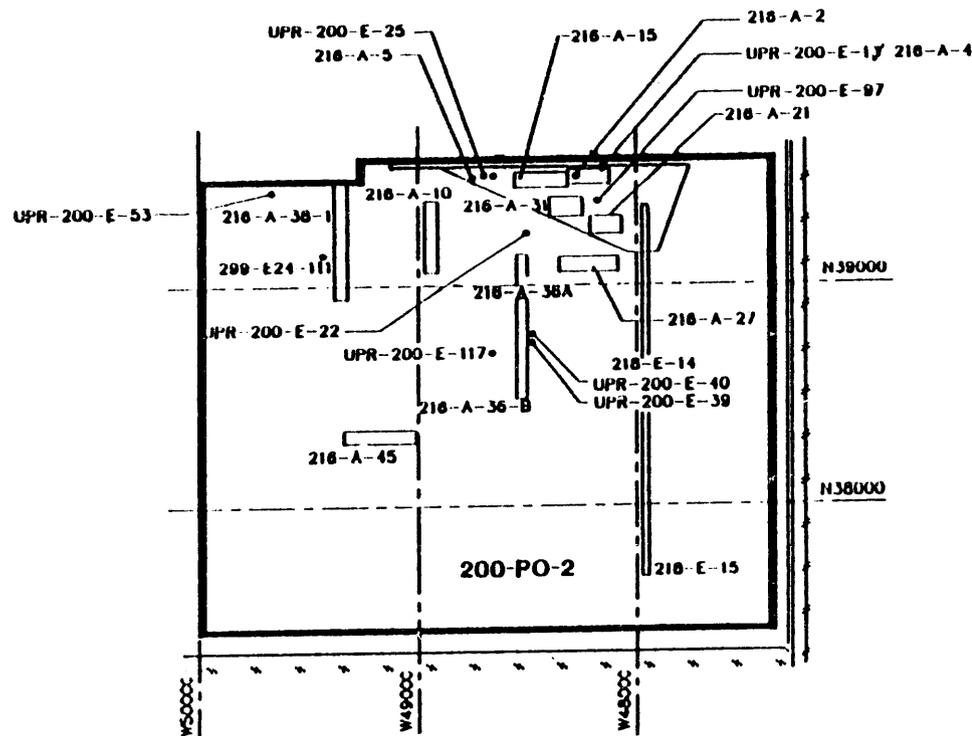


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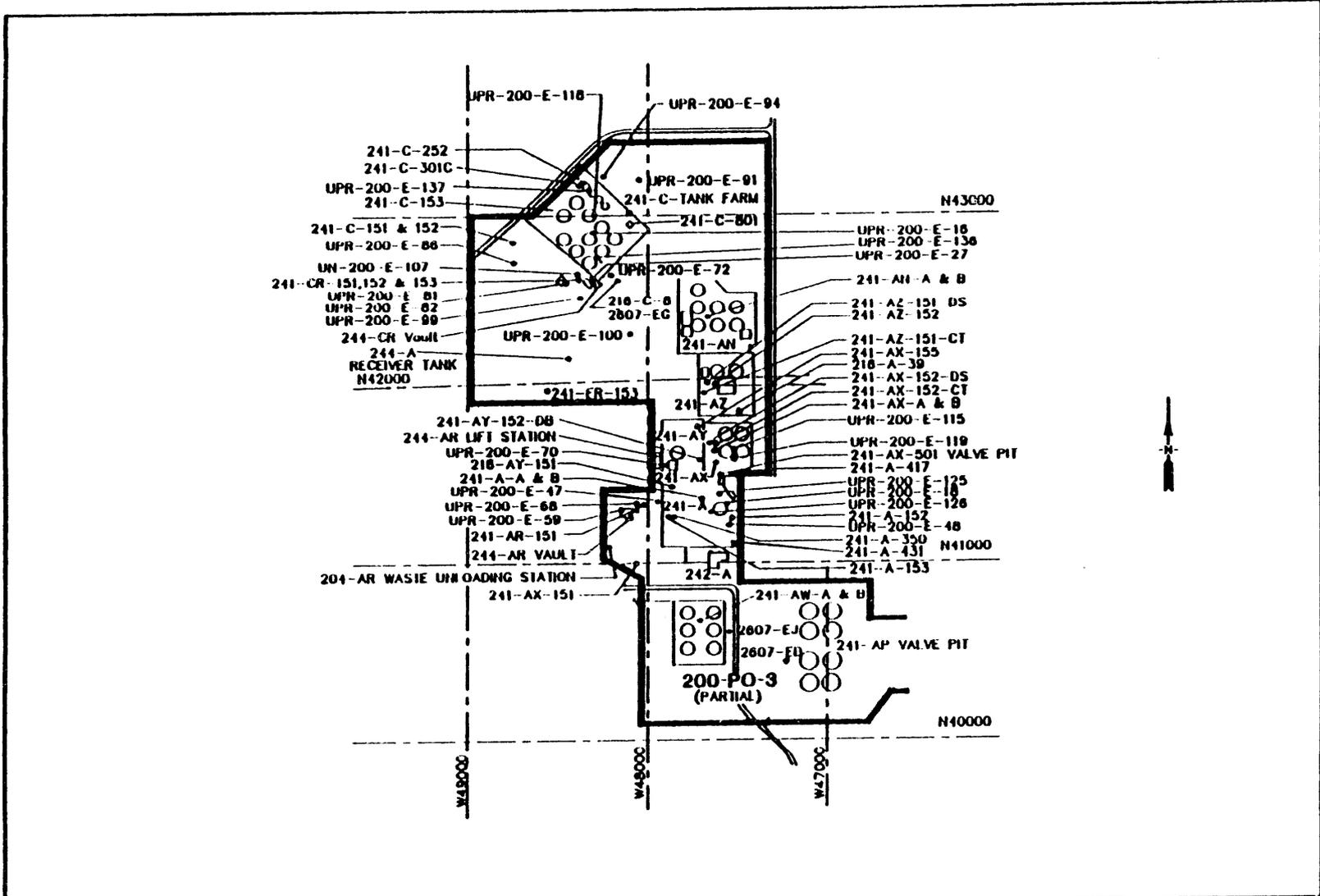
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JJA			12/91	3.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
GCH			4/93	4.0	INFORMATION UPDATE



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JJA			1/91	2.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
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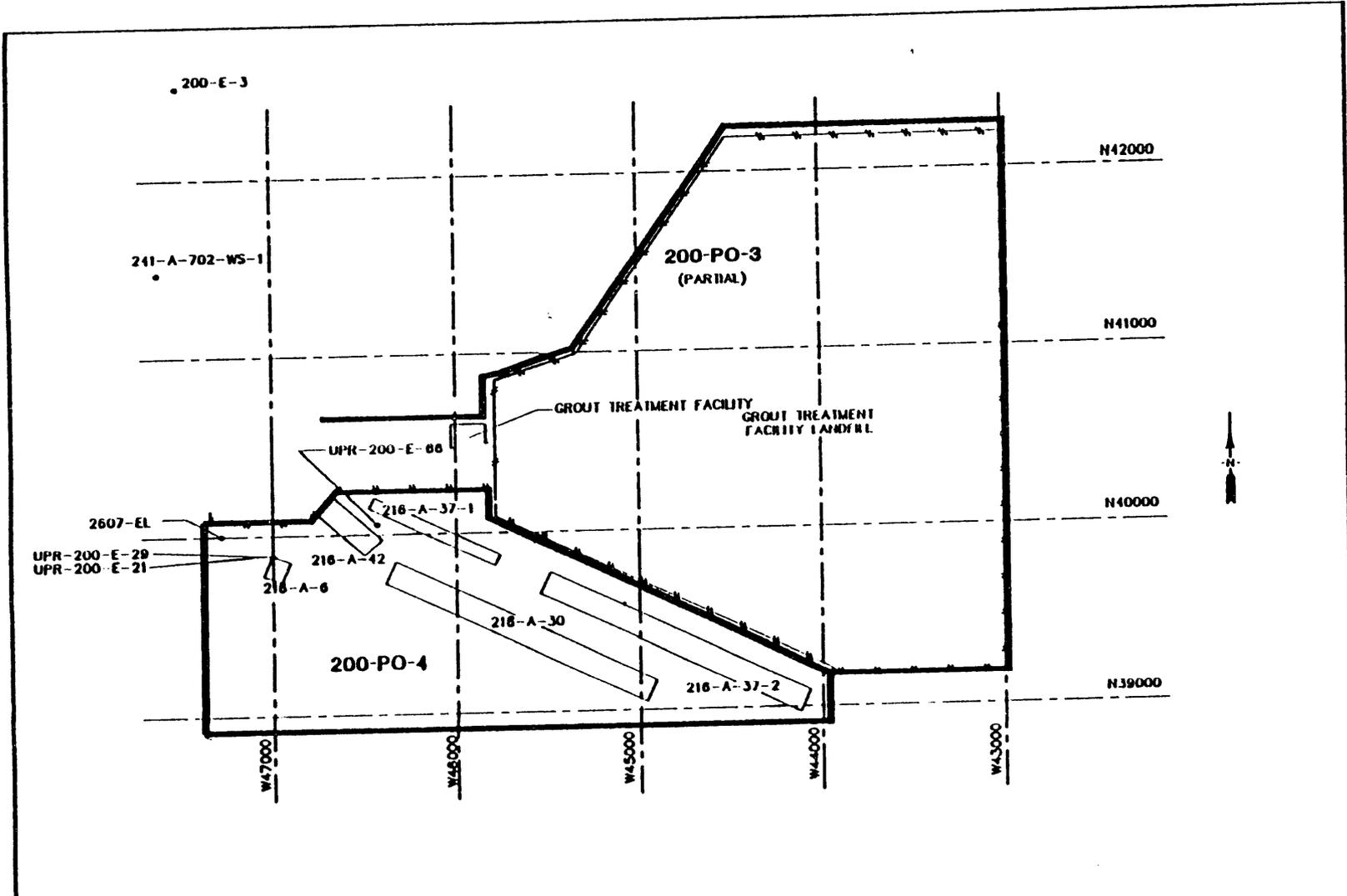
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 Operable Unit 200-PO-2
 OU\2PO-2



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JJA			1/91	3.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
GDH			4/93	4.0	INFORMATION UPDATE


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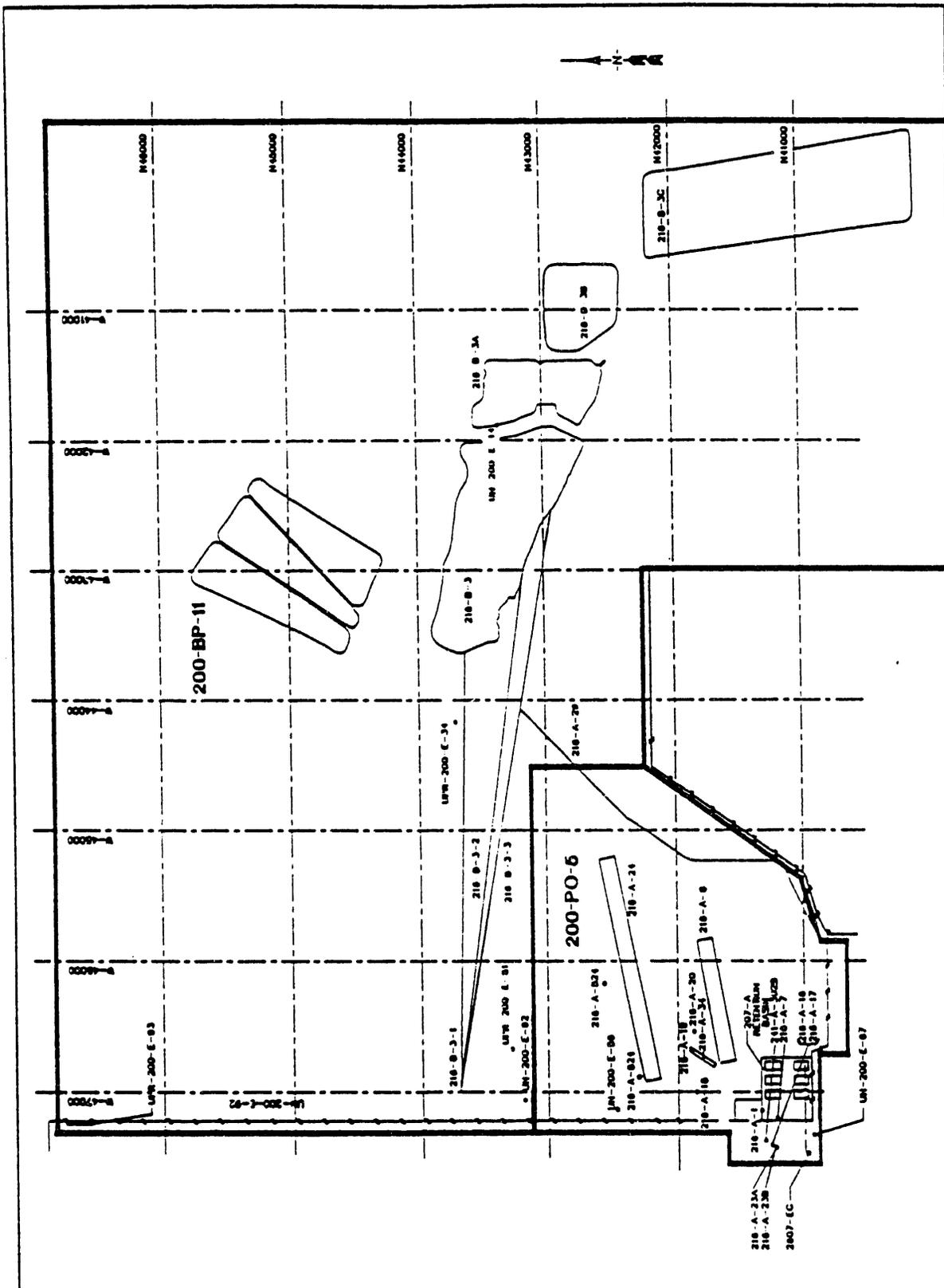
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 Operable Unit 200-PO-3 (Partial)
 OU\2PO-3



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GDH			4/93	3.0	INFORMATION UPDATE


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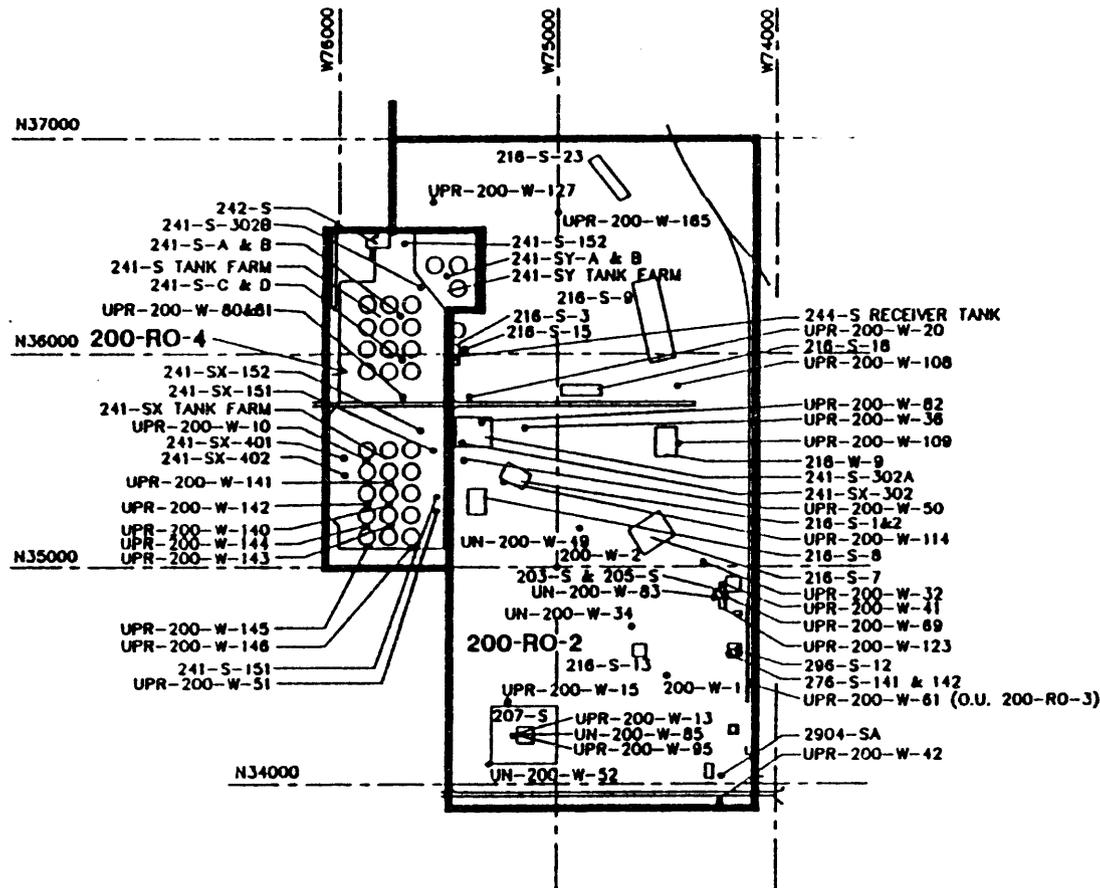
200 East Area
 Operable Units 200-PO-4
 and 200-PO-3 (Partial)
 OU\2-PO-43



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JJA				1/91	3.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
JJA				12/91	4.0	RELOCATION OF 210-A-924
QBT				4/93	5.0	INFORMATION UPDATE

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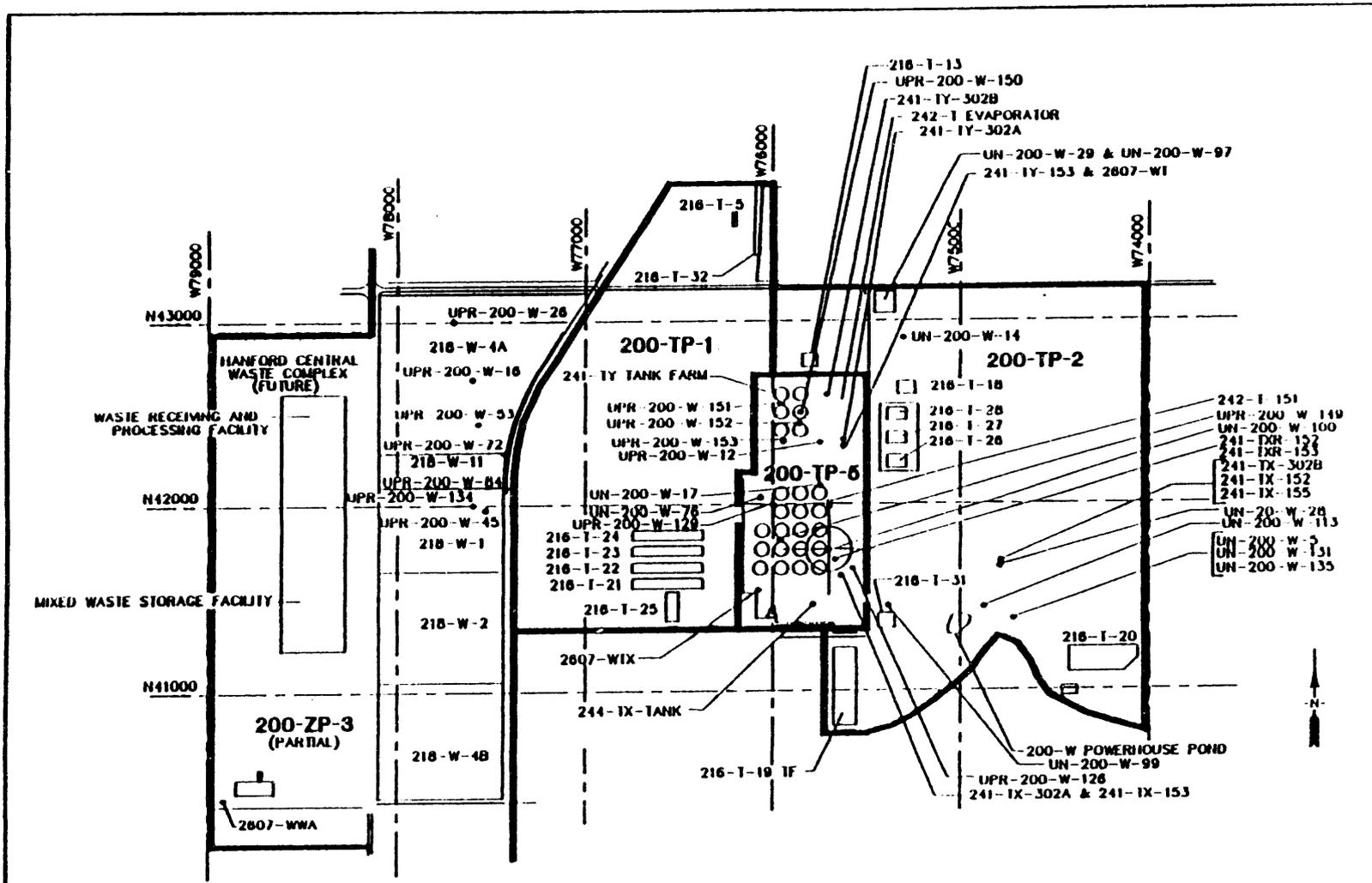
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OU\BPPO-115



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JJA			1/91	3.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
GDH			4/93	4.0	INFORMATION UPDATE


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200 West Area
 Operable Units 200-RO-2 and 200-RO-4
 OU\2-RO-24

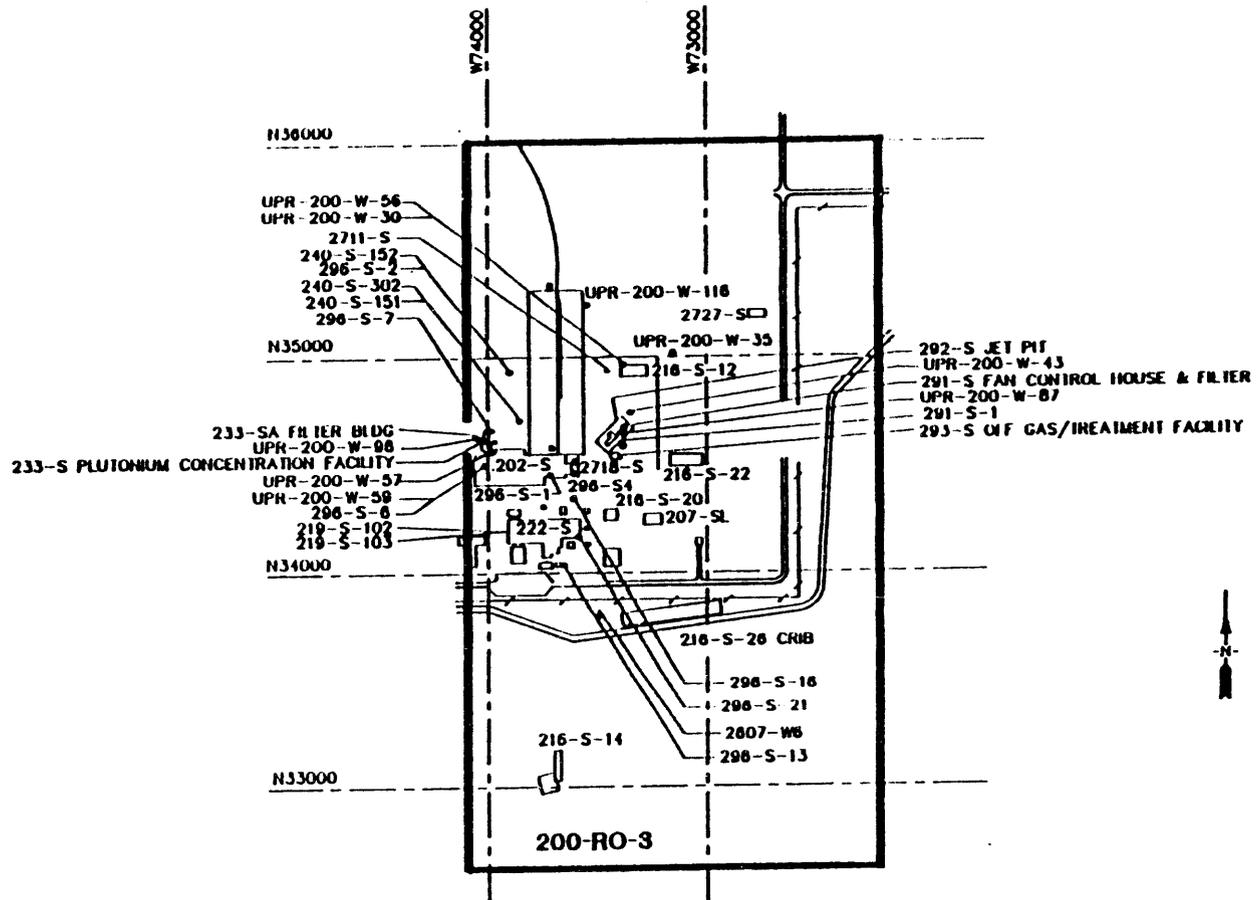


UPR-200-W-167 - For Location See 600 Area OU Map

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JJA			1/89	1.0	
JJA			3/89	2.0	UPDATE CURRENT O.U.
JJA			1/91	3.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
GDH			4/93	4.0	INFORMATION UPDATE

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200 West Area
 Operable Units
 200-TP-1, 200-TP-2, 200-IP-5
 and 200-ZP-3 (Partial) OU\2-IP-125

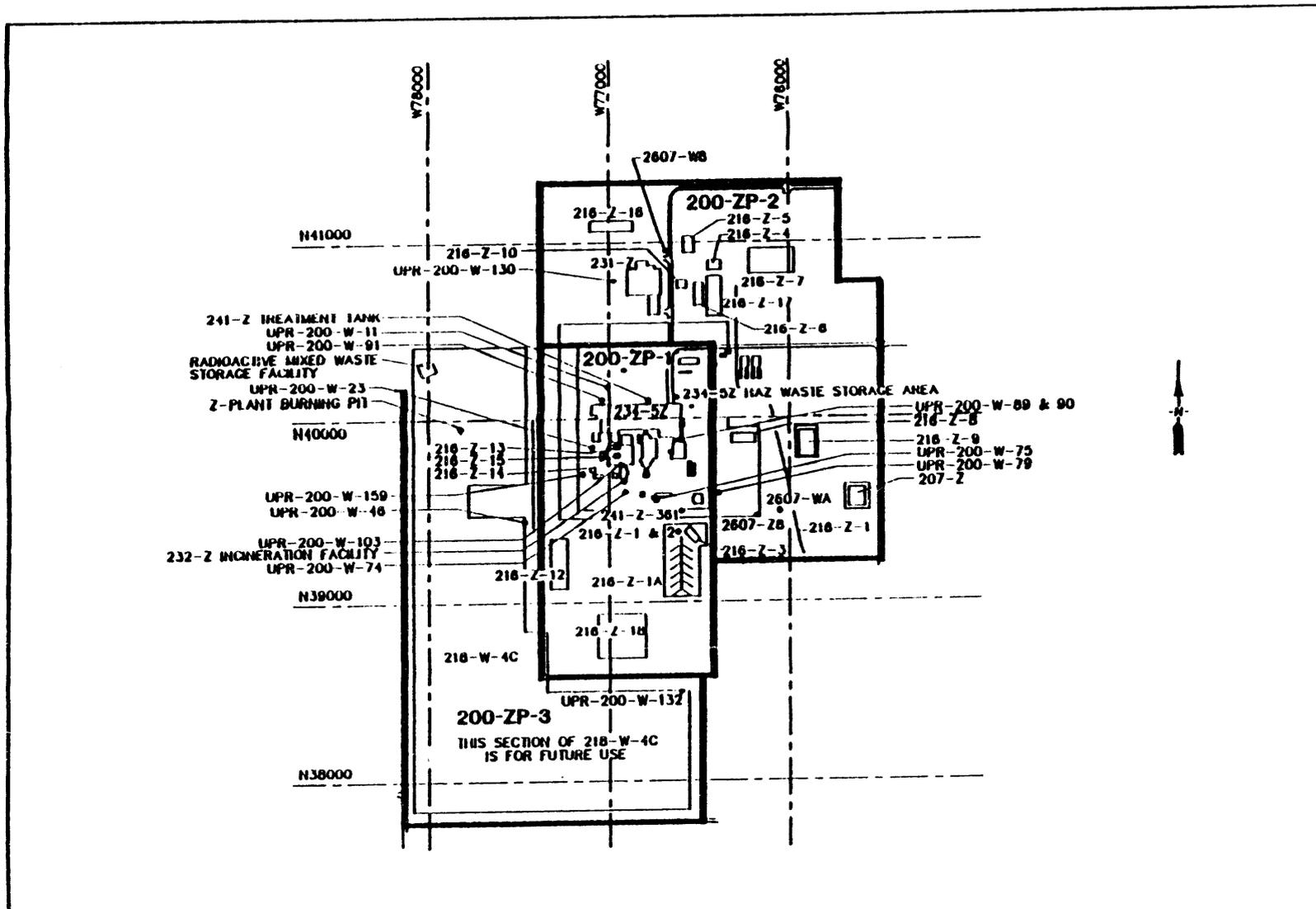


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JJA			1/88	1.0	
JJA			1/91	2.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
GDH			12/91	3.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
GDH			4/93	4.0	INFORMATION UPDATE


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200 West Area
 Operable Unit 200-RO-3

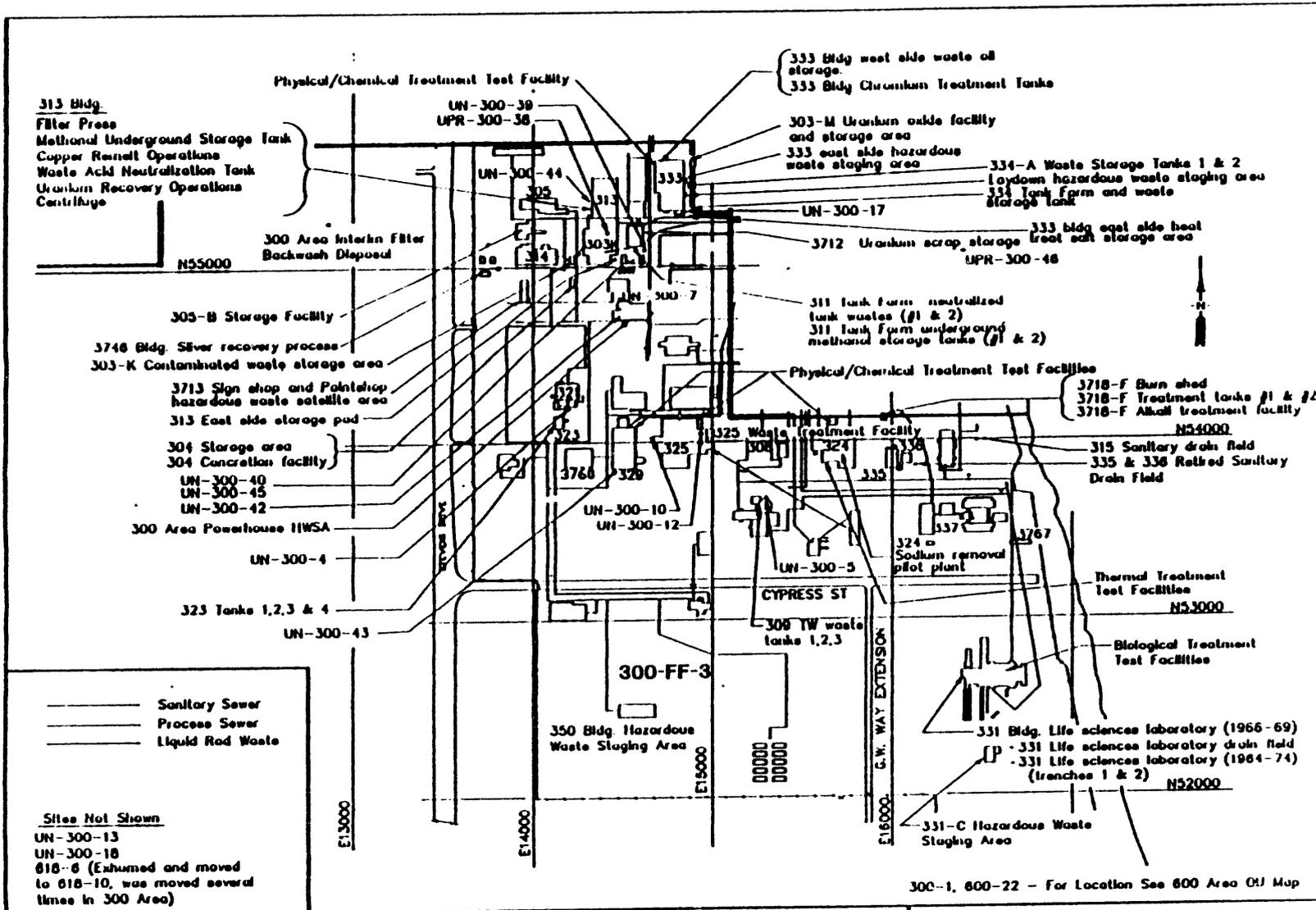
OU\2-RO-3



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JJA			1/89	1.0	
JJA			1/91	2.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
GDH			12/91	3.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
GDH			4/93	4.0	INFORMATION UPDATE


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 Operable Units 200-ZP-1, 200-ZP-2
 and 200-ZP-3 (Partial)
 OU 2-ZP-12



————— Sanitary Sewer
 ————— Process Sewer
 ————— Liquid Rod Waste

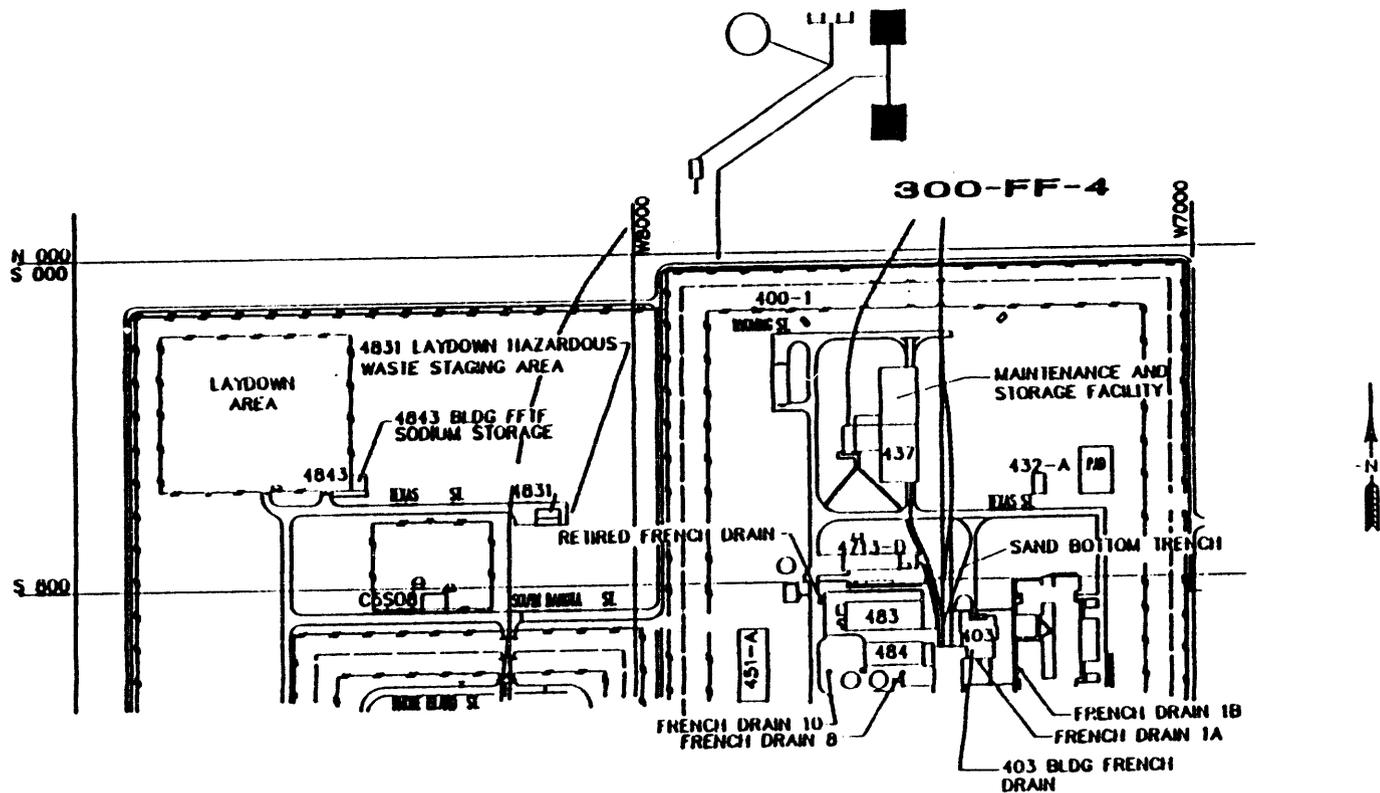
Sites Not Shown
 UN-300-13
 UN-300-18
 618-6 (Exhumed and moved to 618-10, was moved several times in 300 Area)

DRAWN	CHKD.	APPD.	DATE	REV.	DESCRIPTION
JJA			1/89	1.0	
JJA			3/89	2.0	UPDATE CURRENT O.U.
JJA			1/91	3.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
GDI			4/93	4.0	INFORMATION UPDATE

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300 Area
 Operable Unit 300-FF-3
 OU\3-FF-3

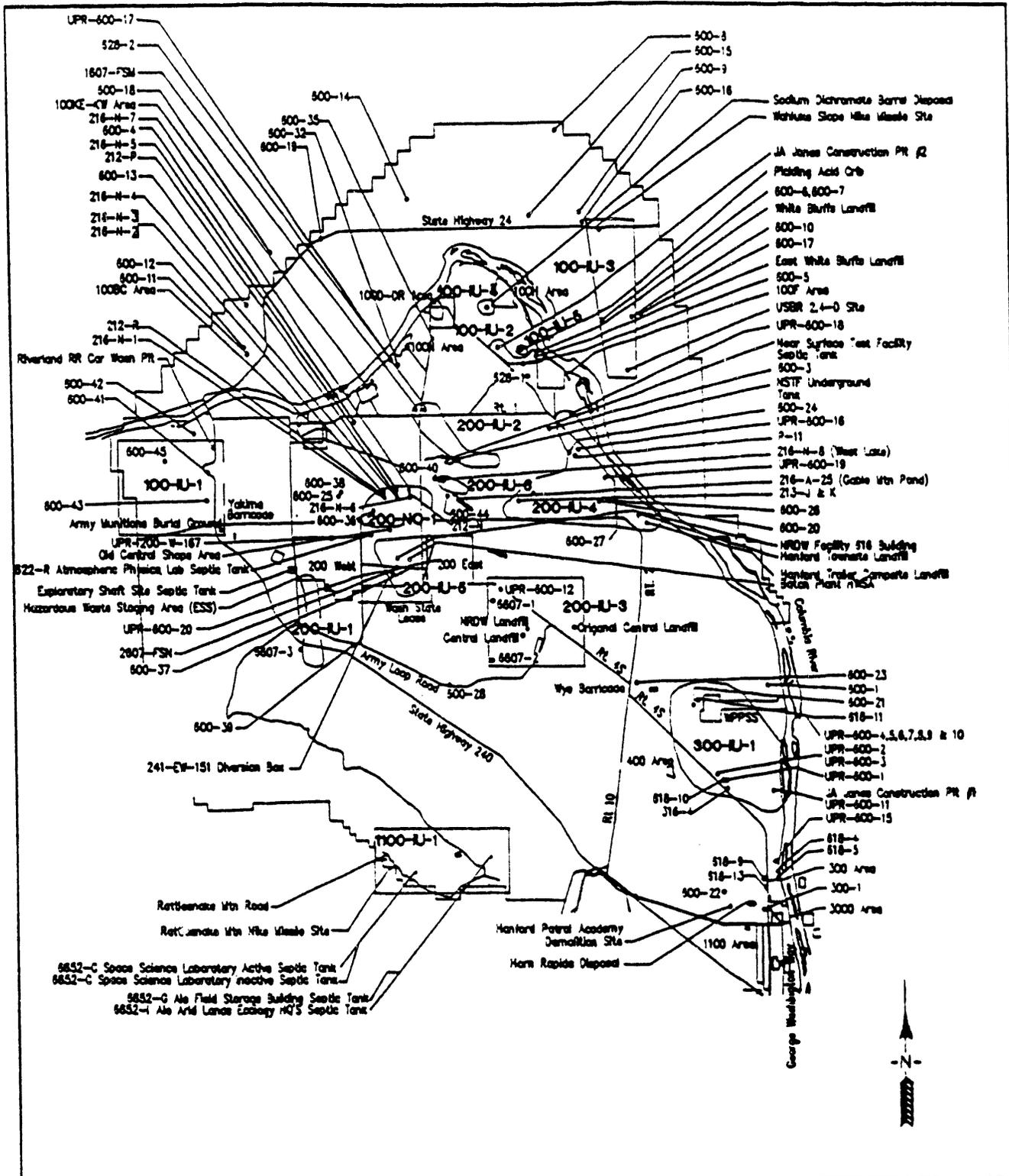
300-1, 600-22 - For Location See 600 Area O/U Map



DRAWN	CHKD.	APPD.	DATE	REV.	DESCRIPTION
JJA			1/89	1.0	
GDL			4/23	2.0	INFORMATION UPDATE


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400 Area North
 Partial Operable Unit 300-FF-4
 OU\400NORTH



DRAWN	CHKD.	APPRO.	DATE	REV.	DESCRIPTION
JJA			3/88	2.0	UPDATE CURRENT I.U.
JJA			1/91	3.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
JJA			12/91	4.0	INFORMATION UPDATE
GDH			4/93	5.0	INFORMATION UPDATE


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600 Area
 Operable Units
 OU\600AREA

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.

HANFORD FACILITY LEGAL DESCRIPTION (cont)

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:

HANFORD FACILITY LEGAL DESCRIPTION (cont)

1 Beginning at the northwest corner of said parcel, being S.54°50'E.,
2 1804.0 feet more or less from the northwest corner of said Section 11; thence
3 N.49°13'45"E., 550.0 feet to the northeast corner, evidenced by a brass cap;
4 thence S.40°46'15"E., 500.0 feet to the southeast corner, evidenced by a brass
5 cap; thence S.49°13'45"W., 550.0 feet to the southwest corner, evidenced by a
6 brass cap; thence N.40°46'15"W., 500.0 feet to the point of beginning. The
7 described parcel contains 6.31 acres, of which 2.75 acres lie within the
8 boundaries of the existing Benton Switching Station.

9 WHITE BLUFFS SUBSTATION. A parcel of land in Government Lots 3 and 4 and
10 the E. 1/2 S.W. 1/4 of Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 28 East, Willamette
11 Meridian, Benton County, Washington, more particularly described as follows:

12 Commencing at a Bonneville Power Administration monument in said
13 Government Lot 4 at the intersection of the east-west and north-south base
14 lines for the White Bluffs Substation Site, said monument being N.36°45'35"E.,
15 1623.7 feet from the southwest corner of Section 7. This corner is evidenced
16 by a rock mound. Thence N.72°55'20"W., along the east-west base line, a
17 distance of 500 feet to the true point of beginning. Thence N.17°04'40"E.,
18 400 feet; thence S.72°55'20"E., 900 feet; thence S.17°04'40"W., 1060 feet,
19 more or less, to a point 40 feet north of the centerline of Horn Rapids Road;
20 thence N.72°55'20"W., 900 feet., thence N.17°04'40"E., 660 feet, more or less,
21 to the true point of beginning, containing 21.90 acres, more or less.

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23 For purposes of application of Part IV Corrective Action of the Hanford
24 Facility Permit only, the Hanford Facility also includes PARCELS C, D, E, F,
25 and G of the lands identified as Excepted from the ABOVE-DESCRIBED LAND, in
26 the foregoing legal description.

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APPENDIX 7A

HANFORD FACILITY CONTINGENCY PLAN

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.

15 16 17 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.

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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).

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4 **5.0 INCIDENT RESPONSE**

5 Incident response procedures have been established for each TSD unit.
6 The initial response to any emergency will be to immediately protect the
7 health and safety of persons in the immediate area. Identification of
8 released material is essential to determine appropriate protective actions.
9 Containment, treatment, and disposal assessment will be the secondary
10 responses.

11 The following sections describe actions for personnel for several
12 different types of incidents, including a generic response, that might occur
13 on the Hanford Facility. Regardless of how an incident is classified, minimum
14 onsite notification requirements exist to ensure that the appropriate
15 organizations are contacted and that the incident is classified correctly.
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18 **5.1 INCIDENT GENERIC RESPONSES**

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20 Responses made by the discoverer, single point-of-contact, and the BED
21 are discussed in the following sections. Identification of hazardous
22 materials and dangerous waste and the assessment of hazards also are
23 discussed.
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26 **5.1.1 Discoverer**

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28 The discoverer performs the following actions:

- 29
30 1. Immediately notifies potentially affected personnel (including the
31 BED, if present, for a TSD unit incident) of the incident
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33 2. Immediately notifies the single point-of-contact (811* or 375-2400)
34 and provides all known information, if the information can be
35 obtained without jeopardizing personnel safety, including the
36 following:
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38 • Name(s) of chemical(s) involved and amount(s) spilled, on fire,
39 or otherwise involved, or threatened by, the incident
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41 • Name and callback telephone number of person reporting the
42 incident
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44 *The DOE-RL and other contractor personnel are trained to notify the
45 Hanford Emergency number (811 from onsite telephones and 375-2400 from 375
46 prefix telephones) for immediate dispatch of the Hanford Fire Department for
47 fire, ambulance services, hazardous materials/mixed waste response, and for
48 the Hanford Patrol. Hanford Patrol, who operates the 811 number, and Pacific
49 Northwest Laboratory Security, who operates the 375-2400 number, notify other
50 organizations and contractors to ensure appropriate actions are taken.

- 1 • Location of incident (identify as closely as possible)
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- 3 • Time incident began or was discovered
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- 5 • Where the materials involved are going or might go, such as into
- 6 secondary containment, under doors, through air ducts, etc.
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- 8 • Source and cause, if known, of spill or discharge
- 9
- 10 • Name(s) of anyone contaminated or injured in connection with the
- 11 incident
- 12
- 13 • Any corrective actions in progress
- 14
- 15 • Anyone else who the discoverer has contacted.
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18 5.1.2 Single Point-of-Contact

19 The single point-of-contact performs the following actions:

- 20 1. Initiates notification to the BED, or one of the alternates if the
- 21 BED cannot be reached immediately, to arrange immediate response to
- 22 the incident
- 23
- 24 2. Requests immediate response from the Hanford Fire Department for
- 25 fire, ambulance service, and/or hazardous material/mixed waste
- 26 incidents as needed
- 27
- 28 3. Contacts the Hanford Patrol for traffic control and security
- 29 measures, as needed, based on the report of the discoverer
- 30
- 31 4. Initiates notification to appropriate management of the spill or
- 32 release incident
- 33
- 34 5. Supports the BED in providing further notification and coordination
- 35 of response activities if needed
- 36
- 37 6. Activates or requests activation of the appropriate alarm signals
- 38 (as required) for the affected building or affected 200, 300, 400,
- 39 or 600 Areas, when the BED determines that protective actions are
- 40 necessary
- 41
- 42 7. Notifies the emergency response organizations
- 43
- 44 8. Prompts the affected area emergency control centers (ECC) to
- 45 activate if requested by the BED or other authorized persons
- 46
- 47 9. Prompts activation of the DOE-RL Emergency Action and Coordinating
- 48 Team (EACT), if necessary, to recommend protective actions for areas
- 49 outside the Hanford Facility.
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1 5.1.3 Building Emergency Director (or alternate)

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3 The BED (or alternate) performs the following actions:

- 4
5 1. Sounds appropriate alarms to notify occupants
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7 2. Notifies the single point-of-contact if additional support or an
8 area evacuation is needed
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10 3. Activates the building emergency response organization as necessary
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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
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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.
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27 5.1.4 Identification of Hazardous Materials and Dangerous Waste
28 and Assessment of Hazards
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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.
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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.
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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.

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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

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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

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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

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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

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48 Evacuation and take cover alarms and procedures are discussed as follows:

- 49 1. Evacuation (Signal: Steady siren). Each TSD unit has emergency
50 procedures that include an evacuation plan identifying emergency
51 signals and staging area locations. In the event a Hanford Facility
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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.
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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 (Signal: None) The TSD unit personnel generally perform immediate
19 cleanup of minor spills or releases using sorbents and emergency equipment.
20 Personnel detecting such spills or releases contact the single point-of-
21 contact to notify of the detection of such spills or releases and to ensure
22 notification of the BED and the Hanford Fire Department. Responses to spills
23 or releases occurring within individual storage cells, structures, modules,
24 etc., during routine handling and storage are contained in TSD unit-specific
25 contingency plans. Response to minor spills generally does not require the
26 implementation of the contingency plan.
27

28 A spill or release of hazardous material or dangerous waste is considered
29 'minor' if all of the following are true:
30

- 31 • The spill does not threaten the health and safety of personnel at the
32 TSD unit, i.e., an evacuation is not necessary
- 33 • The spill is small in size (generally less than half of the
34 immediately dangerous to life and health quantities identified in
35 material safety data sheets)
- 36 • The composition of the material or waste is known or can be quickly
37 determined from label, manifest, material safety data sheets, or
38 disposal request information.
39

40 If one or more of the foregoing conditions are not met, responses are
41 performed as outlined in Section 5.3. Notification of the spill or release is
42 made as outlined in Section 5.1.
43

44 5.3 MAJOR DANGEROUS WASTE AND/OR MIXED WASTE SPILL OR MATERIAL RELEASE

45 (Signal: None) The following actions are taken in the event of a major
46 release.
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1
2 **5.3.1 Discoverer**
3

4 The discoverer 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

- 1 17. Provides required reports after the incident in accordance with
2 Section 9.0.
3
4

5 **5.3.4 Hanford Fire Department Response to Major or Unknown Spills**
6

7 The Hanford Fire Department response to unknown spills is as follows.
8

- 9 1. Initial Hanford Fire Department response includes one engine
10 company, one hazardous materials unit, one ambulance unit, and one
11 battalion commander.
12
13 2. The Hanford Fire Department, as the Hazardous Materials Incident
14 Command Agency, establishes command and control of the situation.
15 The first arriving unit assumes incident command and determines
16 location of the command post, and evacuates personnel from a red
17 zone consisting of a minimum of 100 feet (30.5 meters) in all
18 directions. The red zone could be adjusted as deemed necessary by
19 the hazardous materials team leader.
20
21 3. The Incident Commander evacuates all personnel within the red zone
22 area.
23
24 4. The hazardous materials team leader establishes a yellow zone and
25 decontamination corridor.
26
27 5. The hazardous materials team leader assigns fully trained and
28 qualified team members specific tasks, i.e.,
29
30 Team Safety Officer Decontamination Team Leader
31 Entry Team Resource Leader
32 Backup Team Science Leader
33
34 6. The hazardous materials team safety leader controls and directs the
35 medical evaluations for personnel working in the red and the yellow
36 zones.
37
38 7. Team members performing entry, back up, and decontamination, suit up
39 in level "A" protection.
40
41 8. The entry team members make entry to obtain samples of unknown
42 hazardous material, and observe for other pertinent information.
43
44 9. Entry team collects sample and exits area going through
45 decontamination by decontamination team.
46
47 10. The hazardous materials sample is analyzed on scene by hazardous
48 materials team personnel using available testing equipment. This
49 testing is to determine hazard group classification, i.e., poison,
50 acid, flammable, oxidizer, etc.
51

- 1 11. Once the hazard classification has been identified, the hazardous
2 materials entry team makes re-entry to stabilize and control
3 hazardous materials to the point that the emergency no longer
4 exists.
- 5
- 6 12. The entry team exits the area going through decontamination by the
7 decontamination team.
- 8
- 9 13. The spill site is turned over to cleanup personnel for cleanup and
10 disposal.
- 11
- 12 14. The hazardous materials response command is dissolved; all units
13 return to stations.
- 14
- 15 15. A critique of the hazardous materials incident is held with team
16 members as soon as possible after Hanford Fire Department units have
17 returned to their stations.
- 18
- 19

20 5.4 RESPONSE TO FIRE

21
22 (Signal: Gong) In the event of a fire, the discoverer activates a fire
23 alarm and calls the single point-of-contact. Automatic initiation of a fire
24 alarm (through the smoke detectors and sprinkler systems) also is possible.
25 The TSD unit personnel are trained in the use of portable fire extinguishers
26 for incipient fires. Personnel use their best judgment whether to fight a
27 fire or to evacuate. Under no circumstances do personnel remain to fight a
28 fire if unusual hazards exist.

29
30 The following actions are taken in the event of a fire or explosion.

- 31
- 32 1. On actuation of the fire alarm, personnel shut down equipment,
33 secure waste, and lock up classified documents (or carry the
34 documents with them), ONLY if time permits. The alarm automatically
35 signals the Hanford Fire Department and the Hanford Patrol
36 Operations Center.
- 37
- 38 2. Personnel leave the area/building by the nearest safe exit and
39 proceed to the designated staging area for accounting.*
- 40
- 41 3. The single point-of-contact is notified immediately, who in turn
42 initiates notifications to the BED (or alternate) if necessary.
- 43
- 44 4. The BED proceeds directly to the scene (if not already there).
- 45
- 46 5. The BED obtains all necessary information pertaining to the
47 incident.

48 *Nuclear or nuclear reactor facilities are not required to evacuate upon
49 sound of a fire alarm but are provided supplemental information via building
50 notification systems relative to evacuations.

- 1 6. Depending on the severity of the event, the BED (or lead TSD unit
2 manager) contacts the ONC and requests additional notifications to
3 offsite agencies (e.g., Ecology, local counties, and DOE-
4 Headquarters), informing them as to the extent of the emergency
5 (including estimates of dangerous waste or mixed waste quantities
6 released to the environment) and any actions necessary to protect
7 nearby buildings and/or structures.
8
- 9 7. Depending on the severity, the BED requests activation of the
10 affected area ECC to establish organizations to provide assistance
11 from the DOE-RL, other Hanford Facility contractors, and outside
12 agencies.
13
- 14 8. The Hanford Patrol establishes roadblocks within the area to route
15 traffic away from the emergency scene.
16
- 17 9. Hanford Fire Department medical personnel remove injured personnel
18 to a safe location, apply first aid, and prepare the injured for
19 transport to medical aid stations or to local hospitals in
20 accordance with established memoranda of understanding (MOUs)
21 (copies of the MOUs are maintained by the Hanford Fire Department).
22 Medical personnel are on standby at the fire stations 24 hours a
23 day.
24
- 25 10. Hanford Fire Department firefighters extinguish the fire.
26
- 27 11. All emergency equipment is cleaned and fit for its intended use
28 following completion of cleanup procedures.
29
30

31 5.5 UNUSUAL, IRRITATING, OR STRONG ODORS

32

33 (Signal: None) If an unusual, irritating, or strong odor is detected,
34 and the discoverer has reason to believe that the odor might be the result of
35 an uncontrolled release of a toxic or dangerous material, the discoverer
36 performs the following:
37

- 38 • Activates the building evacuation alarm or fire alarm system to
39 evacuate the building
40
- 41 • Notifies the single point-of-contact, the building manager, and
42 cognizant line management.
43

44 If the discoverer knows of the source and scope of the release, this
45 information is reported quickly to the BED. Measures are taken to contain the
46 release and ventilate the area, if safe and advisable to do so.
47

48 If an unusual odor is detected within the building or structure, and the
49 source of the odor is unknown, the BED considers additional protective
50 actions.
51
52

1 **5.6 RESPONSE TO CONTAINER SPILLS OR LEAKS**

2
3 In addition to the foregoing Plan provisions, the following specific
4 actions could be taken for leaks or spills from containers at TSD units.
5 These actions may be taken only by appropriately trained personnel.

- 6
7 • Container leaks are stopped as soon as possible using appropriate
8 procedures. Appropriate personnel protective equipment is used.
9
10 • If it is inadvisable to approach the container, absorbent materials
11 are used, and access is restricted pending notification of the BED and
12 implementation of the Plan.
13
14 • Contents of leaking containers could be transferred to appropriate
15 nonleaking containers. Transfer procedures for fire safety are
16 followed for ignitable or reactive waste (e.g., use of nonsparking
17 tools, bonding and grounding of containers, isolation of ignition
18 sources, and use of explosion-proof electrical equipment).
19
20 • Overpacked containers are marked and labeled in the same manner as the
21 contents. All containers of spill debris, recovered product, etc.,
22 are managed in the same manner as waste containers received from
23 outside the TSD unit. Overpacks in use at the TSD unit are marked
24 with information pertaining to their contents and noted as to whether
25 the container inside the overpack is leaking or is in good condition.
26

27
28 **5.7 RESPONSE TO TRANSPORTATION AND/OR PACKAGING INCIDENTS**

29
30 This section describes the actions taken in the event of an unplanned
31 sudden or nonsudden release of dangerous waste or dangerous waste constituents
32 to air, soil, surface water, or groundwater during onsite transportation
33 activities, or at locations not covered by a unit-specific contingency plan.
34 This includes spills or releases as a result of transportation activities,
35 movement of materials, packaging, and storage of hazardous materials.
36

37 The following actions are performed by those individuals responding to a
38 hazardous materials transportation incident at the Hanford Facility.
39

40
41 **5.7.1 Initial Responder Actions**

42
43 The initial responder or discoverer of a hazardous materials spill or
44 release resulting from onsite transportation activities initiates the
45 following response actions, if the actions can be performed without
46 jeopardizing personnel safety, as appropriate:
47

- 48 • Determines the nature of incident
49 - Personnel injuries
50 - Hazardous material spill with fire
51 - Hazardous material spill without fire.
52

- 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.
- 11
- 12

13 5.7.2 Event Commander--Outside Treatment, Storage, and/or Disposal Units

14
15 If the emergency event is located within the responsibility of a BED, the
16 BED will establish event command.

17
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.

21
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.
- 32
- 33

34 5.8 DAMAGED, UNACCEPTABLE SHIPMENTS

35
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.

1
2 **6.2 INCIDENT RECOVERY AND RESTART OF OPERATIONS**
3

4 A recovery plan is developed when necessary. A recovery plan is needed
5 following an event when further risk could be introduced to personnel, a
6 TSD unit, or the environment through recovery action and/or to maximize the
7 preservation of evidence. If a recovery plan is required, it is reviewed by
8 appropriate personnel and approved before restart. Restart of operations is
9 performed in accordance with the approved plan.

10
11 If the contingency plan was implemented, notification must be made to
12 Ecology before operations can be resumed. Section 9.0 discusses different
13 reports to outside agencies. This notification is in addition to the required
14 reports in Section 9.0. This notification must include assurances that there
15 are no incompatibility issues with the waste and released materials from the
16 incident, and that all the equipment has been cleaned, fit for its intended
17 use, and placed back into service. The notification can be made via telephone
18 conference. Any additional information that Ecology requests regarding these
19 restart conditions could be included in the required 15-day report identified
20 in Section 9.2.

21
22 For emergencies not involving activation of the ECC, the BED ensures that
23 conditions are restored to normal before operations are resumed. If the ECC
24 was activated and the emergency phase is complete, a special recovery
25 organization could be appointed at the discretion of the BED to restore
26 conditions to normal. The makeup of this organization depends on the extent
27 of the damage and its effects. The recovery organization will be appointed by
28 the appropriate contractors' emergency director.
29

30
31 **6.3 INCOMPATIBLE WASTE**
32

33 After an event, the BED or the recovery organization ensures that no
34 waste that might be incompatible with the released material is treated,
35 stored, and/or disposed of until cleanup is completed. Cleanup actions are
36 taken by TSD unit operations personnel or other assigned personnel. Actions
37 to be taken might include, but are not limited to, any of the following:
38

- 39 • Neutralization of corrosive spills
- 40
- 41 • Chemical treatment of reactive materials to reduce hazards
- 42
- 43 • Overpacking or transfer of contents from leaking containers
- 44
- 45 • Use of sorbents to contain and/or absorb leaking liquids for
- 46 containerization and disposal
- 47
- 48 • Decontamination of solid surfaces impacted by released material, e.g.,
- 49 intact containers, equipment, floors, containment systems, etc.
- 50
- 51 • Disposal of contaminated porous materials that cannot be
- 52 decontaminated and any contaminated soil

- 1 • Containerization and sampling of recovered materials for
- 2 classification and determination of proper disposal technique
- 3
- 4 • Follow up sampling of decontaminated surfaces to determine adequacy of
- 5 cleanup techniques as appropriate.
- 6

7 Waste from cleanup activities is designated and managed as newly
8 generated waste. A field check for compatibility before storage is performed
9 as necessary. Incompatible waste is not placed in the same container.
10 Containers of waste are placed in storage areas appropriate for their
11 compatibility class.

12
13 If it is determined that incompatibility of waste was a factor in the
14 incident, the BED or the recovery organization ensures that the cause is
15 corrected. Examples would be modification of an incompatibility chart or
16 increased scrutiny of waste from a generating unit when incorrectly designated
17 waste caused or contributed to an incident.

18 19 20 **6.4 POST-EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND DECONTAMINATION**

21
22 All equipment used during an incident is decontaminated (if practicable)
23 or disposed of as spill debris. Decontaminated equipment is checked for
24 proper operation before storage for subsequent use. Consumables and disposed
25 materials are restocked. Fire extinguishers are recharged or replaced.

26
27 The BED ensures that all equipment is cleaned and fit for its intended
28 use before operations are resumed. Depleted stocks of neutralizing and
29 absorbing materials are replenished, self-contained breathing apparatus are
30 cleaned and refilled, and protective clothing are cleaned or disposed of and
31 restocked, etc.

32
33 Equipment and personnel decontamination stations are established. Items
34 to consider when establishing a decontamination station are as follows:

- 35
- 36 • Water supplies
- 37 • Containment/catch basins and/or systems
- 38 • Staff necessary to accomplish proper decontamination
- 39 • Protective clothing
- 40 • Decontamination supplies (buckets, brushes, soap, chemicals as needed)
- 41 • Risk to personnel
- 42 • Weather conditions; i.e., severe heat, cold (current and forecasted)
- 43 • Toxicity of material
- 44 • Porosity of equipment to be decontaminated
- 45 • Disposal requirements of decontamination rinse
- 46 • Use of controlled zones to maintain contamination control.
- 47
- 48
- 49

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.
4
5

6 **7.5 SPILL CONTROL AND CONTAINMENT SUPPLIES**

7

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.
18
19

20 **7.6 HANFORD SITE EMERGENCY ORGANIZATIONS**

21

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.
30

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.
35
36
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1 **8.0 COORDINATION AGREEMENTS**

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3

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.
7

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).

8.1 LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES

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.

8.2 HANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID

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.

8.3 MEDICAL AND FIRST AID

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.

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.

8.4 AMBULANCE SERVICE

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).

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.

1 **8.9 WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM**
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3 An agreement has been established between the DOE-RL and Washington
4 Public Power Supply System for providing mutual assistance as needed. This
5 assistance is available in the use of facilities and equipment for personnel
6 decontamination, first aid, evacuation and reassembly areas, respiratory
7 protective equipment, protective clothing, radiological survey equipment,
8 resources for river evacuation, and radiological assistance response.
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12 **9.0 REQUIRED REPORTS**
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15 Three types of written post-incident reports are required for incidents
16 at the Hanford Facility. These reports are summarized in the following
17 sections.
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20 **9.1 ASSESSMENT REPORT TO ECOLOGY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR**
21 **NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER**
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23 Immediately following classification of an incident as a WAC 173-303
24 emergency, an assessment report must be transmitted when the regulatory
25 agencies are notified. This initial assessment report will be submitted by
26 DOE-RL and must include:
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- 28 • Name and telephone number of reporter
- 29
- 30 • Name and address of the Hanford Facility/TSD unit
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- 32 • Time and type of incident
- 33
- 34 • Name and quantity of material(s) involved to the extent known
- 35
- 36 • Extent of injuries if any
- 37
- 38 • Possible hazards to human health and the environment outside the
39 Hanford Facility.
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42 **9.2 WRITTEN REPORT TO ECOLOGY**
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44 Following an incident that requires implementation of the contingency
45 plan, the BED must ensure that the time, date, and details of the incident are
46 recorded in the operating record. Within 15 days of the incident, a written
47 report must be submitted to Ecology. The report generated through the DOE-RL
48 reporting system may be used to supplement this written report, but will not
49 be used as a substitute. The 15 day report will be submitted by DOE-RL and
50 must include:
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- 1 • Name, address, and telephone number of the owner or operator
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- 3 • Name, address, and telephone number of the Hanford Facility/TSD unit
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- 5 • Date, time, and type of incident
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- 7 • Name and quantity of material(s) involved
- 8
- 9 • Extent of injuries if any
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- 11 • Assessment of actual or potential hazards to human health and the
- 12 environment where this is applicable
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- 14 • Estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material that resulted
- 15 from the incident
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- 17 • Cause of incident
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- 19 • Description of corrective action taken to prevent recurrence of the
- 20 incident.
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23 9.3 OCCURRENCE REPORTING

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25 Under DOE Order 5000.3B, an occurrence report is required for incidents
26 occurring at the Hanford Facility involving hazardous materials release, fire,
27 or explosion. Specific details of this reporting system are found in the
28 DOE Order. To summarize, the event is categorized within 2 hours and proper
29 notifications are completed to onsite and offsite agencies to include
30 contractor, DOE, county, and state organizations.

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32 These occurrences are investigated, reported, and analyzed promptly to
33 ensure that effective corrective actions are taken in compliance with
34 contractual and statutory requirements. All such occurrences are recorded in
35 the building manager's log book, and the log book is audited to ensure that
36 incidents were reported and handled properly. In the DOE reporting system,
37 three levels of incidents are described, in descending order of severity:
38 emergency, unusual occurrence, and offnormal occurrences.

39 40 41 9.3.1 Emergency Event Reporting

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43 An emergency event involves an incident in progress, or having occurred,
44 that is the most serious occurrence and requires an increased alert status for
45 onsite and, in specified cases, for offsite authorities. There are three
46 classifications associated with emergency events: Alert, Site Area Emergency,
47 and General Emergency. Occurrences are classified into one of the three
48 levels based on real or potential consequences to personnel, facilities, or
49 the environment, both on and off the Hanford Facility. Current MOUs between
50 the state of Washington and the Hanford Site identify events that would be
51 classified at the stated levels. Emergency events require notification of
52 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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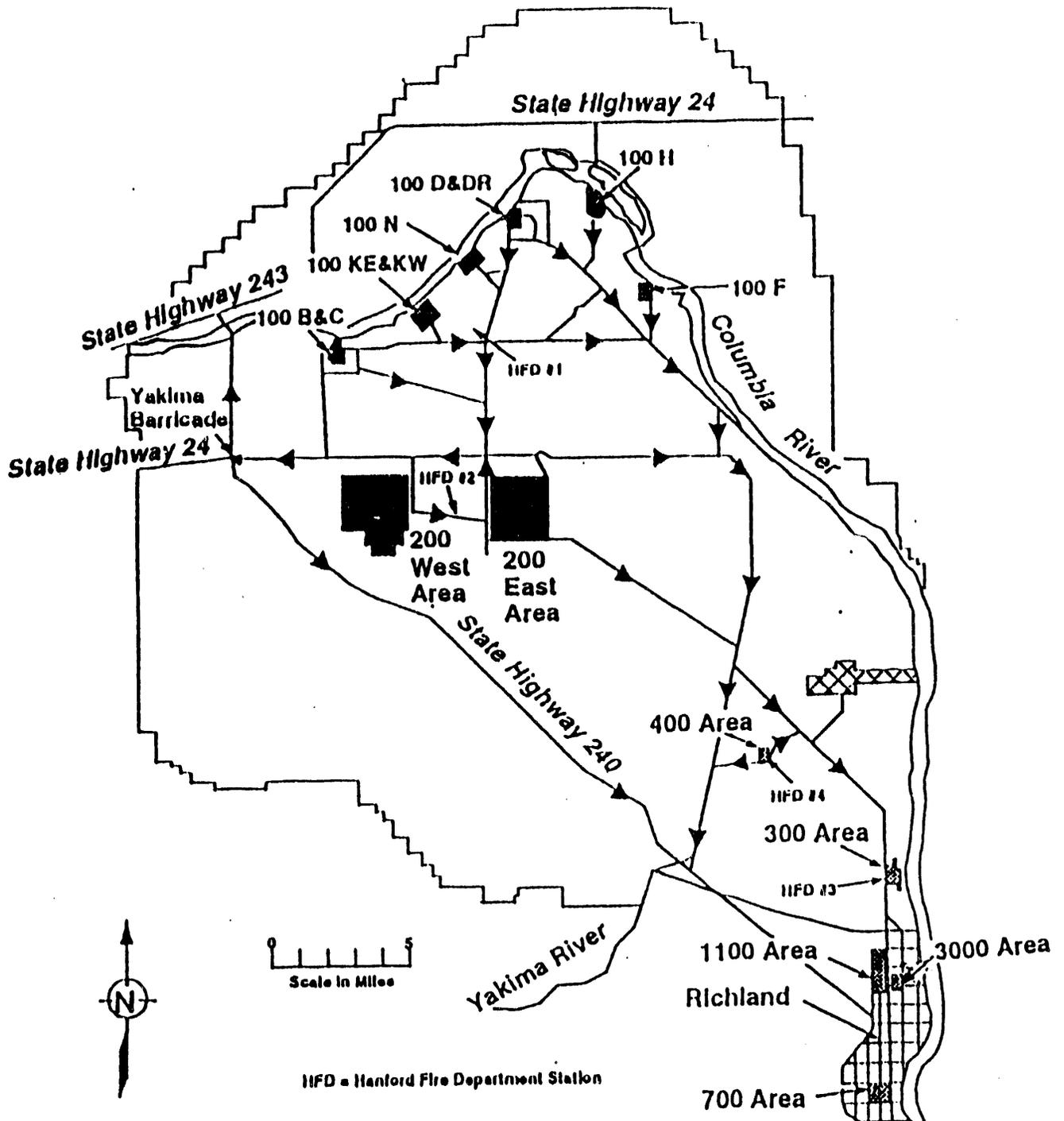
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11 **9.3.3 Offnormal Event Reporting**
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13 An offnormal event is a significant deviation from normal operations that
14 requires categorization and reporting. Hanford Facility management is
15 required 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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- 25 • Each specific TSD unit
 - 26 • Hanford Fire Department (area fire stations)
 - 27 • Area ECCs
 - 28 • ONC
 - 29 • The DOE-RL ECC, Federal Building, Richland.
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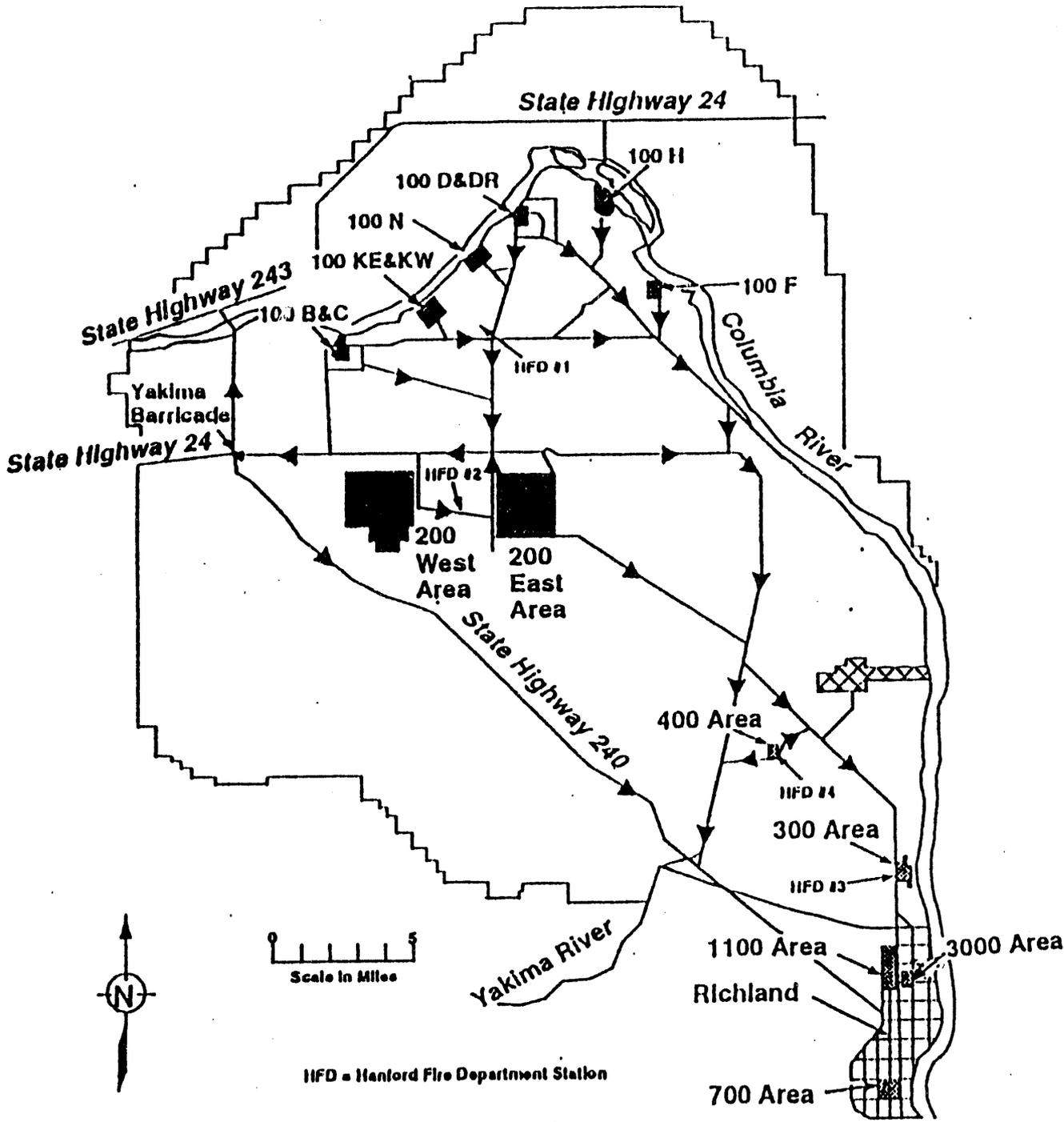
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<p><u>400 Area Emergency Control Center</u> Location: Fast Flux Test Facility, 400 Area</p>	<p>Geographic area of responsibility: 400 Area.</p>
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Table 2. Hanford Facility Alarm Systems.

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"> • 1,500-2,000 gal/min (5,678.1-7,570.8 L/min) pump • 300-500 gal (1,135.6-1,892.7 L) portable tank • Telescoping nozzle • Jaws of Life. 	1 at each station
Tankers 6 Each	Examples of equipment contained on tankers and pumpers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 gal/min (1,892.7 L/min) pump • 1,500 gal (5,678.1 L) tank • 6x6 with 2,000 gal (7,570.8 L) porti-tank • Hose, nozzles, fittings, and tools. 	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"> • 450 gal/min (1,703.4 L/min) pump • 4,500 gal (17,034.3 L) tank • Hose, nozzles, fittings, and tools. 	Station 1
Grass Fire Units 4 Each	Examples of equipment contained on grass fire units: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 gal/min (378.5 L/min) pump • 250 gal (946.3 L) tank • 4-wheel drive • Hose, nozzles, fittings, and tools. 	1 at each station
Ambulances 5 Each	Examples of equipment contained on ambulances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life support systems • Medical supplies and emergency response supplies. 	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"> • 450 lb (204.1 kg) of purple-K • 300 gal (1,133.6 L) aqueous film-forming foam concentrate • 300 gal (1,135.6 L) of aqueous film-forming foam pre-mix solution • Hose, nozzles, fittings, and tools. 	Station 2
Hazardous Materials Vehicle 2 Each	Examples of equipment contained on hazardous materials vehicle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protective clothing for Hazardous Materials Response Team • Breathing apparatus for Hazardous Materials Response Team • Diking, plugging, and damming equipment • Detection instruments for Hazardous Materials Response Team • Tools for plugging and repairing leaking containers • Overpack containers for leaking containers • Command module with material safety data sheets, software, and portable meteorological station • Tools and communications devices necessary to provide communications during emergency response activities. 	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"> • Equipment for response to special metals fire • 500 lb (226.8 kg) of extinguishing powder • 1,000 lb (453.6 kg) of carbon microspheroids. 	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"> • Mobile air compressor, recharges self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders • Tools and fittings for operation of vehicle and spare cylinders. 	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)
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