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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Maintenance Plan for the Performance Assessments and Composite Analyses for the Area 3 and Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Sites at the Nevada Test Site* (National Security Technologies, LLC 2007a) requires an annual review to assess the adequacy of the performance assessments (PAs) and composite analyses (CAs), with the results submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management. The Disposal Authorization Statements for the Area 3 and Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Sites (RWMSs) also require that such reviews be made and that secondary or minor unresolved issues be tracked and addressed as part of the maintenance plan (DOE 1999a, 2000).

The U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office performed an annual review of the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS PAs and CAs for fiscal year (FY) 2012. This annual summary report presents data and conclusions from the FY 2012 review, and determines the adequacy of the PAs and CAs. Operational factors (e.g., waste forms and containers, facility design, and waste receipts), closure plans, monitoring results, and research and development (R&D) activities were reviewed to determine the adequacy of the PAs. Likewise, the environmental restoration activities at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) relevant to the sources of residual radioactive material that are considered in the CAs, the land-use planning, and the results of the environmental monitoring and R&D activities were reviewed to determine the adequacy of the CAs.

Important developments in FY 2012 include the following:

- Release of a special analysis for the Area 3 RWMS assessing the continuing validity of the PA and CA
- Development of a new Area 5 RWMS closure inventory estimate based on disposals through FY 2012
- Evaluation of new or revised waste streams by special analysis
- Development of version 4.114 of the Area 5 RWMS GoldSim PA model

The Area 3 RWMS has been in inactive status since July 1, 2006, with the last shipment received in April 2006. The FY 2012 review of operations, facility design, closure plans, monitoring results, and R&D results for the Area 3 RWMS indicates no changes that would impact PA validity. A special analysis using the Area 3 RWMS v2.102 GoldSim PA model was prepared to update the PA results for the Area 3 RWMS in FY 2012. The special analysis concludes that all performance objectives can be met and the Area 3 RWMS PA remains valid. There is no need to revise the Area 3 RWMS PA.

Review of Area 5 RWMS operations, design, closure plans, monitoring results, and R&D activities indicates no significant changes other than an increase in the inventory disposed. The FY 2012 PA results, generated with the Area 5 RWMS v4.114 GoldSim PA model, indicate that there continues to be a reasonable expectation of meeting all performance objectives. The results

and conclusions of the Area 5 RWMS PA are judged valid, and there is no need to the revise the PA.

A review of changes potentially impacting the CAs indicates that no significant changes occurred in FY 2012. The continuing adequacy of the CAs was evaluated with the new models, and no significant changes that would alter CA results or conclusions were found. The revision of the Area 3 RWMS CA, which will include the Underground Test Area source term (Corrective Action Unit [CAU] 97), is scheduled for FY 2024, following the completion of the Yucca Flat CAU 97 Corrective Action Decision Document/Corrective Action Plan in FY 2016. Inclusion of the Frenchman Flat CAU 98 results in the Area 5 RWMS CA is scheduled for FY 2016, pending the completion of the CAU 98 closure report in FY 2015.

Near-term R&D efforts will focus on continuing development of the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS GoldSim PA/CA and inventory models.

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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ac	acre
Am	americium
BN	Bechtel Nevada
Bq	becquerel
Bq m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	becquerel per square meter per second
BUP	Byproduct Utilization Program
CA	composite analysis
CADD	Corrective Action Decision Document
CAIP	Corrective Action Investigation Plan
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CAS	Corrective Action Site
CAU	Corrective Action Unit
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
Ci	curie
Co	cobalt
COCs	contaminants of concern
COPCs	contaminants of potential concern
CR	Closure Report
CY	calendar year
DAS	Disposal Authorization Statement
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DU	depleted uranium
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ER	Environmental Restoration
ET	evapotranspirative
FEPs	features, events, and processes
FFACO	<i>Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order</i>
ft	foot
ft <sup>3</sup>	cubic foot
FY	fiscal year
GCD	Greater Confinement Disposal
GMX	Gadget, Mechanics, and Explosives
GZ	ground zero
<sup>3</sup> H	tritium
ISC3	Industrial Source Code 3

## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (continued)

LFRG	Low-Level Waste Disposal Facility Federal Review Group
LHS	Latin hypercube sampling
LLW	low-level waste
LLWMU	Low-Level Waste Management Unit
m	meter
MFP	mixed fission products
$m^3$	cubic meter
mSv	millisievert
NDEP	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
NNSA/NSO	U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office
NNSS	Nevada National Security Site
NSTec	National Security Technologies, LLC
PA	performance assessment
Pb	lead
PSM	potential source material
Pu	plutonium
R&D	research and development
Ra	radium
RaDU	radium disposal unit
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RIDP	Radionuclide Inventory and Distribution Program
Rn	radon
RTG	radioisotope thermoelectric generator
RWAP	Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program
RWMS	Radioactive Waste Management Site
SLB	shallow land burial
Sr	strontium
TBD	to be determined
TBq	terabecquerel
Tc	technetium
TED	total effective dose
Th	thorium
TLD	thermoluminescent dosimeter
TRU	transuranic
U	uranium
UGTA	Underground Test Area
WAC	waste acceptance criteria

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the results and conclusions of an annual review of the Area 3 and Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Sites (RWMSs) performance assessments (PAs) and composite analyses (CAs). The Area 3 and Area 5 RWMSs were issued Disposal Authorization Statements (DASs) in accordance with U.S. Department of Energy Order DOE O 435.1 “Radioactive Waste Management” (U.S. Department of Energy [DOE] 2001). The Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS DASs (DOE 1999a, 2000) require preparation of an annual summary report and a determination of the continuing adequacy of the PAs and CAs. The requirement to prepare an annual summary report is implemented in the Maintenance Plan for the PAs and CAs (National Security Technologies, LLC [NSTec] 2007a). The annual summary report is submitted to the DOE Office of Environmental Management for review and approval.

The annual review summarizes changes in site operations, facility design, site monitoring, research and development (R&D), PA/CA models, and planning documents that may impact the validity of the PA and CA. The impact of changes and new information on the adequacy of the PA and CA is evaluated by answering three key questions:

1. Does the annual summary information indicate that changes to the PA or CA are required?
2. Does the annual summary information indicate that the conclusions of the PA and CA remain valid?
3. Does the annual summary information indicate that facility performance will remain within the U.S. Department of Energy Manual DOE M 435.1-1, “Radioactive Waste Management” (DOE 1999b) PA performance objectives, CA performance goals, and any conditions in the facility DAS?

This report follows the format in U.S. Department of Energy Guide DOE G 435.1-4, “Maintenance Guide for U.S. Department of Energy Low-Level Waste Disposal Facility Performance Assessments and Composite Analysis” (DOE 1999c) and presents the annual summary for the PAs in Section 2.0 and the CAs in Section 3.0. The annual summary for the PAs includes the following:

- Section 2.1 summarizes changes in waste disposal operations and includes new estimates of the closure inventories derived from the actual disposals through fiscal year (FY) 2012.
- Section 2.2 summarizes changes related to facility design and environmental monitoring.
- Section 2.3 summarizes closure plans and land use plans.
- Section 2.4 summarizes R&D activities conducted under the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO) Closure and Monitoring Plans for the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMSs (NSTec 2007b, 2008a).
- Section 2.5 is a summary of changes, including proposed and discovered changes, in facility design, operation, future plans, the monitoring plan, R&D activities, and the maintenance program.

- Section 2.6 answers the key review questions addressing the continuing validity of the PA.

Section 3.0 presents the annual summary for the CAs emphasizing changes not addressed in the PA annual summary. The annual summary for the CAs includes the following:

- Section 3.1 presents an assessment of activities at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) that would impact the sources of residual radioactive material considered in the CAs.
- Section 3.2 summarizes R&D results for FY 2012.
- Section 3.3 updates the status of sources of residual radioactive material interacting with the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMSs.
- Section 3.4 summarizes changes in monitoring plans, R&D activities, and the maintenance program that occurred since the CAs were prepared.
- Section 3.4.3.1 updates the CA results using the FY 2012 inventories and models.
- Section 3.5 answers the key review questions regarding the continuing validity of the CA.

Appendix A is a self evaluation using the Low-Level Waste Disposal Facility Federal Review Group (LFRG) annual summary checklist.

## 1.1 STATUS OF DISPOSAL AUTHORIZATION STATEMENT CONDITIONS

The Area 3 RWMS PA and CA were issued in a single document (Shott et al. 2001). The Area 3 RWMS was issued a DAS on October 20, 1999 (DOE 1999a). The Area 3 RWMS DAS contained one PA condition and two CA conditions (Tables 1 and 2). The DAS conditions were resolved with the PA/CA document revision (Shott et al. 2001).

**Table 1. Status of the Area 3 RWMS DAS PA Conditions**

Condition	Status
<i>"Provide to LFRG, within eight months of the date of issuance of this disposal authorization statement, a revision to the performance assessment that includes resolution of the following secondary issues: 1) Lack of justification for excluding particular exposure scenarios based on exhumed waste, 2) Inadequate justification for omission of surface water, 3) Lack of sensitivity analysis regarding the assumed 250 years of institutional control, 4) Need for clarification of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)/CERCLA regulatory involvement, if any, in low-level waste disposal at Area 3, 5) Need for clarification of the location of the point of maximum exposure, 6) Need for better explanation of the borehole and field data within the framework of the no-recharge conceptual model."</i>	A revised Area 3 RWMS PA/CA was issued in December 2001 (Shott et al. 2001). The DAS conditions were closed in 2002 (DOE 2002a).

**Table 2. Status of the Area 3 RWMS DAS CA Conditions**

Condition	Status
<p><i>"Provide to LFRG, within eight months of the date of issuance of this disposal authorization statement, a revision to the composite analysis that includes qualitative assessment including an options analysis of the effect of groundwater contamination resulting from underground nuclear testing. Before any portion of the Nevada Test Site is considered for a reduction in institutional control, Nevada Operations Office will have quantified the potential dose from the underground testing residues and taken measures to mitigate the dose, as appropriate."</i></p>	<p>A revised Area 3 RWMS PA/CA was issued in December 2001 (Shott et al. 2001). The DAS conditions were closed in 2002 (DOE 2002a).</p>
<p><i>"Resolution of the following secondary issues identified in the review of the composite analysis: Need for a better explanation of the borehole and field data within the framework of the no-recharge conceptual model."</i></p>	<p>A revised Area 3 RWMS PA/CA was issued in December 2001 (Shott et al. 2001). The DAS conditions were closed in 2002 (DOE 2002a).</p>

The Area 5 RWMS PA documentation consists of the original DOE O 435.1 low-level waste (LLW) PA (Shott et al. 1998) and supporting addenda (Bechtel Nevada [BN] 2001a, 2006). The Area 5 RWMS CA was issued as a single document (BN 2001b) and has a single addendum (BN 2001c).

In addition to the LLW PA, a PA was prepared and approved to meet the requirements of Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 191, "Environmental Radiation Protection Standards for Management and Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel, High-Level, and Transuranic Radioactive Waste" (CFR 1994). The 40 CFR 191 PA was prepared for transuranic (TRU) waste disposed in Greater Confinement Disposal (GCD) boreholes at the Area 5 RWMS (Cochran et al. 2001).

The Area 5 RWMS DAS was issued on December 5, 2000 (DOE 2000). The PA and CA each had two conditions (Tables 3 and 4). The DAS conditions were closed on May 23, 2002.

**Table 3. Status of the Area 5 RWMS DAS PA Conditions**

Condition	Status
<p><i>"The specific radionuclide concentration or inventory limits shall be imposed on Pit 6 to ensure that performance objectives will not be exceeded. A quantitative dose estimate shall be calculated using the reduced inventory to determine compliance with the performance objective."</i></p>	<p>An addendum to the Area 5 RWMS PA was issued in November 2001 (BN 2001a). The DAS conditions were closed in 2002 (DOE 2002b).</p>
<p><i>"The closure plan shall require a closure cap thickness of at least 4 meters as stated in Section 5.1 of the 1998 PA to ensure that performance objectives for the agricultural scenario will not be exceeded. A quantitative dose estimate shall be calculated using the 4 meter cap to demonstrate compliance with the performance objectives."</i></p>	<p>An addendum to the Area 5 RWMS PA was issued in November 2001 (BN 2001a). The DAS conditions were closed in 2002 (DOE 2002b).</p>

**Table 4. Status of the Area 5 RWMS DAS CA Conditions**

Condition	Status
<p><i>"The CA for the RWMS shall either be revised or an addendum issued within one year of the date of the issuance of this DAS to incorporate the Supplemental Information. The revised CA or addendum shall be submitted to the LFRG. Nevada Operations Office shall address all secondary issues and issues identified in Appendix B of the Review Team Report through the maintenance program."</i></p>	<p>An addendum to the Area 5 RWMS CA was issued in November 2001 (BN 2001c). The DAS conditions were closed in 2002 (DOE 2002b).</p>
<p><i>"Consistent with the site's Land-Use Plan and the conditions identified in the Area 3 DAS before any portion of the Nevada Test Site is considered for a reduction in institutional controls, Nevada Operations Office will have quantified the potential dose from the underground testing residues."</i></p>	<p>An addendum to the Area 5 RWMS CA was issued in November 2001 (BN 2001c). The DAS conditions were closed in 2002 (DOE 2002b).</p>

## 1.2 TRACKING OF MINOR ISSUES

Tracking and resolution of all minor or secondary issues identified in the LFRG review reports for the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS PAs and CAs are accomplished through the current Maintenance Plan (NSTec 2007a). The Maintenance Plan is in final form. Table 5 lists the minor issues that are being tracked and resolved through the maintenance program. The resolution pathway for each issue is included in the third column of Table 5.

**Table 5. Minor Issues Identified in the LFRG Review Reports for the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS PAs and CAs**

Identified Issue	Source Document for Issue	Resolution Pathway
An engineered barrier will be added, and the assurance requirements of 40 CFR 191 must be met for the GCD boreholes.	GCD PA	An engineered barrier will be added, and the assurance requirements will be met at the time of final closure of the Area 5 RWMS in FY 2028.
Inconsistencies exist between conceptual models for the Area 5 RWMS PA and CA, the Area 3 RWMS PA and CA, and the GCD PA.	Area 5 RWMS PA, Area 5 RWMS CA, Area 3 RWMS PA/CA, GCD PA	The continuous development of probabilistic performance assessment models using the GoldSim software system is systematically eliminating inconsistencies; this work will continue to be described in annual summary reports.
Conduct site monitoring and site characterization studies, as required, to increase confidence in the results of the PAs.	Area 3 RWMS PA/CA	Monitoring programs at both Area 5 and Area 3 RWMSs are ongoing; data are being incorporated into the GoldSim models to increase confidence in the PA results.
The maintenance program must include periodic assessment of changes in potentially interacting sources (Underground Test Areas [UGTAs], industrial sites) and impacts on the CAs.	Area 5 RWMS CA, Area 3 RWMS PA/CA	Changes in potentially interacting sources will be evaluated through the maintenance program, and results will be presented in the annual summary reports.

Identified Issue	Source Document for Issue	Resolution Pathway
The maintenance program must include periodic assessment of changes in land-use restrictions and impacts on the CAs.	Area 5 RWMS CA, Area 3 RWMS PA/CA	Changes in land-use restrictions will be reviewed through the maintenance program, and results will be presented in the annual summary reports.
Monitoring systems need to be deployed and data gathered and evaluated to distinguish between interacting sources at the Area 3 RWMS.	Area 3 RWMS PA/CA	The monitoring systems deployed at the disposal facilities are described in the site closure plans (NSTec 2007b, 2008a); monitoring results will be evaluated and presented in the annual summary reports.

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## 2.0 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REVIEW

The PA maintenance plan requires an annual review of waste operations including evaluation of waste forms, waste containers, facility design, waste acceptance criteria (WAC), closure design, and waste inventory. Changes in waste inventory, facility design, WAC, environmental monitoring, institutional controls, and closure design occurring during FY 2012 are noted and described below. The impacts of these changes are assessed in Section 2.5.

### 2.1 WASTE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS

#### 2.1.1 Waste Forms and Containers

The Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS PAs do not explicitly model the effects of waste forms and containers on the near-field release of radionuclides. Radionuclides are assumed to be fully available for release and transport at site closure. These assumptions continue to apply for waste disposed at the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMSs through FY 2012.

#### 2.1.2 Waste Receipts

The Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS PAs analyze waste inventories that are estimated as the sum of known past disposals and estimated future disposals. The closure inventory estimate changes over time as records of past disposals are revised, waste received do not match forecasts, or future waste forecasts change. Closure inventory uncertainty is dominated by uncertainty in future disposals. Sources of uncertainty that are unique to future disposals include approval of new generators or new waste streams and wastes being sent to alternative disposal sites. The FY 2012 closure inventory estimates for the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS are summarized below.

##### 2.1.2.1 New or Revised Waste Streams

Each new or revised waste stream is evaluated by the Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program (RWAP) for its conformance with WAC and potential impacts on the PA. Part of this evaluation includes a comparison of waste concentrations with the WAC action levels using a sum of fractions calculation. Waste streams with a sum of fractions greater than one or with a potential to alter PA assumptions or conceptual models require a special analysis.

Special analyses for new or revised waste streams are performed by adding the additional inventory to the Area 5 RWMS PA model and determining if all performance objectives can be met. Occasionally, waste streams may present issues other than inventory changes that require a special analysis. If the special analysis shows that all performance objectives can be met, the waste stream is recommended for approval.

Five special analyses were performed for new or revised waste streams in FY 2012 (Table 6). Two special analyses were required to evaluate a waste stream's radon-222 ( $^{222}\text{Rn}$ ) flux density. The two waste streams impacting the  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  flux density had high concentrations of radium-226 ( $^{226}\text{Ra}$ ). One waste stream's cobalt-60 ( $^{60}\text{Co}$ ) activity concentration exceeded WAC action levels.

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The results of these special analyses indicated that all performance objectives could be met with the addition of the waste streams to the site inventory.

**Table 6. Waste Streams Evaluated by Special Analysis in FY 2012**

Waste Stream	Description	Issues	Result
ANLERESIDUES1, Rev. 4	Argonne National Laboratory Low-Level Waste Residues	$^{222}\text{Rn}$ Flux Generation	Accepted
DRTK000000031, Rev. 0	Oak Ridge Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generators (RTGs)	$^{90}\text{Sr}$ Inventory, Heat Generation	Accepted with Conditions after Removal of BUP-500 RTG
DRTK000000039, Rev. 0	Oak Ridge Mixed Waste RTGs	Heat Generation	Accepted with Conditions
DRTK000000047, Rev. 0	Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory $^{60}\text{Co}$ Irradiator	$^{60}\text{Co}$ Inventory	Accepted
DRTK000000049, Rev. 0	Argonne National Laboratory Sealed Sources	$^{222}\text{Rn}$ Flux Generation	Accepted

Two waste streams, consisting of strontium-90 ( $^{90}\text{Sr}$ ) radioisotope thermoelectric generators (RTGs), required special analyses due to their  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  inventory and heat generation. The DRTK000000031 waste stream included a 500-watt RTG produced by the Byproduct Utilization Program (BUP) known as the BUP-500. The BUP-500 contains more than 22,000 terabecquerels (TBq) ( $> 590,000$  curies [Ci]) of  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  and is the highest activity  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  RTG ever constructed. Thermal analysis indicates that the heat generated by the buried BUP-500 RTG is sufficient to melt important RTG components and initiate features, events, processes (FEPs) not addressed in the PA. The DRTK000000031 waste stream was accepted with removal of the BUP-500 and conditions on the depth and spacing of the remaining RTGs. Depth and spacing conditions are specified to manage RTG heat generation after disposal. The DRTK000000039 waste stream consisted of two low-activity RTGs classified as mixed waste due to the presence of mercury. Mixed waste must be disposed in Pit 18, a RCRA-licensed disposal unit with a high density polyethylene liner. Heat effects on the high density polyethylene liner were an additional concern for this waste stream. Thermal analysis indicates that the activity of the DRTK000000039 RTGs will not create sufficient heat to damage or significantly shorten the lifetime of the Pit 18 liner. The DRTK000000039 waste stream was accepted for disposal with conditions on the burial depth and spacing.

### **2.1.2.2 FY 2012 Closure Inventory Estimate for the Area 3 RWMS**

The Area 3 RWMS was placed in inactive status July 1, 2006, by closing active disposal units with operational covers and suspending waste disposal operations. Although the site remains available for future disposal of large volume bulk waste streams, no waste streams are currently designated for the Area 3 RWMS. The current inventory estimate assumes no future waste disposals.

The FY 2012 inventory is unchanged from the FY 2011 inventory, which was estimated with the Area 3 Inventory model, version 2.016. The model sums past disposals and inventory revisions

probabilistically. Probability distributions representing uncertainty in annual activity disposed are sampled each FY during operations. Radioactive decay and ingrowth during the operational period are explicitly included in the model. The estimated closure inventories are well fit by a lognormal distribution and described by the geometric mean and standard deviation estimated by the sample moments (Table 7). The estimated inventories are decayed until the assumed date of closure on October 1, 2025.

**Table 7. FY 2012 Estimate of the Area 3 RWMS Inventory Disposed before September 26, 1988  
(Estimates are calculated from 500 Latin hypercube sampling [LHS] realizations and decayed to October 1, 2025)**

Nuclide	U-3ax/bl		U-3ah/at	
	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation
H-3	1.3E+14	3.13	7.7E+11	2.17
C-14	1.0E+11	3.13	1.1E+08	2.88
Al-26	4.0E+06	3.16	4.3E+03	2.90
Cl-36	2.2E+10	3.27	2.4E+07	2.91
Ar-39	1.0E+11	3.16	1.1E+08	2.98
K-40	6.0E+09	3.07	6.7E+06	2.65
Ca-41	1.6E+11	3.07	1.7E+08	3.08
Co-60	1.2E+10	3.20	Negligible	--
Ni-59	4.2E+09	3.13	4.5E+06	2.83
Ni-63	3.4E+11	3.19	4.0E+08	2.85
Kr-85	6.4E+10	3.10	1.3E+08	2.67
Sr-90	5.2E+12	3.08	7.8E+09	2.53
Zr-93	5.7E+08	3.08	6.3E+05	2.67
Nb-93m	7.4E+10	3.31	1.2E+08	2.91
Nb-94	1.4E+11	3.26	1.5E+08	3.01
Tc-99	1.4E+10	2.45	1.0E+10	3.81
Pd-107	2.5E+07	3.08	2.8E+04	2.68
Cd-113m	6.4E+10	3.17	1.1E+08	2.94
Sn-121m	1.4E+12	3.18	1.7E+09	2.93
Sn-126	2.5E+08	3.08	2.7E+05	2.66
I-129	1.3E+07	3.08	1.4E+04	2.66
Cs-135	4.4E+08	3.07	4.9E+05	2.66
Cs-137	7.2E+12	3.06	1.0E+10	2.61
Sm-151	5.5E+11	3.07	6.5E+08	2.66
Eu-150	2.0E+11	3.38	2.3E+08	3.59
Eu-152	4.9E+11	3.25	8.8E+08	3.02
Eu-154	8.8E+10	3.26	2.0E+08	3.17
Ho-166m	5.4E+09	3.17	5.9E+06	2.92
Pb-210	4.0E+11	4.07	1.1E+05	2.19

Nuclide	U-3ax/bl		U-3ah/at	
	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation
Ra-226	5.5E+11	4.07	3.6E+05	2.19
Ra-228	1.4E+09	2.71	4.8E+05	2.66
Ac-227	1.3E+06	2.20	1.7E+06	2.22
Th-228	8.3E+09	2.85	7.8E+06	2.87
Th-229	1.5E+07	3.05	1.4E+04	2.62
Th-230	3.6E+07	2.04	4.4E+07	2.19
Th-232	1.5E+09	2.71	4.9E+05	2.66
Pa-231	3.0E+06	2.21	4.2E+06	2.22
U-232	5.9E+09	3.24	7.0E+06	2.91
U-233	3.5E+09	3.07	3.9E+06	2.60
U-234	9.3E+10	2.13	1.3E+11	2.19
U-235	3.6E+09	2.22	5.3E+09	2.22
U-236	2.5E+09	2.82	2.4E+09	2.84
U-238	4.3E+10	2.31	1.1E+11	2.55
Np-237	5.3E+08	2.46	2.3E+08	2.40
Pu-238	2.0E+11	3.08	1.8E+10	2.61
Pu-239	1.2E+12	3.05	2.3E+09	2.17
Pu-240	3.1E+11	3.05	5.8E+08	2.11
Pu-241	4.6E+11	3.09	1.6E+09	2.02
Pu-242	1.2E+08	3.07	1.6E+05	2.31
Am-241	3.8E+11	3.03	7.0E+08	2.07
Am-243	5.2E+07	3.12	5.7E+04	2.69
Cm-244	9.2E+09	3.10	1.5E+07	2.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.5E+14</b>		<b>1.1E+12</b>	

*Negligible – Inventory less than 37 becquerels (Bq)*

Pre-1988 waste is disposed in U-3ax/bl and U-3ah/at, with 80% of the volume and 99% of the activity disposed in U-3ax/bl. The total pre-1988 inventory as of October 1, 2025, consists of approximately  $1.5 \times 10^2$  TBq ( $4.1 \times 10^3$  Ci) in  $2.3 \times 10^5$  cubic meters ( $m^3$ ) ( $8.1 \times 10^6$  cubic feet [ $ft^3$ ]) of waste.

The post-1988 waste is disposed in U-3ah/at and U-3bh. The post-1988 inventory is estimated to consist of approximately  $1.2 \times 10^3$  TBq ( $3.4 \times 10^4$  Ci) in  $3.3 \times 10^5$   $m^3$  ( $1.2 \times 10^7$   $ft^3$ ) of waste. On an activity basis, the inventory is predominantly tritium ( $^3H$ ) (Table 8).

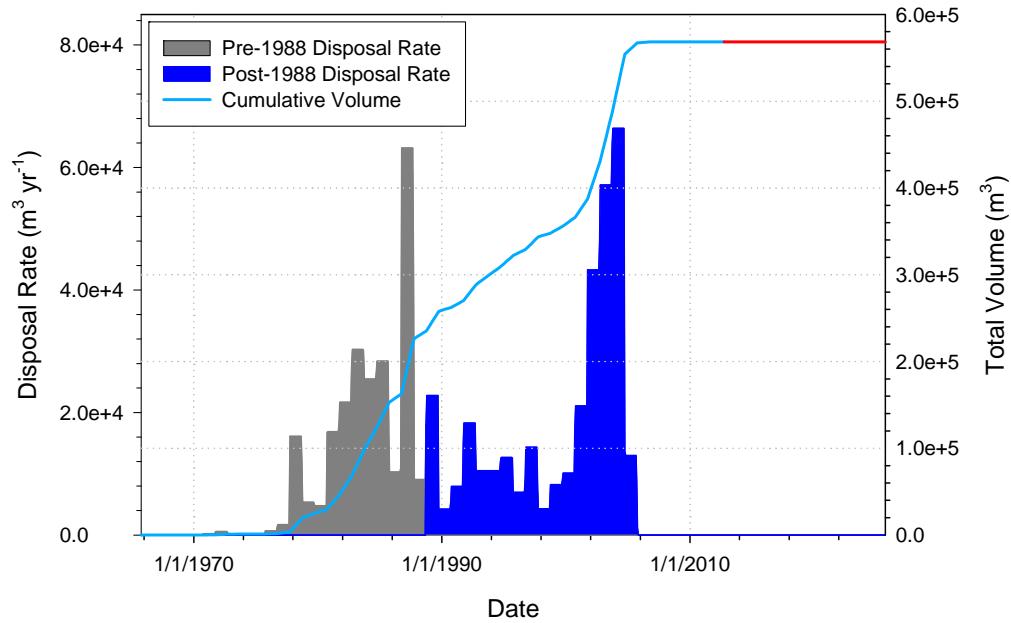
**Table 8. FY 2012 Estimate of the Area 3 RWMS Inventory Disposed after September 26, 1988  
(Estimates are calculated from 500 LHS realizations and decayed to October 1, 2025)**

Nuclide	U-3ah/at		U-3bh	
	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation
H-3	7.5E+15	2.06	4.5E+15	2.15
C-14	9.8E+10	1.76	3.0E+07	2.11
Al-26	9.5E+04	2.40	Negligible	--
Cl-36	6.1E+08	2.29	Negligible	--
Ar-39	2.6E+09	2.50	Negligible	--
Ar-42	4.4E+08	2.01	2.4E+08	2.49
K-40	2.6E+09	1.82	7.1E+08	2.58
Ca-41	4.0E+09	2.39	Negligible	--
Ti-44	1.2E+10	2.04	5.6E+09	2.61
Co-60	3.6E+09	1.79	2.4E+09	1.89
Ni-59	9.4E+08	2.31	1.7E+08	2.06
Ni-63	2.1E+11	1.77	7.5E+09	1.97
Se-79	2.5E+07	2.13	Negligible	--
Kr-85	3.6E+09	2.13	Negligible	--
Sr-90	3.1E+14	2.75	4.4E+10	1.94
Zr-93	1.4E+07	2.28	Negligible	--
Nb-93m	2.8E+09	2.42	Negligible	--
Nb-94	3.4E+09	2.56	1.8E+08	2.10
Tc-99	2.0E+12	1.90	7.7E+10	1.98
Pd-107	6.2E+05	2.28	Negligible	--
Cd-113m	2.7E+09	2.41	Negligible	--
Sn-121m	3.7E+10	2.42	Negligible	--
Sn-126	5.8E+08	2.15	9.1E+05	2.66
I-129	4.7E+08	2.03	2.4E+08	2.63
Cs-135	1.1E+07	2.29	Negligible	--
Cs-137	1.7E+14	1.96	4.9E+10	1.75
Ba-133	5.0E+09	1.99	1.6E+09	2.73
Sm-151	1.5E+10	2.28	1.2E+06	2.23
Eu-150	6.1E+09	2.76	Negligible	--
Eu-152	3.9E+10	1.87	1.3E+09	2.42
Eu-154	8.6E+09	1.99	1.6E+08	2.04
Ho-166m	1.3E+08	2.38	Negligible	--
Pb-210	9.6E+10	1.77	4.5E+08	1.86
Bi-207	3.8E+05	2.27	1.8E+07	2.19
Bi-210m	6.7E+06	1.96	2.1E+08	2.23
Ra-226	1.0E+11	1.98	9.4E+08	2.25

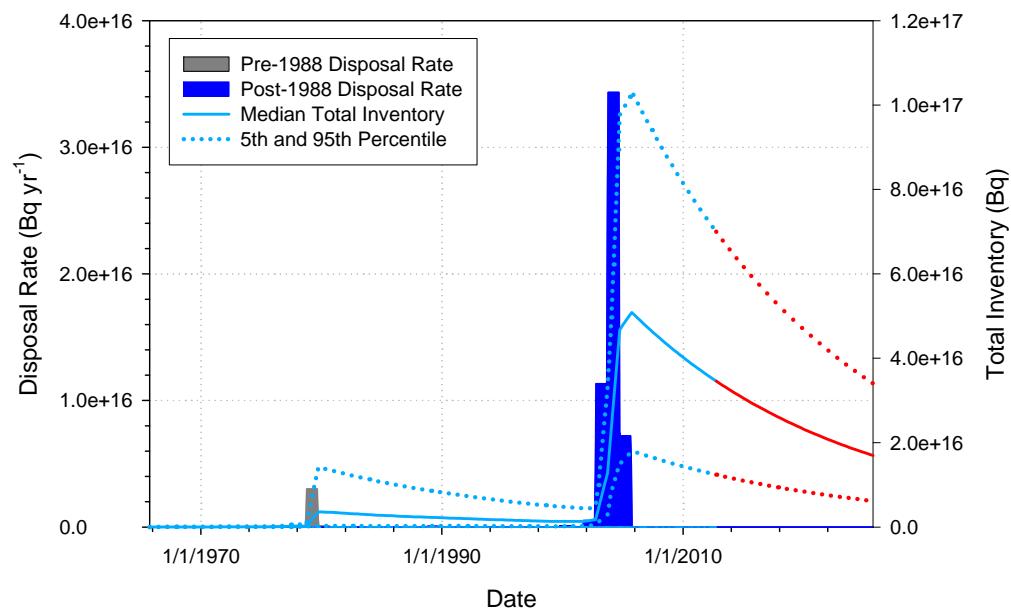
Nuclide	U-3ah/at		U-3bh	
	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation
Ra-228	1.3E+10	1.69	1.9E+11	2.70
Ac-227	2.5E+09	1.85	1.4E+06	2.15
Th-228	7.2E+10	1.91	1.8E+11	2.70
Th-229	4.0E+07	1.95	4.8E+07	2.53
Th-230	4.7E+10	2.00	7.1E+10	2.72
Th-232	1.4E+10	1.71	2.0E+11	2.70
Pa-231	3.8E+08	1.79	5.0E+06	2.16
U-232	5.3E+10	2.20	Negligible	--
U-233	1.6E+10	1.93	2.2E+10	2.52
U-234	7.4E+12	1.98	1.3E+11	2.08
U-235	3.4E+11	1.83	1.1E+10	2.18
U-236	3.6E+11	2.34	9.6E+07	2.71
U-238	1.3E+13	1.74	5.8E+11	2.32
Np-237	2.4E+11	2.08	1.5E+08	1.91
Pu-238	5.6E+11	1.97	1.8E+11	2.07
Pu-239	2.7E+12	1.68	5.1E+11	1.85
Pu-240	5.4E+11	1.70	8.6E+10	2.07
Pu-241	1.5E+12	1.75	1.6E+11	2.00
Pu-242	1.1E+08	1.61	4.0E+07	2.32
Am-241	5.3E+11	1.56	8.8E+10	1.84
Am-242m	2.3E+08	2.18	3.3E+06	2.84
Am-243	5.9E+08	1.80	4.3E+07	2.63
Cm-243	3.1E+06	1.74	9.9E+05	2.61
Cm-244	8.2E+09	1.60	1.1E+08	2.09
Cm-245	5.4E+08	1.90	8.2E+06	2.64
Cm-246	8.8E+07	1.86	Negligible	--
Cm-247	7.0E+05	2.72	Negligible	--
Cf-249	3.4E+03	2.21	Negligible	--
Cf-250	1.3E+03	2.81	Negligible	--
Cf-251	2.2E+08	2.29	Negligible	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.0E+15</b>		<b>4.5E+15</b>	

Negligible – Inventory less than 37 Bq

The volume of waste disposed at the Area 3 RWMS is divided approximately equally between the pre- and post-1988 period (Figure 1). The total activity was disposed predominately in the post-1988 period since 2000 (Figure 2).



**Figure 1. Annual Volume Disposal Rate and Total Volume for the Area 3 RWMS**



**Figure 2. Activity Annual Disposal Rate and Total Inventory for the Area 3 RWMS**

### 2.1.2.3 FY 2012 Closure Inventory Estimate for the Area 5 RWMS

The Area 5 RWMS PA GoldSim model divides the site inventory into three virtual disposal units based on the depth of burial. Most wastes are disposed in shallow land burial (SLB) disposal units. Wastes capable of producing significant  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  flux densities are disposed below thicker covers in two radium disposal units (RaDUs), the lower cell of Pit 6 and the northern section of

Pit 13. High specific activity and TRU wastes were disposed in GCD boreholes. The inventory of the three virtual disposal units is further divided into pre-1988, post-1988 disposed, and future portions.

The FY 2012 estimate of the Area 5 RWMS closure inventory was prepared using the GoldSim Area 5 Inventory v2.110 model. No significant changes were made to the Area 5 inventory model in FY 2012, except addition of the FY 2012 disposed waste. The model sums past disposals, revisions, and future inventory estimates probabilistically. Probability distributions representing uncertainty in annual activity disposed are sampled each FY during operations. Radioactive decay and ingrowth during the operational period are explicitly included in the model. The closure inventory estimates are well fit by a lognormal distribution and described by the geometric mean and standard deviation estimated as the sample moments (Table 9). The estimated inventories are decayed until the assumed date of closure on October 1, 2028.

**Table 9. FY 2012 Estimate of the Area 5 RWMS SLB Inventory (Estimates are calculated from 500 LHS realizations and decayed to October 1, 2028)**

Nuclide	Pre-1988 SLB		Post-1988 SLB		Future SLB	
	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation
H-3	3.4E+16	1.84	3.4E+16	1.52	5.6E+16	2.67
C-14	2.9E+11	1.81	2.6E+13	2.06	1.7E+04	42.69
Al-26	9.1E+06	1.93	6.7E+05	1.88	6.2E+06	5.34
Cl-36	5.1E+10	1.92	2.4E+08	2.18	0.0E+00	1.01
Ar-39	2.3E+11	1.91	1.0E+09	2.36	1.4E+07	88.67
Ar-42	<i>Negligible</i>	--	6.6E+08	2.01	9.2E+09	2.27
K-40	1.3E+10	1.88	3.3E+10	1.52	1.2E+04	1488.56
Ca-41	3.8E+11	1.95	1.5E+09	2.39	4.9E+08	100.15
Ti-44	<i>Negligible</i>	--	2.2E+10	2.03	3.5E+14	3.80
Co-60	2.2E+12	2.40	3.3E+14	1.66	4.4E+11	3.90
Ni-59	9.6E+09	1.89	2.8E+12	1.67	4.7E+13	3.49
Ni-63	7.3E+11	1.91	2.6E+14	1.67	1.6E+11	67.22
Se-79	<i>Negligible</i>	--	3.8E+12	1.92	3.3E+09	3.16
Kr-85	4.3E+11	2.50	9.4E+09	1.62	3.8E+15	5.92
Sr-90	1.6E+15	3.87	1.9E+16	2.03	1.3E+07	3.78
Zr-93	1.3E+09	1.89	1.2E+08	1.72	7.9E+09	18.38
Nb-93m	1.2E+11	1.93	1.1E+09	2.21	1.1E+14	2.72
Nb-94	3.1E+11	1.96	2.1E+11	2.16	5.2E+04	10.49
Mo-93	<i>Negligible</i>	--	3.9E+08	2.75	4.5E+08	352.97
Tc-98	<i>Negligible</i>	--	<i>Negligible</i>	--	1.2E+09	69.95
Tc-99	1.4E+13	2.65	5.0E+14	1.61	3.5E+04	65.16
Pd-107	5.6E+07	1.88	8.8E+05	1.75	1.8E+09	38.01
Ag-108m	<i>Negligible</i>	--	2.3E+11	2.79	2.6E+09	4.11

Nuclide	Pre-1988 SLB		Post-1988 SLB		Future SLB	
	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation
Cd-113m	1.0E+11	1.94	3.4E+10	2.19	9.7E+05	48.90
In-115	<i>Negligible</i>	--	<i>Negligible</i>	--	2.4E+14	3.60
Sn-121m	2.7E+12	1.94	1.4E+10	2.42	9.2E+09	3.48
Sn-126	5.4E+08	1.89	3.8E+10	1.85	1.2E+11	34.88
Te-123	<i>Negligible</i>	--	2.3E+09	2.61	3.5E+00	10.89
I-129	4.0E+07	1.82	1.7E+10	1.97	7.3E+12	14.61
Cs-135	9.8E+08	1.89	3.3E+07	1.88	2.2E+13	11.59
Cs-137	3.7E+15	3.10	9.9E+14	1.90	1.1E-01	16.77
Ba-133	1.8E+08	2.81	1.6E+10	1.70	1.4E+04	2511.13
La-138	<i>Negligible</i>	--	<i>Negligible</i>	--	7.2E+09	1625.94
Ce-138	<i>Negligible</i>	--	<i>Negligible</i>	--	2.0E+11	2.51
Nd-144	<i>Negligible</i>	--	<i>Negligible</i>	--	2.8E+06	4.44
Pm-145	<i>Negligible</i>	--	1.5E+07	2.72	2.0E+04	817.18
Pm-146	<i>Negligible</i>	--	2.3E+06	2.42	3.1E+11	2.97
Sm-146	<i>Negligible</i>	--	<i>Negligible</i>	--	3.1E+11	2.97
Sm-147	<i>Negligible</i>	--	3.3E+04	2.73	2.9E+11	2.30
Sm-148	<i>Negligible</i>	--	<i>Negligible</i>	--	1.3E+10	6.93
Sm-151	1.1E+12	1.88	2.4E+12	2.55	7.2E+11	2.32
Eu-150	4.0E+11	2.07	2.2E+09	2.68	6.2E+10	4.41
Eu-152	2.9E+12	2.22	5.2E+13	1.97	1.9E+11	3.30
Eu-154	3.1E+11	2.12	7.1E+13	1.73	4.0E+11	2.42
Gd-148	<i>Negligible</i>	--	1.1E+07	2.62	2.6E+09	2.03
Gd-152	<i>Negligible</i>	--	<i>Negligible</i>	--	3.4E+11	3.61
Tb-157	<i>Negligible</i>	--	1.2E+07	2.65	9.8E+12	7.31
Ho-166m	1.2E+10	1.89	2.8E+08	1.92	5.0E+13	1.76
Hf-182	<i>Negligible</i>	--	<i>Negligible</i>	--	2.7E+12	1.65
Os-194	<i>Negligible</i>	--	<i>Negligible</i>	--	1.5E+12	2.07
Ir-192m	<i>Negligible</i>	--	<i>Negligible</i>	--	1.4E+14	1.77
Pt-193	<i>Negligible</i>	--	6.9E+11	1.98	4.1E+10	2.36
Pb-210	1.1E+12	2.57	8.0E+11	1.60	3.2E+12	1.97
Bi-207	6.0E+05	3.15	1.6E+07	1.74	5.4E+12	1.88
Bi-210m	<i>Negligible</i>	--	5.8E+07	2.21	1.7E+12	2.53
Ra-226	1.5E+12	2.58	1.1E+12	1.78	1.7E+13	2.83
Ra-228	5.0E+10	2.23	6.9E+11	1.45	5.7E+10	13.49
Ac-227	1.2E+10	1.80	1.1E+11	2.09	2.5E+05	8.13
Th-228	6.8E+10	1.95	2.8E+12	1.64	2.5E+12	2.35
Th-229	1.8E+08	2.10	6.2E+11	1.92	3.6E+08	4.02

Nuclide	Pre-1988 SLB		Post-1988 SLB		Future SLB	
	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation
Th-230	4.5E+10	1.80	3.1E+11	1.46	8.6E+09	3.74
Th-232	5.0E+10	2.23	7.2E+11	1.44	3.7E+09	5.18
Pa-231	8.0E+09	1.77	1.2E+10	1.41	7.0E+11	3.56
U-232	1.3E+10	1.94	2.0E+12	1.90	5.5E+10	10.39
U-233	3.8E+10	2.18	1.4E+14	2.29	1.3E+10	5.25
U-234	9.0E+13	1.99	1.6E+14	1.37	6.9E+06	35.51
U-235	3.7E+12	2.02	7.2E+12	1.37	4.5E+09	5.18
U-236	1.2E+12	2.58	7.3E+12	1.53	1.8E+08	2.81
U-238	1.0E+14	2.17	4.0E+14	1.46	1.2E+05	12.04
Np-237	2.5E+11	1.96	2.1E+11	1.51	7.4E+06	14.08
Pu-238	6.7E+12	1.89	6.9E+12	1.51	3.2E+12	1.97
Pu-239	1.4E+13	1.87	1.7E+13	1.40	5.4E+12	1.88
Pu-240	3.5E+12	1.80	6.5E+12	1.59	1.7E+12	2.53
Pu-241	3.9E+12	1.78	4.1E+13	1.82	1.7E+13	2.83
Pu-242	7.5E+08	1.74	4.7E+11	2.19	5.7E+10	13.49
Pu-244	4.5E+09	4.08	2.9E+06	1.85	2.5E+05	8.13
Am-241	4.5E+12	1.66	1.0E+13	1.49	2.5E+12	2.35
Am-242m	<i>Negligible</i>	--	1.6E+09	1.77	3.6E+08	4.02
Am-243	4.8E+08	2.36	5.5E+10	1.78	8.6E+09	3.74
Cm-243	6.1E+09	2.41	1.9E+10	2.01	3.7E+09	5.18
Cm-244	7.1E+10	2.53	2.6E+12	1.84	7.0E+11	3.56
Cm-245	1.4E+05	3.30	5.5E+11	1.95	5.5E+10	10.39
Cm-246	9.2E+04	2.61	9.5E+10	1.77	1.3E+10	5.25
Cm-247	<i>Negligible</i>	--	1.1E+08	1.86	6.9E+06	35.51
Cm-248	7.5E+04	3.08	7.7E+07	1.76	4.5E+09	5.18
Cf-249	<i>Negligible</i>	--	1.0E+09	1.65	1.8E+08	2.81
Cf-250	2.9E+05	2.43	9.9E+05	1.81	1.2E+05	12.04
Cf-251	<i>Negligible</i>	--	9.6E+07	1.88	7.4E+06	14.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.0E+16</b>		<b>5.6E+16</b>		<b>6.1E+16</b>	

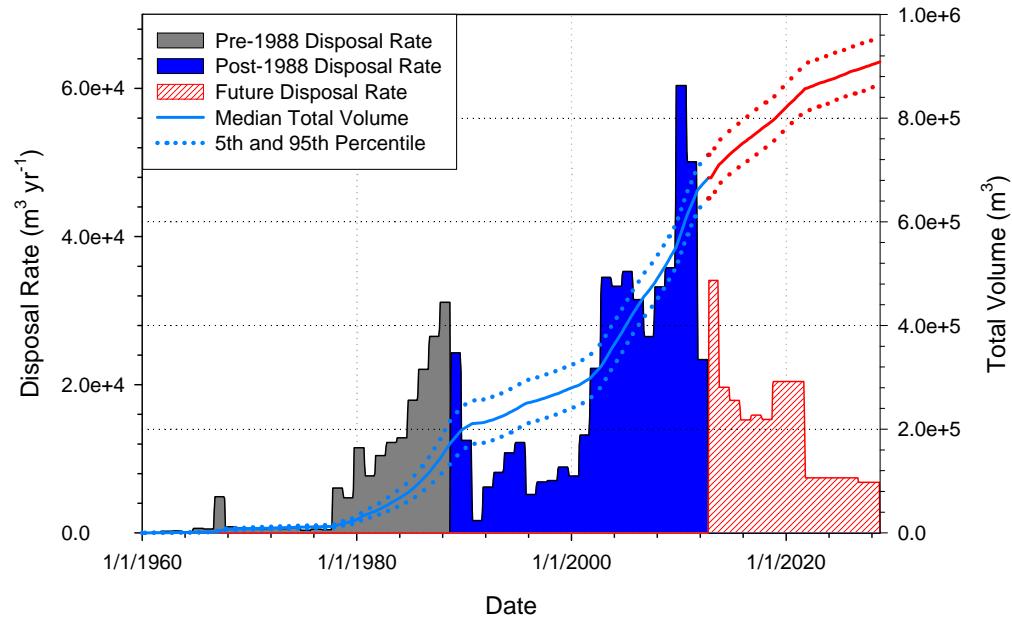
*Negligible* – Inventory less than 37 Bq

The total Area 5 RWMS inventory estimate in FY 2012 is not significantly different from the FY 2011 estimate. Significant increases, however, are noted for two individual radionuclides, <sup>226</sup>Ra and technetium-99 (<sup>99</sup>Tc). Two radionuclides not previously reported, molybdenum-93 and terbium-157, were disposed in FY 2012. Previously, any radionuclide with a total site inventory exceeding  $3.7 \times 10^7$  Bq (0.001 Ci) was included in the PA/CA model. In FY 2012, new radionuclide-specific screening limits were developed to identify radionuclides to include in the PA/CA model. The new limits confirm that the previous  $3.7 \times 10^7$  Bq (0.001 Ci) limit was very

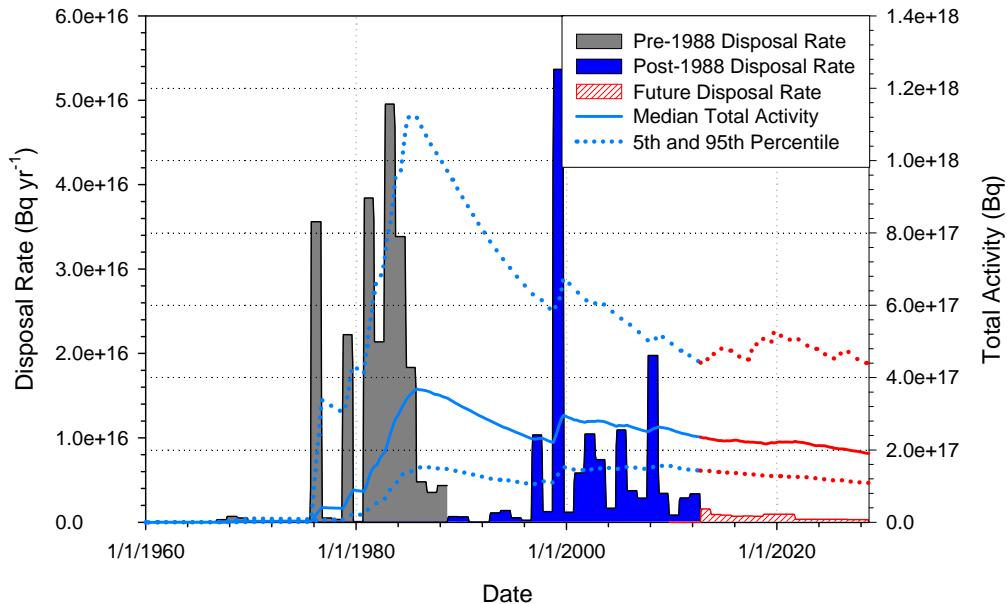
conservative. Application of the screening limits to the disposed inventory did not identify any new radionuclides for inclusion in the PA/CA model.

The median SLB volume estimate has increased from  $8.6 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3$  ( $3.0 \times 10^7 \text{ ft}^3$ ) in FY 2011 to  $9.1 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3$  ( $3.2 \times 10^7 \text{ ft}^3$ ) in FY 2012 (Figure 3). The median post-1988 SLB volume has increased from  $6.8 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3$  ( $2.4 \times 10^7 \text{ ft}^3$ ) in FY 2011 to  $7.3 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3$  ( $2.6 \times 10^7 \text{ ft}^3$ ) in FY 2012. The increases are due to increases in the future waste forecast.

The median closure inventory estimate decreased insignificantly from  $2.0 \times 10^5 \text{ TBq}$  ( $5.4 \times 10^6 \text{ Ci}$ ) in FY 2011 to  $1.9 \times 10^5 \text{ TBq}$  ( $5.1 \times 10^6 \text{ Ci}$ ) in FY 2012 (Figure 4). The median post-1988 closure inventory estimate increased slightly from  $1.1 \times 10^5 \text{ TBq}$  ( $3.1 \times 10^6 \text{ Ci}$ ) in FY 2011 to  $1.2 \times 10^5 \text{ TBq}$  ( $3.2 \times 10^6 \text{ Ci}$ ) in FY 2012.



**Figure 3. Annual Volume Disposal Rate and Total Volume for the Area 5 RWMS SLB Disposal Units**



**Figure 4. Annual Activity Disposal Rate and Total Inventory for the Area 5 RWMS SLB Disposal Units**

#### RaDU Inventory

The lower cell of Pit 6 and Pit 13 were excavated to greater depth to contain thorium wastes that have the potential to generate  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  in the future, as  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  is produced by the decay of thorium-230 ( $^{230}\text{Th}$ ). The inventory of both disposal units is predominately  $^{232}\text{Th}$ . The lower cell of Pit 6 was operated from FY 1992 to FY 2002. The Pit 6 lower cell inventory remains unchanged from previous years (Table 10). The upper cell of Pit 6 was filled and closed in FY 2011.

Pit 13 began operations in FY 2004 with disposal of the Defense National Stockpile Center thorium nitrate waste stream. The entire thorium nitrate waste stream was disposed in FY 2004 and 2005 in a single layer, with the top of the waste 6.4 meters (m) (21 feet [ft]) below grade. In FY 2008 for PA modeling purposes, Pit 13 was divided into a northern RaDU portion containing the thorium nitrate waste below a thicker cover and a southern SLB portion with LLW below a thinner cover. The Pit 13 RaDU inventory is summarized in Table 10. The Pit 13 SLB inventory is included in the post-1988 SLB inventory.

**Table 10. FY 2012 Estimate of the Area 5 RWMS RaDU Inventory Disposed (Estimates are calculated from 500 LHS realizations and decayed to October 1, 2028)**

Nuclide	Pit 6 (Upper Cell)		Pit 6 (Lower Cell) RaDU		Pit 13 RaDU	
	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation
H-3	3.1E+12	1.74	Negligible	--	1.6E+09	2.10
C-14	1.3E+09	2.12	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Al-26	1.3E+03	2.20	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Ar-42	1.2E+07	2.21	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
K-40	4.0E+08	2.22	Negligible	--	4.2E+03	2.29
Ti-44	3.8E+08	2.16	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Co-60	2.0E+10	2.02	Negligible	--	6.7E+06	2.23
Ni-63	5.2E+10	1.99	Negligible	--	4.9E+07	2.18
Kr-85	2.2E+07	1.94	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Sr-90	5.3E+10	1.87	1.8E+07	2.73	6.6E+09	2.26
Nb-94	8.7E+03	2.17	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Tc-99	4.6E+12	2.03	9.3E+08	2.70	1.1E+11	1.75
Sn-126	Negligible	--	Negligible	--	1.4E+07	2.24
I-129	4.8E-02	2.13	Negligible	--	1.2E+07	2.67
Cs-137	5.3E+10	1.84	Negligible	--	8.4E+09	2.07
Ba-133	5.1E+04	2.07	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Sm-151	2.3E+06	2.20	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Eu-150	9.3E-01	2.13	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Eu-152	2.3E+06	1.73	Negligible	--	1.2E+07	2.22
Eu-154	3.4E+07	2.00	Negligible	--	1.5E+07	2.25
Gd-152	1.4E-07	1.72	Negligible	--	9.5E-07	2.21
Pb-210	1.2E+09	1.79	6.7E+09	1.64	7.0E+10	1.50
Ra-226	8.4E+08	1.86	1.9E+10	1.65	1.4E+11	1.50
Ra-228	4.9E+09	1.82	5.9E+12	1.63	5.5E+12	1.04
Ac-227	5.8E+07	1.92	2.4E+06	1.92	8.9E+05	1.71
Th-228	4.7E+09	1.81	5.8E+12	1.62	5.4E+12	1.04
Th-229	2.6E+06	1.87	5.0E+09	2.23	2.3E+02	1.98
Th-230	2.7E+09	1.53	1.5E+12	1.67	2.0E+12	2.08
Th-232	5.4E+09	1.83	6.0E+12	1.63	5.9E+12	1.04
Pa-231	1.6E+08	1.84	6.5E+06	1.92	3.4E+06	1.72
U-232	3.6E+07	1.99	Negligible	--	1.9E+08	2.20
U-233	3.1E+08	1.99	1.9E+12	2.22	2.1E+05	1.95
U-234	3.6E+12	1.92	1.7E+11	1.84	1.2E+11	1.84
U-235	1.0E+11	1.99	9.7E+09	1.92	7.9E+09	1.73
U-236	2.8E+11	1.98	1.7E+08	2.25	1.4E+10	1.94

Nuclide	Pit 6 (Upper Cell)		Pit 6 (Lower Cell) RaDU		Pit 13 RaDU	
	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation
U-238	1.8E+13	2.12	2.3E+11	1.90	4.9E+11	1.81
Np-237	2.4E+09	1.92	7.6E+05	2.68	2.1E+09	1.93
Pu-238	1.3E+10	1.95	1.3E+10	1.98	4.1E+08	2.12
Pu-239	1.4E+11	1.64	3.3E+06	2.07	9.0E+09	1.98
Pu-240	2.6E+10	1.59	Negligible	--	4.7E+07	2.19
Pu-241	8.1E+10	1.73	1.2E+10	2.23	6.4E+09	2.14
Pu-242	6.3E+06	1.69	Negligible	--	2.6E+03	2.69
Pu-244	4.3E+01	1.95	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Am-241	2.7E+10	1.50	1.1E+09	2.24	1.5E+09	1.78
Am-242m	2.6E+05	2.04	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Am-243	4.8E+07	1.94	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Cm-243	8.6E+07	2.21	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Cm-244	2.8E+08	1.96	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Cm-245	7.6E+05	2.25	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Cm-246	3.3E+00	2.10	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Cm-247	1.1E+06	2.15	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Cm-248	7.1E+05	2.14	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
Cf-249	6.2E+04	2.02	Negligible	--	Negligible	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.0E+13</b>		<b>2.2E+13</b>		<b>2.0E+13</b>	

Negligible – Inventory less than 37 Bq

#### GCD Inventories

The GCD boreholes have received high specific activity waste, including TRU waste regulated under 40 CFR 191. The GCD boreholes were active from FY 1984 through FY 1990. The PA divides the GCD inventory into pre- and post-1988 portions. The majority of the waste on an activity and volume basis was disposed in the pre-1988 period. The current GCD inventory estimates are summarized Table 11. The GCD inventories are not significantly different from previous estimates.

**Table 11. FY 2012 Estimate of the Area 5 RWMS GCD Borehole Inventory (Estimates are calculated from 500 LHS realizations and decayed to October 1, 2028)**

Nuclide	Pre-1988 GCD		Post-1988 GCD	
	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation
H-3	2.1E+16	2.24	1.8E+14	2.18
C-14	7.2E+04	2.65	Negligible	--
Al-26	2.7E+00	2.67	Negligible	--
Cl-36	1.6E+04	2.63	Negligible	--

Nuclide	Pre-1988 GCD		Post-1988 GCD	
	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation
Ar-39	7.4E+04	2.67	Negligible	--
K-40	4.2E+03	2.57	Negligible	--
Ca-41	1.1E+05	2.71	Negligible	--
Co-60	9.8E+11	2.49	Negligible	--
Ni-59	2.9E+03	2.66	Negligible	--
Ni-63	2.5E+05	2.70	Negligible	--
Kr-85	6.5E+04	2.60	Negligible	--
Sr-90	5.2E+15	3.68	1.3E+08	3.99
Zr-93	3.9E+02	2.57	Negligible	--
Nb-93m	6.7E+04	2.82	Negligible	--
Nb-94	9.5E+04	2.63	Negligible	--
Tc-99	7.7E+09	3.22	7.3E+09	3.69
Pd-107	1.8E+01	2.59	Negligible	--
Cd-113m	6.2E+04	2.74	Negligible	--
Sn-121m	1.0E+06	2.71	Negligible	--
Sn-126	1.7E+02	2.57	Negligible	--
I-129	9.0E+00	2.57	Negligible	--
Cs-135	3.1E+02	2.59	Negligible	--
Cs-137	2.8E+14	3.75	Negligible	--
Sm-151	4.0E+05	2.58	Negligible	--
Eu-150	1.5E+05	2.82	Negligible	--
Eu-152	4.7E+05	2.67	Negligible	--
Eu-154	9.9E+04	2.75	Negligible	--
Gd-152	1.1E-07	2.66	Negligible	--
Ho-166m	3.7E+03	2.66	Negligible	--
Pb-210	2.7E+12	4.11	4.2E+04	2.24
Ra-226	3.6E+12	4.11	1.3E+05	2.24
Ra-228	1.1E+09	3.07	3.1E-08	3.84
Ac-227	7.2E+10	4.28	5.9E+05	2.31
Th-228	1.0E+09	3.07	2.7E-08	3.84
Th-229	8.7E+01	1.90	5.1E+01	2.20
Th-230	5.7E+07	2.89	1.6E+07	2.24
Th-232	1.1E+09	3.07	4.7E-08	3.84
Pa-231	4.8E+06	2.86	1.4E+06	2.31
U-232	4.4E+03	2.67	Negligible	--
U-233	4.2E+04	1.92	2.7E+04	2.20
U-234	1.4E+11	2.87	4.3E+10	2.24
U-235	5.2E+09	2.85	1.6E+09	2.31

Nuclide	Pre-1988 GCD		Post-1988 GCD	
	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation	Geometric Mean (Bq)	Geometric Standard Deviation
U-236	3.6E+08	3.63	4.8E+01	3.84
U-238	4.0E+10	2.54	7.8E+10	2.20
Np-237	2.6E+08	1.99	1.6E+08	2.20
Pu-238	2.9E+11	3.21	3.4E+06	3.79
Pu-239	1.8E+13	3.08	1.9E+08	3.80
Pu-240	3.6E+12	3.24	4.1E+07	3.84
Pu-241	4.1E+12	3.48	5.9E+07	4.01
Pu-242	3.5E+08	3.20	<i>Negligible</i>	--
Am-241	5.8E+12	2.59	3.6E+07	3.80
Am-243	3.6E+01	2.60	<i>Negligible</i>	--
Cm-244	8.0E+03	2.58	<i>Negligible</i>	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.7E+16</b>		<b>1.9E+14</b>	

*Negligible* – Inventory less than 37 Bq

### 2.1.3 Waste Acceptance Criteria

WAC for the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMSs are described in *Nevada National Security Site Waste Acceptance Criteria* (NNSA/NSO 2012a). Revision 9 of the NNSS WAC was released in FY 2012. The only substantive change is the acceptance of non-radioactive classified waste and non-radioactive hazardous classified waste. Non-radioactive waste must be classified and meet all applicable NNSS WAC requirements. Non-radioactive waste volume in FY 2012 was an insignificant fraction of the total waste volume disposed. WAC action levels are PA derived waste concentrations used to screen waste streams for their potential to impact PA results. WAC action levels are unchanged and continue to be based on PA results.

Compliance with the NNSS WAC is ensured by the RWAP, an NNSA/NSO program, which reviews and approves all new or revised waste streams and generator waste certification programs (NNSA/NSO 2006). No changes occurred to the RWAP in FY 2012.

## 2.2 FACILITY DESIGN

Key facility design features are specifications impacting PA conceptual models, assumptions, or input parameters. Key facility design features include the following:

- Disposal unit volume, area, and depth below grade
- Disposal unit engineered barrier design and condition
- Controls that impact and compensate for subsidence

### 2.2.1 Disposal Unit Design

The Area 3 RWMS uses nuclear subsidence craters as waste disposal units. The Area 3 RWMS was placed in inactive status in July 2006, with the last waste disposed in April 2006. The two

post-1988 disposal units, U-3ah/at and U-3bh, are currently operationally closed. No wastes were disposed at the Area 3 RWMS and no new disposal units were opened in FY 2012. Area 3 RWMS disposal unit design continues to be consistent with the PA model.

Radioactive waste is currently disposed at the Area 5 RWMS in shallow unlined pits and trenches. RCRA-compliant mixed waste is disposed in a double lined cell with a leachate collection system. In the past, <sup>222</sup>Rn-generating waste was disposed in deeper disposal units with thicker covers known as RaDUs, and high specific activity waste was disposed in intermediate depth GCD boreholes.

A small slit trench, Trench 13, was opened between Pit 13 and Pit 17 for the disposal of high exposure rate waste in FY 2012. The depth and cover thickness of Trench 13 are consistent with other SLB disposal units. No other disposal units were added in FY 2012. Area 5 RWMS disposal unit design continues to be consistent with the PA model.

## 2.2.2 Engineered Barriers

Engineered barriers at the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMSs include flood control berms, the closure cover, and the liner and leachate collection system for the Pit 18 mixed waste disposal unit at the Area 5 RWMS. The Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS flood control berms and closure covers are described in the PAs and closure plans. The Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS closure cover designs were unchanged in FY 2012. The Area 5 RWMS Pit 18 liner and leachate collection system was described in the FY 2010 Annual Summary Report (NSTec 2011). The Pit 18 liner and leachate collection system design is unchanged.

## 2.2.3 Environmental Monitoring

Monitoring activities at the Area 3 and 5 RWMSs and at the NNSS provide the data necessary to support PA and CA maintenance. The *Nevada Test Site Routine Radiological Environmental Monitoring Plan* (BN 2003) is the basis for all NNSS-wide environmental surveillance, site-specific effluent monitoring, and operational monitoring conducted by various missions, programs, and projects. The monitoring plan is in final form. Closure plans for the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS (NSTec 2007b, 2008a) describe the specific monitoring programs for the waste disposal facilities. No significant changes occurred in the environmental monitoring plan in FY 2012.

Current monitoring activities at the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS are summarized in Table 12. Three minor operational changes occurred in FY 2012. The number of air sampling stations at the Area 3 RWMS was reduced from four to three, and the sampling locations were moved. Monitoring of <sup>3</sup>H in soil pore gas was discontinued at the Area 5 RWMS GCD boreholes with final closure of the 37-hectare (92-acre [ac]) Low-Level Waste Management Unit (LLWMU). The elevation of the 92-ac LLWMU final closure cover is now surveyed annually to monitor subsidence. Automated vadose zone water content monitoring of Area 5 RWMS operational covers and pit floors was temporarily suspended during calendar year (CY) 2011 due to final closure cover construction operations at the 92-ac LLWMU.

**Table 12. Summary of Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS Monitoring Programs**

Monitoring Element	Area 3 RWMS	Area 5 RWMS
Vadose Zone Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measurements of soil water content in waste disposal unit cover</li> <li>Eight drainage lysimeters for water balance since 2001</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measurements of soil water content and water potential in waste disposal unit covers (Temporarily suspended)</li> <li>Measurements of soil water content in waste disposal unit floor (Temporarily suspended)</li> <li>Two weighing lysimeters (vegetated and bare) for water balance in operation since 1994</li> </ul>
Groundwater Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCRA detection monitoring at three wells</li> </ul>
Radon Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radon flux measurements from waste covers (various locations)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radon flux measurements from waste covers (various locations)</li> </ul>
Meteorology Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air temperature at 3 and 10 m (10 and 33 ft)</li> <li>Relative humidity at two heights</li> <li>Wind speed at two heights</li> <li>Wind direction at two heights</li> <li>Barometric pressure</li> <li>Solar radiation</li> <li>Precipitation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air temperature at 3 and 10 m (10 and 33 ft)</li> <li>Relative humidity at two heights</li> <li>Wind speed at two heights</li> <li>Wind direction at two heights</li> <li>Barometric pressure</li> <li>Solar radiation</li> <li>Precipitation</li> </ul>
Direct Radiation Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nine thermoluminescent dosimeters (TLDs)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ten TLDs</li> </ul>
Biota Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sampling vegetation, small mammals, and animal burrow spoils for tritium, gamma-emitting radionuclides, <sup>90</sup>Sr, americium-241 (<sup>241</sup>Am), and plutonium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sampling vegetation, small mammals, and animal burrow spoils for tritium, gamma-emitting radionuclides, <sup>90</sup>Sr, <sup>241</sup>Am, and plutonium</li> </ul>
Subsidence Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine inspection of operational covers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine inspection of operational covers</li> <li>92-ac LLWMU closure cover surveyed annually</li> </ul>
Air Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atmospheric moisture sampling for tritium and air particulates sampled at three locations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air particulates sampled at two locations; atmospheric moisture sampling for tritium at two locations</li> </ul>
Soil Temperature Monitoring around RTGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vertical and horizontal sensor arrays around four RTGs in Pit 5</li> </ul>

Environmental monitoring data are reported on a CY basis. The following four reports, published annually, contain details regarding the monitoring program and results for CY 2011:

- *Nevada National Security Site Environmental Report* (NSTec 2012a)
- *National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Report* (NSTec 2012b)
- *Waste Management Monitoring Report* (NSTec 2012c)
- *Area 5 Groundwater Monitoring Report* (NSTec 2013)

Results of the environmental monitoring programs were consistent with PA input parameters and model results (NSTec 2012c). CY 2011 monitoring results are consistent with trends observed in previous years.

## 2.2.4 Stability Control

Subsidence is minimized and controlled by WAC and site operations. The NNSS WAC requires that waste packages be loaded to ensure that the interior space is loaded as compactly and as efficiently as practicable. Site operations minimize subsidence by carefully planning waste placement and by monitoring and repairing subsidence detected on closed disposal units. Cover elevation is surveyed annually on units that have undergone final closure. No changes to these procedures occurred in FY 2012.

## 2.3 CLOSURE DESIGN

### 2.3.1 Closure Plan

The approved Area 3 RWMS PA/CA assumes that the site will be closed with a vegetated monolithic evapotranspirative (ET) cover of native alluvium. The cover is assumed to be 3 m (10 ft) thick after subsidence. The *Closure Plan for the Area 3 Radioactive Waste Management Site at the Nevada Test Site* is in final form (NSTec 2007b). The cover design is for a 3 m (10 ft) monolithic ET cover (NSTec 2007b), consistent with the Area 3 RWMS PA/CA. The Area 3 RWMS PA and CA assumptions continue to be consistent with completed closures and closure plans.

Closure plans for the Area 5 RWMS have evolved over time based on the documented results of PA modeling. The most recently approved PA version, the 2006 Area 5 RWMS PA update (BN 2006), assumes a 4 m (13 ft) thick closure cover. In FY 2009, an optimization of closure cover thickness was performed for the 92-ac LLWMU, the northern expansion area, and the entire Area 5 RWMS (Shott and Yucel 2009). The optimization used cost-benefit analysis to select the optimum cover thickness, ranging from 2.5 to 4.5 m (8.2 to 15 ft). Each cover option was constrained to meet all performance objectives and CA requirements in DOE M 435.1-1 (DOE 1999b). The cost of collective dose averted was found to be small relative to cover construction costs. The optimum cover that meets all PA and CA requirements was found to be the 2.5 m (8.2 ft) cover. The current Area 5 RWMS v4.114 GoldSim model assumes a 2.5 m (8.2 ft) cover.

The *Closure Plan for the Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Site at the Nevada Test Site* is in final form (NSTec 2008a). Closure of the Area 5 RWMS is planned in two phases. The first

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phase is closure of the 92-ac LLWMU under the *Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order* (FFACO) closure process. A Corrective Action Decision Document/Corrective Action Plan (CADD/CAP) for the 92-ac LLWMU (Corrective Action Unit [CAU] 111) was approved by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) in FY 2009 (NNSA/NSO 2009a). The preferred Corrective Action Alternative, a 2.5 m (8.2 ft) thick engineered monolithic ET cover, was constructed in FY 2011. The Closure Report for the 92-ac LLWMU was issued in FY 2012 (NNSA/NSO 2012b). Re-vegetation of the closure cover was initiated FY 2012.

The second phase, closure of the northern expansion area, is scheduled for FY 2028. The current Area 5 RWMS closure plan is to close the northern expansion area with a monolithic ET cover. The final cover thickness will be determined by future PA modeling when the final closure inventory is known. Area 5 RWMS closure plans continue to be consistent with PA modeling results.

### **2.3.2 Institutional Control Policy**

The NNSA/NSO institutional control policy states that institutional controls will be implemented to maintain and enforce restricted access to, and use of, the NNSS and ensure the continuity of appropriate institutional controls in the future (NNSA/NSO 2008). Based on the institutional control policy, PA/CA analyses assume implementation of land-use restrictions consistent with the UGTA FFACO closure strategies for the NNSS (NNSA/NSO 2007). The planned land-use restrictions will prohibit public access to groundwater for 1,000 years within the use restriction boundaries negotiated with the State of Nevada.

Although the final regulatory boundaries have not been negotiated, the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS are expected to be within the boundaries of the Yucca Flat CAU 97 and the Frenchman Flat CAU 98, respectively. The NNSA/NSO Assistant Manager of Environmental Management has administratively agreed to include the Area 5 RWMS within the CAU 98 use restriction boundaries (NNSA/NSO 2008). The Area 5 RWMS is currently within the initial Frenchman Flat CAU 98 use restriction boundaries.

The institutional control policy has changed PA analyses in the following areas:

- 1) Long-term (i.e., chronic) exposure of intruders is assumed to be impossible based on NNSS land-use restrictions and planned UGTA groundwater-use restrictions.
- 2) Short-term or acute intruder exposure may occur.
- 3) Exposure of the member of public and short-term exposure of intruders is assumed possible after institutional controls end. The period of institutional control will be randomly sampled from a probability density function. The member of public will be located at the use restriction boundary.
- 4) The institutional control policy and the probabilistic period of institutional controls are not applied to the 40 CFR 191.13 containment requirements, which do not allow PAs to assume institutional control is effective beyond 100 years.

These changes are implemented in the current Area 3 RWMS PA and Area 5 RWMS PA GoldSim models except for changing the point of compliance to the use restriction boundaries.

## 2.4 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The PA/CA Maintenance Plan calls for annual reviews of R&D activities relevant to the PA. Onsite and offsite R&D activities (e.g., those performed at other DOE sites, the national laboratories, the Desert Research Institute, and academic institutions) provide the data used to evaluate uncertainty in conceptual models, mathematical models, and model parameters and to ensure continuing adequacy of the PA.

The DASs require NNSA/NSO to address all secondary issues (e.g., consistency of models and parameters between the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMSs) noted during the PA/CA reviews as part of the maintenance program. R&D is the mechanism for NNSA/NSO to address these issues and manage uncertainty.

No confirmatory testing is conducted under the R&D program. The environmental monitoring program includes measurement and monitoring of numerous parameters (e.g., vadose zone moisture contents, radionuclide concentrations in air and groundwater) that confirm the performance of the RWMSs and continuing adequacy of the PA.

### 2.4.1 FY 2012 R&D Activities

The major R&D efforts undertaken in FY 2012 were the further development of the GoldSim models supporting the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS PAs and CAs. Model development activities are performed to maintain consistency with known site conditions (e.g., site inventory, monitoring results), improve consistency between the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS PA/CA models, and reduce model uncertainty.

#### *Area 5 RWMS PA GoldSim Model Development*

A new FY 2012 baseline version of the Area 5 RWMS model, 4.114, has been approved for all model applications, including waste stream evaluations and compliance determinations (NNSA/NSO 2013). The FY 2012 PA update was performed with the Area 5 RWMS v4.114 PA model. Major developments since version 4.113 of the model include the following:

- All inventories and disposal unit dimensions are updated to FY 2012 estimates.

#### *Area 3 RWMS GoldSim Model Development*

The current baseline version of the Area 3 RWMS model, 2.102, was approved for all model applications in FY 2011 (NNSA/NSO 2011a). Major developments since version 2.000 of the model include:

- All inventories are updated through July 2006 when the site was placed in standby.
- A resident exposure scenario was added to the model. The resident scenario is equivalent to the community without agriculture scenario in the approved PA.

- Acute intruder scenarios are added to the model.
- A revised subsidence model is included for the U-3ah/at and U-3bh disposal units. The new model, based on additional review of waste form data, is probabilistic and dynamic.
- Internal and external radiological dose conversion factors were updated with adult dose conversion factors from the Federal Guidance Report 13 Supplemental CD (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] 1999).
- Revised estimates of disposal unit volume, area, and depth are used.

The special analysis for the Area 3 RWMS was prepared using the Area 3 RWMS v2.102 model (NSTec 2012d). A new baseline model was not developed in FY 2012.

#### *Area 5 RWMS Inventory GoldSim Model Development*

The Area 5 RWMS FY 2012 inventory estimate was prepared with the Area 5 Inventory v2.110 model. The only major change from the previous version is the addition of FY 2012 disposal data.

#### *Area 3 RWMS Inventory GoldSim Model Development*

The Area 3 RWMS FY 2012 inventory estimate was prepared with the Area 3 Inventory v2.016 model. No changes were made to the Area 3 inventory model in FY 2012.

### **2.4.2 Future R&D Activities**

The long-term goal of the maintenance program is to reduce uncertainty in exposure scenarios (member of public and inadvertent human intrusion), conceptual models, mathematical models, and model parameters. Reduction of uncertainty and associated improvement of the PA model will be accomplished through special studies. In addition, future R&D activities include the development of new waste concentration limits, evaluation of waste forms and containers (both engineering and geochemical properties) for disposal, the refinement of closure cover designs, and evaluation of institutional control and land-use options for optimizing disposal operations.

In December 2005, the EPA adopted American Meteorological Society/EPA Regulatory Model (AERMOD) as the preferred regulatory compliance code to replace the Industrial Source Code 3 (ISC3) for near-field, less than 50 kilometers (31 miles), atmospheric dispersion modeling (EPA 2005). The ISC3 code was used for atmospheric dispersion modeling in the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS CAs. In FY 2013, AERMOD will be investigated as a replacement for atmospheric dispersion modeling in the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS PA/CA models.

## **2.5 SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Waste operations, facility design, monitoring results, and R&D results for the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMSs were reviewed to identify changes potentially impacting the PAs and the DASs. Discovered and proposed changes are summarized below.

## 2.5.1 Discovered Changes

There are no discovered changes for the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS PAs in FY 2012.

## 2.5.2 Proposed Changes

### 2.5.2.1 Area 3 RWMS

The Area 3 RWMS was inactive in FY 2012. No significant changes related to operations, facility design, or inventory occurred in FY 2012. A new baseline PA/CA model was released and used to perform a special analysis. Changes to the PA model are described in the special analysis and summarized below. Review of the maintenance plan, closure plan, and monitoring plan indicate that no changes or revisions are necessary.

### 2.5.2.2 Area 5 RWMS

Facility changes occurred at the Area 5 RWMS in FY 2012. A new SLB disposal unit began disposal operations. Additional inventory was disposed in FY 2012, including inventory from five new or revised waste streams that required a special analysis for acceptance. Minor operational changes occurred to the Area 5 RWMS monitoring program. A new baseline PA/CA model was released. Review of the maintenance plan, closure plan, and monitoring plan indicate that no changes or revisions are necessary.

## 2.5.3 R&D Changes

### 2.5.3.1 Area 3 RWMS

In FY 2012, a special analysis was prepared for the Area 3 RWMS using a new baseline PA/CA model, version 2.102 (NSTec 2012d). Prior annual summary reports have documented multiple changes occurring since preparation of the PA and CA. Potentially important changes include the following:

- Development of a new and improved baseline PA and CA model implemented in the probabilistic GoldSim simulation platform
- A significant increase in the waste inventory disposed at the site
- Revision and updating of model parameters based on additional years of site monitoring data and new research and development results

Although changes have occurred, many important PA/CA issues remain unchanged, including the site conceptual model, important FEPs, and the points of compliance. The special analysis was performed to document the current status of the PA/CA model and to quantitatively assess the impact of cumulative changes on the PA and CA results. The results of the special analysis are used to assess the validity of the approved PA/CA and make a determination if revision of the PA or CA is necessary.

The Area 3 RWMS special analysis used the Area 3 RWMS v2.102 GoldSim model to assess the continuing validity of PA conclusions. The geometric mean inventory and standard deviation data listed in Tables 7 and 8 were entered into the inventory elements for U-3ax/bl, U-3ah/at, and

U-3bh. The disposal unit area, disposal unit volume, and waste volumes were updated with current data. All disposal units were assumed to be closed with a 3 m (9.8 ft) thick cover. The model was run assuming a median period of active institutional control of 245 years, a 100-year period of passive institutional control, and a 1,000-year compliance period. The model was run in GoldSim version 10.5(SP2) with 5,000 LHS realizations.

Comparison of the maximum special analysis results with the PA performance objectives indicates that there continues to be a reasonable expectation of compliance with the performance objectives. The resident exposure scenario was evaluated for compliance with the air pathway performance objective (Table 13). The maximum mean air pathway annual total effective dose (TED) for a resident, 7E-6 millisievert (mSv) at 1,000 years, has decreased relative to the approved PA and is a small fraction of the 0.1 mSv limit. The mean and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile air pathway annual TED results are less than the performance objective for all scenarios. The air pathway annual TED is due predominantly to inhalation of lead-210 (<sup>210</sup>Pb) for all scenarios at 1,000 years. At closure, <sup>3</sup>H is the predominant source of air pathway TED.

**Table 13. Area 3 RWMS v2.102 GoldSim Model Member of Public Total Annual TED through the Air Pathway**

Scenario	Mean Annual TED (mSv)	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (mSv)	Time of Maximum
Resident	6.5E-6	1.7E-5	1,000 years
Resident with Agriculture	7.3E-6	1.9E-5	1,000 years
Transient Occupant	2.6E-6	7.3E-6	1,000 years

The maximum mean resident all-pathways annual TED, 7E-5 mSv at 1,000 years, has increased relative to the approved PA but remains a small fraction of the 0.25 mSv limit (Table 14). The mean and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile all-pathways annual TED results are a small fraction of the performance objective for all scenarios. The resident all-pathways annual TED is due predominantly to <sup>210</sup>Pb. The resident with agriculture all-pathways TED is due predominantly to <sup>210</sup>Pb and <sup>99</sup>Tc. The transient occupant all-pathways TED is due predominantly to external exposure from <sup>222</sup>Rn progeny in cover soil.

**Table 14. Area 3 RWMS v2.102 GoldSim Model Member of Public Total Annual TED through All-Pathways**

Scenario	Mean Annual TED (mSv)	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (mSv)	Time of Maximum
Resident	7.1E-5	2.0E-4	1,000 years
Resident with Agriculture	1.2E-3	3.6E-3	1,000 years
Transient Occupant	1.3E-3	3.4E-3	1,000 years

The maximum mean <sup>222</sup>Rn flux density, 0.03 becquerels per square meter per second (Bq m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>), has increased relative to the PA results but is significantly less than the 0.74 Bq m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> limit. The mean and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile <sup>222</sup>Rn flux density are less than the performance objective throughout the 1000-year compliance period (Table 15).

**Table 15. Area 3 RWMS v2.102 GoldSim Model  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  Flux Density**

Disposal Unit	Mean $^{222}\text{Rn}$ Flux Density (Bq $\text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (Bq $\text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	Time of Maximum
U-3ah/at and U-3bh	0.029	0.070	1,000 years

The special analysis estimates intruder doses for acute intruder scenarios only. The Area 3 RWMS is expected to be located within the Yucca Flat CAU 97 use restriction boundaries. Based on NNSA/NSO institutional control policies, chronic intrusion is assumed to be unlikely for 1,000 years. The mean and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile acute drilling intruder TEDs are a small fraction of the 5 mSv performance objective for both post-1988 disposal units (Table 16). Acute intruder doses were not estimated in the approved PA. The acute drilling TED is due predominantly to  $^{222}\text{Rn}$ , uranium-238 ( $^{238}\text{U}$ ), and plutonium-239 ( $^{239}\text{Pu}$ ) at U-ah/at and  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{222}\text{Rn}$ , and  $^{228}\text{Ra}$  at U-3bh.

**Table 16. Area 3 RWMS v2.102 GoldSim Model Acute Drilling Intruder TED**

Scenario/Disposal Unit	Mean TED (mSv)	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (mSv)	Time of Maximum
Drilling/U-3ah/at	2.3E-4	4.5E-4 <sup>†</sup>	1,000 years
Drilling/U-3bh	4.2E-4	1.2E-3	1,000 years

<sup>†</sup> - Maximum 95<sup>th</sup> percentile value occurs at 140 years

The acute construction intruder TED is greater than the drilling intruder results. The mean and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile acute construction intruder TEDs are a small fraction of the 5 mSv performance objective for both post-1988 disposal units (Table 17). The acute construction TED is due predominantly to  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ ,  $^{222}\text{Rn}$ , and  $^{238}\text{U}$  at U-ah/at and  $^{222}\text{Rn}$ ,  $^{228}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ , and  $^{228}\text{Ra}$  at U-3bh.

**Table 17. Area 3 RWMS v2.102 GoldSim Model Acute Construction Intruder TED**

Scenario/Disposal Unit	Mean TED (mSv)	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (mSv)	Time of Maximum
Construction/U-3ah/at	0.014	0.036	1,000 years
Construction/U-3bh	0.016	0.037	1,000 years

The special analysis results indicate that changes to the Area 3 RWMS PA model do not significantly alter the PA results or conclusions. Although increases occur for the all-pathways annual TED and the  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  flux density, all PA results are a small fraction of the performance objectives. The same conclusion was reached for the approved PA. The special analysis results continue to support a conclusion that there is a reasonable expectation of meeting all performance objectives. There is no need to revise the DAS at this time. The special analysis results support a conclusion that the Area 3 RWMS PAs remain valid, and revision is not necessary at this time.

### 2.5.3.2 Area 5 RWMS

A new baseline version of the Area 5 RWMS PA model, version 4.114, was released in FY 2012. The performance of the Area 5 RWMS was analyzed using the Area 5 RWMS v4.114 GoldSim model to assess the continuing validity of PA conclusions. The geometric mean

inventory and standard deviation data listed in Tables 9 through 11 were entered into the inventory elements for the SLB, Pit 6, Pit 13 disposal units, and GCD boreholes, respectively. The disposal unit area, disposal unit volume, and waste volumes were updated with FY 2012 data. All SLB disposal units were assumed to be closed with a 2.5 m (8.2 ft) thick cover. The model was run assuming a median period of active institutional control of 245 years, a 100-year period of passive institutional control, and a 1,000-year compliance period. The model was run in GoldSim version 10.5(SP3) with 5,000 LHS realizations.

The results for the Area 5 RWMS v4.114 model indicate that there is reasonable expectation of compliance with the member of public performance objectives. The atmospheric pathway mean and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile annual TED for all scenarios are less than the limit of 0.1 mSv (Table 18). The air pathways results were largely unchanged in FY 2012. The maximum air pathway annual TED is less than 1% of the performance objective. The peak annual TED occurs at 1,000 years for all scenarios. The predominant source of atmospheric pathway dose in FY 2012 was <sup>238</sup>U and <sup>229</sup>Th for all scenarios with peak TED at 1,000 years.

**Table 18. Area 5 RWMS v4.114 GoldSim Model Member of Public Total Annual TED through the Air Pathway**

Exposure Scenario	Mean (mSv)	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (mSv)	Time of Maximum
Transient Visitor	8.2E-05	3.0E-04	1,000 years
Resident	1.6E-04	5.5E-04	1,000 years
Resident Farmer	4.5E-04	1.6E-03	1,000 years
Open Rangeland (Cane Spring)	6.6E-09	1.8E-08	1,000 years
Open Rangeland (NNSS Boundary)	1.1E-07	3.0E-07	1,000 years

The mean and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile annual TEDs for the all-pathways scenarios are less than the 0.25 mSv performance objective (Table 19). The all-pathway TEDs show slight increases for all scenarios, except the open rangeland scenarios, which decrease slightly. The maximum all-pathway TED increases 1%, reaching approximately 8% of the performance objective.

**Table 19. Area 5 RWMS v4.114 GoldSim Model Member of Public Annual TED through All Pathways**

Exposure Scenario	Mean (mSv)	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (mSv)	Time of Maximum
Transient Visitor	6.5E-03	1.6E-02	1,000 years
Resident	8.3E-04	2.6E-03	1,000 years
Resident Farmer	2.1E-02	6.8E-02	1,000 years
Open Rangeland (Cane Spring)	3.1E-03	NA	100 years
Open Rangeland (NNSS Boundary)	3.3E-03	NA	100 years

NA – not available, insufficient realizations to calculate 95<sup>th</sup> percentile

The transient visitor scenario all-pathways annual TED is dominated by external exposure to  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  progeny in cover soil. The resident scenario TED is due predominantly to  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ , and  $^{229}\text{Th}$ . The other scenarios all include agriculture and are dominated by ingestion of  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  at 1,000 years or  $^3\text{H}$  at 100 years.

The mean and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  flux densities are less than the  $0.74 \text{ Bq m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  performance objective averaged over the entire site (Table 20). The same is true for all virtual disposal units, except for the Pit 13 RaDU, where the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  flux density exceeds the performance objective. The flux density result for the Pit 13 RaDU is not considered significant, because the performance objective is compared with the flux averaged over the site, not the flux from a portion of an individual disposal unit. Results for the Pit 6 RaDU, the Pit 13 RaDU, and GCD are essentially unchanged in FY 2012.

**Table 20. Area 5 RWMS v4.114 GoldSim Model  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  Flux Density Results**

Disposal Unit	Mean ( $\text{Bq m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile ( $\text{Bq m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Time of Maximum
All	0.22	0.50	1,000 years
SLB	0.22	0.59	5 years
Pit 6 RaDU	0.080	0.16	1,000 years
Pit 13 RaDU	0.60	1.7	1,000 years
GCD	1.1E-08	2.8E-08	1,000 years

The  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  flux density averaged over all post-1988 Area 5 RMWS disposal units increased 37% from FY 2011 to FY 2012. The  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  flux density averaged over all disposal units is 30% of the performance objective. The increase is due to additional  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  inventory disposed in the SLB disposal units. Disposal of  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  also changes the time history for the  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  flux density. Previous results indicated low flux densities at closure rising to a maximum at the end of the compliance period. The FY 2012 inventory estimate produces a  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  flux density that is relatively constant throughout the compliance period.

Based on the institutional control policy adopted in FY 2008, chronic intrusion is assumed to be an unlikely event. Chronic intrusion results are replaced with drilling and construction acute intruder scenario results. The mean and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile acute intruder doses are less than the 5 mSv performance measure for both scenarios at all virtual disposal units (Tables 21 and 22). The acute drilling scenario TEDs are not significantly different in FY 2012. The acute drilling intrusion TEDs remain a small fraction of the dose limit.

**Table 21. Area 5 RWMS v4.114 GoldSim Model Acute Drilling Intruder TED**

Disposal Unit	Mean (mSv)	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (mSv)	Time of Maximum
SLB	1.6E-3	2.8E-3	1,000 years
Pit 6 RaDU	0.039	0.076	1,000 years
Pit 13 RaDU	0.026	0.033	1,000 years
GCD	0.017	0.043	1,000 years

The SLB disposal unit acute construction TEDs are largely unchanged in FY 2012. The mean and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile are less than the performance objective for all scenarios. The mean SLB acute construction scenario TED is 24% of the dose limit.

**Table 22. Area 5 RWMS v4.114 GoldSim Model Acute Construction Intruder TED**

Disposal Unit	Mean (mSv)	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (mSv)	Time of Maximum
SLB	1.2	2.2	1,000 years
Pit 6 RaDU	0.88	2.2	1,000 years
Pit 13 RaDU	0.053	0.16	1,000 years
GCD	3.2E-06	NA	100 years

NA – not available, insufficient realizations to calculate 95<sup>th</sup> percentile

The FY 2012 PA results show little or no change, except for the <sup>222</sup>Rn flux density, which increased. All results indicate that there is still reasonable assurance of meeting all performance objectives. Therefore, the Area 5 RWMS PA results are still considered valid, and no need to revise the PA is identified.

Comparison of the FY 2012 results with the 2006 PA update indicates that significant changes have occurred in the maximum TEDs and their time of occurrence. The air pathway results have increased for all scenarios, except the open rangeland scenario, and the time of the maximum TED shifted from 63 to 1,000 years. Although changes have occurred, the maximum air pathway TED is less than 1% of the performance objective. The all-pathways results have increased for the transient visitor but decrease for the other scenarios. The <sup>222</sup>Rn flux density has increased for all disposal units. The intruder scenarios analyzed have changed from chronic scenarios to acute scenarios. The changes occurring since the 2006 PA update reflect the cumulative effects of inventory changes, updated parameters, a new passive institutional control period, a new institutional control policy, a thinner closure cover, and new dose conversion factors.

## 2.6 CONCLUSIONS

### 2.6.1 Area 3 RWMS

The most significant change at the Area 3 RWMS is the increased inventory since the approved PA in 1996 and its placement in inactive status. The site's conceptual model, important FEPs, site characteristics, and compliance points remain unchanged. Environmental monitoring results continue to indicate that the only releases from the site are low levels of tritiated water that remain consistent with PA model results. Monitoring and R&D results continue to confirm and support the hydrologic conceptual model.

The three key questions can be answered as follows:

1. Does the annual summary information indicate that changes to the PA are required? A special analysis of the Area 3 RWMS (NSTec 2012d) demonstrates that PA conclusions are unchanged and that there continues to be a reasonable expectation of compliance with all performance objectives. A full PA revision is not necessary at this time.

2. Does the annual summary information indicate that the conclusions of the PA remain valid? The special analysis results confirm that important PA conclusions remain unchanged. No groundwater pathway is expected at the site. All PA results continue to be a small fraction of their performance objectives.
3. Does the annual summary information indicate that facility performance will remain within the DOE M 435.1-1 PA performance objectives and any conditions in the facility DAS? The FY 2012 special analysis results indicate that there is still a reasonable expectation of compliance with all performance objectives.

### **2.6.2 Area 5 RWMS**

The most significant changes for the Area 5 RWMS since preparation of the 2006 PA update include increased inventory, updated parameters, revised periods of institutional control, and a thinner closure cover. The conceptual model, important FEPs, site characterization data, and compliance points remain unchanged. Therefore, no new revision to the Area 5 RWMS PA is necessary.

The three key questions can be answered as follows:

1. Does the annual summary information indicate that changes to the PA or CA are required? A revision of the Area 5 RWMS PA is not necessary at this time.
2. Does the annual summary information indicate that the conclusions of the PA and CA remain valid? Although a number of changes have occurred since preparation of the 2006 PA update, the PA's conclusions continue to remain valid.
3. Does the annual summary information indicate that facility performance will remain within the DOE M 435.1-1 PA performance objectives and any conditions in the facility DAS? Updated FY 2012 PA results indicate that there is still a reasonable expectation of compliance with all performance objectives.

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## 3.0 COMPOSITE ANALYSIS REVIEW

The CA evaluates the combined impacts of radionuclide releases from LLW disposal facilities and all other interacting sources of radioactive materials. The PA review above summarizes changes relevant to waste disposed after September 26, 1988. The CA review emphasizes changes not addressed in the PA review. CA source terms not addressed in the PA review include the pre-1988 RWMS waste inventory and residual radioactive materials from Environmental Restoration (ER) sites that interact with the RWMSs. Radioactively contaminated ER sites are mostly surface soils and groundwater units contaminated by nuclear weapons testing. The pre-1988 disposal units at the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS are the only facilities that interact with the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMSs. Discussion of facility changes in the CA review is limited to changes at the pre-1988 RWMS disposal units.

### 3.1 WASTE OPERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

#### 3.1.1 Radioactive Waste Management Sites

##### 3.1.1.1 *Waste Characteristics and Facility Design*

There were no discovered or proposed changes in the operation, facility design, and waste characteristics of the pre-1988 disposal units at the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS. All pre-1988 disposal units at the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS are now closed, except for the U-3ah/at disposal unit at the Area 3 RWMS, which is operationally closed. No operational changes occurred at either site. The CA models remain consistent with the facility designs and waste characteristics.

No new information is available concerning pre-1988 waste forms, containers, and operations at the Area 3 RWMS. No remediation of pre-1988 wastes or disposal units was performed. A special analysis for the Area 3 RWMS pre-1988 waste was released in FY 2012. Revised Area 3 RWMS disposal unit volume estimates were prepared to support the special analysis. There were no significant changes to the pre-1988 waste inventories for the Area 3 RWMS. The current Area 3 RWMS CA inventory was estimated with the Area 3 Inventory v2.016 model.

Pre-1988 waste forms, containers, facility design, and operations at the Area 5 RWMS are unchanged in FY 2012. No remediation involving pre-1988 wastes or disposal units was performed. No special analyses relevant to the Area 5 RWMS pre-1988 wastes were performed. There were no significant changes to the pre-1988 waste inventories for the Area 5 RWMS. The current Area 5 RWMS CA inventory was estimated with the Area 5 Inventory v2.110 model.

##### 3.1.1.2 *Monitoring*

Pre-1988 waste and disposal units are subject to the monitoring activities discussed in Section 2.2.3. The results of environmental monitoring across the NNSS are reported annually in the Annual Site Environmental Report and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants report (NSTec 2012b, 2012c). CY 2011 monitoring results are consistent with previous results and the CA resuspension and atmospheric dispersion model results. No

significant subsidence events were observed at pre-1988 disposal units at the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS in CY 2011.

### **3.1.1.3 *Closure***

The Area 3 RWMS PA/CA assumes that the site will be closed with a vegetated monolithic ET cover of native alluvium (Shott et al. 2001). The cover is assumed to be 3 m (10 ft) thick after subsidence. The U-3ax/bl disposal unit, which contains most of the pre-1988 at the Area 3 RWMS, was closed in FY 2001 with the installation of a monolithic alluvium cover. The existing U-3ax/bl 2.7 m (8.9 ft) operational cover was supplemented with an additional 0.3 m (1 ft) of soil and sloped to promote drainage off the cover. The U-3ax/bl closure cover is consistent with the CA assumption of a 3 m (10 ft) monolithic cover. Current plans are to close U-3ah/at and U-3bh with a 3 m (10 ft) monolithic ET cover (NSTec 2007b). The Area 3 RWMS covers and closure plan remain consistent with CA model assumptions.

The Area 5 RWMS CA cover assumptions are consistent with closure plans (BN 2001b; NSTec 2008a). The CA assumes that the cover is maintained for 100 years and public access is restricted for 250 years. The cover is assumed to be a monolithic ET cover, measuring 2 to 6 m (6 to 20 ft) thick. The current Area 5 RWMS CA model assumes the site is closed with a 2.5 m (8 ft) monolithic ET cover. In FY 2011, the 92-ac LLWMU at the Area 5 RWMS, which includes all pre-1988 disposal units except the GCD Test borehole, was closed with a 2.5 m (8 ft) monolithic ET cover. Closure of the GCD and GCD Test boreholes will occur at final site closure in 2028. Closure of the pre-1988 Area 5 RWMS disposal units and the closure plan are consistent with the CA assumptions (NSTec 2008a).

## **3.2 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

No R&D activities specific to pre-1988 waste or residual radioactive contamination had results that might impact the CA results and conclusions in FY 2012. The model development R&D activities described in Section 2.4 are also relevant for the CAs.

## **3.3 INTERACTING SOURCE TERMS**

### **3.3.1 *Underground Test Areas***

The goal of UGTA CAU closure under the FFACO process is to establish groundwater regulatory boundaries with corresponding use restriction boundaries. Negotiation of CAU regulatory boundaries will proceed through a CADD/CAP stage and a Closure Report stage. An initial use restriction boundary and regulatory boundary objectives are identified at the start of the CADD/CAP stage. The use restriction boundary will be finalized and the regulatory boundary will be established at the start of the Closure Report stage of the UGTA strategy. The use restriction boundary is established through combined assessments of contaminant boundary forecasts, requirements for protection of worker health and safety, and administrative policies designed to restrict access to contaminated groundwater. A regulatory boundary is chosen to provide protection for the public and the environment from the effects of migration of radioactive contaminants.

The Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS CAs assume that the sites are within the UGTA use restriction boundaries and that the use restrictions can control exposure of the public to groundwater contamination. In FY 2008, NNSA/NSO implemented a formal policy to implement and maintain the UGTA use restrictions (NNSA/NSO 2008).

The Yucca Flat CAU 97 is still in the corrective action investigation stage of the FFACO process. An internal preemptive review of the draft CAU 97 groundwater flow and radionuclide transport document for CAU 97 was completed in FY 2012. The Area 3 RMWS is expected to be within the initial use restriction boundary for CAU 97. The expected completion date of final flow and transport model results simulating alternative forecasts of the 1,000-year groundwater contaminant boundaries for Yucca Flat has moved from FY 2023 to FY 2015. This change may allow acceleration of completion of the Area 3 RWMS CA. The Area 3 RWMS CA assumptions are still consistent with current plans for Yucca Flat CAU 97.

Frenchman Flat CAU 98 is in a more advanced stage of the FFACO process. The Frenchman Flat CAU 98 CADD/CAP was completed and accepted by NDEP in 2011 (NNSA/NSO 2011b). The CADD portion describes the results of the CAU 98 data collection and modeling activities; the CAP portion describes the corrective action implementation plan. The CAP also identifies negotiated CAU regulatory boundary objectives and the initial use restriction boundaries. Drilling activities supporting model evaluation studies identified in the CADD/CAP were initiated in FY 2012. If the evaluations and any model refinements are accepted by NDEP, the final use restriction boundaries for Frenchman Flat will be negotiated at the start of the Closure Report stage in 2015. Consistent with the CA assumptions, the Area 5 RWMS is currently within the CAU 98 use restriction boundary. The Area 5 RWMS CA will require revision after final closure of Frenchman Flat CAU 98 scheduled for FY 2015.

### **3.3.2 Soil Sites**

The CAs included multiple contaminated Soil Sites characterized by the Radionuclide Inventory and Distribution Program (RIDP) (McArthur 1991) as source terms for atmospheric resuspension and dispersion modeling. The CAs assume that the contaminated Soil Sites will be closed in place and any corrective actions will have minimal impacts on resuspension and atmospheric dispersion from the Soil Sites to the RWMSs.

The Area 3 RWMS CA included 28 Soil Sites contaminated by aboveground and belowground nuclear testing. Many of these sites have progressed in the FFACO process since preparation of the Area 3 RWMS CA (Table 23). Additional site characterization data and closure activities continue to be consistent with the Area 3 RWMS CA assumptions. Completed or planned closure actions have had no significant impact on radionuclide inventories or radionuclide resuspension rates. Completed and planned corrective actions are not expected to have any impact on the CA model assumptions.

**Table 23. Status of ER Soil Sites Considered in the Area 3 RWMS CA**

CAU	Site	Radiological COPCs or COCs	FFACO Status	Corrective Action
104	Area 7 Atmospheric Test Sites	None	CADD/CAP Issued (NNSA/NSO 2012d)	Remove Hazardous PSM, No Further Action (Test Site B7-B Clean Closure)
105	Area 2 Atmospheric Test Sites	MFP, Actinides	CAIP Issued (NNSA/NSO 2012e)	TBD
107	13 Low Impact Soil Sites	None	CR Issued (NNSA/NSO 2009b)	No Action
	SULKY, TRUCHAS-CHAMISAL	Radionuclides		Closure in Place with Administrative Controls
365	BANEERRY Contamination Area	Radionuclides	CADD/CR Issued (NNSA/NSO 2011c)	Closure in Place with Use Restrictions
367	Area 10 SEDAN, ESS, and UNCLE Craters	Radionuclides	CADD/CR Issued (NNSA/NSO 2011d)	Closure in Place with Use Restrictions
370	T-4 Atmospheric Test Site	Radionuclides	CADD/CR Issued (NNSA/NSO 2009c)	Closure in Place with Use Restrictions
550	SMOKEY Contamination Area	MFP, Actinides	CAIP Issued (NNSA/NSO 2012f)	TBD
568	Area 3 Plutonium Dispersal Sites	MFP, Actinides	Preliminary Investigations Initiated	TBD
569	Area 3 Yucca Flat Atmospheric Test Sites	MFP, Actinides	CAIP Issued (NNSA/NSO 2012g)	TBD
570	Area 9 Yucca Flat Atmospheric Test Sites	MFP, Actinides	CAIP Issued (NNSA/NSO 2012h)	TBD

CADD – Corrective Action Decision Document

CAP – Corrective Action Plan

CAIP – Corrective Action Investigation Plan

COCs – contaminants of concern

COPCs – contaminants of potential concern

CR – Closure Report

MFP – mixed fission products

PSM – potential source material

TBD – to be determined

The Area 3 RWMS special analysis includes one additional atmospheric testing Soil Site, the unsurveyed region of Area 2, which was not included in the CA. The omission was likely an oversight. The Area 3 RWMS special analysis results confirm that the Area 2 unsurveyed region is a minor source that has no significant impact on the CA results.

The Area 5 RWMS CA considered eight contaminated Soil Site CAUs as possible sources of residual contamination. Four of the Soil Sites, the 306 Ground Zero (GZ) Rad Contaminated Area (Corrective Action Site [CAS] 05-45-04), the 307 GZ Rad Contaminated Area (CAS 05-45-05),

the Kay Blockhouse (CAS 05-33-01), and the Gravel Gertie (CAS 05-23-01) were excluded from the CA based on their small inventories, small area, and distance from the RWMS relative to other potential sources. The Pu Valley soil site (CAU 366) was excluded based on the assumption that the intervening mountain ranges blocked atmospheric dispersion. Only three sources, the Gadget, Mechanics, and Explosives (GMX) site (CAS 05-23-15), PINSTRIPE (CAS 11-23-05), and the Frenchman Flat Atmospheric Test Site (ABLE CAS 05-23-05, HAMILTON CAU 573, and SMALL BOY CAU 541), were explicitly included in CA modeling.

Most of the contaminated Soil Sites have advanced in the FFACO process since preparation of the Area 5 RWMS CA (Table 24). Among the four sites excluded from the Area 5 RWMS CA, additional site characterization confirms that these sources have small areas and inventories. Six of the eight sources currently have no radiological contaminants of concern (COCs) in surface soils or will have no COCs after final remediation. Radiological COCs are defined as radionuclides capable of causing an annual TED of 0.25 mSv or more in one of three possible scenarios: industrial use, remote work, or occasional use. Although corrective action investigations have developed additional site characterization data, the RIDP characterization is still the preferred data source for contaminated Soil Sites inventories (NSTec 2008b). Completed or planned closure actions have had no significant impact on radionuclide inventories or radionuclide resuspension rates. CA assumptions remain consistent with the status of the Soil Sites. Completed and planned corrective actions are not expected to have any impact on CA model assumptions.

**Table 24. Status of ER Soil Sites Considered in the Area 5 RWMS CA**

CAU	Site	Radiological COPCs or COCs	FFACO Status	Corrective Action
106	ABLE Atmospheric Test Site (CAS 05-23-05)	None	CADD/CR Issued (NNSA/NSO 2011e)	No Action
	306 GZ Rad Contaminated Area (CAS 05-45-04)	None after PSM Removal		Remove PSM (DU)
	307 GZ Rad Contaminated Area (CAS 05-45-05)	None after PSM Removal		Remove PSM (DU)
140	Gravel Gertie (CAS 05-23-01)	Uranium/DU in Bunker	CR Issued (NNSA/NSO 2005)	Closure in Place with Administrative Controls
204	Kay Blockhouse (CAS 05-33-01)	DU	CADD Issued (NNSA/NSO 2004)	Preferred Alternative – Removal of Contaminated Soil and Debris; Closure in Place with Administrative Controls
366	Plutonium Valley	$^{238}\text{Pu}$ , $^{239}\text{Pu}$ , $^{240}\text{Pu}$ , $^{241}\text{Pu}$ , $^{241}\text{Am}$	CADD Issued (NNSA/NSO 2012c)	Preferred Alternative – Closure in Place with Administrative Controls

CAU	Site	Radiological COPCs or COCs	FFACO Status	Corrective Action
371	PINSTRIPE (CAS 11-23-05)	None, Subsurface Contamination Likely Present	CADD/CR Issued (NNSA/NSO 2010)	Closure in Place with Administrative Controls
541	SMALL BOY	MFP, Actinides	No Action	TBD
573	GMX (CAS 05-23-15)	$^{239}\text{Pu}$	No Action	TBD
	HAMILTON	MFP, Actinides	No Action	TBD

CADD – Correction Action Decision Document

COPC – contaminant of potential concern

COC – contaminant of concern

CR – Closure Report

DU – depleted uranium

GMX – Gadget, Mechanics, and Explosives

MFP – mixed fission products

PSM – potential source material

TBD – to be determined

### 3.3.3 Industrial Sites

The CAs assume that the impact of the Industrial Sites is insignificant compared with the Soil Sites. No Industrial Sites are included in the CAs.

From FY 2007 to FY 2009 several Industrial Sites within CAU 547, Miscellaneous Contaminated Waste Sites, were discovered to have significant TRU inventories (NNSA/NSO 2011f). CAS 3-99-19 within CAU 547 is a gas sampling assembly associated with the TEJON/BERNALILLO events, located in Area 3 approximately 350 m (1,150 ft) west-northwest of the RWMS boundary. The CAS 3-99-19 95<sup>th</sup> percentile  $^{239+240}\text{Pu}$  inventory, 3.7E11 Bq, is contained in steel pipes, much of it below an earthen berm (NNSA/NSO 2012i).

The CAS 3-99-19  $^{239+240}\text{Pu}$  inventory is of the same order of magnitude as the HORNET GZ contaminated Soil Site at the Area 3 RWMS boundary. The HORNET GZ contaminated Soil Site was characterized by soil sampling and in situ gamma spectrometry. Consequently, the HORNET GZ contaminated Soil Site inventory most likely does not include the CAS 3-99-19  $^{239+240}\text{Pu}$  inventory. Therefore, the CAS 3-99-19  $^{239+240}\text{Pu}$  inventory is potentially a discovered inventory not included in the Area 3 RWMS CA inventory.

In 2012, the CAS 3-99-19 site was closed and the Closure Report issued (NNSA/NSO 2012i). The site was closed in place with a packed earthen berm and administrative controls. Radionuclide releases and doses are projected to be low because the source term is contained in a steel pipe that is below a 0.6–1.2 m (2–4 ft) thick earthen berm. CAS 3-99-19 was excluded from the Area 3 RWMS special analysis based on the low dose estimate for the site (NSTec 2012d).

No Industrial Sites have been characterized or remediated that impact interacting radiological sources in Frenchman Flat since preparation of the Area 5 RWMS CA. The Area 5 RWMS CA assumptions remain unchanged.

## 3.4 SUMMARY OF CHANGES

### 3.4.1 Discovered Changes

Two discovered changes are reported for the Area 3 RWMS CA. An industrial site, CAU 547, with a CAS located near the Area 3 RWMS was discovered to have a potentially significant plutonium inventory. The source, which is contained in a steel pipe and closed with a soil cover, was found to be an insignificant source for the CA. The CAU 547 source was not included in the Area 3 RWMS special analysis. One additional atmospheric testing Soil Site, the Area 2 unsurveyed region, was included in the Area 3 RWMS special analysis. Addition of the Area 2 unsurveyed region Soil Site to the CA had no significant impact on CA results.

The Area 5 RWMS CA had no discovered changes in FY 2012.

### 3.4.2 Proposed Changes

The Area 3 RWMS has been inactive since FY 2006. Therefore, no significant operational changes occurred for the Area 3 RWMS. Closure of ER sources included in the CA is progressing, but closure activities have had no impact on the CA model assumptions. An updated Area 3 RWMS CA model was used for a special analysis in FY 2012. CA model changes are described in the special analysis (NSTec 2012d).

The Area 5 RWMS 92-ac LLWMU, which includes all pre-1988 waste disposal units, was closed with a 2.5 m (8.2 ft) monolithic ET cover in FY 2011. Revegetation of the 92-ac LLWMU cover began in FY 2012. Closure of ER sources included in the CA is progressing, but closure activities have had no impact on the CA models. Corrective action investigations at several ER sources excluded from the CA confirm assumptions that the sources have minimal potential to interact with the Area 5 RWMS. An updated Area 5 RWMS CA baseline model was released in FY 2012. There were no significant changes to the CA model.

The maintenance plan, closure plan, monitoring plan, and R&D plan are unchanged from previous years. Results from monitoring and R&D are consistent with previous results and continue to support CA conceptual models. No revision of the maintenance plan, closure plan, monitoring plan, or R&D plan are required.

### 3.4.3 R&D Changes

#### 3.4.3.1 CA Results for the Area 3 RWMS

The Area 3 RWMS v2.102 GoldSim model was used to update the CA results in FY 2012 (NSTec 2012d). The model was run as described for the PA, except that the model was placed in CA mode.

The CA annual TED continues to be predominantly from inhalation of  $^{239}\text{Pu}$  resuspended from the HORNET GZ Soil Site, which surrounds the Area 3 RWMS. The time of the maximum dose shifts

from 250 years in the approved CA to 1,000 years in the special analysis. The shift in the timing of the maximum dose is a result of the probabilistic period of institutional control used in the special analysis. The CA annual TED also increases from 0.01 mSv in the approved CA to 0.02 mSv in the special analysis (Table 25). The increase is caused by updated parameter values in the soil resuspension model. The mean and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile doses are significantly less than the 0.3 mSv annual dose constraint, and the importance of the contributing sources is unchanged. Therefore, the Area 3 RWMS CA results are still considered valid.

**Table 25. Area 3 RWMS v2.102 GoldSim Model CA All-Pathways Annual TED for a Resident at the 100 m (330 ft) RWMS boundary**

Disposal Unit	Mean (mSv)	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (mSv)	Time of Maximum
All	0.021	0.031	1,000 years

### 3.4.3.2 CA Results for the Area 5 RWMS

The Area 5 RWMS CA results were updated with the Area 5 RWMS v4.114 GoldSim model. The model was run as described for the PA, except that the model was placed in CA mode. A slight decrease is observed in FY 2012 for the dose at the Area 5 RWMS boundary (Table 26). The mean and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile doses are significantly less than the 0.3 mSv annual dose constraint. Therefore, the Area 5 RWMS CA results are still considered valid.

**Table 26. Area 5 RWMS v4.114 GoldSim Model CA All-Pathways Annual TED for a Resident at the 100 m (330 ft) RWMS boundary**

Disposal Unit	Mean (mSv)	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (mSv)	Time of Maximum
All	9.9E-4	3.0E-3	1,000 years

## 3.5 CONCLUSIONS

### 3.5.1 Area 3 RWMS

There have been no changes in FY 2012 that affect the conclusions of the CA, as indicated by reviews of facility operations, the disposal unit closure inventories, inventories of the ER sources of residual radionuclides, the progress of the ER cleanup projects, land-use planning, closure planning, and the results of the monitoring and R&D activities. Two new sources of contamination have been identified but were not found to have any significant impact on CA results. There is no new information that would reduce the uncertainty of the current sources. A special analysis of the Area 3 RWMS was issued in FY 2012, which includes updated CA doses.

The three key questions can be answered as follows:

1. Does the annual summary information indicate that changes to the PA or CA are required? A special analysis of the Area 3 RWMS CA was prepared to determine the impacts of changes occurring since preparation of the last CA. The special analysis concludes that a CA revision is not necessary at this time.
2. Does the annual summary information indicate that the conclusions of the PA and CA remain valid? The special analysis for the Area 3 RWMS CA indicates that the annual TED to a resident from all interacting sources is a small fraction of the 0.3 mSv dose

constraint and that the HORNET GZ Soil Site is the predominant source. The Area 3 RWMS special analysis results are consistent with the CA results, supporting a conclusion that the CA continues to be valid.

3. Does the annual summary information indicate that facility performance will remain within the DOE M 435.1-1 PA performance objectives, CA performance goals, and any conditions in the facility DAS? The Area 3 RWMS v2.102 GoldSim model results indicate that there is still a high likelihood of meeting of the 0.3 mSv dose constraint.

### **3.5.2 Area 5 RWMS**

There have been no changes in FY 2012 that affect the conclusions of the CA, as indicated by reviews of facility operations, the disposal unit closure inventories, estimated inventories of the ER sources of residual radionuclides, the progress of the ER corrective actions, land-use planning, closure planning, and the results of the monitoring and R&D activities. No new sources of contamination have been identified. Corrective action investigations at contaminated soil sites has confirmed and supported CA assumptions.

The only changes affecting the CA are the updated RWMS inventory estimates. The consequences of the changes were evaluated with the Area 5 RWMS v4.114 GoldSim model and found not to affect the CA conclusions.

The three key questions can be answered as follows:

1. Does the annual summary information indicate that changes to the PA or CA are required? A revision of the Area 5 RWMS CA is not necessary at this time.
2. Does the annual summary information indicate that the conclusions of the PA and CA remain valid? Review of the Area 5 RWMS CA indicates that the CA conclusions remain valid.
3. Does the annual summary information indicate that facility performance will remain within the DOE M 435.1-1 PA performance objectives, CA performance goals, and any conditions in the facility DAS? The Area 5 RWMS v4.114 GoldSim model results indicate that there is a high likelihood of meeting the 0.3 mSv dose constraint.

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## APPENDIX A

### Checklist for Review of Annual Summary

This appendix summarizes the results of a review conducted to confirm that the annual summary contains all the information as required by the Low-Level Waste Disposal Facility Federal Review Group (LFRG) Program Management Plan.

**Table A.1. Checklist for Review of Annual Summary**

Requirement	Result
<p><b>1.0 Key Questions</b>  <i>The annual summary for each disposal facility must provide information sufficient to evaluate three key questions about the PA for the facility:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="235 699 1005 756">a. <i>Does the annual summary information indicate that changes to the PA are required?</i></li> <li data-bbox="235 762 1005 846">b. <i>Does the annual summary information indicate that the conclusions of the PA remain valid?</i></li> <li data-bbox="235 874 1005 1030">c. <i>Does the annual summary information indicate that facility performance will remain within the PA limits imposed by the U.S. Department of Energy Manual DOE M 435.1-1 performance objectives and any conditions in the facility DAS?</i></li> </ol>	<p>A special analysis was issued for the Area 3 RWMS PA in FY 2012. Section 2.6 concludes that the Area 3 RWMS PA and the Area 5 RWMS PA do not require revision.</p>
<p><b>2.0 Necessary Information</b>  <i>The information provided in the annual summary for each low-level waste disposal facility should include the following:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="235 1148 1005 1284">a. <i>Description of any changes affecting the PA. Does the annual summary indicate whether any changes affecting the PA have occurred? If so, are their effects on the PA adequately described?</i></li> <li data-bbox="235 1290 1005 1459">b. <i>Description of any PA ramifications of special analyses and reviews performed or proposed for the facility. Does the annual summary indicate whether any special analyses or reviews were performed? If so, are the ramifications for the PA adequately described?</i></li> </ol>	<p>Changes occurring are described in Sections 2.1 through 2.4 and summarized in Section 2.5. The effects of changes on PA results are described in Section 2.5.3.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="235 1564 1005 1721">c. <i>Description of any proposed changes in facility design or operations. Does the annual summary indicate whether any changes are proposed in facility design or operations? If so, are the effects of the proposed change on the PA adequately described?</i></li> <li data-bbox="235 1727 1005 1883">d. <i>Description of any corresponding changes required in the PA maintenance plan, the closure plan, and the monitoring plan. Does the annual summary indicate whether any corresponding changes are required in the plans? If so, are they adequately described?</i></li> </ol>	<p>Special analyses for new or revised waste streams are described in Section 2.1.2. The methods, results, and conclusions of a special analysis conducted to determine the continuing adequacy of the Area 3 RWMS PA are summarized in Section 2.5.3.</p>
	<p>Changes to facility designs and operations are discussed in Section 2.1 and 2.2.</p> <p>Section 2.5.2 concludes that no changes are required for the maintenance plan, closure plan, or monitoring plan.</p>

Requirement	Result
e. <i>Description of any proposed changes in the PA. Does the annual summary indicate whether any changes to the PA are required? If so, are they adequately described?</i>	Section 2.5.3 describes proposed changes to the PA model. Section 2.6 concludes that no changes to the PA are required.
<p><b>2.1 Factors to be Addressed</b></p> <p><i>The basic factors to be addressed in the annual summary and evaluated by the LFRG in reviewing the annual summary are operations, facility design, closure design, and research and development. More detailed descriptions of the information relevant to these basic factors are provided below. (For additional detail on the scope and level of detail expected for the topics, see Section 2.2 of the "Maintenance Guide for U.S. Department of Energy Low-Level Waste Disposal Facility Performance Assessments and Composite Analyses," November 10, 1999.)</i></p> <p><b>2.1.1 Operations Considerations</b></p> <p><i>Disposal unit consistency with the PA models (e.g., size and configuration of trenches, shafts, and pits; waste placement and configuration; thickness of operational backfill/cover). Does the annual summary adequately describe disposal unit consistency with the PA models?</i></p>	Disposal unit design is discussed in Section 2.2.1. Disposal unit designs continue to be consistent with PA models.
a. <i>Waste receipts including description of form and packaging (especially special waste forms) and their consistency with PA analyses and projections. Does the annual summary adequately describe waste receipts and their consistency with PA analyses and projections?</i>	Waste receipts are described in Section 2.1.2. The impacts of waste receipts on PA results are described in Section 2.5.2.
b. <i>Waste acceptance criteria including radionuclides significant to and evaluated in the PA, radionuclide concentration and quantity limits established, waste form and packaging requirements, and consistency with PA results. Does the annual summary adequately describe the WAC and their consistency with the PA results?</i>	Section 2.1.3 describes the WAC and confirms the consistency of the WAC with PA results.
c. <i>Procedures and systems (e.g., verification of waste characteristics, inventory limit controls, generator certification) intended to prevent disposal of inappropriate wastes. Does the annual summary adequately describe procedures and systems?</i>	The Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program is described in Section 2.1.3.
<p><b>2.1.2 Facility Design Considerations</b></p> <p>a. <i>Disposal technology and facility configuration consistency with the PA analyses. Is the consistency adequately described?</i></p>	Consistency of facility configuration with PA analyses is described in Section 2.2.
b. <i>Engineered barrier consistency with the PA. Is the consistency adequately described?</i>	Consistency of engineered barriers with PA analyses is described in Section 2.2.2.
c. <i>Monitoring provisions appropriate for evaluation of facility performance. Are monitoring provisions adequately described?</i>	The Monitoring Program is described in Section 2.2.3.
d. <i>Operational controls to promote stability and to compensate for potential subsidence. Are operational controls adequately described?</i>	Subsidence controls and monitoring methods are described in Section 2.2.4.

Requirement	Result
<p>2.1.3 <i>Closure Design Considerations</i></p> <p>a. <i>Engineered barrier description including consistency of the closure cover design with PA analysis and threats to cover integrity and viability. Are engineered barriers adequately described?</i></p> <p>b. <i>Future land-use plan consistency with PA assumptions. Is consistency of the land-use plan with the PA assumptions adequately described?</i></p>	<p>Closure cover design and consistency with PA analyses are described in Section 2.3.</p> <p>Land-use plan consistency with PA assumptions is described in Section 2.3.2.</p>
<p>2.1.4 <i>Research and Development Considerations</i></p> <p>a. <i>R&amp;D efforts required by the facility disposal authorization statement. Are these efforts adequately described?</i></p> <p>b. <i>R&amp;D efforts pursued for improving and refining the performance assessment. Are these efforts adequately described?</i></p>	<p>R&amp;D efforts required by the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS DASs are summarized in Section 1.1, Tables 1 and 3, respectively. The tables' status column indicates that all conditions were closed in 2002.</p> <p>R&amp;D efforts required by PA/CA reviews and their resolution are summarized in Section 1.2, Table 5. Ongoing R&amp;D efforts are described in Section 2.4.</p>
<p>c. <i>Results of any confirmatory testing performed. Was any confirmatory testing performed? If so, are the results adequately described?</i></p>	<p>Confirmatory monitoring of site performance is described under monitoring in Section 2.2.3. Monitoring results are published elsewhere as cited in the text.</p>
<p><b>2.2 Changes</b></p> <p><i>The changes that could cause divergence from the conditions used for the PA analysis should be categorized as discovered changes, proposed changes, or R&amp;D changes and should be listed and described in the annual summary.</i></p> <p><i>[Note: This section of the review should focus on description of the changes (discovered, proposed, and R&amp;D) and any effects of the changes not described in Section 2.2.]</i></p> <p><b>2.2.1 Discovered Changes</b></p> <p><i>The annual summary should report divergences from expected or planned conditions that have been <i>discovered</i> in facility operations, construction, site characteristics, and other conditions significant to facility performance. Specific information should address the baseline from which the divergence was identified, comparison of expected conditions to any available monitoring results, significance of the divergence as indicated by comparison to the four LFRG review thresholds (listed below), and incorporation of the changes in the performance assessment, if appropriate.</i></p> <p><i>The four LFRG review thresholds that trigger the review by the LFRG are</i></p> <p>a. <i>an increase of 25 percent or more in the forecasted doses reported in the current, approved facility documentation or any violation of the performance objectives imposed by DOE M 435.1-1,</i></p>	<p>Section 2.5.3 summarizes the FY 2012 PA results for the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMSs. Changes are noted. All results continue to meet all performance objectives.</p> <p>The Area 3 RWMS all-pathways dose and <math>^{222}\text{Rn}</math> flux density have increased relative to the PA but remain a small fraction of the performance objective.</p> <p>The Area 5 RWMS <math>^{222}\text{Rn}</math> flux density increased more than 25% between FY 2011 and FY 2012 due to inventory increases. The 95<sup>th</sup> percentile flux is less than the performance objective.</p>

Requirement	Result
<p>b. any change in the point of compliance as reported in the current approved facility documentation,</p>	Changes to PA models are described in Section 2.4. No change in the point of compliance occurred in FY 2012.
<p>c. any fundamental change in the analysis methodology or model used for the facility documentation, and</p>	Changes to PA models are described in Section 2.4.
<p>d. any fundamental change in the hydrologic or geologic parameters used in the facility analysis methodology or model.</p>	Changes to PA models are described in Section 2.4. There are no changes in hydrologic or geologic models.
<p><b>2.2.2 Proposed Changes</b></p> <p>a. The annual summary should identify divergences from expected or planned conditions that have been or will be <u>voluntarily</u> made by the facility operators to facility operations, facility construction, or other conditions significant to facility performance. Specific information should address the baseline from which the divergence is planned, comparison of current performance to performance expected after the change is made, significance of the divergence as indicated by comparison to the four LFRG review thresholds (listed in Section 2.4.1 above), and incorporation of the changes in the performance assessment, if appropriate. Does the annual summary report any proposed changes? If so, are they adequately described?</p>	Proposed changes are described in Section 2.5.2.
<p><b>2.2.3 Research and Development Changes</b></p> <p>a. The annual summary should include descriptions of research and development (both generic and site-specific) relevant to the PA analysis models and input data for them that are to be used to improve the conclusions of the PA. The annual summary should include a description of the significance of the improvements, when and how the anticipated improvements will be incorporated in PA modeling and analyses, and whether the improvements are expected to change the conclusions of the PA. Does the annual summary report any R&amp;D changes? If so, are they adequately described?</p>	R&D changes are described in Section 2.4. The effects of changes to the PA models are described in Section 2.5.3.
<p><b>3.0 Composite Analysis Summary</b></p> <p>The annual summary for each disposal facility should provide the information required by the LFRG members and staff to evaluate whether the facility CA continues to satisfy the requirements of DOE M 435.1-1 and any additional conditions specified in the facility disposal authorization statement. The focus of the CA review will be on the interacting source terms relative to the performance goals established in DOE M 435.1-1 because the review of the facility PA is focused on the facility itself.</p> <p>a. Does the annual summary state that the conclusions of the CA remain valid? If so, does the annual summary state whether confidence in the conclusions has changed?</p>	Section 3.5 concludes that the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMS CAs remain valid and that there continues to be a high likelihood of compliance with the 0.3 mSv dose constraint.

Requirement	Result
<p><b>3.1 Key Questions</b>  <i>The annual summary for each disposal facility must provide information sufficient to evaluate three key questions about the composite analysis for the facility:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="241 397 1008 460"><i>a. Does the annual summary information indicate that changes to the CA are required?</i></li> <li data-bbox="241 466 943 530"><i>b. Does the annual summary information indicate that the conclusions of the CA remain valid?</i></li> </ol>	<p>Section 3.5 concludes that no changes or revisions to the CAs are required.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="241 466 1008 530"></li> <li data-bbox="241 536 1008 599"><i>c. Does the annual summary information indicate that the facility performance will remain within the CA performance goals provided in the DOE M 435.1-1 performance goals and any conditions in the facility DAS?</i></li> </ol>	<p>Section 3.5 concludes that there is a reasonable expectation that the Area 3 and Area 5 RWMSs meet the 0.3 mSv dose constraint.</p>
<p><b>3.2 Necessary Information</b>  <i>[This section of the review should focus on the effects of the changes on the CA. Section 3.4 should focus on description of the changes and any effects not described in this section.]</i>  <i>The information provided in the annual summary for each low-level waste disposal facility should include the following:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="241 889 1019 1079"><i>a. Description of any changes affecting the CA including changes in the design or operations of facilities with releases potentially interacting with the disposal facility releases. Does the annual summary indicate whether any changes affecting the CA have occurred? If so, are their effects on the CA adequately described?</i></li> </ol>	<p>The pre-1988 RWMS disposal units are the only facilities interacting with the RWMSs. RWMS design and operations changes affecting the CAs are described in Section 3.1. The effects of all changes on the CA results are described in Section 3.4.3.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="241 1079 1008 1353"><i>b. Description of any CA ramifications of special analyses and reviews performed or proposed for the facility. Does the annual summary indicate whether any special analyses or reviews were performed? If so, are the ramifications for the CA adequately described?</i></li> </ol>	<p>Section 3.4.3 describes the Area 3 RWMS special analysis performed to assess the continuing adequacy of the CA. The effects of changes on CA results are assessed using the current CA model. Current CA results are included in Section 3.4.3.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="241 1353 1008 1543"><i>c. A description of any proposed changes in the low-level waste disposal facility design or operations. Does the annual summary indicate whether any changes are proposed in facility design or operations? If so, are the effects of the proposed changes on the CA adequately described?</i></li> </ol>	<p>Section 3.1 describes RWMS facility changes occurring in FY 2012. No significant changes to pre-1988 disposal units occurred at the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS in FY 2012.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="241 1543 1008 1856"><i>d. A description of proposed changes (including remediation activities) in design or operations of facilities with releases potentially interacting with the disposal facility releases. Does the annual summary indicate whether any changes are proposed in the design or operations of facilities with releases potentially interacting with the disposal facility? If so, are the effects of the proposed changes on the CA adequately described?</i></li> </ol>	<p>Changes in facilities (the RWMSs) are summarized in Section 3.1.1. Changes in interacting Environmental Restoration sites are summarized in Section 3.3. Changes in Environmental Restoration sites due to completed and planned corrective actions are not expected to affect CA results.</p>

Requirement	Result
<p>e. A description of any corresponding changes required in the CA maintenance plan, the closure plan, and the monitoring plan. Does the annual summary indicate whether any corresponding changes are required in the plans? If so, are they adequately described?</p>	Section 3.4.2 states that there are no recommended changes to the maintenance plan, monitoring plan, and closure plan.
<p>f. A description of any proposed changes in the CA. Does the annual summary indicate whether any changes to the CA are required? If so, are they adequately described?</p>	Proposed changes are summarized in Section 3.4.2. Section 3.5 concludes that no changes to the CAs are required.
<p><b>3.3 Factors to be Addressed</b>  <i>The basic factors to be addressed in the annual summary and evaluated by the LFRG in reviewing the annual summary are operations, facility design, closure design, research and development, and interacting source terms. (For additional detail on the scope and level of detail expected for the topics, see Section 2.2 of the "Maintenance Guide for U.S. Department of Energy Low-Level Waste Disposal Facility Performance Assessments and Composite Analyses," November 10, 1999.)</i></p>	
<p><b>3.3.1 Operations Considerations</b></p> <p>a. Significant changes in the operations (including remediation activities) and configurations of facilities with releases that could potentially interact with releases from the low-level waste disposal facility. Does the annual summary describe any significant changes in potentially interacting facilities?</p>	Section 3.1 describes changes to the RWMSs operations and configuration. Section 3.3 describes changes to interacting Environmental Restoration sources affecting the CAs.
<p>b. Disposal unit consistency with the CA models (e.g., size and configuration of trenches, shafts, and pits; waste placement and configuration; thickness of operational backfill/cover). Does the annual summary adequately describe disposal unit consistency with the CA models?</p>	Section 3.1.1 describes RWMSs disposal unit changes affecting the CAs.
<p>c. Waste receipts including description of form and packaging (especially special waste forms) and their consistency with CA analyses and projections. Does the annual summary adequately describe waste receipts and their consistency with CA analyses and projections?</p>	Section 3.1.1.1 describes changes to the pre-1988 waste inventories. Changes to post-1988 inventories are described in Section 2.1.2.
<p>d. Waste acceptance criteria including radionuclides significant to and evaluated in the CA, radionuclide concentration and quantity limits (established in the PA), and waste form and packaging requirements. Does the annual summary adequately describe the WAC and their consistency with the CA results?</p>	The WAC are described in Section 2.1.3.
<p>e. Procedures and systems (e.g., verification of waste characteristics, inventory limit controls, generator certification) intended to prevent disposal of inappropriate wastes. Does the annual summary adequately describe procedures and systems?</p>	The Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program is described in Section 2.1.3.
<p><b>3.3.2 Facility Design Considerations</b></p> <p>a. Consistency with the CA analyses of operations technology and configuration at facilities with releases potentially interacting with releases from the low-level waste disposal facility. Is the consistency adequately described?</p>	Consistency of facility design with CA analyses is described in Section 3.1.1.

Requirement	Result
<p>b. <i>Engineered barrier consistency the CA. Is the consistency adequately described?</i></p>	<p>Consistency of facility design with CA analyses is described in Section 3.1.1.1. Consistency of cover design with CA analyses is described in Section 3.1.1.3.</p>
<p>c. <i>Monitoring provisions appropriate for evaluation of facility performance and interacting source terms. Are monitoring provisions adequately described?</i></p>	<p>The CA monitoring program is described in Section 3.1.1.2.</p>
<p>d. <i>Operational controls to promote stability and to compensate for potential subsidence. Are operational controls adequately described?</i></p>	<p>Controls and monitoring of subsidence are described in Section 2.2.4.</p>
<p>3.3.3 <i>Closure Design Considerations</i></p> <p>a. <i>Engineered barrier description (including those for facilities with releases that interact with the low-level waste disposal facility) including consistency of the closure cover design with CA analysis and threats to cover integrity and viability. Are engineered barriers adequately described?</i></p>	<p>Consistency of disposal unit cover design with CA analyses is described in Section 3.1.1.3. Consistency of Environmental Restoration closures with CA analyses is described in Section 3.3.</p>
<p>b. <i>Future land-use plan consistency with CA assumptions. Is consistency of the land-use plan with the CA assumptions adequately described?</i></p>	<p>The consistency of land-use plans with CA assumptions is discussed in Section 3.3.</p>
<p>3.3.4 <i>Research and Development Considerations</i></p> <p>a. <i>R&amp;D efforts required by the DAS. Are these efforts adequately described?</i></p>	<p>R&amp;D efforts required by the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS DASs are summarized in Section 1.1, Tables 1 and 3, respectively. The tables' status column indicates that all conditions were closed in 2002. R&amp;D efforts relevant to the CAs are described in Section 3.2. DAS-required R&amp;D efforts to characterize UGTA source terms are described in Section 3.3.1.</p>
<p>b. <i>R&amp;D efforts pursued for improving and refining the composite analysis. Are these efforts adequately described?</i></p>	<p>R&amp;D efforts relevant to the CAs are described in Section 3.2.</p>
<p>c. <i>Results of any confirmatory testing performed. Was any confirmatory testing performed? If so, are the results adequately described?</i></p>	<p>Confirmatory monitoring is described in Section 3.1.1.2.</p>
<p>3.3.5 <i>Interacting Source Term Considerations</i></p> <p>a. <i>Evaluation of significant interacting source terms. Does the annual summary indicate that there is a need to re-evaluate significant interacting source terms? If so, are they adequately re-evaluated?</i></p>	<p>Section 3.3 reviews the status of interacting source terms and concludes that no significant changes have occurred for the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS.</p>
<p>b. <i>Alteration of existing source terms. Does the annual summary report any changes in existing source terms including new source terms?</i></p>	<p>Section 3.3 reviews corrective action investigations and corrective actions affecting interacting source terms and concludes that no significant changes have occurred for the Area 3 RWMS and Area 5 RWMS.</p>

Requirement	Result
<p>c. <i>Alteration of uncertainty in characteristics of existing sources. Does the annual summary report any changes in uncertainty in characteristics of existing source terms?</i></p>	<p>Section 3.3 reviews the status of interacting source terms and concludes that there is no significant change in existing source term uncertainty.</p>
<p><b>3.4 Changes</b>  <i>The changes that could cause divergence from the conditions used for the CA analysis should be categorized as discovered changes, proposed changes, or R&amp;D changes and should be listed and described in the annual summary.</i>  <i>[This section of the review should focus on description of the changes (discovered, proposed, and R&amp;D) and any effects of the changes not described in Section 3.2.]</i></p> <p><b>3.4.1 Discovered Changes</b>  <i>The annual summary should report divergences from expected or planned conditions that have been <u>discovered</u> in facility operations, construction, site characteristics, and other conditions significant to determination of cumulative doses from the disposal facility and potentially interacting source terms. Specific information should address the baseline from which the divergence was identified, comparison of expected conditions to any available monitoring results, significance of the divergence as indicated by comparison to the four LFRG review thresholds (listed in Section 2.4.1 above), and incorporation of the changes in the performance assessment, if appropriate.</i></p> <p>a. <i>Does the annual summary report any discovered changes? If so, are they adequately described?</i></p>	<p>Section 3.4.1 describes discovered changes affecting the CA. The Area 3 RWMS has two discovered changes for interacting sources. The changes have no significant effect on CA results. The Area 5 RWMS has no discovered changes.</p>
<p><b>3.4.2 Proposed Changes</b>  i. <i>The annual summary should identify divergences (for both the low-level waste disposal facility and for facilities with potentially interacting source terms) from expected or planned conditions that have been or will be <u>voluntarily</u> made by the facility operators to facility operations, facility construction, interacting source terms, or other conditions significant to combined facility and interacting source behavior. Specific information should address the baseline from which the divergence is planned, comparison of current performance to performance expected after the change is made, significance of the divergence as indicated by comparison to the four LFRG review thresholds (listed in Section 2.4.1 above), and incorporation of the changes in the performance assessment, if appropriate. Does the annual summary report any proposed changes? If so, are they adequately described?</i></p>	<p>Proposed changes to the CAs are described in Section 3.4.2. The effects of changes on CA results are presented and discussed in Section 3.4.3.</p>

Requirement	Result
<p>3.4.3 <b>Research and Development Changes</b></p> <p>a. <i>The annual summary should include descriptions of research and development (both generic and site-specific) relevant to the CA analysis models and input data for them that are to be used to improve the conclusions of the CA. The annual summary should include description of the significance of the improvements, when and how the anticipated improvements will be incorporated in CA modeling and analyses, and whether the improvements are expected to change the conclusions of the CA. Does the annual summary report any R&amp;D changes? If so, are they adequately described?</i></p>	<p>The CA R&amp;D efforts are described in Section 3.2. The significance and effect of R&amp;D changes on CA results are described in Section 3.4.3.</p>
<p><b>4.0 Disposal Authorization Statements</b></p> <p>a. <i>The facility annual summary should describe the conditions stated in the current DAS for the facility. For conditions that specify actions to be taken (such as resolution of data uncertainties), the annual summary should describe the required action, any deadlines specified in the DAS, and the current status of efforts to satisfy the requirement. For conditions that place limits on the operations of a facility (such as the maximum allowable inventory of a specified radionuclide), the annual summary should describe the limit, actions taken to ensure compliance with the limit, and either a statement of compliance with the limit or a description and explanation of any divergence. Does the annual summary state whether any DAS conditions are in effect? If so, are they adequately described including satisfaction of any continuing limitations and description of actions to resolve temporary conditions?</i></p>	<p>The DAS and closure of all DAS conditions in 2002 are discussed in Section 1.1. Minor issues being addressed by the PA/CA maintenance process are described in Section 1.2.</p>
<p><b>5.0 Status of Other Required Documents</b></p> <p><i>The annual summary should describe the status of the facility PA/CA maintenance plan, the monitoring plan, and the closure plan. The description should state whether the documents are currently in draft or final form and should describe any planned revisions. For documents that are in draft form, a description of the key milestones and schedule for completion should be provided. Complete citations should be provided for the current version (or draft) of each document. Is the status of the documents adequately described including milestones and schedules for completion of any that are in draft form, and are full citations provided for the required documents?</i></p>	<p>The final Maintenance Plan, Closure Plans, and Monitoring Plans are identified in Sections 1.2, 2.3.1, and 2.2.3, respectively. Complete citations are found in Section 4.0.</p>

CA	Composite Analysis
DAS	Disposal Authorization Statement
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
FY	fiscal year
LFRG	Low-Level Waste Disposal Facility Federal Review Group
mSv	millisievert(s)
PA	Performance Assessment
R&D	Research and Development
RWMS	Radioactive Waste Management Site
UGTA	Underground Test Area
WAC	Waste Acceptance Criteria

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