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List of Acronyms

AEA	Atomic Energy Act of 1954
AFV	Alternative fuel vehicles
ALARA	As low as reasonably achievable
ARD	America Recycles Day
ASER	Annual Site Environmental Report
B1, B2	Bee Brook 1 (upstream of DSN001) and 2 (downstream of DSN001) (surface water stations)
BCG	Biota concentration guide
Bq	Becquerel
BTU/gsf	British Thermal Unit per gross square feet
^{o}C	Degrees Celsius
C- & D-	C & D-sites of James Forrestal Campus, currently site of PPPL
C1	Canal - surface water monitoring location (Delaware & Raritan Canal)
c-1,2-DCE	Cis-1,2-dichloroethylene
CAA	Clean Air Act
CAS	Coil Assembly and Storage Building
CDX-U	Current Drive Experiment – Upgrade (at PPPL)
CEA	Classification Exception Area
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
Ci	Curie ($3.7\ ^{E10}$ Becquerel)
CIRR	Critical Infrastructure Recovery & Renewal
cm	Centimeter
cm^2	Centimeters squared
CO	Carbon monoxide
CO_2	Carbon dioxide (GHG)
CO_{2e}	Carbon dioxide equivalent
COD	Chemical oxygen demand
CPO	Chlorine-produced oxidants known as total residual chlorine
CWA	Clean Water Act
CXs	Categorical exclusions
CY	Calendar year
D-T	Deuterium-tritium
DART	Days away, restricted, transferred (case rate - safety statistic)
DATS	Differential atmospheric tritium sampler
DESC	Defense Energy Supply Center
DMR	Discharge monitoring report
DOE	Department of Energy
DOE-PSO	Department of Energy - Princeton Site Office
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPCC	Discharge Prevention Control and Containment
dpm	Disintegrations per minute
D&R	Delaware & Raritan (Canal)
DSN	Discharge serial number
DVV	Design verification and validation
E1	Surface water monitoring station (NJ American Water Company, potable water source)
E-85	Ethanol (85%) fuel

ECHO	Enforcement and Compliance History Online
EDE	Effective dose equivalent
EHS	Extremely hazardous substance
EISA	Energy Independence and Security Act, Section 432
EML	Environmental Monitoring Laboratory (DOE)
EMS	Environmental Management System
EO	Executive Order
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency (US)
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act
EPEAT	Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool
EPP	Environmentally Preferred Products
ESD	Environmental Services Division (PPPL)
ES&H	Environment, Safety, and Health
ESHD	Environment, Safety, & Health Directives
ESPC	Energy Savings Performance Contract
^{o}F	Degrees Fahrenheit
FFCA	Federal Facility Compliance Act
FIFRA	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
FSCD	Freehold Soil Conservation District
FY	Fiscal year (October 1 to September 30)
GGE	Gasoline gallon equivalent
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GP	General permit
GPD	Gallons per day
GPP	General plant projects
GSA	General Services Administration
gsf	Gross square feet
GSR	Green sustainable remediation
HABS	Historical American Buildings Survey
HAZMAT	Hazardous materials
HP	Health Physics Division of ES&H
HPO	Historic Preservation Office
HPSB	High performance and sustainable buildings
HT	Tritium (elemental)
HTO	Tritiated water or tritium oxide
IC25	Inhibition concentration
ILA	Industrial, landscaping, and agriculture
ISO 14001	International Organization for Standardization 14001 (Environmental Management System – EMS)
ITER	International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (France)
JFC	James Forrestal Campus
JET	Joint European Torus facility (United Kingdom)
km	Kilometer
KSTART	Korean Superconducting Tokamak Advanced Research
LEC	Liquid effluent collection (tanks)
LED	Light-emitting diode
LEED®	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

LEED®-EBOM	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design - Existing Buildings Operations & Maintenance
LLW	Low-level waste
LSB	Lyman Spitzer Building (Formerly Laboratory Office Building)
LSRP	Licensed Site Remediation Professional
LOI	Letter of Interpretation (Wetlands)
LOTO	Lock-out, tag-out (electrical safety)
LSI	Lined surface impoundment
LTX	Lithium Tokamak Experiment
M1	Millstone River (surface water station)
MC&A	Material Control & Accountability (nuclear materials)
MEI	Maximally Exposed Individual
MG	Motor Generator (Building)
MGD	Million gallons per day
mg/L	Milligram per liter
MNA	Monitored Natural Attenuation
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
mrem	Milli roentgen equivalent man (per year)
MRX	Magnetic Reconnection Experiment
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
msl	Mean sea level (in feet)
mSv	Millisievert
MT (mt)	Metric ton (equivalent to 2,204.6 pounds or 1.10 tons)
MW	Monitoring well
MWh	Megawatt hour
MSW	Municipal solid waste
NBB	Neutral Beam Box
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NESHAPs	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
NHPA	National Historic and Preservation Act
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NJ	New Jersey
N.J.A.C.	New Jersey Administrative Code
NJDEP	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (prior to 1991 and after July 1994)
NJPDES	New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NOEC	No observable effect concentration
NOVs	Notice of violations
NO_x	Nitrogen oxides
NSTX	National Spherical Torus Experiment
NSTX-U	National Spherical Torus Experiment Upgrade
NVLAP	National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NIST)
ODS	Ozone-depleting substances (Class I and II)
OPEX	Operating expenses (PPPL budget)
OQA	Office of Quality Assurance
ORPS	Occurrence reporting and processing system (DOE accident/incident reporting system)
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Agency
O&M	Operation and Maintenance

P1, P2	Plainsboro 1 (Cranbury Brook) and 2 (Devil's Brook) (surface water stations)
PAA	Peracetic acid
PAH	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
PCs	Personal computer(s)
PCBs	Polychlorinated biphenyls
PCE	Perchloroethylene, tetrachloroethene, or tetrachloroethylene
pCi/L	Picocuries per liter
PE	Professional engineer
PEARL	PPPL Environmental, Analytical, and Radiological Laboratory
PF1A	Poloidal field coil 1A
PFAS	Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
PFC	Plasma-facing component
PJM	Pennsylvania, Jersey, Maryland (Electric-power grid controllers/operators)
PPIC	Princeton Plasma Innovation Center
POTW	Publicly-owned treatment works
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
PPPL	Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
PSTP	Preliminary Site Treatment Plan
PT	Proficiency test (laboratory certification)
PTE	Potential to emit (air emissions)
PUE	Power utilization or usage effectiveness
QA	Quality assurance
QA/QC	Quality assurance/quality control
RAA	Remedial Alternative Assessment
RASR	Remedial Action Selection Report
RAWP	Remedial Action Work Plan
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
REC	Renewable energy credits
redox	Oxidation-reduction (potential)
rem	Roentgen equivalent man
RESA	Research Equipment Storage and Assembly Building
RI	Remedial Investigation
RWHF	Radioactive Waste Handling Facility
SF_6	Sulfur hexafluoride (GHG)
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986
SBRSA	Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
SESC	Soil erosion and sediment control
SO_2	Sulfur dioxide
SPCC	Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure
SRS	Soil Remediation Standards
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
Sv	Sievert
SVOCs	Semi-volatile organic compounds
TCE	Trichloroethene or trichloroethylene
TFTR	Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor
TPHC	Total petroleum hydrocarbons
TRI	Toxic Release Inventory (CERCLA)

TSCA	Toxic Substance Control Act
TSDD	Tritium System Deconstruction and Decommissioning
TSS	Total suspended solids
TW	Test wells
UL-DQS	Underwriters Laboratories-DQS (Germany's first certification body)
US	United States
VARP	Vulnerability Assessment and Resiliency Plan
VOCs	Volatile organic compounds
WCR	Waste Characterization Report
WCS	Waste Control Specialists
μg/L	Micrograms per liter

Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL)
Certification of Monitoring Data for
Annual Site Environmental Report for 2024

Contained in the following report are data for radioactivity in the environment collected and analyzed by Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory's Princeton Environmental, Analytical, and Radiological Laboratory (PEARL). The PEARL is located on-site and is certified for analyzing radiological and non-radiological parameters through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Laboratory Certification Program, Certification Number 12471. Non-radiological surface and ground water samples are analyzed by New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) certified subcontractor laboratories – SGS North America Inc. (NJDEP ID # 12129). To the best of our knowledge, these data, as contained in the "Annual Site Environmental Report for 2024," are documented and certified to be correct.

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Abstract

Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory

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This report provides the US Department of Energy (DOE) and the public with information on the level of radioactive and non-radioactive pollutants (if any) that are added to the environment as a result of Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory's (PPPL) operations. This report fulfills the annual public reporting requirements of DOE Order 231.1B. The results of PPPL's 2024 environmental surveillance and monitoring program are presented and discussed. The report also summarizes environmental initiatives, assessments, and community involvement programs that were undertaken in 2024.

PPPL has engaged in fusion energy research since 1951 and at its current locations since 1958. The Laboratory's mission is to develop the scientific knowledge and advanced engineering to enable fusion to power the US and the world, and to develop the understanding of plasmas from the nano- to the astrophysical scale. PPPL's primary experiment, the National Spherical Torus Experiment-Upgrade (NSTX-U) is a collaboration among national laboratories, universities, and national and international research institutions and is a major element in the US Fusion Energy Sciences Program. Its design tests the physics principles of spherical torus (ST) plasmas, playing an important role in the development of smaller, more economical fusion reactors. Due to previous operational issues, NSTX-U did not operate in 2024. PPPL is engaged in a project to replace key NSTX-U components and systems to enable the operation of this international magnetic fusion user facility.

In 2024, PPPL's radiological environmental monitoring program measured tritium in the air at onsite sampling stations. Using highly sensitive air monitors, PPPL is capable of detecting small changes in the ambient levels of tritium. The operation of monitors located on D-site is used to demonstrate compliance with the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs) regulations. Also included in PPPL's radiological environmental monitoring program, are water monitoring – ground, surface, and waste waters. PPPL's radiological monitoring program characterized the background levels of tritium in the environment and those data are presented in this report.

Ground water monitoring continued under New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) Site Remediation Program regulations. PPPL monitored for non-radiological contaminants, mainly volatile organic compounds (components of common degreasing solvents). In 2024, PPPL complied with permit limits for surface water and sanitary wastewater discharges. PPPL was honored with an award for EPEAT-certified electronics purchasing from the Global Electronics Council on July 25, 2024.

Executive Summary

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This report presents the results of environmental activities and monitoring programs at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL) for Calendar Year (CY) 2024. The report provides the US Department of Energy (DOE) and the public with information on the level of radioactive and non-radioactive pollutants, if any, that are released into the environment resulting from PPPL operations. The report also summarizes environmental initiatives, assessments, and programs undertaken in 2024. The objective of the Site Environmental Report is to document PPPL's efforts to protect the public's health and the environment through its environmental protection, safety, and health programs.

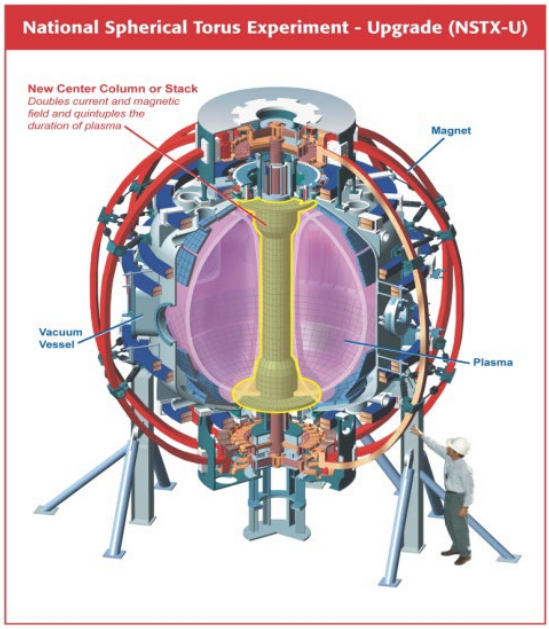
Since 1951, the PPPL has engaged in fusion energy research. Fusion is the reaction that occurs in our sun as well as in other stars. During fusion reactions, the nuclei of hydrogen atoms in a plasma state (i.e., as an ionized gas) fuse or join, forming helium atoms, which release neutrons and energy. Unlike the sun, PPPL's fusion reactions are magnetically confined within a vessel or reactor under vacuum conditions. The long-range goal of the US Magnetic Fusion Energy Science program is to develop and demonstrate the practical application of fusion power as a safe, alternative energy source replacing power plants that burn fossil fuels. Energy from fusion power plants would boil water for steam that drives electric-generating turbines without the production of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and other air pollutants.

National Spherical Torus Experiment - Upgrade

In 1999, PPPL began its flagship experiment, the National Spherical Torus Experiment (NSTX). The NSTX upgrade project (NSTX-U) was completed in 2016, after four years at a cost of $94 million. Some of the major upgrades included a redesign of the center stack magnets and an

addition of a second neutral beam box from the former Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor (TFTR). NSTX-U is among the most advanced spherical tokamaks in the world.

Unfortunately, due to disruptions to NSTX-U caused by events in 2015 and again in 2016, the experiment has not operated since late 2016. Engineering and quality assurance (QA) issues caused disruptions to a major magnetic coil (poloidal field coil, PF1A) and other smaller components of the experiment. Systemic design verification and validation (DVV) and other reviews were conducted in 2017 and 2019 to identify potential latent system weaknesses. Following the completion of the reviews, a corrective action plan was developed and vetted by independent reviewers. With support from DOE and Princeton University, PPPL is working through the recovery project which will result in the revitalization of NSTX-U as an international fusion research user facility.



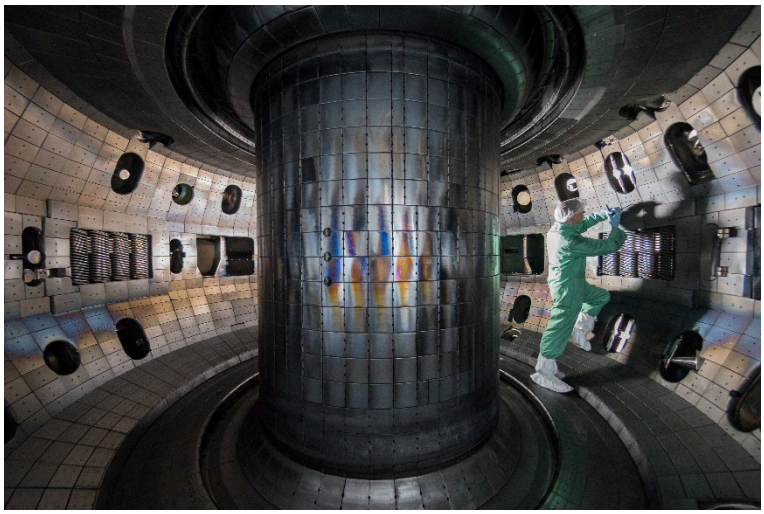
ITER - Cadarache, France

Source: ITER Organization/EJF Riche

International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor or ITER in Latin means "the way" and is the name of the large international fusion experiment located in the Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur region in southeastern France. Construction began in 2007 with a projected first plasma date in 2035. When operational ITER generates 10 times (Q10) the external power delivered to heat the plasma. PPPL, partnering with Oak Ridge National Laboratory, leads the US ITER Project that coordinates US ITER activities - lending to the project design, construction, and technical expertise. PPPL plays a major role in the international team designing and building plasma measurement and diagnostic systems.

International Collaboration & Other Plasma Physics Research

PPPL scientists and engineers collaborate with researchers from other fusion laboratories in the US and around the world. Our international work supports the DIII-D experiment in San Diego, CA, the W-7X in Germany, and the KSTAR facility in South Korea. In addition, PPPL's researchers study plasma astrophysical phenomena and conduct theoretical plasma physics studies and develop computer models to simulate plasma disruptions and other physical phenomena.



Source: DIII-D National Fusion Facility

PPPL Maximum Off-Site Dose in 2024

When the total maximum off-site dose for 2024 is calculated, PPPL's radiological contribution is a fraction of the 10 milli roentgen equivalent man per year (mrem/year) PPPL objective and the 100-mrem/year DOE limit. Based on the radiological monitoring program data, the dose results for 2024 were:

1. Maximally exposed individual (MEI) dose from all sources—airborne and liquid releases—was 1.81E-01 millirem (mrem) per year (1.81E-03 millisievert [mSv] per year), as shown in Exhibit 5-2.
2. The collective effective dose equivalent (CEDE) for the population living within 80 kilometers (km) was 2.66E-01 person- roentgen equivalent man (rem) (2.66E-03 person-sievert [Sv]), as shown in Exhibit 5-2.

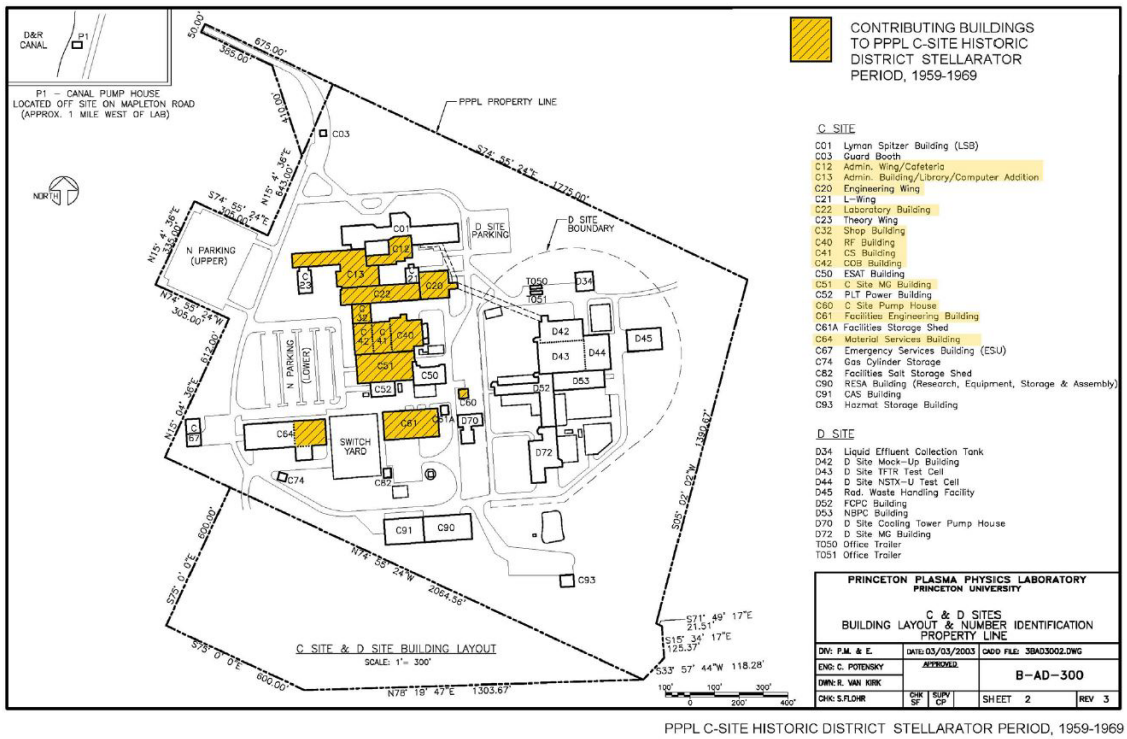
Major Campus Improvement Projects

2024 saw the development and conceptual design of additional campus improvement projects envisioned by PPPL's Strategic and Campus Development Plans. They include critical infrastructure system improvements, new high-performance computing capabilities, and the construction of a new research and collaboration facility, known as the Princeton Plasma Innovation Center (PPIC). The project has started with demolition of buildings starting in fall of 2024 with the tear-down of the Theory Wing and part of the Administration Building. The new building is targeted for occupancy in 2027. DOE and Princeton University are committed to the comprehensive suite of campus improvements outlined in the Campus Development Plan.

Rendering of PPIC Building

Source: SmithGroup

Since PPPL's original buildings are over 50 years old, an intensive level resource survey was completed in 2020 to evaluate the PPPL campus under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The survey identified the original (circa 1958) PPPL C-Site Complex as a Historic District eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. In accordance with 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 800, PPPL and USDOE-PSO shared these findings with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office (NJDEP HPO) to determine how to mitigate the impact that PPIC construction will have on these historic buildings. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between USDOE-PSO, NJDEP HPO, Princeton University, and PPPL, stipulates that the Laboratory will be responsible for resolving adverse effects to eligible historic resources, identified as the PPPL C-Site Historic District, Stellarator Period, 1958-1969 (shown below), caused by construction of PPIC. In 2022 PPPL subcontracted experienced architectural and historic preservation firms to provide Historical American Buildings Survey (HABS) Level III documentation, development of a Public Outreach Plan, and continued support for HPO, public, and tribal consultations, to comply with NHPA Section 106 and the MOA, which has continued into 2024 during the design milestones for the PPIC building.



PPPL C-SITE HISTORIC DISTRICT STELLARATOR PERIOD, 1959-1969

Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory Campus, Contributing Buildings to PPPL C-Site historic District Stellarator Period highlighted in yellow.

In 2024, work for the Tritium System Deconstruction and Decommissioning (TSDD) project was completed. On June 28, 2024, an independent review committee recommended the close out of the project, which came in under budget and on schedule. This Science Laboratory Infrastructure (SLI) project removed PPPL's legacy tritium systems that supported deuterium-tritium (D-T) experiments of the TFTR, which ceased operations in 1997 and was decommissioned between 2000 and 2002. The tritium systems were originally developed to support potential future D-T experiments but were subsequently identified as high-risk equipment that contained most of the Lab's legacy tritium inventory. The removal and disposal of these systems began in early 2022. The project focused on the removal of the tritium handling system in the basement of D-site along with one of three neutral beam boxes that contain tritium in the test cell for disposal through a licensed disposal facility. The other two beam boxes were moved to the mock-up building at D-site and safely stored in case their components are needed for NSTX-U. The TSDD team won a U.S. Secretary of Energy Achievement Award in January 2023. The award is DOE's highest employee recognition for groups that accomplished significant achievements on behalf of the Department.

PPPL Environmental Achievements and Activities in 2024

PPPL was recognized by the Global Electronics Council with an Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) Purchaser Award for the acquisition of sustainable electronics for the tenth year in a row.

PPPL encourages its employees to practice environmental stewardship principles in their daily lives through their personal purchases and recycling activities as well as at work. Each year, the Laboratory hosts events such as Earth Week in April and America Recycles Day (ARD) in November where information on green products and recycling opportunities are provided. PPPL's "Green Team" designs programs and activities to help PPPL and the whole community with these topics. In June of 2024 PPPL hosted its community event, "Eco Expo". This event was designed to educate the Laboratory's local community about environmental initiatives that can be used at home or at work. The event also highlighted PPPL's contributions toward resiliency and how the Laboratory protects the environment and community from pollution.

PPPL has maintained a formal Environmental Management System (EMS) registered to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 Standard since 2012. Registration to the ISO 14001 Standard requires annual audits by an independent audit and registration firm. PPPL's EMS was first registered against the current 2015 version of ISO 14001 in 2016. In May 2021, PPPL was recertified to the ISO 14001:2015 standard, and annual or surveillance audits were completed in May 2022, April 2023, and April 2024. An internal PPPL audit was completed in March 2024.

The Laboratory continues to promote all aspects of its environment, safety, and health (ES&H) program as it has in its fusion research program. Efforts are geared toward full compliance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations, and achieving a high level of excellence in ES&H performance. PPPL is an institution that serves other research facilities and the nation by providing valuable information gathered from its fusion research program.

Chapter 1

The DOE Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory is a Collaborative National Center for plasma and fusion science. Its primary mission is to develop the scientific understanding and the key innovations that will lead to an attractive fusion energy source. Associated missions include conducting world-class research along the broad frontier of plasma science and technology while providing the highest quality of scientific education. These aims are embodied in our vision statement:

"Enabling a world powered by safe, clean, and plentiful fusion energy while leading discoveries in plasma science and technology."

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Site Mission

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL) is addressing critical national priorities through three major missions: (1) Developing the scientific knowledge and advanced engineering to enable fusion to power the U.S. and the world; (2) Advancing the science of nanoscale fabrication and sustainable manufacturing for technologies of tomorrow; and (3) Furthering the development of the scientific understanding of the plasma universe, from the laboratory to astrophysical scales.

The National Spherical Torus Experiment Upgrade (NSTX-U) is a collaborative project among 30 US laboratories, including DOE National Laboratories, universities, and institutions, and 28 international institutes from 11 countries. Also located at PPPL are smaller experimental devices, the Magnetic Reconnection Experiment (MRX), the Lithium Tokamak Experiment (LTX), and the Hall Thruster, which investigate plasma physics phenomena. The next generation MRX device, the Facility for Laboratory Reconnection Experiment (FLARE) arrived at PPPL in August 2019 and is currently scheduled to begin operation in spring of 2025.

As a part of both off and on-site collaborative projects, PPPL scientists assist fusion programs within the United States and in Europe and Asia. To further fusion energy and plasma science and technology, PPPL collaborates with other research laboratories across the globe on

experiments including the Joint European Torus (JET) facility located in the United Kingdom, the Korean Superconducting Tokamak Advanced Research (KSTAR) facility located in South Korea, and the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor or ITER, which in Latin means "The Way," located in Cadarache, France. PPPL's main fusion experiment, the National Stellarator Tokamak Experiment Upgrade (NSTX-U), began in 2011 and was completed in May 2016. After a successful inauguration, it was taken offline to perform additional renovations, which are projected to be completed in the next few years.

1.2 Site Location

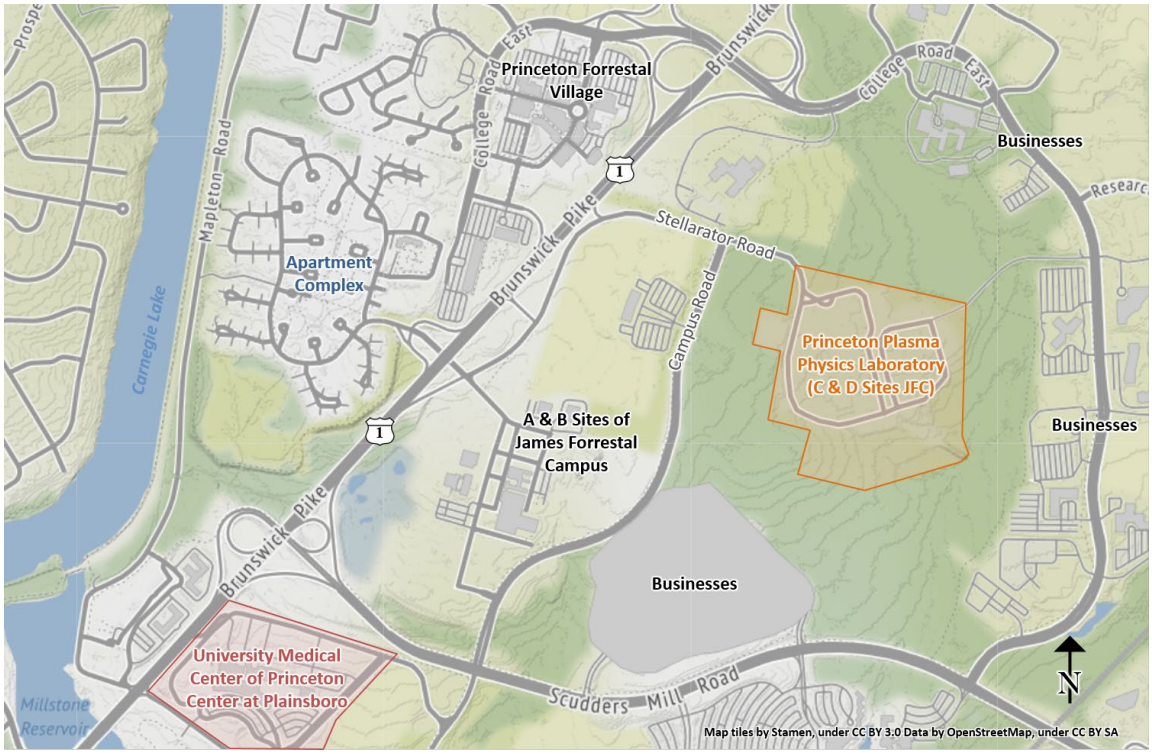
The PPPL site is in the center of a highly urbanized Northeastern region. The closest urban centers are New Brunswick, 14 miles (22.5 km) to the northeast, and Trenton, 12 miles (19 km) to the southwest. Within a 50-mile (80 km) radius are the major urban centers of New York City, Philadelphia, and Newark (Exhibit 1-1).

The site is in Plainsboro Township in Middlesex County (central New Jersey), adjacent to the municipalities of Princeton, Kingston, East and West Windsor, and Cranbury, New Jersey (NJ). The Princeton area continues to experience a sustained growth of new businesses located along the Route 1 corridor near the site. The Penn Medicine Princeton Medical Center at Plainsboro is located less than 2 miles Southwest of PPPL (Exhibit 1-2). Princeton University's main campus is approximately three miles Southwest of the site.

Exhibit 1-1. Region Surrounding PPPL (50-mile radius shown)

PPPL, then known as "Project Matterhorn", was first established on A- and B- sites of the James Forrestal Campus (JFC), Princeton University's research center named for Princeton graduate (Class of 1915) and the first Secretary of Defense, James Vincent Forrestal. Located east of US Route 1 North, PPPL has occupied the C- and D-site location of JFC since 1959 (Exhibit 1-2). The alphabet designation was derived from the names of the Stellarator models, which were early plasma fusion devices.

Exhibit 1-2. PPPL James Forrestal Campus (JFC), Plainsboro, NJ



Surrounding the site are lands of preserved and undisturbed areas including upland forest, wetlands, open grassy areas, and a minor stream, Bee Brook, which flows along PPPL's eastern boundary. These areas are designated as open space in the JFC site development plan.

D-site is fully surrounded by a chain-linked fence for safety purposes. Access to D-site was limited to authorized personnel using card readers during 2023, but access between C- and D-Sites opened in early 2024. Access to all D-Site buildings and to individual experimental areas is controlled by badge access. PPPL's Site Protection Division controls access to C-Site allowing the public and visitor access following an identification check. Random vehicle inspections are conducted prior to entrance and exit from the site.

Exhibit 1-3. Aerial View of PPPL

The aerial photo above (Exhibit 1-3) shows the general layout of the facilities within C-site and D-site as viewed from the North; the former TFTR and current NSTX-U Test Cells are located at D-site (on the left side of the photo).

1.3 General Environmental Setting

The climate of central New Jersey is classified as a mid-latitude, rainy climate with mild winters, hot summers, and no dry season. In 2024, temperatures ranged from 7.6 degrees to 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) (-13.6 degrees Celsius [°C] to 37°C) with an annual average temperature of 57.8°F (14.3°C); representing an average departure from normal temperature (1991-2020) of 1.6°F (0.89°C) according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) local climatological data. Extreme temperatures typically occur once every five years. Approximately half the year, from late April until mid-October, the days are freeze-free.

The typical regional climate is moderately humid with a total average precipitation of 45.6 inches evenly distributed throughout the year. In 2024, the total rainfall for the year was 34.5 inches (87.63 centimeters [cm]), or 11.1 inches (28.194 cm) below the average for the region [Hug25a].

The most recent archaeological survey was conducted in 1978 as part of the TFTR site environmental assessment study. Through historical records reviews, personal interviews, and field investigations, one projectile point and a stone cistern were found. The site had limited occupation during prehistoric times and has only been actively used in recent times for farming.

No significant archeological resources were identified on-site. There are more significant examples of prehistoric occupation in areas closer to the Millstone River, which are within two miles of the site [Gr77].

Plans for the construction of the PPIC include the demolition of the Administration Building and Theory Wing. The Administration Building is original to the development of the Laboratory and, thus, is subject to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). NHPA regulations require evaluation of public historical and cultural resources and coordination with the applicable HPO. In 2020 PPPL engaged a firm specializing in preservation architecture and historical resource management to assist with the evaluation of PPPL's historical buildings and the development of management plans to address NHPA requirements. It was determined that the proposed demolition of the Admin and Theory buildings would have adverse impact on the National Register of eligible resources. To comply with NHPA Section 106, PPPL subcontracted with an architectural and historic preservation firm in 2022 to complete historical documentation, preservation, and public outreach consulting services and provide Historical American Buildings Survey (HABS) Level III documentation, development of a Public Outreach Plan, and for continued support for HPO, public, and tribal consultations, this effort continued in 2024 as the design of the building developed.

1.4 Primary Operations and Activities

Several magnetic fusion experiments, including NSTX-U, MRX, and LTX, currently operate at PPPL. NSTX-U is the Laboratory's largest experiment and is located on D-site. The original NSTX experiment produced one million amperes of plasma current, setting a world record for a spherical torus device. This device was designed to test the physics principles of spherical-shaped plasmas forming a sphere with a hole through its center. Plasma shaping is an important parameter for plasma stability and performance enabling viable fusion power. NSTX ceased operations in 2011 and was partially dismantled for major upgrades and renamed NSTX-U, which was finished in May 2016. The new machine was operational for two months until one of the coils failed and operations were ceased for repairs. The failed coil led to a full-scale design revalidation of NSTX-U's complex components and supporting systems. Along the way, PPPL engineers determined other upgrades, improvements, and replacements that could make the machine more powerful, efficient, and precise. Today, the NSTX-U recovery project is not operational, but now about 90% complete and scheduled to relaunch in 2026. NSTX-U has twice the plasma heating power and magnetic confinement as the original experiment and will be able to extend plasma pulse duration by five times.

LTX continues to explore new paths for plasma energy efficiency and sustainability, after producing its first plasma in 2008. The primary goal of LTX is to investigate the properties of a lithium liquid coating for plasma surfaces or plasma-facing components (PFC). The previous experiment, Current Drive Experiment-Upgrade (CDX-U) held the lithium in a circular tray at the base of the vacuum vessel. The LTX liquid lithium was evaporated and deposited a thin layer inside the vacuum vessel and kept liquid by the heater in the shell. LTX-beta (LTX-β), an upgrade

incorporating a new beam line, went online on April 30, 2019. LTX-β results have been promising and may lead to more extensive use of lithium in NSTX-U. PPPL also coordinates a national program to unify research on liquid metal for future tokamaks and has conducted liquid metal experiments on tokamaks in Europe and Asia.

PPPL's MRX investigates the explosive process of magnetic reconnection, giving rise to astrophysical events that include auroras, solar flares, and geomagnetic storms. The process occurs when the magnetic field lines in plasmas break and violently reconnect. Generating and studying reconnection under controlled laboratory conditions can yield insights into solar outbursts and the formation of stars and greater control of experimental fusion reactions.

1.5 Relevant Demographic Information

Data derived from the U. S. Economic Development Administration estimates that nearly 19 million people are living within a 50-mile radius of the laboratory, totaling 2,851 people per square mile. The 2020 United States (US) Census Bureau reported that Middlesex County has a population of 863,162. Adjacent counties have populations of 387,340 (Mercer), 643,615 (Monmouth), 345,361 (Somerset), and 575,345 (Union) [US21]. Other information gathered and updated from previous studies, conducted for TFTR, include socioeconomic information [Be87] and an ecological survey, which were studies describing pre-TFTR conditions [En87].

Chapter 2

PPPL environmental goals are to fully comply with environmental regulations, to conduct our scientific research and operate our facilities in a manner protective of human health and the environment, and to promote sustainable practices wherever practicable. In 2024, PPPL accomplished these goals while operating within its permitted limits as documented in the following chapter. In addition, PPPL promotes good environmental practices through its outreach activities to employees and the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE SUMMARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Compliance with applicable federal, state, and local environmental statutes or regulations, and Executive or DOE Orders is critical to PPPL's primary mission. PPPL initiates actions that enhance and document compliance with these requirements.

2.1 Laws and Regulations

Exhibit 2-1 summarizes the environmental statutes and regulations applicable to PPPL's activities, as well as summarizes the 2024 compliance status and provides the Annual Site Environmental Report (ASER) sections where further details are located. The list of "Applicable Environmental Laws and Regulations – 2024 Status" conforms to PPPL's EMS Appendix B, "Summary of Compliance Obligations" [PPPL24a].

2.2 Site Compliance and Environmental Management System (EMS) Assessments

PPPL maintains registration of its EMS to the International Standard Organization ISO 14001:2015 standard. A Stage 1 audit was conducted in May 2021 to reestablish PPPL's conformance to the ISO 14001:2015 standard. One minor nonconformance was found in that audit, which did not impact the registration of PPPL's EMS. The most recent surveillance audit was completed in April 2024, and no findings were reported. Further discussion of the EMS program audits follows in Section 2.3 of this chapter [Cum25, ISO15, Ul21].

2.3 Environmental Permits

The following Exhibit 2-1 "Applicable Environmental Laws and Regulations – 2024 Status" provides information about PPPL's compliance with applicable Federal and State environmental laws, regulation, DOE, and Executive Orders (EOs).

Exhibit 2-1 Applicable Environmental Laws and Regulations – 2024 Status

Environmental Restoration and Waste Management	2024 Status	ASER section(s)
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) provides the regulatory framework for identification, assessment, and if needed remediation of contaminated sites – either recent or inactive releases of hazardous waste (Also see Superfund Amendments Reauthorization Act under NJ Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know [EPCRA]).	The CERCLA inventory completed in 1993 [Dy93] warranted no further CERCLA actions. During 2024, PPPL was not involved in CERCLA-mandated clean-up actions. An ongoing New Jersey-regulated ground water remediation project is discussed in Chapters 4 and 6.	*4.3.1 B* *6.5*
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulates the generation, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous wastes. RCRA includes underground storage tanks containing petroleum and hazardous substances, universal waste, and recyclable used oil. (NJ-delegated program)	In 2024, PPPL shipped 9.3 tons of combined hazardous, universal, and Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) waste, of which 7 tons were recycled. The types of waste are highly variable each year; in 2024, incinerated quantities were classified into several hazard classes [San25a].	*4.2.1 B* *4.2.1 C*
Federal Facility Compliance Act (FFCA) requires the DOE to prepare "Site Treatment Plans" for the treatment of mixed waste, which is waste containing both hazardous and radioactive components.	In 1995, PPPL prepared a Preliminary Site Treatment Plan (PSTP). PPPL does not, nor does not expect to generate mixed waste in the future. An agreement among the regulators was reached to treat in the original accumulation container any potential mixed waste [PPPL95].	
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) covers how federal actions may impact the environment and an examination of alternatives to those actions	In 2024, PPPL performed NEPA reviews of twelve proposed activities. All these activities were determined to be categorical exclusions (CXs) in accordance with the regulations/guidelines of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). One NEPA was opened in 2024, but the project was not initiated. [Str25].	
Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) governs the manufacture, use, and distribution of regulated chemicals listed.	In 2024, PPPL shipped 156.5 pounds of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) TSCA Hazardous Substances, which consisted of capacitors, ballast, and radio frequency (RF) filters. Asbestos shipments in 2024 totaled 120 cubic yards [San25a].	*4.2.1A*
Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) regulate the user and application of insecticides, fungicides, and rodenticides. (NJ-delegated program)	PPPL used limited quantities of pesticides/insecticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. A licensed subcontractor performs the application under the direction of PPPL's Facilities personnel [Kin25a].	*Exhibit 4-11* *4.5.3*

Exhibit 2-1 Applicable Environmental Laws and Regulations – 2024 Status

Environmental Restoration and Waste Management	2024 Status	ASER section(s)
Oil Pollution Prevention provides the regulatory requirements for a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan for petroleum-containing storage tanks and equipment.	The SPCC plan was reviewed and updated in 2016 [PPPL16]. PPPL does not meet the threshold quantity of 200,000 gallons of petroleum (excluding transformer oil) for the requirements of a Discharge Prevention Control and Containment (DPCC) plan. During waste characterization sampling of excess soil, laboratory data confirmed the presence of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) above the NJDEP Soil Remediation Standards (SRS). No specific source of discharge was identified [San25b].	*4.3.1*

Environmental Restoration and Waste Management	2024 Status	ASER section(s)
National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and New Jersey Register of Historic Places protect the nation and New Jersey's historical resources through a comprehensive historic preservation policy.	The Delaware & Raritan (D&R) Canal and the area within 100 yards are designated as National and New Jersey Historic Districts. PPPL's canal pump house is located within this historic district. [PPPL05]. In 2023 PPPL subcontracted experienced architectural and historic preservation firms to provide HABS Level III documentation, development of a Public Outreach Plan, and for continued support for HPO, public, and tribal consultations, to comply with NHPA Section 106 and the MOA between NJ Historic Preservation Office, DOE, PPPL, and Princeton University [PPPL23a].	
EO 11988 Floodplain Management Programs covers the delineation of the 100- and 500-year floodplain and the prevention of development within the floodplain zones. (NJ-delegated program)	The 100- and 500-year floodplains are at 80 and 85 feet above mean sea level (msl), respectively. The majority of the PPPL site is located 100 feet above msl. The hazardous material storage building is in the flood hazard zone but is protected by concrete dikes [New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) [NJDEP84].	
EO 11990 Protection of Wetlands; Wetlands Protection Act governs the activities that are allowable through the permitting system and mitigation requirements. (NJ-delegated program)	In 2015, PPPL and Princeton Forrestal Center received the wetlands delineation from NJDEP. Any regulated activities either in the wetlands or transition areas must receive approval prior to commencement [PPPL15]. No new wetlands or transition area permits were required in 2024.	*4.5.1*

Exhibit 2-1 Applicable Environmental Laws and Regulations – 2024 Status

Environmental Restoration and Waste Management	2024 Status	ASER section(s)
Clean Air Act (CAA) and New Jersey Air Pollution Control Act controls the release of air pollutants through permit and air quality limits and conditions. **National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs)** Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regulates the NESHAPs program for tritium (an airborne radionuclide) and boilers (<10 million BTUs). Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory tracking and reporting are regulated by EPA.	PPPL-DOE maintains air certificates/permits for the regulated equipment: 4 boilers, 3 emergency/standby generators (combined into a single permit), 1 dust collector, and a fluorescent bulb crusher. Two previous above-ground storage tank permits (< 10,000 gallons fuel oil) were canceled following guidance from an NJDEP inspection. PPPL is designated as a synthetic minor emitter and does not exceed air contaminant thresholds requiring a Title V permit. In 2024, PPPL prepared for the biennial boiler adjustment but was not requested by the delegated authority as described in 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart JJJJJJ. The annual 2024 boiler adjustment results were completed as required by the permit. Fuel consumption and sulfur content for the generators and boilers are recorded; annual boiler emissions are calculated [Rog25a]. NESHAPs reports for tritium emissions are submitted annually [PPPL25a]. PPPL maintains an inventory of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) [Hug25b].	*4.4*
NJ Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (SESC) Plan requires approval by the Freehold Soil Conservation District for any soil disturbance greater than 5,000 square feet.	The PPIC project broke ground in 2024. A Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan was approved by Freehold Soil Conservation District (FSCD) on May 14, 2024 (2024-0182). A Construction Activity Stormwater General Permit (5G3) was also obtained from NJDEP (Permit No. 1719849).	*4.5.2*

Other Environmental Statutes	2024 Status	ASER section(s)
NJ Comprehensive Regulated Medical Waste Management governs the proper disposal of medical wastes.	The last report was submitted to NJDEP in 2004. PPPL is no longer required to submit reports but continues to comply with the proper disposal of all medical wastes [San25b].	
NJ Endangered Species Act prohibits activities that may harm the existence of listed threatened or endangered species.	No endangered species were reported on PPPL or D&R Canal pump house sites. Cooper's hawks and Bald eagles have been sited within 1 mile; other endangered species, like the bog turtle, have been sighted in surrounding municipalities. [Am98, NJB97, NJDEP97, PPPL05].	

Exhibit 2-1 Applicable Environmental Laws and Regulations – 2024 Status

Other Environmental Statutes	2024 Status	ASER section(s)
NJ EPCRA and Superfund Amendments Reauthorization Act (SARA Title III) require certain toxic chemicals emergency planning information, hazardous chemical inventories, and the reporting of environmental releases to federal, state, and local authorities.	PPPL submitted the required annual chemical inventory reports [Ger25].	*4.3.1 C* *Exhibit 4-7* *Exhibit 4-8*
NJ Regulations Governing Laboratory Certification and Environmental Measurements mandate that all required water analyses be performed by certified laboratories.	The PPPL Environmental, Analytical, and Radiological Laboratory (PEARL) maintained NJDEP certification for analyze immediately parameters. In May 2024, PPPL passed proficiency tests (PT) for pH, temperature, and total residual chlorine (chlorine-produced oxidants [CPO]). In 2024, PPPL used the CPO method to analyze peracetic acid (PAA) because their results are proportional. PPPL's subcontracted analytical laboratory is an NJDEP-certified laboratory [PPPL25b].	*7*

Water Quality and Protection	2024 Status	ASER section(s)
NJ Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) protects the public water supply by criteria, standards and monitoring requirements.	PPPL conducts quarterly inspections of the potable water physical cross-connection system as required by the NJDEP permit. Potable water is supplied by NJ American Water Company [Sta25].	*4.1.4 A* *Exhibit 4-4*
Stormwater Management and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) & **D&R Canal Commission Regulations (Stormwater Water Quality)**	PPPL's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) was revised in April 2022, it provides guidance to reduce the impact of PPPL's operations on storm water quality [PPPL22a]. PPPL maintains stormwater best management structures such as rain gardens, grassed swales, vegetated cover, and a permitted retention basin.	
Clean Water Act (CWA) and NJ Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) regulate surface and ground water (lined surface impoundment, LSI) quality by permit requirements and monitoring point source discharges.	In 2019, PPPL-DOE received from NJDEP the final NJPDES surface water discharge permit [NJDEP24]. In 2024, PPPL did not report an exceedance of permit limits at DSN001, the basin outfall, or at DSN003, the D&R Canal pump house backwash filter outfall.	*4.1.1* *Exhibits 4-1, 4-2, 4-3 and 4-5*
NJ Technical Standards for Site Remediation governs the soil/ground water assessments, remedial investigations, and clean-up actions for sites suspected of hazardous substance contamination.	PPPL began a Remedial Investigation for the presence of chlorinated solvent chemicals in ground water in the early 1990s. Over time, more than 20 monitoring wells were installed on-site to determine the contamination source and extent of the plume. Quarterly sampling of 9 wells and 1 sump is conducted, and annual sampling of 12 wells and	*6.5*

Exhibit 2-1 Applicable Environmental Laws and Regulations – 2024 Status

Water Quality and Protection	2024 Status	ASER section(s)
	2 sumps are collected in March with the results reported biennially to NJDEP under a Ground water Remedial Action Permit. In late 2019, PPPL closed 11 wells that were no longer being used.	
EO 11988 – Floodplain Management & **EO 11990 – Protection of Wetlands**	See Floodplain Management Program (NJ delegated program) & Wetlands Protection Act (NJ delegated program).	

Regulatory Program Description	2024 Status	ASER section(s)
Migratory Bird Treaty Act DOE's 2013 Memorandum of Understanding and E.O. 13186, Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds states that actions are taken to protect migratory birds and conduct community outreach.	In 2024, PPPL took no migratory birds nor conducted any programs or actions that called for activities such as banding, marking, scientific collection, taxidermy, and/or depredation control.	
DOE Order 231.1B, ***Environment, Safety, and Health Reporting,*** requires the timely collection, analysis, reporting, and distribution of information on ES&H issues.	PPPL ES&H Department monitors/reports on environmental, safety, and health data and distributes the information via lab-wide e-mails, PPPL news articles, weekly Laboratory Management, DOE-Site Office, and staff meetings, and periodic ES&H Advisory Committee/sub-committees/Lab-wide meetings [DOE12]. PPPL's ASER is required by this order.	
DOE Order 436.1A, ***Departmental Sustainability,*** requires all applicable DOE elements to implement an ISO 14001-compliant EMS and support departmental sustainability goals.	PPPL's EMS was originally developed in 2005 and is reviewed and updated periodically [DOE23, PPPL22b, PPPL24a, PPPL24b & PPPL24c]. PPPL registered to the ISO 14001:2015 standard in May 2021. An annual surveillance audit was completed in April 2024, no findings were reported and PPPL's ISO 140001:2015 registration is in good standing. Beginning January 2025, maintenance of ISO 14001-compliant EMS will not be mandatory but will be implemented in accordance with DOE O 450.2 Integrated Safety Management.	*3*
DOE Order 435.1, Change 1, ***Radioactive Waste Management,*** provides guidance to ensure that DOE radioactive waste is properly managed to protect workers, the public, and the environment.	PPPL maintains a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Program Basis document to meet the requirements of DOE Order 435.1 and enable shipments to the Energy Solutions disposal facility in Clive, UT. Approval to ship to Energy Solutions was granted by DOE in July 2012 [DOE21, PPPL19a].	*5.1.3*

Exhibit 2-1 Applicable Environmental Laws and Regulations – 2024 Status

Regulatory Program Description	2024 Status	ASER section(s)
DOE Order 458.1 Change 4, *Radiation Protection,* provides protection of the public and the environment from exposure to radiation from any DOE facility. Operations and its contractors comply with the standards and requirements in this Order.	PPPL's policy is to maintain all radiation exposures "As Low as Reasonably Achievable" (ALARA). PPPL implements its radiation protection program as discussed in the Environmental Monitoring Plan Section 6, "Radiological Monitoring Plan." [PPPL22c] PPPL's contribution to radiation exposure is well below the DOE and PPPL limits [10 CFR 835, DOE20, DOE21]	*5.1* *Exhibit 5-1*

Radiation Protection	2024 Status	ASER section(s)
Atomic Energy Act (AEA) governs plans for the control of radioactive materials	PPPL's "Nuclear Materials Control and Accountability (MC&A) Plan" describes the control and accountability system of nuclear material at PPPL. This plan provides a system of checks and balances to prevent/detect unauthorized use or removal of nuclear material from PPPL [PPPL24d].	*5.2*
EO 13990, *Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science To Tackle the Climate Crisis* requires all Federal agencies to meet energy and environmental performance statutory requirements in a manner that increases efficiency, optimizes performance, eliminates unnecessary use of resources, and protects the environment.	PPPL reported through DOE Dashboard the fiscal year (FY) 2024 site sustainable data that addressed the goals, targets, and status of EO requirements [EO21, PPPL24e & 24f].	*3*

2.4 External Oversight and Assessments

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PPPL conducting research, facility construction and use, and research and facility support operations

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Current cycle start: Friday, June 28, 2024
Latest issue: Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Expiry date: Sunday, June 27, 2027
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Certification structure: Single Site

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Exhibit 2-2 EMS ISO 14001:2015 Certificate

In 2016, the International Organization for Standards (ISO) revised the EMS Standard as stated on their website:

ISO 14001:2015 helps an organization achieve the intended outcomes of its environmental management system, which provides value for the environment, the organization itself, and interested parties. Consistent with the organization's environmental policy, the intended outcomes of an environmental management system include:

- *enhancement of environmental performance*
- *fulfilment of compliance obligations*
- *achievement of environmental objectives* [ISO15]

In November 2017, the Laboratory's EMS program underwent a comprehensive audit for certification to the ISO 14001:2015 standard and a certificate of registration was issued by DQS-UL in January 2018. Since that time, PPPL transitioned to a new ISO registrar, Orion Registrar, Inc, which has conducted regular registration and surveillance audit. The most recent surveillance audit was completed in April 2024 without findings. Beginning January 2025, maintenance of ISO 14001-compliant EMS will not be mandatory but will be implemented in accordance with DOE O 450.2 Integrated Safety Management.

2.5 Emergency Reporting of Spills and Releases

Under New Jersey regulations, PPPL is required to call the Action Hotline to report any permit limits that are exceeded. During waste characterization sampling of excess soil for a future construction project, laboratory data confirmed the presence of PAHs above the NJDEP SRS, specifically benzo(a)anthracene and benzo(a)pyrene. No specific source of discharge was identified. Contamination is limited to a relatively small area of shallow soil and the soil is to be removed from PPPL with the planned excess soil disposal. [San25b].

2.6 Notice of Violations and Penalties

In 2024, there were no penalties or Notices of Violations (NOVs) for environmental occurrences at PPPL. The EPA tracks compliance with environmental regulations with Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO). This system incorrectly indicates that PPPL had violations

in the third and fourth quarters of 2024. PPPL continues to work with NJDEP and EPA to clarify and correct historical and current ECHO information.

2.7 PFAS and Additional Emerging Contaminants

In 2019, PPPL completed a historical review of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) use and release on the site. This review included chemical purchase records, NEPA reviews, and interviews with longtime PPPL team members including firefighters. The review documented the storage of PFAS-containing fire protection foams, but not the use or historical spills/releases/ on-site disposal of PFAS or PFAS-containing waste. PFAS-containing fire protection foams are securely stored awaiting DOE guidance on their disposition. PPPL does not generate PFAS waste or PFAS-containing waste through the laboratory's current operations.

2.8 Sustainable Resilient Remediation (SRR)

The requirements of DOE's 2023 Sustainability Report and Implementation Plan advocate Sustainable Resilient Remediation (SRR) practices [DOE22]. Currently, PPPL's remediation program is monitoring ground and surface water for contaminants and does not include treatment or remediation actions. PPPL's Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP), outlines the continued operation of the hydraulic control/ground water extraction system and a long-term ground water monitoring program, for contaminated groundwater (See Ch. 4 and 6).

2.9 Site Resilience

As a relatively small facility in a temperate climate, PPPL is prepared for local weather events addressed in the latest PPPL Vulnerability Assessment and Resiliency Plan (VARP). On-site and nearby severe weather events/risks are identified, and the emergency planning and communication processes are adapted to be better prepared and able to respond [PPPL22d]. PPPL's leading SLI-funded campus improvement project, the Princeton Plasma Innovation Center (PPIC) will provide much-needed flexible, efficient, and resilient modern office, collaboration, and laboratory space. Another SLI-funded project, the Critical Infrastructure Recovery and Renewal (CIRR), includes major renovation and upgrades to critical infrastructure systems, including communications, electrical distribution, chilled water, HVAC systems, and underground utilities. Additional planned projects will provide redundancy to critical infrastructure and communications systems. These projects will improve the Laboratory's overall energy efficiency and infrastructure reliability and resiliency. PPPL's 10-Year Campus Modernization Plan is updated and revised regularly to reflect changes to Laboratory mission and other developments. Potential climate impacts are considered in designing campus improvements. The CIRR project is expected to receive approval to start construction in 2026.

2.10 Natural Resources Conservation Programs and Projects

PPPL's goal is to advance the Lab's scientific research mission while protecting the environment through best management practices. Sustainable landscaping practices, such as minimizing the use of pesticides and synthetic fertilizers, planting native vegetation, minimizing the extent and frequency of turf mowing helps to lower the lab's environmental impact by reducing fuel use and

associated air emissions, reducing landscape maintenance, promoting native vegetation, and improving stormwater quality resulting in an enhanced campus environment. A design element of the PPIC project is the installation of rain gardens to collect and filter runoff from one of PPPL's larger parking lots. This will help to mitigate stormwater flow surges, minimize sediment transport, and reduce the heat island effect. The project will also incorporate green roofs and extensive landscaping to provide shade, which also minimizes the heat island effects and reduces stormwater runoff. PPPL utilizes NEPA reviews to identify and mitigate potential impacts to wetlands and adjacent forested uplands as well as limiting the ratio of permeable to impermeable surface area on PPPL's campus.

2.11 Accomplishments, Awards, and Recognition

2.11.1 Community Sustainability Celebration

On June 15, 2024, PPPL hosted its second community outreach event, "Eco Expo". The event highlighted PPPL's commitment to the environment through the development of fusion energy and its expanded mission into innovative plasma technologies. It featured exhibits from many environmental groups, electric bus rides, and plasma demonstrations by PPPL's science education team, as well as talks by Steve Cowley, PPPL Director, and Tomia MacQueen, organizer of the Wildflower Farm. The goal of the event is to educate the local community on environmental initiatives and how they can be implemented at home.

2.11.2 Earth Day at PPPL

On April 29, 2024, employees participated in a hybrid celebration of Earth Day. The event recognized staff members who go above and beyond at work and home. It ended with a presentation by PPPL's architecture and engineering subcontractor, SmithGroup, which focused on how PPIC will be a zero-carbon building with numerous resiliency features. Another activity PPPL held was a site-wide grounds cleanup (exhibit 2-3). PPPL also hosted an electronics collection, planted trees, and held a clothing drive [Dev24a].

Exhibit 2-3 PPPL Grounds Cleanup

Exhibit 2-4 Tree Planting

2.11.3 Recycling at PPPL

PPPL celebrated ARD on November 21, 2024 with a plant exchange, a recycled art contest, and a presentation on how to improve recycling. PPPL's Green Team, volunteers who promote recycling within their departments, hosted a hybrid lunch and learn celebration of ARD. This showed staff members' recycling efforts at work. Another activity the Green Team organized was a recycled art contest, where employees made art and displays out of trash (Exhibit 2-5) [Dev24b].

Exhibit 2-5 Recycled Art Contest

2.11.4 Environmental Awards

In 2024, PPPL received an EPEAT purchaser award for over 97% EPEAT purchase rate.

Chapter 3

The DOE Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory maintains a formal Environmental Management System (EMS) which is registered under the ISO 14001international standard. ISO registration requires regular audits of the EMS by a qualified independent registration firm. Information on PPPL's environmental management programs is accessible online for employees and the public.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

PPPL continues to make incremental progress toward the sustainability goals established by Presidential EOs and DOE Order 436.1A by integrating sustainability goals into its site-wide EMS. Since 2005, PPPL has focused on improving the sustainability of Laboratory operations and improving environmental performance. The "Sustainable PPPL" program capitalized on PPPL's existing EMS to move the Laboratory toward more sustainable operations. The EMS includes energy management, water conservation, renewable energy, GHG management, waste minimization, environmentally preferable purchasing, and facility operation programs to reduce environmental impacts and improve performance [PPPL22b]. PPPL will continue to proactively implement sustainability practices aimed at meeting, or exceeding, the sustainability goals in its EMS, DOE Orders, and EOs, while supporting its global research mission.

PPPL transitioned to a new ISO registrar beginning in late 2019. Auditors from Orion Registrar, Inc. conducted a Stage 1 Registration Audit of PPPL's EMS against the International Standard Organization ISO 14001:2015 in February 2020. The Stage 2 Registration Audit was postponed due to the pandemic until May 2021. In May 2021, Orion Registrar, Inc. performed the transition registration audit PPPL's EMS program against the ISO 14001:2015 standard. During that audit, one minor nonconformance was found for several document revisions being past their three-year review cycle, which was corrected in 2022. The ISO 14001:2015 certificate was issued by Orion on May 24, 2021. A surveillance audit was completed by Orion in May 2022 and again in April 2023, no findings were reported for either surveillance audit. In March 2024, a PPPL internal audit was completed. There were four findings (four level L3) and 21 recommendations. The findings pertained to documentation, training, and internal auditing. In April 2024, Amtivo, formerly Orion, completed the recertification audit.

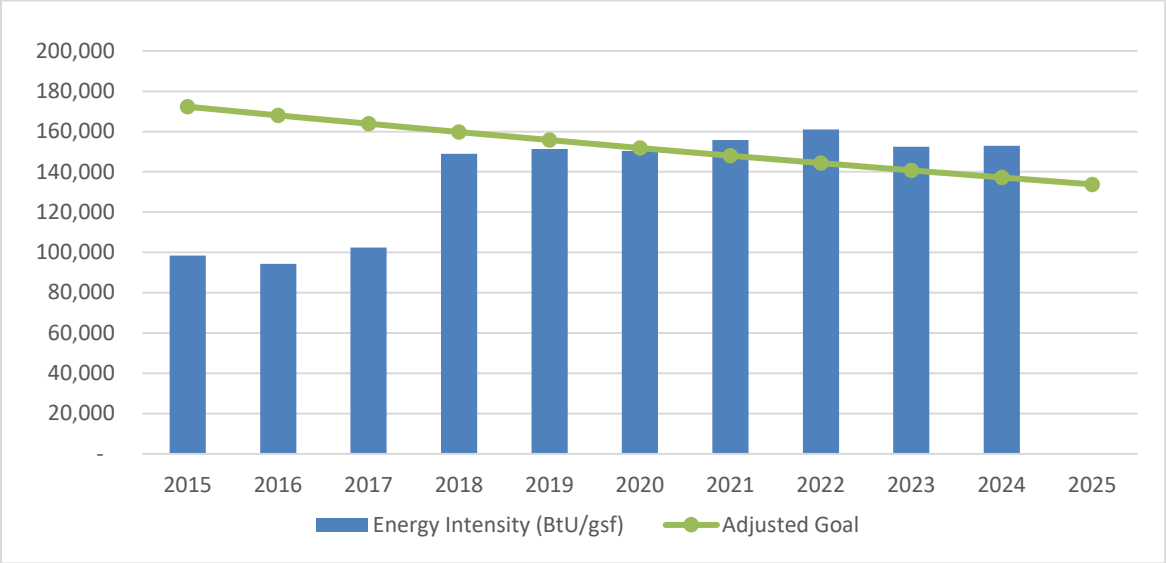
3.1 DOE Sustainability Goals

In 2024, PPPL continued to address the energy, water, and environmental management goals from previous EOs and EO 13990, Climate Crisis; Efforts to Protect Public Health and Environmental and Restore Science. PPPL completed its annual sustainability reporting for FY 2024, which summarized progress and outlined plans for meeting the departmental sustainability goals under previous EO 13834 and submitted the *DOE Sustainability Dashboard Report* and *Site Sustainability Plan* detailing our energy and environmental performance [PPPL24e, 24f]. Beginning January 2025, adherence to sustainability goals driven by EO 14057 and Climate Crisis driven by EO 13390 will not be mandatory but will be recommended as best practices.

3.1.1 Energy Efficiency

In 2024, PPPL experienced an increase of 0.2% in energy intensity (British Thermal Units per gross square feet, BTU/gsf) for non-experimental energy use when compared to 2023 and 55.4% increase compared to the 2015 baseline year (see Exhibit 3-1) [PPPL24e, 24f]. Based on a review of previous measurements and determination between goal-subject building consumption and excluded building consumption, adjustments were made in FY 2018. This adjustment skewed the site's performance when reviewing energy intensity reporting in FY 2018-2024 versus the FY 2015 goal baseline. The goal has been adjusted based on PPPL's corrected electricity baseline values. PPPL has experienced a change in gross building square footage, due to the demolition of the theory wing in the fall to clear space for PPIC. However, this change will be reflected in FY 2025. PPPL's non-experimental buildings still use less than one-half of the energy consumed in 2003. This was achieved through building automation, energy conservation measures, and equipment upgrades.

Exhibit 3-1. Annual Non-Experimental Energy Intensity (BTU/gsf)



PPPL continues to emphasize energy management as part of its facility operations and to leverage the success of non-experimental energy management to improve experimental efficiency. PPPL continues to carefully manage its central steam and chilled water plant to maximize efficiency and minimize GHG emissions. PPPL has standardized high-efficiency light-emitting diode (LED) lighting for all office and other space renovations and continues to evaluate and implement other energy efficiency projects where feasible. PPPL has also incorporated energy efficiency and green building practices into its long-term campus improvement plans, which include improvements to critical infrastructure systems, building renovations, and new construction.

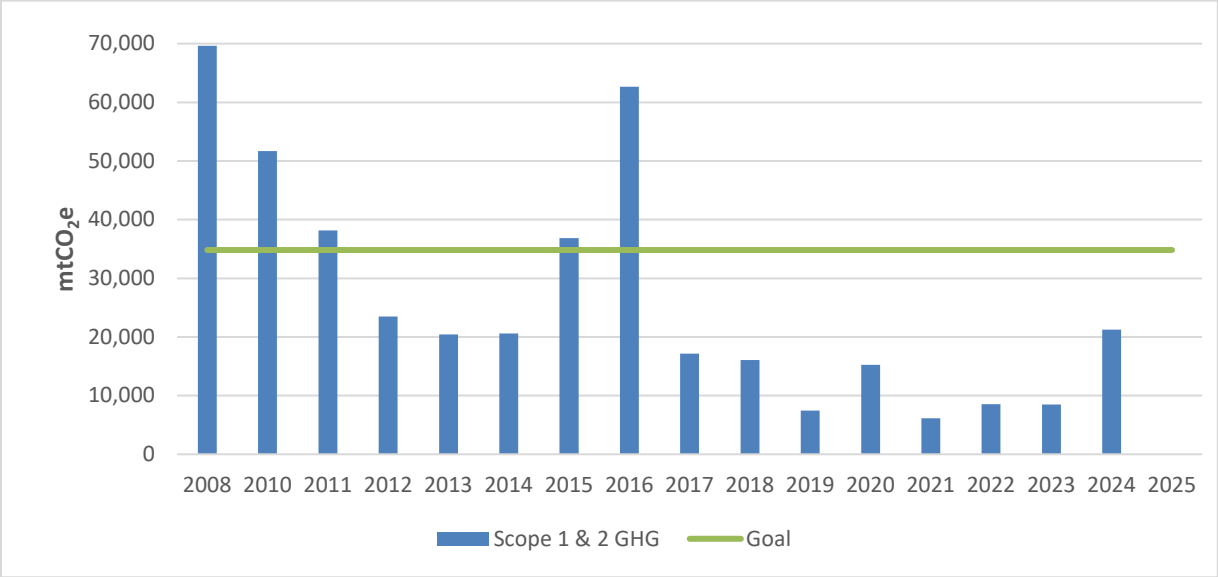
3.1.2 Renewable Energy

PPPL and DOE-Princeton Site Office (PSO) have pursued various on-site renewable energy generation projects for as much as 40% of non-experimental energy use over several years. The Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) proposal received in FY 2008 and again in 2018 was not successful due to the need for significant up-front investment for which PPPL could not gain funding commitments. PSO and PPPL have also pursued a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) through the Defense Energy Supply Center (DESC). After more than a year of bidding and negotiations, DESC, PSO, PPPL, and the vendor were unable to develop a financially viable project. The ESPC and PPA processes at PPPL identified several significant statutory and management barriers to the cost-effective development of renewable power projects at DOE sites. The planned capital building and infrastructure renovation projects discussed in Section 3.2 will consider the inclusion of renewable energy capacity as applicable and practicable. PPPL did not purchase any renewable energy credits (RECs) in CY 2024. PPPL will look to continue purchasing RECs in the future to meet its renewable energy commitments and will pursue cost-effective renewable energy project opportunities within the context of the DOE Office of Science's portfolio approach to the departmental sustainability goals.

3.1.3 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Between 2008 and 2024, PPPL reduced its Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by 61.3%. This significant reduction in GHG emissions is largely due to the focused efforts to control fugitive losses of sulfur hexafluoride (SF_6) and reduced emissions from on-site combustion of fuel through improved boiler operations, boiler control upgrade projects, and the use of natural gas as the primary fuel over fuel oil. SF_6 is a potent GHG that is a highly effective high voltage insulator (see Exhibit 3-2). The peak in GHG emissions seen in 2016 was caused by fugitive SF_6 emissions during NSTX-U experimental power system commissioning and start-up operations. PPPL did not release any SF_6 in 2024 because NSTX-U was not operating. PPPL reclaimed all deployed inventory several years ago and stockpiled it in a skid, which the volume is constantly monitored via a computer system. Cylinders with SF_6 were purchased in FY 2024 to replace PPPL's stock. The old stock will be added to PPPL's recently upgraded SF_6 Fill/Recovery Skid so that PPPL can fill all the High Voltage Electrical equipment and Sources for NSTX-U and any supplemental needs. The FY 2024 purchases are not reflected by actual SF_6 emissions.

Exhibit 3-2. Summary of PPPL Scope 1 & 2 GHG Emissions between 2008 and 2024 ($mtCO_{2e}$)

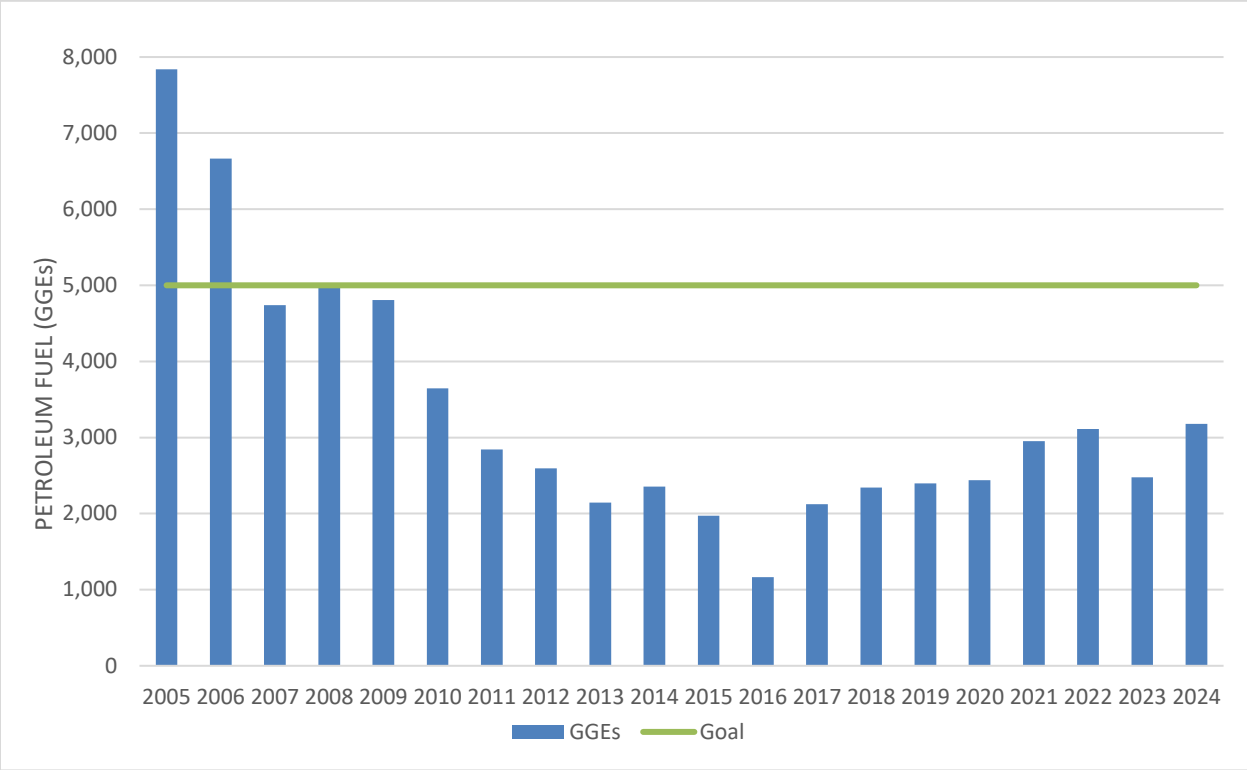


$mtCO_{2e}$ - metric ton carbon dioxide equivalent

3.1.4 Fleet Management

In 2024, PPPL's fleet petroleum fuel use was 59.4% below 2005 baseline levels (see Exhibit 3-3) exceeding the 20% Federal goal. PPPL continues to exceed the goal of 75% acquisition of alternative fuel vehicles (AFV) for its General Services Administration (GSA)-leased light-duty vehicles. PPPL specifies only AFVs as replacement lease vehicles through the GSA whenever a suitable AFV is available. PPPL's fleet includes gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles, AFVs - biodiesel 20% (B20), and petroleum-fueled (gasoline & diesel) vehicles. In addition to the use of alternative fuels in its covered fleet vehicles, PPPL uses B20 in several pieces of heavy-mobile equipment, including a 15-ton forklift, backhoe, skid steer loader, and various utility vehicles run primarily on B20. PPPL will integrate hybrid and electric vehicles into its fleet as suitable vehicles become available.

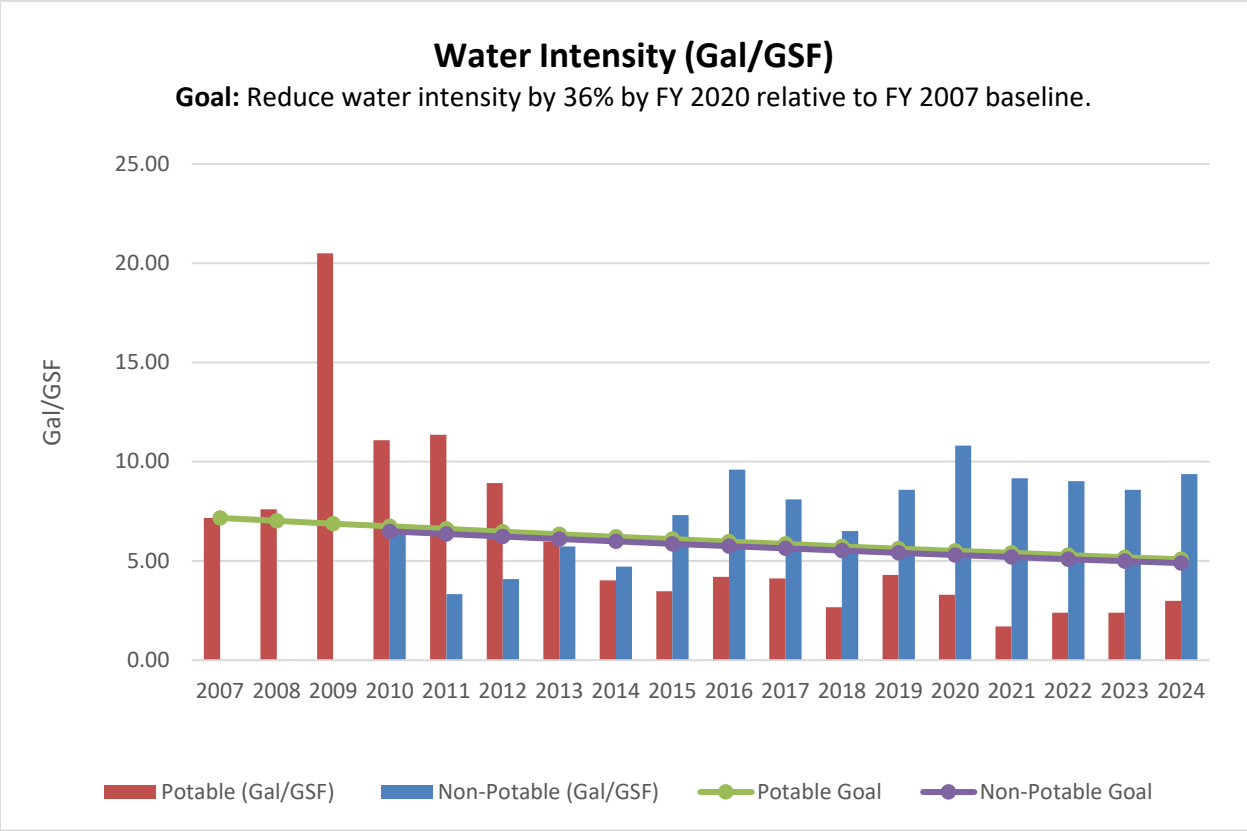
Exhibit 3-3. Annual Non-Exempt Fleet Petroleum Fuel Use between 2005 and 2024 (GGE)



3.1.5 Water Efficiency

PPPL has made significant progress in reducing its use of both potable and non-potable water. The Laboratory achieved an overall water use reduction of 32.6% between 2007 and 2024. In 2024, PPPL used about 3.0 gallons/gross square feet (gsf) of potable water, a slight increase from 2.4 gsf. There was also an increase in non-potable water intensity from 8.58 gallon/gsf in 2023 to 9.38 gallon/gsf in 2024 (see Exhibit 3-4). The Laboratory also continues to pursue water conservation pilot projects and to identify new opportunities for water conservation and has included the renovation and repair of certain water systems in the planned critical infrastructure upgrade project. Given the reductions already achieved additional savings may be incremental over several years, as the largest water efficiency opportunities have likely already been addressed.

Exhibit 3-4. PPPL Water Intensity (gallon/gsf)



3.2 Energy Efficient "Green" Buildings

The Lyman Spitzer Building (LSB), PPPL's main office building was awarded LEED®-Gold certification by the US Green Building Council in April 2011 for meeting the rigorous Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – Existing Buildings Operations & Maintenance (LEED®-EBOM) standard. The LSB represents approximately 16% of the current building space and certification of this building to the LEED®-EBOM standard is a major step toward the goal of having at least 15% of non-exempt building space meeting the Federal Guiding Principles for High Performance and Sustainable Buildings (HPSB).

PPPL continues to prioritize infrastructure projects on those buildings identified with the greatest potential for meeting the Guiding Principles to meet the 15% goal, with a long-term objective of 100% HPSB. PPPL and PSO are pursuing funding for a multi-year campus infrastructure investment program which includes renovation of critical infrastructure, renovation and reutilization of existing buildings, and construction of new buildings. These capital projects will be designed to meet or exceed the Federal Guiding Principles or LEED-Gold criteria to the maximum extent practicable. Renovations or other building improvements required to meet the

Guiding Principles will be incorporated into PPPL's operating expenses (OPEX) and general plant projects (GPP) planning process for inclusion in out-year plans.

PPPL's CIRR Project is planned to revitalize core utilities across PPPL's campus to make the systems more reliable, add resiliency, and help to support PPPL's expanding research program. The project is proposed to make upgrades to the chilled water system, communications distribution network, electrical distribution and standby power, HVAC systems, and underground distribution systems. The project will incorporate several sustainable strategies outlined in DOE G 413.3-6B and the Guiding Principles for Sustainable Federal Buildings.

3.3 Sustainability Awards

PPPL has demonstrated its commitment to sustainability through its well-established environmental stewardship program. PPPL is often consulted by other DOE Laboratories and other organizations for advice and experience in sustainable environmental performance. In 2024, PPPL was recognized by the Global Electronics Council with an EPEAT Purchaser Award for its strong commitment to the purchasing of EPEAT-certified electronics.

Chapter 4

The following sections briefly describe PPPL's environmental programs required by federal, state, or local agencies as well as with Executive and DOE orders. These programs were developed to comply with the environmental regulations governing PPPL's operations.

ENVIRONMENTAL NON-RADIOLOGICAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

4.1 Non-Radiological Water Programs: Environmental Monitoring

4.1.1 New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Program

A. Monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR)

In compliance with permit requirements of the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) permit, NJ0023922, PPPL and DOE-PSO submitted to NJDEP monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) for DSN001, retention basin outfall, DSN003, and D&R Canal pump house filter backwash discharge. See Appendix Tables 16 & 17 for data.

In 2024, PPPL managed its NJPDES discharge to surface water (DSW) permit, which is effective from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024 [NJDEP19b]. The renewed permit was not received in 2024 and PPPL continued to comply with the existing permit, as required by regulations.

Current reporting requirements are summarized in Exhibit 4-2. Operating under the previous NJPDES permit, PPPL is required to provide an annual WCR for both DSN001 and DSN003. DSN001 also requires additional semiannual WCR reporting for metals and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOC). DSN003 is still required to complete a full WCR once per permit cycle [NJDEP19b]. For CY 2024, PPPL NJPDES compliance summary is presented in Exhibit 4-1 below.

In 2018, NJDEP informed PPPL that discharge limits for chlorine produced oxidants (CPO) were to be lowered to diminutive levels. As a result, and with NJDEP's support, PPPL transitioned to the use of peracetic acid (PAA), rather than sodium hypochlorite, as the primary biocide in canal water system. There were no permit exceedances in 2024.

Exhibit 4-1. 2024 NJPDES Permitted Compliance NJPDES Permit NJ0023922 [Hug25c]

Outfall DSN001							
Parameter (1)	**Frequency**	**Permit Limit**	**# Permit Exceedance**	**# Samples Taken (4)**	**# Compliant Samples**	**Percent Compliance**	**Dates Exceeded**
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), mg/L	Monthly	50.0	0	16	16	100%	NA
Chlorine Produced Oxidants (CPO), mg/L	Monthly	0.011 Monthly Avg. 0.016 Daily Max.	0	2	2	100%	NA
Flow, million gallons per day (MGD)	Monthly	-	0	12	12	100%	NA
Peracetic Acid (PAA), mg/L	Monthly	-	0	10	10	100%	NA
Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPHC), mg/L	Monthly	10.0 Avg. 15.0 Max.	0	16	16	100%	NA
pH, S. U.	Monthly	>6.0; <9.0	0	12	12	100%	NA
Phosphorus, total mg/L (2)	Monthly	-	0	16	16	100%	NA
Temperature °C	Monthly	30.0	0	12	12	100%	NA
Tetrachloroethylene (PCE), µg/L (3)	Monthly	0.703	0	16	16	100%	NA
Total Suspended Solids (TSS), mg/L	Monthly	50.0	0	16	16	100%	NA
Outfall DSN003							
Flow, gallons per day (GPD)	Monthly	-	0	12	12	100%	NA
Petroleum Hydro-carbons (TPHC), mg/L	Monthly	10.0 Avg. 15.0 Max	0	12	12	100%	NA
pH, S. U.	Monthly	>6.0; <9.0	0	12	12	100%	NA
Phosphorus, total mg/L (2)	Monthly		0	12	12	100%	NA
Total Suspended Solids (TSS), mg/L	Monthly	-	0	12	12	100%	NA
Intake C1							
Total Suspended Solids (TSS), mg/L	Monthly	-	0	12	12	100%	NA

NA = Not applicable
mg/L = milligram per liter
Note: All samples reported in quality or concentration on monthly DMR

(1) *Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes*, Environmental Monitoring and Support Laboratory, Office of Research and Development, US Environmental Protection Agency, March 1983, EPA-600 4-79-020 [EPA83].

(2) *Phosphorus Evaluation Study will be included in the Raritan Watershed Study.*

(3) *Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) found in the retention basin outfall results from ground water from the building foundation drainage system. Additional basin aeration is expected to keep the discharge concentration of PCE at or below 0.703 micrograms per liter (µg/L).*

(4) *Number* of samples taken indicates the minimum number of samples required for the current NJPDES permit. Additional samples and duplicates may be taken and reported each calendar year.

Exhibit 4-2. NJPDES Reporting Requirements 2024

Parameter	Location	Frequency/Type	Last Completed
Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)	DSN001, DSN003	Monthly	Monthly 2024
Acute Whole Effluent Toxicity ***LC50 48hr - Ceriodaphnia dubia***	DSN003	4 – 4.5 Years per Permit	August 2023
Chronic Toxicity (% Effluent) IC25 7 Day - ***Ceriodaphnia dubia***	DSN001	Annual	April & October 2023
Waste Characterization Report (WCR) – Complete WCR	DSN001	Annual	April & October 2023
Waste Characterization Report (WCR) – Metals	DSN001	Semi Annual	January & July 2024
Waste Characterization Report (WCR) - Metals	DSN003	Annual	April 2023
Waste Characterization Report (WCR) – Complete WCR	DSN003	4 – 4.5 Years per Permit	August 2023

B. Acute Toxicity Study

The last Acute Biomonitoring Report for the *Ceriodaphnia dubia* (water flea) was completed on August 16, 2023, for DSN003. Samples were collected for the 48-hour acute toxicity survival test, required to be performed once per permit cycle between 4 to 4.5 years after the effective date of the permit (Exhibit 4-2). The toxicity test with *Ceriodaphnia dubia* (water flea) resulted in an inhibition concentration (IC25) of >100 percent (statistically possible) [PPPL23b]. Acute toxicity monitoring is no longer required at discharge DSN001.

C. Chronic Whole Effluent Toxicity Study

Annual Chronic Whole Effluent Toxicity testing for DSN001 was completed on April 21, 2023, and October 24, 2023 (Exhibit 4-2). In all chronic toxicity tests, *Ceriodaphnia dubia* survival rate IC25, as defined by the NJ Surface Water Quality Standards, was IC25 >100 percent no observable effect concentration (NOEC) [NJDEP19b, PPPL23c].

D. Waste Characterization Report (WCR)

WCRs are required by NJPDES Permit for monitoring effluent conditions. DSN001 Semi Annual WCR was sampled twice annually on January 5, 2024, and July 10, 2024. The DSN001 Annual WCR was completed on April 18, 2023, and October 19, 2023 [PPPL23d]. DSN003 Annual WCR was completed on April 18, 2023, and October 19, 2023, [PPPL23e]. WCR data can be seen in Appendix Table 25.

4.1.2 Lined Surface Impoundment Permit (LSI)

PPPL complies with NJDEP Ground Water General Permit No. NJ0142051 and is permitted to operate LSI Program Interest (P.I.) ID#: 47029 dated February 26, 2009 [NJDEP19a]. The LSI Permit operates on a 5-year permit cycle, which was renewed on August 1, 2024, and will continue to July 31, 2029, The LSI Permit authorizes PPPL to discharge from our lined retention

basin outlet to surface water, Bee Brook in Plainsboro, NJ [NJDEP09]. PPPL measured a total of 52,769,682 gallons annually or an average 144,574 gallons per day (GPD) of water that was discharged from the retention basin in 2024 [Hug25d].

Exhibit 4-3. PPPL Retention Basin

Exhibit 4-4. Flow Sensor and Discharge Valve

The LSI permit allows maintenance of liner as necessary. Inspection, repairs (if needed), and certification by a Professional Engineer (PE) are required by the permit within 18 months of a permit renewal. A General Plant Project to reline the basin was initiated in fall of 2023 to add a new liner of like material over the original liner and to upgrade the oil detection equipment. Late in December of 2023 the new liner passed its liner integrity test and subsequently certified by the subcontracted PE. The rest of the project scope, including installation of new oil sensors, was completed in 2024. The basin operating conditions are inspected weekly, and any findings are corrected promptly as outlined in PPPL's basin operation and maintenance (O&M) manual.

Water flowing through the retention basin includes site storm water, ground water from building foundation drains, non-contact cooling water, and cooling tower and boiler blow down. PPPL operates and maintains all equipment associated with the retention basin including aerators, sonic algae control, oil sensors, oil boom, sump pump, and flow meter (Exhibit 4-3). If oil is detected within the basin by the equipment, an alarm signals the Site Protection Office (SPO) communications center for response and automatically closes the discharge valve (Exhibit 4-4), preventing the contaminant from being distributed to local streams. The ultrasonic flow meter measures flow from the basin and is sent monthly to the Environmental Services Division by a building automation system (BAS) for upload into NJPDES DMR.

4.1.3 Ground Water

A. NJPDES Ground Water Program

No ground water monitoring is required by the LSI General Ground Water Permit.

B. Regional Ground Water Monitoring Program

PPPL's Remedial Investigation and Remedial Action Selection Report (RI & RASR) was approved by NJDEP in 2000 [PPPL99a]. The Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) was approved by the NJDEP in June 2000 [PPPL00]. The natural attenuation in-situ biotic and abiotic processes are slowly degrading tetrachloroethylene or perchloroethylene (PCE) to its breakdown products. The de-watering sumps located in the D-site Motor Generator (MG) and air shaft (formerly TFTR) basements draw ground water radially from the shallow aquifer, controlling ground water flow preventing off-site contaminant migration, and extracting contaminated ground water from the aquifer. For details, see Chapter 6, "Site Hydrology, Ground Water, and Drinking Water Protection."

In early 2018, NJDEP issued Ground Water Remedial Action Permit number RAP17001, effective for 30 years, for the ongoing remediation and monitoring programs at PPPL. PPPL modified its monitoring program to meet the conditions of the new permit [NJDEP18]. Additional ground water information can be found in Chapter 6.

4.1.4 Metered Water

A. Drinking (Potable) Water

Potable water is supplied by the public utility, New Jersey American Water Company. PPPL used approximately 2.37 million gallons in 2024 (Exhibit 4-5) [Sta25]. PPPL uses potable water as a backup resource for non-contact cooling and fire protection. The two valves that prevent backflow into the potable water system, defined as the physical connection, are tested quarterly and internally inspected annually by a certified individual and the results are reported to NJDEP, New Jersey American Water Company, and Middlesex County. The NJDEP physical connection permit (0826) must be renewed every year.

Exhibit 4-5. PPPL Potable Water Use from NJ American Water Co. [Sta25]

CY	In Million Gallons
2013	4.52
2014	2.74
2015	2.64
2016	3.21
2017	2.99
2018	2.66
2019	3.81
2020	1.52
2021	1.21
2022	1.87
2023	1.83
2024	2.37

Exhibit 4-6. PPPL Non-Potable Water Use From D&R Canal [Hug25e]

CY	In Million Gallons
2013	5.73
2014	5.14
2015	8.59
2016	10.34
2017	8.89
2018	5.61
2019	7.38
2020	7.65
2021	6.63
2022	6.72
2023	6.84
2024	7.43

B. Process (Non-potable) Water

Non-potable water from the D&R Canal is used for fire protection and process cooling. Non-potable water is pumped from the D&R Canal as authorized through a contract with the New Jersey Water Supply Authority that allows for the withdrawal of up to 150,000 GPD and an annual limit of 54.75 million gallons [NJWSA22]. PPPL used a total of 7.43 million gallons of non-potable water from the D&R Canal in 2024 (Exhibit 4-6) [Hug25e]. There was an increase in D&R Canal water usage in CY 2024.

The D&R Canal pump house includes a strainer to remove solids from the non-potable water and metering pumps used for the addition of water treatment chemicals like PAA and a corrosion inhibitor. DSN003, located at the canal pump house filter-backwash, is a separate discharge point in the NJPDES surface-water permit and is monitored monthly (Appendix Table 17). No treatment chemicals are discharged through DSN003 because the chemicals are added after the canal pump and well downstream of the strainer. A sampling point upstream of DSN003 (Canal [C1]) was established to provide baseline data for surface water that is pumped from the D&R Canal for non-potable uses. Appendix Table 11 summarizes the results of water quality analysis at the water intake C1, at the D&R Canal.

C. Surface Water

Surface water is monitored for potential non-radioactive pollutants both on-site and at surface-water pathways upstream and downstream off-site. Other sampling locations – Bee Brook (B1 & B2), New Jersey American Water Company (potable water supplier – E1), D&R Canal (C1), Millstone River (M1), and Cranbury and Devil's Brooks in Plainsboro (P1 & P2) sampling points (Appendix Tables 9-15)—are not required by regulation but are a part of PPPL's environmental surveillance program. Due to changes in security at the original P2 location, samples could not be taken in the Q1 and Q2 of 2024. A new location upstream of the prior location was selected at the Plainsboro Preserve.

D. Sanitary Sewage

Sanitary sewage is discharged to the Publicly-Owned Treatment Works (POTW) located in South Brunswick Township, which is operated by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (SBRSA). SBRSA requires quarterly reporting of the total volume discharged from the Liquid Effluent Collection (LEC) tanks on D-site. PPPL continues to collect samples for tritium analysis and measurement of pH and temperature (Appendix Table 7). Detailed radiological and discharge quantities for LEC tanks can be found in Chapter 5 "Environmental Radiological Program Information".

For 2024, PPPL estimated a total annual sanitary sewage discharge of 2.36 million gallons to the South Brunswick sewerage treatment plant [Sta25].

4.2 Non-Radiological Waste Programs

4.2.1 Hazardous Waste Programs

A. Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA)

In CY 2024, PPPL shipped 157 pounds of PCB waste, primarily for the disposition of excess legacy equipment and assistance. All components were recycled or incinerated in a permitted facility as TSCA Hazardous Waste [San25a].

B. Hazardous Waste

PPPL did not meet the threshold to submit a Biennial Hazardous Waste Generator Report to NJDEP for hazardous waste generated in the last period of CY 2024 [San25a]. A description of RCRA compliance is found in Exhibit 2-1 of this report.

PPPL continues to evaluate opportunities to remove hazardous materials (HAZMAT) from the workplace that have the potential to become hazardous waste by substituting them with non-hazardous materials that have the added benefit of reducing employee exposure.

C. Recycled Hazardous/Universal Waste

The types and quantities of waste that are recycled each year change due to the activities varying greatly from year to year, as shown in Exhibit 4-7. PPPL's waste shipments can include hazardous, universal, non-hazardous, and TSCA regulated waste. PPPL avoids landfilling environmental waste through recycling and incinerating, aligning with PPPL's commitment to sustainability. PPPL's only hazardous/TSCA waste that is landfilled is asbestos waste.

Exhibit 4-7. 2024 Waste Shipments [San25a]

Hazardous Materials	Pounds	Kilograms
Recycled	14,064	6,379
Incinerated	4,504	2,043
Landfilled	*	*
Burial	0	0
Treated	9	4
Total Waste	**18,577**	**8,426**

*Only the volume is recorded.

4.3 Environmental Protection Programs

4.3.1 Release Programs

A. Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC)

PPPL maintains a SPCC program. The last major revision to the SPCC Plan was in November 2016 and is reviewed annually. The SPCC Plan is incorporated as a supplement to the PPPL Emergency Preparedness Plan. In addition to the 5-year major revision as required by the USEPA, PPPL's ESD completes a review every year to make any minor changes required to the SPCC [PPPL16].

B. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) – Continuous Release Reporting

Under CERCLA reporting requirements for the release of listed hazardous substances in quantities equal to or greater than its reportable quantity, the National Response Center is notified, and the facility is required to report annually to EPA. Because PPPL has not released any CERCLA-regulated hazardous substances, no "Continuous Release Reports" have been filed with EPA in CY 2024.

C. Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III Reporting Requirements

NJDEP administers the SARA Title III, also known as the EPCRA, reporting for EPA Region II. The modified Tier I form includes SARA Title III and NJDEP-specific reporting requirements. PPPL submitted the SARA Title III Report to NJDEP on February 26, 2025 [Ger25]. No changes were reported in PPPL's 2024 EPCRA/SARA.

SARA Title III reports included information about eleven compounds used at PPPL as listed in Exhibits 4-8 and 4-9.

PPPL does not exceed threshold amounts for chemicals listed on the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI), PPPL completed the TRI cover page and laboratory exemptions report for 1996 and submitted these documents to DOE. Since PPPL did not exceed the threshold amounts, no TRI submittal was completed for 2024 [PPPL24g, Ger25].

Exhibit 4-8. 2024 Summary of PPPL EPCRA Reporting Requirements

SARA	YES	NO	NOT REQUIRED
EPCRA 302-303: Planning Notification	**X**		
EPCRA 304: EHS Release Notification		**X**	
EPCRA 311-312: SDS/Chemical Inventory	**X**		
EPCRA 313: TRI Report		**X**	Did not exceed threshold

EHS – Extremely hazardous substances (No EHS are on-site at PPPL)
SDS – Safety Data Sheets
TRI – Toxic Release Inventory

Exhibit 4-9. 2024 Hazard Class of Chemicals at PPPL

Compound	Category	Compound	Category
Bromochlorodifluoro-methane (Halon 1211)	Sudden release of pressure & Acute health effects	**Lead**	Chronic health effects
Carbon dioxide (CO_2)	Sudden release of pressure & Reactive	**Nitrogen**	Sudden release of pressure
Diesel Fuel Oil	Fire	**Propane**	Sudden release of pressure
Gasoline	Fire & Chronic Health Hazard	**Petroleum Oil**	Fire
Helium	Sudden release of pressure	**Sulfur Hexafluoride**	Sudden release of pressure
Sulfuric acid	Acute Health Hazard & Reactive		

4.3.2 Environmental Releases

As discussed in Section 2.5, During waste characterization sampling of excess soil for a future construction project, laboratory data confirmed the presence of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) above the NJDEP SRS, specifically benzo(a)anthracene and benzo(a)pyrene. No specific source of discharge was identified. Contamination is limited to a relatively small area of shallow soil and the soil is to be removed from PPPL with the planned excess soil disposal [San25b].

4.3.3 Pollution Prevention Program

In 2024, PPPL continued to pursue waste minimization and pollution prevention opportunities through active recycling efforts and through the purchasing of recycled-content and other environmentally preferred products (EPP). In FY 2024, PPPL diverted 54.2% of the municipal solid waste (MSW) through single stream recycling program. The DOE goal of 50% recycling versus disposal rate was met and accomplished by active participation of Laboratory employees. PPPL's FY 2024 rate for recycling construction materials including wood, concrete, and metal was 99.5% by weight, primarily due to soil disposal [Kin25a].

4.4 Non-Radiological Emissions Monitoring Programs

Air Permits

PPPL maintains NJDEP air permits/certificates for the equipment as listed in Exhibit 4-10. PPPL is classified as a synthetic-minor facility and does not exceed the Potential to Emit (PTE) limits for any of the Criteria Air Pollutants.

PPPL tracks NJDEP Air Quality Conditions Alerts. Unhealthy conditions are noted, and all generator testing are postponed until normal air quality is reinstated. During those times, the standby (emergency) generators may be used only in an emergency (power outage) or when a voltage reduction issued by Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland Interconnect (PJM – electric-power grid controllers) and posted on the PJM internet website under the "emergency procedures" menu.

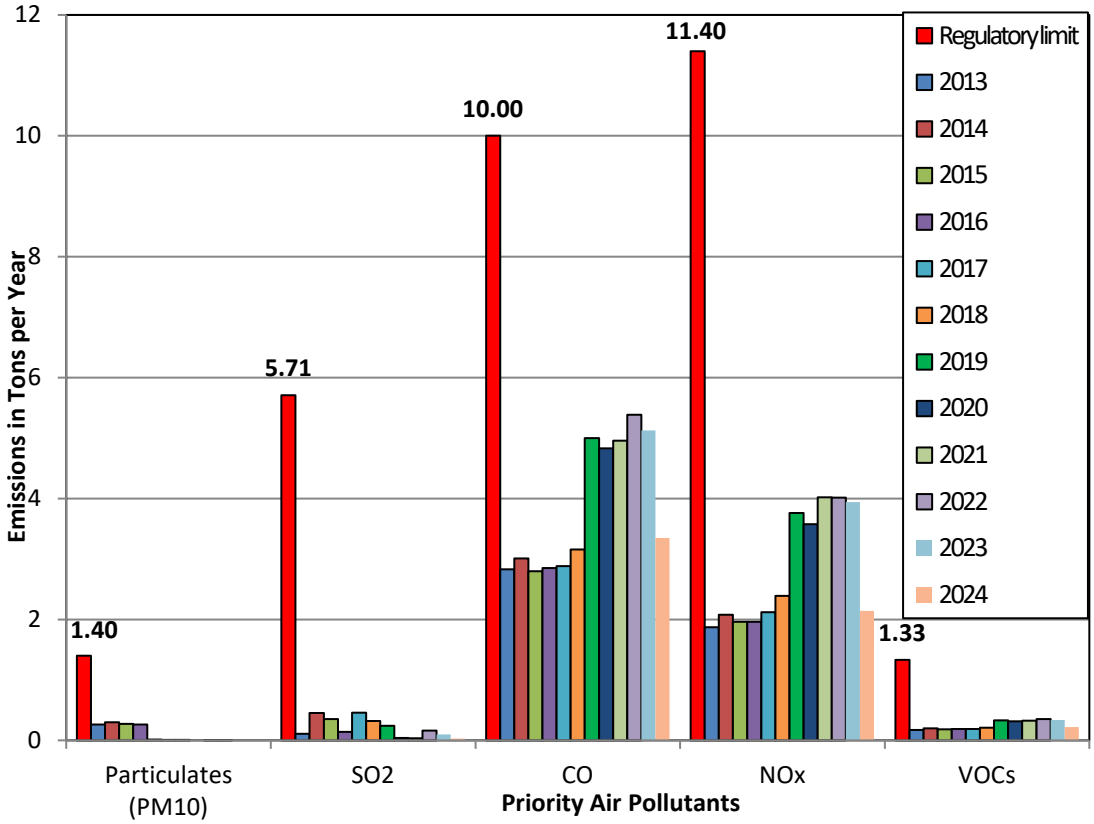
In 2008, NJDEP reduced the regulatory limits for certain criteria air pollutants for operating the boilers; PPPL's emissions for these four boilers were well below those limits in 2024 (Exhibit 4-10 & Appendix Table 8). With the installation of digital controls and high-efficiency, lower nitrogen oxide (NO_x) burners, the NO_x, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particulates, sulfur dioxide (SO_2), and carbon monoxide (CO) emissions are being further reduced [Rog25b].

In late 2017, the NJDEP replaced GP-003 permits for woodworking equipment like dust collectors to GP-016A permits. The dust collector permit was renewed on June 28, 2021, and expires on June 28, 2026.

Exhibit 4-10. PPPL's Air-Permitted Equipment

Type of Air Permit	Qty	Location	Requirements
Storage tanks vents*	2	25,000 gal. No. 2 & 4 oil 15,000 gal. No.1 oil	TANKS – EPA annual emissions based on amount of fuel through-put. *Note: Canceled per NJDEP Audit 2/2017
Diesel generators**	1 2	D-site generator C-site generator	Annual limit of 100 hours of operation per generator excluding emergencies; no testing on NJDEP Air Action Days. **Three separate permits combined to a single General Permit in 11/2019.
Utility boilers	4	Units 2,3,4, & 5 in Facilities	Annual emission testing same quarter each year; annual emission calculations based on hours of operations (Ex. 4-12); rolling 12-month calendar total fuel consumed by boiler and fuel type (Table 8). Visual stack checked weekly when operating.
Fluorescent bulb crusher	1	Hazardous Materials Storage Facility	Hours of operations and number of bulbs crushed; air monitoring for mercury during filter changes.
Dust Collector	1	C-Site MG Annex (Carpenter shop)	Hours of operation. Periodic filter changes. Emission limit.

Exhibit 4-11. PPPL's Boiler Emissions from 2013-2024 vs. Regulatory Limits [Hug25f]



4.5 Land Resources and Conservation

4.5.1 Wetlands Letter of Interpretation (LOI)

PPPL's ES&H Executive Board chose to allow its Wetlands Letter of Interpretation (LOI) to expire on April 1, 2018. No projects or construction within the 50-foot buffer of PPPL wetlands is planned in the foreseeable future. No construction or alterations to existing vegetation within 50 feet of wetlands can commence without state notification. PPPL's NEPA review process verifies that projects do not alter vegetation within 50 feet of wetlands. The freshwater line verifications must be present on all future site development drawings [PPPL15]. In the event PPPL identifies the need for land-disturbing activities within the wetland transition zone, a new wetland boundary delineation will be necessary to support the LOI process. PPIC's impact on the wetlands was evaluated during the NEPA process and concluded to not have any adverse impact and required no actions.

4.5.2. Soil Erosion and Landscaping

PPPL maintains Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (SESC) engineering standard for projects that have soil disturbance below the permit threshold of 5,000 square feet, above 5,000 square feet to

less than an acre, and above one-acre [PPPL22e]. The PPIC project requires an SESC permit from FSCD and an NJDEP/EPA Construction Activity Stormwater General Permit (5G3). Other projects identified in the PPPL Campus Plan may require SESC permits.

PPPL Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan encourages the reduction of turf grass areas that required mowing and other maintenance by planting native meadow grasses that can grow tall where practical. Other landscaping improvements, such as rain gardens and tree planting, improve the local wildlife habitat, and help minimize stormwater pollution.

4.5.3 Herbicides and Fertilizers

During 2024, PPPL's Facilities Division used minimal amounts of herbicides, insecticide, and fertilizer on campus grounds (Exhibit 4-12). These materials are applied in accordance with state and federal FIFRA regulations and PPPL's Integrated Pest Management Plan. Chemicals are applied by New Jersey-certified applicators. PPPL does not store herbicides or fertilizers on site; therefore, no disposal of these types of regulated chemicals is required by PPPL [Kin25b].

Exhibit 4-12. 2024 Fertilizer and Herbicide Use

Type of Material	Name of Material	Registered EPA No.	Application Qty
Herbicide	Cheetah Pro	228-743366	212 ounces

4.5.4 Stormwater Pollution Prevention

PPPL's SWPPP was revised in 2022 to provide guidance to reduce the impact of PPPL's operations on stormwater quality [PPPL22a]. As summarized in Exhibit 8 of SWPPP, PPPL reduces stormwater quantity by utilizing best management practices, such as limiting the mowing areas with rain gardens and native grass meadows plantings.

4.6 Safety

PPPL's 2024 performance with respect to worker safety is noted in Exhibit 4-13 [Wet25, Ger25].

Exhibit 4-13. 2024 PPPL's Safety Performance

Total OSHA recordable case rate[1]	Days away, restricted, transferred (DART) case rate[1]
1.40	0.84
Number of radioactive contaminations (external)	**Number of Safety-related ORPS reports (e.g., confined space, chemical exposure and lock-out, tag-out (LOTO) incidents**
0	3

OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[1] Per 200,000 hours worked

Chapter 5

The DOE Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory's Environmental Radiological program includes information about PPPL's tritium releases to the environment and dose to employees and to the public. This annual dose is calculated using air and water measurements, and in 2024 was 1.81E-01 mrem compared to 310 mrem annual dose from natural sources.

ENVIRONMENTAL RADIOLOGICAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

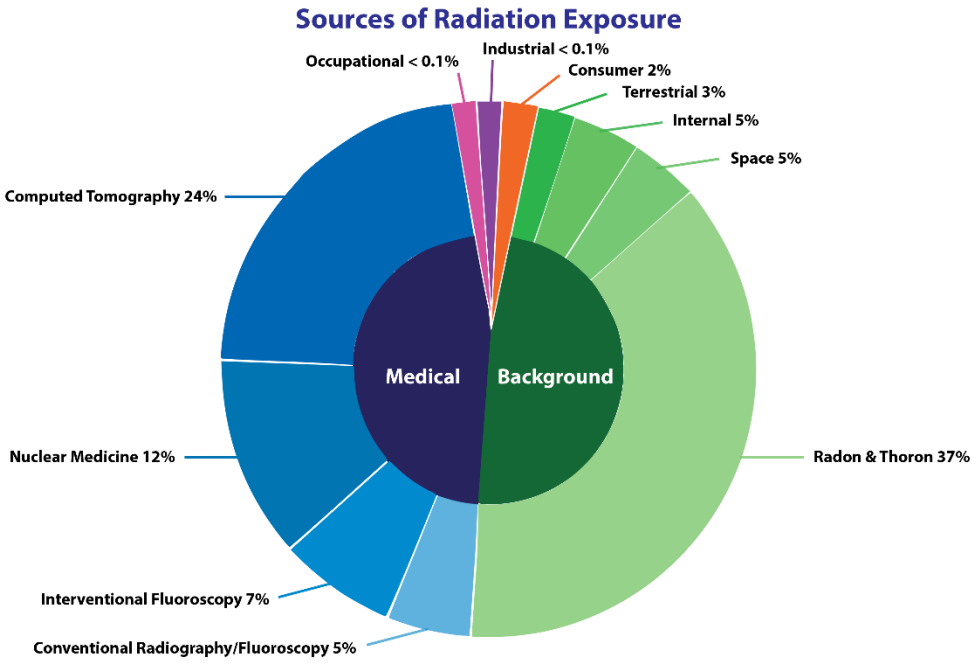
5.1 Radiological Emissions and Doses

For 2024, the releases of tritium to air and water and the dose to the MEI are summarized in Exhibit 5-1. The calculated dose to the MEI is 1.81E-01 milli-radiation equivalent man (mrem) or 1.81E-03 millisievert (mSv), far below the annual limit of 10 mrem per year [Hug25g]. PPPL's atmospheric releases of tritium from the D-site stack in 2024, totaled 8.05E-01 Curies (Ci) as shown in Exhibit 5-2. The Laboratory measures this data using active and passive stack monitors. PPPL's annual NEHAPS air emission dose is based on passive monitoring using the DATs system [Fre25a].

PPPL applies the "ALARA" (As Low As Reasonably Achievable) policy to all its operations. This philosophy for control of occupational exposure means that environmental radiation levels for device operation are also very low. From all operational sources of radiation, the ALARA goal for maximum individual occupational exposure was less than 100 mrem per year (1.0 mSv/year) above the natural background at PPPL. The average annual dose to a member of the general population is estimated to be about 620 mrem/year with 310 mrem contribution from natural sources and 310 mrem from man-made sources [NCRP Report No. 160]. The dose from natural sources (310 mrem) is considerablly higher than the dose from site operations (1.82E-03 mrem).

- Cosmic radiation - 28 mrem/year
- Terrestrial sources /earth's crust - 28 mrem/year
- Food - 40 mrem/year
- Radon - ~200 mrem/year
- Medical sources - 310 mrem from medical diagnostics such as x-rays, CAT scans, and cancer treatments.

Exhibit 5-1. National Council on Radiation Protection & Measurements Report No. 160



Average Annual Radiation Dose

Sources	Radon & Thoron	Computed Tomography	Nuclear Medicine	Interventional Fluoroscopy	Space	Conventional Radiography/ Fluoroscopy	Internal	Terrestrial	Consumer	Occupational	Industrial
Units											
mrem (United States)	228 mrem	147 mrem	77 mrem	43 mrem	33 mrem	33 mrem	29 mrem	21 mrem	13 mrem	0.5 mrem	0.3 mrem
mSv (International)	2.28 mSv	1.47 mSv	0.77 mSv	0.43 mSv	0.33 mSv	0.33mSv	0.29 mSv	0.21 mSv	0.13 mSv	0.005 mSv	0.003 mSv

Exhibit 5-2. Summary of 2024 Emissions and Dose from D-Site Operations

Radionuclide & Pathway	Source	Source Term Curies (Bq)	MEI mrem/year (mSv/year)	Percent of Total	Collective EDE w/in 80 km in person-rem (person-Sv)
Tritium (air)	D-site stack	HTO - 8.02E-01 (2.97E+10) HT - 2.89E-03 (1.07E+08)	5.84E-04 (5.84E-06)	0.32%	1.88E-02 (1.88E-04)
Tritium (water)	LEC tank	HTO – 8.07E-03 (2.99E+08)	1.61E-04 (1.61E-06)	0.09%	2.21E-04 (2.21E-06)
Tritium Deposition (water)	Surface water Ground Water	9.01E+02 pCi/L (DSN003) 9.01E+01 pCi/L (Airshaft)	1.80E-01 (1.80E-03)	99.59%	2.47E-01 (2.47E-03)
Direct/Scattered neutron & Gamma radiation	NSTX	N/A[3]	N/A	0%	N/A
Argon-41 $(Air)_3$	NSTX	N/A[3]	N/A	0%	N/A
Total			**1.81E-01 (1.81E-03)[1]**	100%	2.66E-01 (2.66E-03)[2]

Bq = Becquerel EDE = effective dose equivalent HT = elemental tritium pCi/L = picoCuries per liter
mSv = milliSievert mrem = milli radiation equivalent man HTO = tritium oxide NSTX = National Spherical Torus Experiment
Half-life of tritium (HTO & HT) is 12.3 years.

Note:
1. Dose to the MEI occurs at the nearest business which is 351 meters from the D-site stack. Doses assume maximum exposed individual is in continuous occupation at the nearest business; waterborne doses assume that maximum exposed individual uses the ultimate destination of liquid discharges (Millstone River) as the sole source of drinking water using the highest detected value, which results in a conservative (high) dose estimate.
2. Annual limit is 10 mrem/year (40 CFR 61, Subpart H); background is about 620 mrem/year (Reference NCRP Report 160, 2009).
3. NSTX was not in operation in 2024, therefore it did not generate any neutrons or argon-41.

Exhibit 5-3. Radiological Atmospheric Releases for Calendar Year 2024 (Curies)

Tritium	85Kr	Noble Gases (T1/2 <40 days)	Short-Lived Fission and Activation Products (T1/2 <3 hr)	Fission and Activation Products (T1/2 >3 hr)	Total Radio-iodine	Total Radio-strontium	Total Uranium	Plutonium	Other Actinides
8.05E-01	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

5.1.1 Penetrating Radiation

The NSTX-U experiment did not operate in 2024 and did not contribute to the dose totals. Upgrades to NSTX-U include a new center stack, fabrication of magnetic field coils, and upgrades to support systems. When NSTX-U resumes experimental operations, it will result in neutron and gamma ray production.

5.1.2 Sanitary Sewage

Drainage from D-site sumps in radiological areas is collected in one of the three LEC tanks, each with a capacity of 15,000 gallons. Prior to the release of these tanks to the sanitary sewer system and the publicly owned treatment works (SBRSA), a sample is collected and analyzed for tritium concentration and gross beta activity. All samples for 2024 showed effluent quantity and concentrations of radionuclides (tritium) to be within allowable limits established in New Jersey regulations (1 Ci/year for all radionuclides), the National Safe Drinking Water regulations (40 CFR 141.66) limit of 20,000 picocuries per liter (pCi/L), and DOE Order 458.1 Change 4 (1.9 E+06 pCi/liter for tritium).

As shown in Exhibits 5-4 and 5-5, the total amount of tritium released to the sanitary sewer in 2024 was 8.07E-03 Ci, far less than the allowable 1.0 Ci/year limit [Hug25h]. In Appendix A, Table 7, the tritium activity is reported; the gross beta activity ranges from 4.91E+03 to 6.68E+04 pCi/L.

Exhibit 5-4. Annual Releases to Sanitary System from Liquid Effluent Collection Tanks 2014-2024

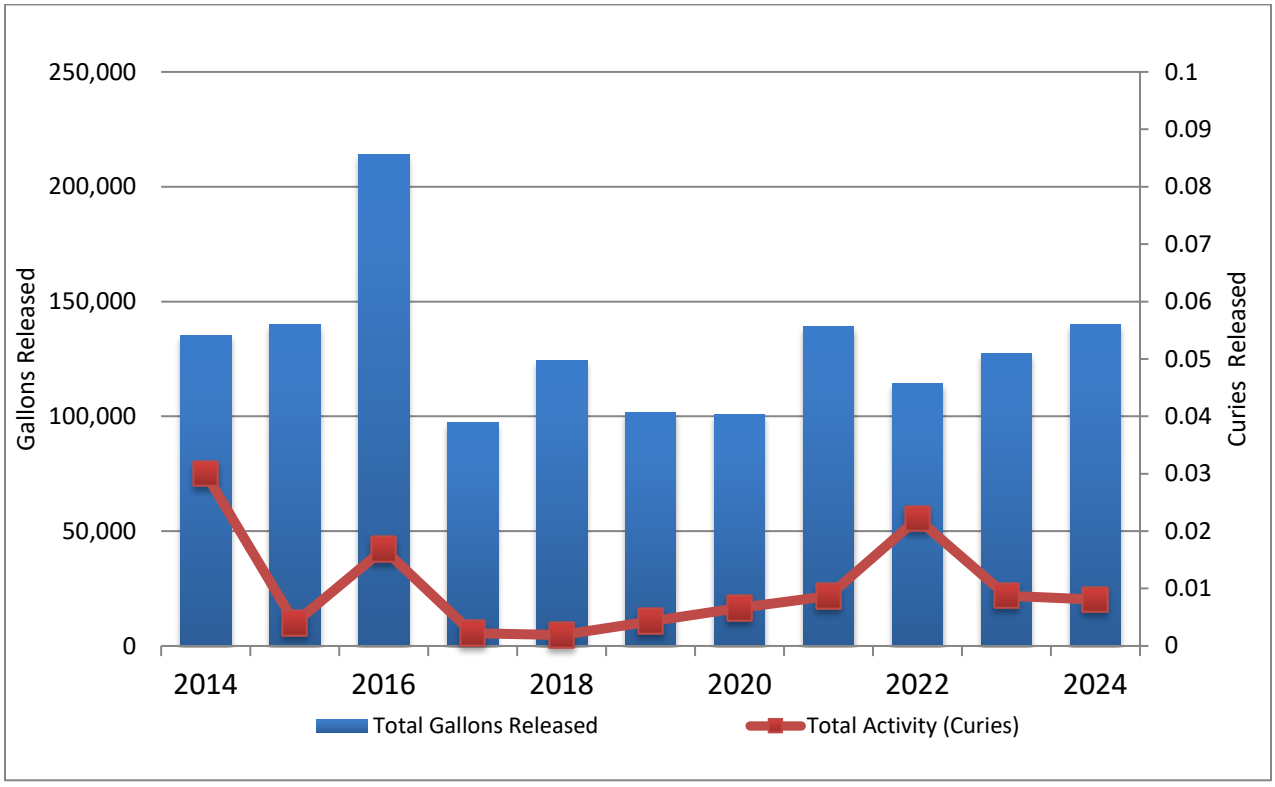


Exhibit 5-5. Total Annual Releases (LEC tanks) to Sanitary System

Calendar Year	Total Gallons Released	Total Activity (Curies)
2010	158,900	0.317
2011	134,450	0.041
2012	102,000	0.018
2013	132,250	0.009
2014	135,250	0.030
2015	139,950	0.005
2016	213,950	0.0169
2017	97,200	0.0022
2018	124,150	0.0019
2019	101,775	0.0039
2020	100,750	0.0066
2021	139,050	0.0087
2022	114,200	0.022
2023	127,500	0.0087
2024	140,100	0.0081

Exhibit 5-6. Total Low-Level Radioactive Waste

Year	Cubic meters (m^3)	Total Activity in Curies (Bq)
2010	13.3	6.30270 (2.332E+11)
2011	15.6	0.0351 (1.297E+09)
2012	No shipment	No shipment
2013	34.9	0.357 (1.32E+10)
2014	17.1	0.0082 (3.03E+08)
2015	No shipment	No shipment
2016	No shipment	No shipment
2017	17.80	12.3 (4.57E+11)
2018	0.076	0.0125 (4.63E+08)
2019	No shipment	No shipment
2020	No shipment	No shipment
2021	No shipment	No shipment
2022	13.21	0.152 (5.624E+09)
2023	No shipment	No shipment
2024	No shipment	No shipment

5.1.3 Radioactive Waste

In 2024, a small amount of low-level radioactive wastes (LLW) were stored on-site in the Radioactive Waste Handling Facility (RWHF). Limited operations in 2024 resulted in minimal LLW waste generation. PPPL did not have any LLW shipments for disposal in 2024. (Exhibit 5-5).

Exhibit 5-7. Truck with B-boxes and drums for transport to Energy Solutions

Most LLW are packaged for shipment and disposal in IP-1 metal containers and 55-gallon steel drums (Exhibit 5-6). PPPL maintains waste profiles for LLW that is shipped off-site for burial. PPPL ships LLW to the Energy Solutions facility in Clive, Utah. PPPL's radioactive waste program is audited periodically to ensure compliance with Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements. The audit includes employee training, waste characterization, waste packaging, quality control, and records retention.

5.1.4 Tritium System Demolition & Disposal (TSDD) Project

The TSDD project concluded all of the LLW shipments in late 2023 and the remaining scope of the TSDD project (which will not involve additional LLW shipments) will be completed in 2025. The project scope included removing the contents of the Tritium Systems and one Neutral Beam Box (NBB) that were used to support TFTR. The dispsal facilities for these shipments included the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) in Nye County, Nevada and Waste Control Specialists (WCS) in Andrews, Texas.

5.1.5 Airborne Emission - Differential Atmospheric Tritium Samplers (DATS)

PPPL uses differential atmospheric tritium samplers (DATS) to collect samples at the D-site stack in order to analyze for elemental (HT) and oxide tritium (HTO). DATS are similarly used at four environmental sampling stations located on D-site facility boundary trailers (T1 to T4). All of the aforementioned monitoring is performed on a continuous basis. PPPL's NESHAPS are calculated using the COMPLY computer code, version 1.71, level 4 analysis, which was approved by the US EPA.

Tritium (HTO and HT) was released and monitored at the D-site stack (Appendix Table 3). The estimated dose equivalent to the MEI from airborne emissions of tritium was 5.84E-04 mrem/year (5.84E-06 mSv/year) in 2024.

5.2 Release of Property Containing Residual Radioactive Material

Release of property containing residual radioactivity is performed in accordance with PPPL ES&H Directives (ESHD) 5008, Section 10, Subpart L. PPPL has not historically released real property assets (land, structures, etc.) for public use. Current property release processes focus on personal property items (equipment, materials, etc.). Property cannot be released for unrestricted use unless it is demonstrated that removable residual contamination levels on accessible surfaces are less than the values in Appendix D of EHSD 5008, Section 10, and that prior use does not suggest that contamination levels in inaccessible surfaces exceed surface contamination values more than Appendix D and is consistent with the guidance of DOE-STD-1241-2023, Implementing Release and Clearance of Property Requirements, Table 1. For tritium and tritiated compounds, the removable surface contamination value used for this purpose is 10,000 disintegrations per minute (dpm)/100 centimeters squared (cm^2). In 2023 following the review of various documentation, PPPL obtained approval from the NJDEP Bureau of Environmental Radiation and PSO to increase this subject limit from 1,000 dpm/100 cm^2 to be consistent with pre-approved Authorized Limits in accordance with the technical standard DOE-STD-1241-2023. In addition, material is not released unless radiation levels are indistinguishable from background when performing survey for volumetric activation per PPPL approved procedure and is consistent with tier-one of the three-tiered clearance criteria of ANSI N13.12-2013 and the guidance of DOE-STD-6004-2016, "Clearance and Release of Personal Property from Accelerator Facilities". During 2024, PPPL did not release any real or personal property containing radioactive material for recycling or public release.

5.3 Protection of Biota

The highest measured concentrations of tritium in ground water in 2024 was 9.009E+01 pCi/L in the Airshaft sumps sample on multiple dates (Appendix Table 4) and for surface water 9.009E+02 pCi/L at sample location DSN003 collected on April 12, 2024 (Appendix Table 5). Most other sample results were below the lower limit of detection. These concentrations are small fractions of the water biota concentration guide (BCG) (for HTO) of $3x10^8$ pCi/L for aquatic system evaluations, and the water BCG (for HTO) of $2x10^8$ pCi/L for terrestrial system evaluations, per DOE Standard STD-1153-2002, "A Graded Approach for Evaluating Radiation Doses to Aquatic and Terrestrial Biota". Because of these low concentrations and potential doses, PPPL does not conduct direct biota monitoring.

5.4 Unplanned Radiological Releases

There were no unplanned radiological releases in 2024.

5.5 Environmental Radiological Monitoring

5.5.1 Waterborne Radioactivity

A. Surface Water

Surface-water samples from nine locations; two on-site locations: DSN001 and E1; and seven off-site locations: B1, B2, C1, DSN003, M1, P1, and P2 have been analyzed for tritium (Appendix Table 5).

The highest tritium concentration in surface water measured in 2024 was 9.009E+02 pCi/L. This result was measured at our on-site location DSN003 in April of 2024. Most of the other surface water sampling results for tritium were below the lower limit of detection (see Appendix Table 5).

PPPL monitors precipitation data using the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) climate database. The monthly precipitation amounts for 2024 are shown in Appendix Table 2. Based on the average rainfall, a comparison of dry or wet years shows that 2024 was well below the average rainfall total at 34.5 inches (114.12 cm), which is below New Jersey's expected average of 46 inches (116.8cm) (Appendix Table 6) [Hug25a].

B. Ground Water

Ground water samples are taken from two building foundation sumps: D-site Airshaft and D-site MG sump, which are sampled monthly. The highest concentration of tritium in ground water was collected in the Airshaft at 9.01E+01 pCi/L (Appendix Table 4) in June of 2024 [Fre25b]. This concentration is well below the state and federal Drinking Water Standard of 20,000 pCi/L.

Based on PPPL's environmental monitoring data and the available scientific literature [Jo74, Mu77, Mu82, Mu90], the most likely source of the tritium detected in the on-site ground water samples is the atmospheric releases of tritium from the D-site stack and the resulting "wash-out"

during precipitation. Monitoring of ground water from the building foundation sump (dewatering sump for D-site buildings) will continue as on-going atmospheric releases necessitate.

C. Drinking (Potable) Water

Potable water is supplied by the public utility, New Jersey American Water Company, formerly Elizabethtown Water Company. In April 1984, a sampling point at the input to PPPL (E1 location) was established to provide baseline data for water coming onto the site. Radiological analysis has included gamma spectroscopy and tritium-concentration determination. In 2024, tritium concentration at this location was below the lower limit of detection (Appendix Table 5).

5.5.2 Foodstuffs, Soil, and Vegetation

There were no foodstuffs, soil, or vegetation samples gathered for analysis in 2024.

Chapter 6

The DOE Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory's Site Hydrology, Ground Water, and Drinking Water Protection program includes information about PPPL's compliance with the Ground Water Remedial Action Permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. This permit requires quarterly and annual ground water monitoring that includes testing for volatile organic chemicals and their natural attenuation byproducts.

SITE HYDROLOGY, GROUND WATER, AND DRINKING WATER PROTECTION

6.1 Lower Raritan River Watershed

PPPL is located within the Bee Brook Watershed. Bee Brook is a tributary to the Millstone River, which is part of the Raritan River Watershed (Exhibit 6-1). NJDEP utilizes a watershed-based management program for prospective environmental planning and has divided the State of New Jersey into twenty watershed basins.

Locally, the Bee Brook Watershed encompasses approximately 700 acres within the Princeton Forrestal Center and James Forrestal Campus tracts. It begins at College Road East (approximately 1,600 feet east of US Route 1), flows south in a wide flood plain, and then discharges into Devil's Brook at the entrance to Mill Pond [Sa80].

6.2 Geology & Topography

PPPL is situated on the eastern edge of the Piedmont Physiographic Province, approximately one-half mile from the western edge of the Atlantic Coastal Plain Province. The site is underlain largely by gently dipping and faulted sedimentary rock of the Newark Basin. The Newark Basin is one of several rift basins that were filled with sedimentary material during the Triassic Period, about 250-200 Ma (million years ago). At PPPL, bedrock is part of the Stockton Formation, which is reportedly more than 500 feet thick and consists of fractured red siltstone and sandstone [Lew87]. Regionally, the formation strikes approximately north 65 degrees east, and dips approximately 8 degrees to the northwest. The occurrence of limited amounts of clean sand near the surface indicates the presence of the Pennsauken Formation. This alluvial material was probably deposited during the Aftonian Interglacial period of the Pleistocene Epoch (approximately 2.6 million to 12,000 years ago).

Exhibit 6-1 Millstone River Watershed Basin

Within 25 miles, there are several documented faults; the closest of which is the Hopewell fault located about 8 miles from the site. The Flemington Fault and Ramapo Faults are located within 20 miles. None of these faults are determined to be "active" by the US Geological Survey. This area of the country (eastern central US) is not generally earthquake-prone, despite the frequent occurrence of minor tremors that generally cause little or no damage. On April 5, 2024, a magnitude 4.8 earthquake occurred in Tewksbury Township, New Jersey, which is roughly 38 miles from PPPL. Although the earthquake was felt at the Laboratory, there were no disruptions from it.

The Millstone River and its supporting tributaries geographically dominate the region. The well-watered soils of the area have provided a wealth of natural resources including good agricultural lands from prehistoric times to the present. Land use was characterized by several small early

centers of historic settlement and dispersed farmland. It has now been developed into industrial parks, housing developments, apartment complexes, and shopping centers [Gr77].

The topography of the site is relatively flat and open with elevations ranging from 110 feet in the northwestern corner to 80 feet above msl along the southern boundary. The low-lying topography of the Millstone River drainage reflects the glacial origins of the surface soils; sandy loams with varying percentage of clay predominate.

Two soil series are recognized in the immediate vicinity of the site. Each reflects differences in drainage and subsurface water tables. Along the low-lying banks of stream tributaries, Bee Brook, the soils are classified as Nixon-Nixon Variant and Fallsington Variant Association and Urban Land [Lew87].

This series is characterized by nearly level to gently sloping upland soils, deep, moderate to well drained, with a loamy subsoil and substratum. The yellowish-white sands contain patches of mottled coloring caused by prolonged wetness. On a regional scale, the water table fluctuates between 5 and 15 feet below the surface in wet periods and can drop below 15 feet during drier months.

In the slightly higher elevations (above 70 feet msl), the sandy loams are better drained and belong to the Sassafras series. Extensive historic farmlands and nurseries in the area indicate this soil provides a good environment for agricultural purposes, both today and in the past.

6.3 Biota

An upland forest type with dominant oak forest characterizes vegetation of the site. Associated with the various oaks are Red Maple, Hickories, Sweetgums, Beech, Scarlet Oak, and Ash. Red, White, and Black Oaks are isolated in the lower poorly drained areas. Along the damp borders of Bee Brook, a bank of Sweetgum, Hickory, Beech, and Red Maple define the watercourse. The forest throughout most of the site has been removed either for farmland during the last century or recently for the construction of new facilities. Grass has replaced many of the open areas.

The under-story of the wooded areas is partially open with isolated patches of shrubs, vines, and saplings occurring mostly in the uplands area. The poorly drained areas have a low ground cover of ferns, grasses, and leaf litter.

6.4 Flood Plain

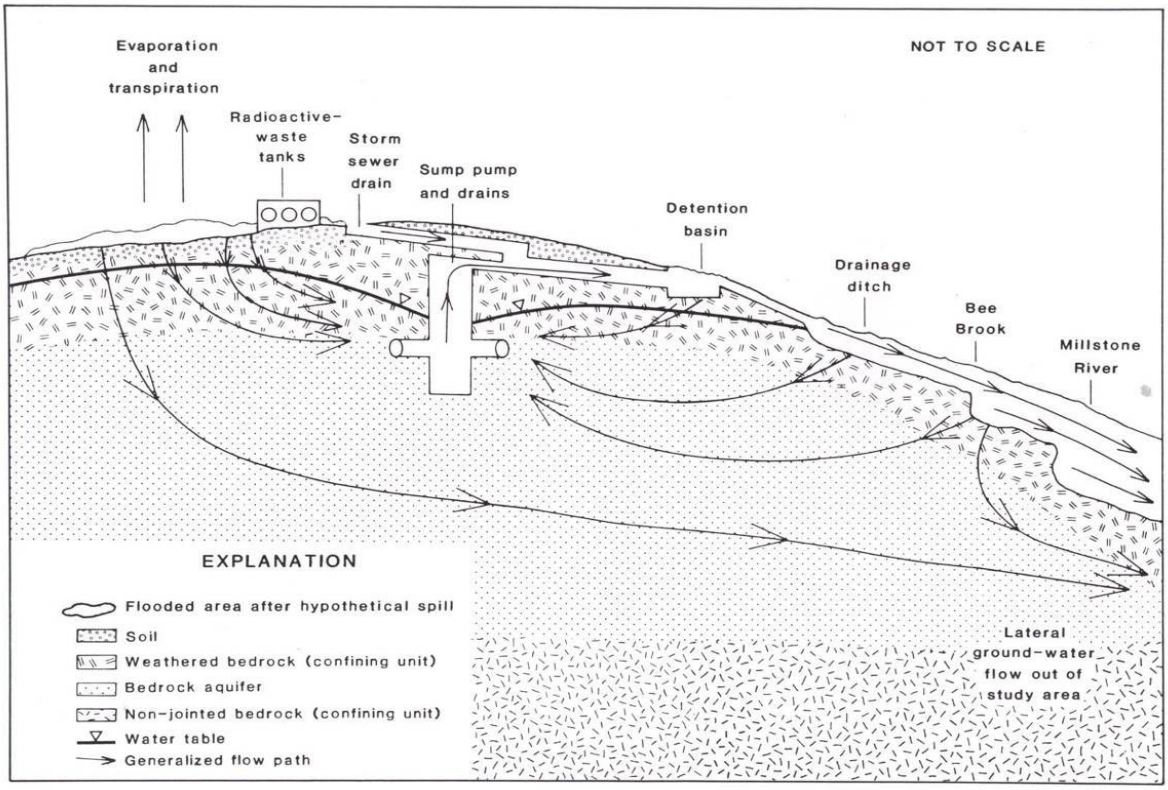
All PPPL's storm water runoff flows to Bee Brook, either directly *via* the retention basin outfall (DSN001) or along the western swale to the wetlands south of the site.

PPPL's Stormwater Management Plan minimizes impervious coverage of the Laboratory's developable land consistent with an agreement between Princeton Forrestal Center and the

Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission which allows for a maximum impervious coverage of 60% of the developable land.

Also, the 500-year flood plain elevation (85 feet above msl) delineates the storm protection corridor designated by Princeton Forrestal Center, which is vital to the flood and water quality control program for both Princeton Forrestal Center and PPPL. This "corridor" is preserved and protected from development by Princeton Forrestal Center in the Site Development Plan [PFC80].

Exhibit 6-2 Generalized Potentiometric Surface of the Bedrock Aquifer at PPPL [Lew87]



The general direction of ground-water flow on the site is from the northwest of PPPL toward the southeast in the direction of Bee and Devil's Brooks. The operation of several building foundation drainage sump pumps, especially those for the D-site experimental complex, creates a local and cone of depression drawing shallow ground water radially toward the sumps (Exhibit 6-2).

Ground water is pumped from the sumps into the retention basin, which flows into Bee Brook. Bee Brook is hydraulically connected with ground water; during flooding stages, the brook recharges ground water and during low-flow periods, ground water discharges to the brook.

6.5 Ground Water Monitoring

6.5.1 Monitoring Wells

PPPL installed a total of 46 wells to monitor ground water quality under various regulatory programs (Exhibit 6-3) during its history. Many wells have since been decommissioned because they were no longer required for their original purpose. Many wells were installed during the Remedial Investigation to delineate the extent of ground water contamination. Fifteen of those wells are sampled on a quarterly basis as required by the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP). Many of the remaining wells are still in service and available for additional sampling, if necessary, based on data from the primary set of wells. Remedial Investigation and Remedial Alternatives Analysis (RI/RAA) studies were conducted in the mid- to late-1990s to delineate shallow ground water contamination and identify a suitable remedy under the New Jersey Site Remediation Program [PPPL99a & b]. A RAWP was approved by NJDEP in 2000. Ground water monitoring continues as part of the selected remedy [PPPL00]. PPPL completed the transition from NJDEP oversight to the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) program in May 2012. In early 2018, NJDEP issued a revised Ground Water Remedial Action Permit number RAP17001 to replace RAP13001, effective for 30 years, for the ongoing remediation and monitoring programs at PPPL. PPPL modified its monitoring program to meet conditions of the new permit [NJDEP18].

Exhibit 6-3. Summary of Monitoring Wells at PPPL

	Remedial Action Monitoring Well (MW)	Environmental Surveillance Test Well (TW)
Active Monitoring Wells On-Site	20	4
Active Wells Monitored Off-Site	0	0
Number of Wells Sampled	15	0
Sampling Rounds Completed	4	0

Exhibit 6-4. Summary of Ground Water Contamination

Historical Range of Results for Positive Detections		
	Wells	**Sumps**
Tritium (pCi/L)	N/A	<Bkg
PCE (µg/L)	ND – 97.4	1.3 – 32.4
TCE (µg/L)	ND – 11.4	ND – 4.4
1,4-Dioxane (µg/L)	ND – 3.33	ND - 0.281

ND = Not detected
Bkg = Background radiation naturally present

6.5.2 Sampling Events

In support of the approved ground water remedial action, PPPL monitors the ground water wells quarterly in March, June, September, and December. The type of equipment used by PPPL to sample the ground water is shown in Exhibit 6-5. Gas from a compressed gas (CO_2) cylinder is

pumped down into the well via a Teflon-lined polyethylene tube into the dedicated bladder pump. The air pushes the water up through the exit tube and water flows through a chamber containing instruments to measure pH, conductivity, dissolved oxygen, temperature, and turbidity. Discharged water flows into a bucket that measures the volume discharged. A water level gauge is used to determine the rate of water recharging back into the well to ensure the sample will be representative of the ground water. Ground water monitoring parameters are listed in Exhibit 6-6.

Exhibit 6-5. Well Monitoring Set-Up

Ground water monitoring results show that PCE, trichloroethylene (TCE), 1-4-dioxane, and their natural degradation products are present in several shallow and intermediate-depth wells on C-site (Exhibit 6-4). These VOCs are commonly contained in industrial solvents or metal degreasing agents. The source of these chemicals was identified as a former waste storage area known as the PPPL Annex Building.

Exhibit 6-6. Ground Water Monitoring Parameters

Frequency	Analytical Parameter	Analytical Method
Monthly	Tritium	EPA 906.0
Quarterly	Mar., Jun., Sept., Dec.	
	Chlorinated Volatile Organics (VOCs)	EPA-624
	1,4-Dioxane	SW 846/8270 D
Annual (Mar.)	Nitrate & Nitrite	EPA-300.0
	Chloride	EPA-300.0
	Sulfate	EPA-300.0
	Alkalinity	SM 2320B
	Manganese	EPA-200.8 Rev. 5
	Ferrous Iron (Fe^{+2})	SM20/3500FEB
	Dissolved Methane	RSK-175
	Sulfide	SM 5310C
	Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	EPA 906.0

PPPL's Ground Water Remedial Action Permit requires quarterly sampling for a targeted list of chlorinated VOCs and 1,4-dioxane. Ground water monitoring results are summarized in Tables 18-21 and Figure 1 in Appendix A, which show that PCE and 1,4-dioxane are primarily present in ground water south of the Coil Assembly and Storage (CAS)/ Research Equipment Storage and Assembly Building (RESA) building. Most results have been below the NJDEP Ground Water Quality Standards. In 2024, the maximum PCE concentration detected was 79.2 micrograms per liter (µg/L) and the maximum 1,4-dioxane concentration detected was 0.304 µg/L. Typically, the highest chlorinated

contaminant concentrations are detected during the September or December sampling event. In addition to the wells sampled previously, PPPL analyzes 1,4-dioxane in monitoring wells MW-5S and MW-5I to confirm horizontal delineation to the north.

Foundation de-watering sumps located on D-site influence ground water flow across the site (Exhibits 6-3). The sumps create a significant cone of depression drawing ground water toward them. Under natural conditions, ground water flow is to the south-southeast toward Bee Brook; however, because of building foundation drains on D-site, ground water beneath the site is drawn radially toward the D-site sumps [EPA99, NJDEP18].

6.5.3 Ground Water Remedial Action

Following a site-wide RI/RAA study and remedy selection process, PPPL prepared and submitted a RAWP outlining continual operation of the ground water extraction system and a long-term monitoring program [Sh00]. The RAWP was submitted to NJDEP in May 2000 and was implemented until the Ground Water Remedial Action Permit (GWRAP) was issued in August 2013 [HLA97, HLA98, Sh10-13]. A revised GWRAP was issued by NJDEP in January 2018.

In January 2002, an Aquifer Classification Exception Area (CEA) Designation was submitted to NJDEP. The CEA designation identifies specific areas where state-wide Ground Water Quality Standards are not met and will not be met for some time. The CEAs was granted for a specific area of an aquifer to address specific VOCs in the shallow (<60 feet deep) aquifer. The CEA request was approved by NJDEP in August 2002. The CEA was recertified in 2017, with the submittal of a Biennial Remedial Action and Ground Water Classification Exception Area Recertification Report.

Long-term ground water monitoring confirms the following conditions:

- Examination of analytical data and water level measurements indicates an inverse relationship between ground water level and VOC concentration.
- Natural attenuation (primarily anaerobic biodegradation) occurs in the wetlands adjacent to CAS/RESA.
- Contaminated ground water is captured by building sumps and is not migrating off-site.

Ground water remedial action activities in 2024 included:

- Quarterly groundwater sampling in March, June, September, and December by PPPL's environmental services subcontractor, Verdantas.
- Annual sampling for chlorinated VOC + library search and monitored natural attenuation (MNA) parameters was conducted in March 2024.
- 1,4-Dioxane sampled at all wells quarterly.
- *Remedial Action Biennial Certification for Ground Water* was last submitted to NJDEP in September 2023; the next report is due in 2025
- Ground water monitoring equipment and monitoring wells repaired as necessary.

6.5.4 Monitored Natural Attenuation

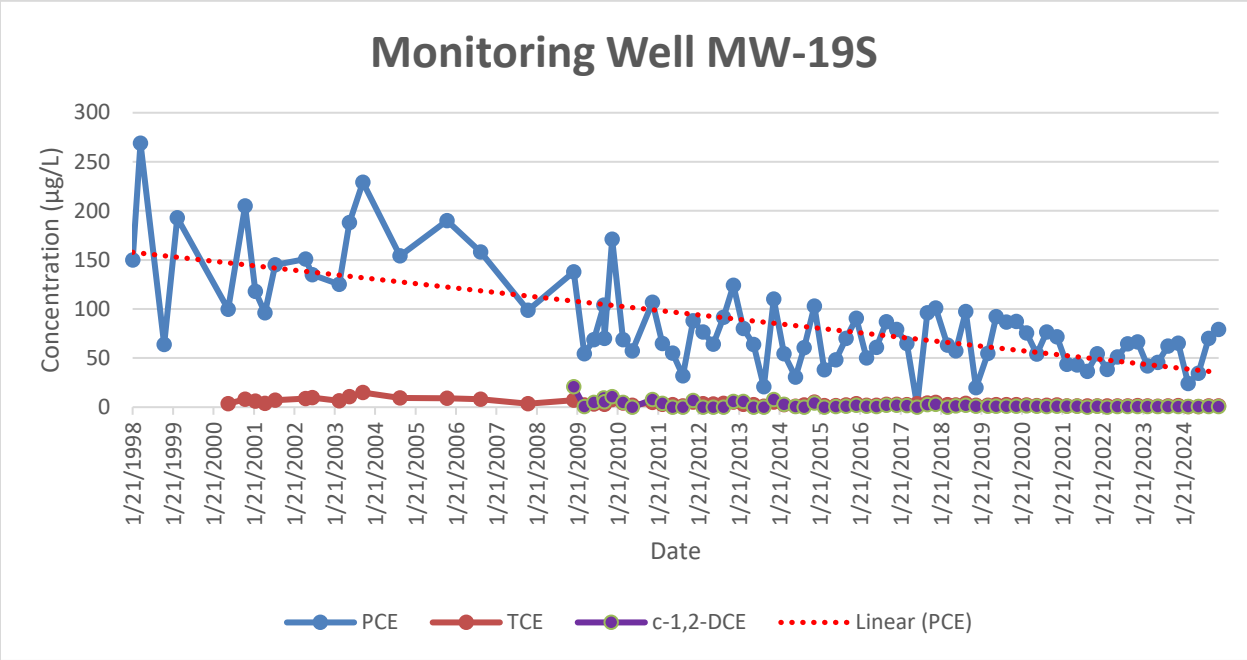
Examination of analytical data and water level measurements during the RI and the beginning of the Remedial Action indicated an inverse relationship between ground water level and VOC concentration (particularly PCE). Higher PCE and TCE results generally coincide with periods of lower ground water elevation (Appendix Tables 18-21).

Natural attenuation processes are active as evidenced by presence of degradation compounds in ground water down gradient of source area (Appendix Tables 18-21). PCE is sequentially degraded into TCE and cis-1,2-dichloroethlyene (c-1,2-DCE) (Exhibit 6-7). The presence of c-1,2-DCE, dissolved methane, reduced dissolved oxygen levels and negative oxidation-reduction potential (redox) values provide definitive evidence of on-going biological degradation of chlorinated ethenes [Sh00-13].

Exhibit 6-7. Typical PCE Degradation Pathway

Review and examination of the analytical results indicate that contaminant concentrations, particularly PCE, are generally decreasing and are below the levels documented at the beginning of the RI. Seasonal fluctuations in VOC concentrations have been seen in data collected during the RI and during subsequent remedial action monitoring. These data generally showed peak VOC concentration during the late fall/winter months (Appendix Figure 1 and 2, Exhibits 6-8). Spring and summer results are generally lower. The time-trend graph shown in Exhibit 6-8 also includes a second-order polynomial regression line fitted to PCE concentrations. This trend line shows an overall downward trend in contaminant concentration.

Exhibit 6-8. PCE Concentration vs. Time at MW-19S (1998-2024)



6.6 Drinking Water Protection

PPPL and the surrounding area do not rely on on-site or shallow supply wells for potable water. All potable water in the immediate area of the Laboratory is provided by New Jersey American Water Company. New Jersey American Water Company is supplied by a variety of sources, including surface water intakes and deep supply wells located throughout its service area. The nearest wells supplying water to New Jersey American are located approximately 2 miles south-southwest of the Laboratory near the Millstone River. As discussed above, ground water contaminated with PCE, and other organic chemicals is captured by the building foundation drains and is not migrating offsite.

Chapter 7

As required by DOE Order 414.1E, *Quality Assurance*, PPPL has established a Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Program to ensure that the accuracy, precision, and reliability of environmental monitoring data are consistent.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

7.1 PEARL Lab Certification

Analyses of environmental samples for "analyze-immediately" non-radiological parameters were conducted by PPPL's on-site analytical laboratory. These non-radiological parameters use the American Public Health Association, *Standard methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater,* [SM24], which are nationally recognized standards. PPPL participates in NJDEP Laboratory Certification program (NJDEP ID #12471) as shown in exhibit 7-1. More information about this program can be found in 7.1.2.

Exhibit 7-1. NJDEP Non-Radiological Certified Parameters

NJDEP Laboratory Number 12471

Parameter	Approved Method
Chlorine	SM 4500-Cl G
pH	SM 4500-H B
Temperature	SM 2550 B

7.1.1. Radiological Parameters

The PEARL procedures follow the DOE's Environmental Measurements Laboratory's Environmental Monitoring Laboratory (EML), *HASL-300 Manual* [Vo82]; Annual Book of ASTM Standards, *Standard Test Method for Tritium in Drinking Water, method D4107-91* [ASTM91]; and American Public Health Association, *Standard methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*, [SM24] for radiological parameters.

7-2 Distilling Samples for Tritium Analysis Performed at PEARL

Following an NJDEP Office of Quality Assurance (OQA) Audit during which it was determined that PPPL's radiological analyses do not require NJDEP certification, PEARL radiological parameter certifications for tritium and gamma spectroscopy were discontinued effective August 14, 2015. As best management practice, PPPL continues in a National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) accredited radiochemistry quality control testing program. PEARL analyzes some radioisotopes using gamma spectroscopy, and for tritium using a liquid scintillation method (Exhibit 7-3). The results of these analyses are summarized in Appendix A, Table 24.

Exhibit 7-3. Internal Radiological Parameters

Parameter	Approved Method
Cesium 134/137	SM 7120
Cobalt 60	SM 7120
Zinc 65	SM 7120
Tritium	EPA 906.0

7.1.2. Non-Radiological Parameters

A requirement of the NJDEP Laboratory Certification program is to analyze within the acceptance range the quality control and PT samples that are purchased from outside laboratory suppliers. These PT samples are provided as blind samples for analysis; the test results are submitted prior to the end of the study; in some cases, the PT samples are purchased as a lone study, in which PPPL can submit and receive study results immediately. Results are supplied to PPPL and NJDEP to confirm a laboratory's ability to correctly analyze those parameters being tested. In Appendix Table 24, the non-radiological PT results show that PEARL's April 2024 results for pH and chlorine (Exhibit 7-4) were in the acceptable range.

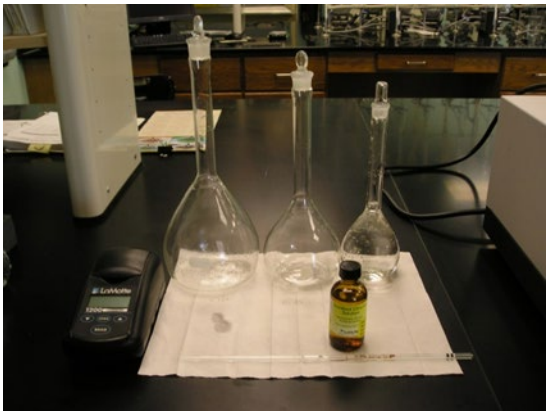


Exhibit 7-4 PEARL Chlorine Standard Check for Accuracy

PPPL followed its internal procedures, EM-OP-49, *Methods for Measuring PEARL Analyze Immediately Parameters*, EM-OP-31, *Surface Water Sampling*, and EM-OP-38, *Low-Flow Ground Water Sampling ("Micropurge" Sampling)*. These procedures provide detailed descriptions of all NJPDES permit-required sampling and analytical methods for collection of samples, analyses of these samples, and QA/QC requirements. Chain-of-custody forms are required for all samples; holding times are closely checked to ensure that analyses are performed within established holding times and that the data is valid; trip blanks are required for all VOC analyses

7.2 Subcontractor Labs

Subcontractor laboratories used by PPPL are certified by NJDEP and participate in the state's QA program; the subcontractor laboratories must also follow their own internal QA plans. SGS North America Inc. (NJDEP ID # 12129) conducts PPPL's environmental laboratory analysis. American Aquatic Testing, Inc. (NJDEP ID # PA682) is also used as a second-tier subcontractor laboratory for acute and chronic toxicity. Lower tier subcontractors are sometimes used when SGS is not certified by the NJDEP to analyze certain parameters. When this happens SGS confirms with PPPL that the lower tier laboratory is NJDEP certified to perform the analysis for that parameter.

PPPL's ground water monitoring and site remediation subcontractor Verdantas maintains NJDEP laboratory ID #18012 for certain analyze-immediately parameters. Precision Testing Laboratories, Inc. (NJDEP ID #15005) is used to analyze the majority of PPPL's waste characterization samples.

7.3 Internal QA/QC

7.3.1 Internal Audit

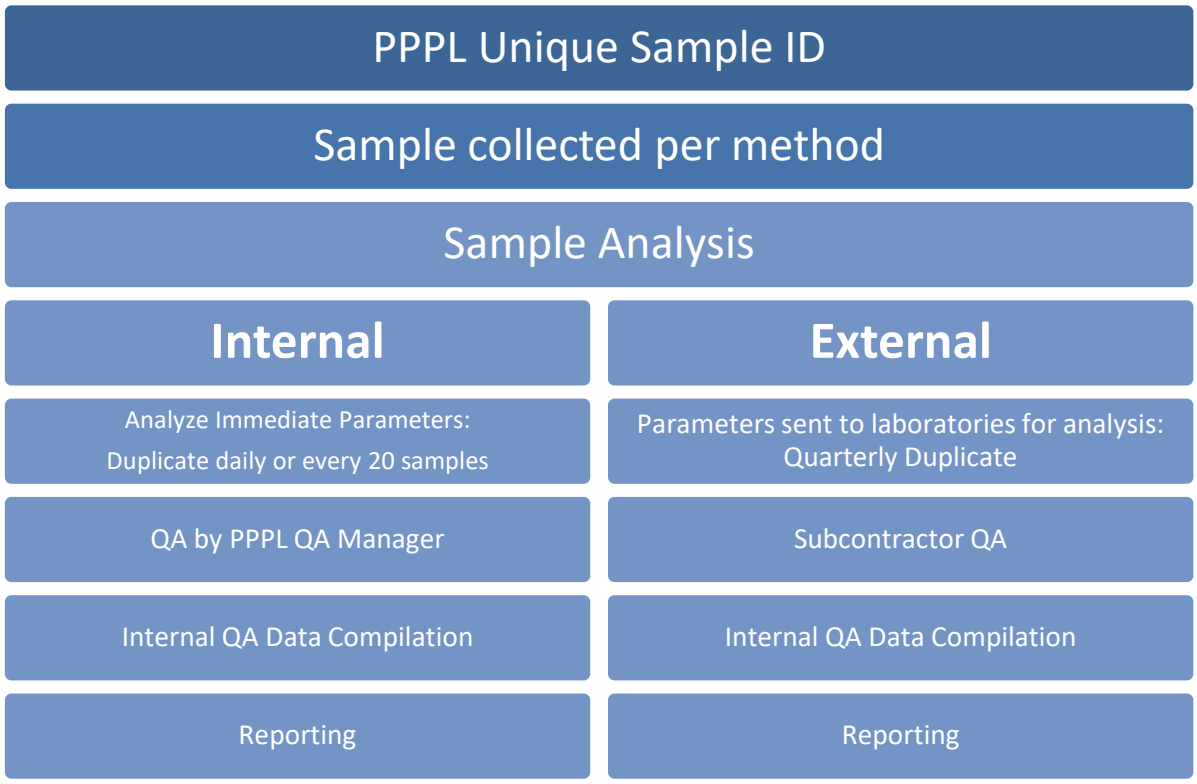
PPPL's QA program provides a variety of internal audits annually. The audits are typically completed with a member of the QA staff who is a trained auditor and one or more subject matter experts.

7.3.2 Internal QA Check

PPPL's PEARL ensures QA/QC for its non-radiological environmental testing through procedure EM-QA-02, *Quality Assurance/Quality Control Plan for Analyze Immediately Parameters*. This procedure includes the following:

- NIST thermometers are replaced with new NIST-certified long stem thermometers quarterly.
- Chlorine field meters and secondary standards are calibrated at least quarterly by chlorine standard concentrations; Quarterly chlorine calibration curves are generated.
- Duplicate samples of chlorine, pH, and temperature will be conducted daily or every 20 samples.
- Duplicate samples for NJPDES permit monitoring are submitted to the external laboratory quarterly.

PPPL's internal QA process for laboratory samples is as follows:



7.3.3. Calibrations

PPPL calibrates all equipment for analyze immediately parameters per their equipment manual and following procedures EM-OP-49 and EM-QA-02. Calibrations are recorded in the respective lab calibration log and reported to the QA Officer for review.

PPPL's Environmental QA procedures following for calibration prior to sampling. The chlorine field meter is verified by using calibrated Secondary Standards. pH meters are calibrated with a 3-point standard calibration, and verified by checking the pH to the 7.00 standard.

7.3.4 Calibration Chemicals

Inventories are performed quarterly on calibration chemicals to ensure proper storage, expiration, and quantity. Chemical name, stock number, lot number, date received, date opened, and expiration date are all checked to ensure chemical quality for calibration. Expired chemicals are removed from service and processed by PPPL's hazardous waste management group.

7.4 External QA/QC

External audits may be completed by a variety of different sources. Local, state, and federal entities such as US DOE or NJDEP may request an on-site audit or inspection at any time. As discussed in Chapter 3, PPPL's EMS requires triennial registration and annual surveillance audits, which include the Measurement and Calibration elements of ISO 14001. All corrective action are tracked and completed using PPPL's internal corrective action tracking system which is operated by PPPL's QA Division [Cum25]. One external audit was performed in 2024, which was a recertification audit of PPPL's ISO 14001 EMS completed by PPPL's registrar, Amtivo, formerly Orion.

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Appendix A

2024 ASER TABLES & MAPS

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Table 1. PPPL NSTX-U Radiological Limits and Design Objectives

CONDITION			PUBLIC EXPOSURE[b]		OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE	
		P, Probability Of Occurrence In A Year	REGULATORY LIMIT (rem/year)	DESIGN OBJECTIVE (rem/year)	REGULATORY LIMIT (rem/year)	DESIGN OBJECTIVE (rem/year)
ROUTINE OPERATION [a] Dose equivalent to an individual from routine operations (rem per year, unless otherwise indicated)	NORMAL OPERATIONS	P~1	0.1 Total, 0.01[c] Airborne, 0.004 Drinking Water	0.01 Total	5	1
	ANTICIPATED EVENTS	$(1 > P \geq 10^{-2})$	0.5 Total (including normal operation)	0.05 per event		
ACCIDENTS Dose equivalent to an individual from an accidental release (rem per event)	UNLIKELY EVENTS	$10^{-2} > P \geq 10^{-4}$	2.5	0.5	Emergency Exposure Situation: 5 to >25 depending on activity (property protection or lifesaving; see ESHD 5008, Section10.1302[PPPL19b])	
	EXTREMELY UNLIKELY EVENTS	$10^{-4} > P \geq 10^{-6}$	25	5 [d]		
	INCREDIBLE EVENTS	$10^{-6} > P$	NA	NA		

[a] All operations must be planned to incorporate radiation safety guidelines, practices and procedures included in PPPL ESHD 5008, Section 10.
[b] Evaluated at PPPL site boundary.
[c] Compliance with this limit is to be determined by calculating the highest effective dose equivalent to any member of the public at any offsite point where there is a residence, school, business, or office
[d] For design basis accidents (DBAs), i.e., postulated accidents or natural forces and resulting conditions for which the confinement structure, systems, components, and equipment must meet their functional goals, the design objective is 0.5 rem.
[e] See PPPL ESHD-5008, Section 10, Chapter 10.1302 for emergency personnel exposure limits.

Table 2. Annual Precipitation Data for 2024 [Hug25b]

Month	PPPL Weather Station (inches)
January	4.81
February	1.37
March	5.70
April	3.88
May	2.21
June	1.83
July	2.32
August	6.06
September	0.41
October	0.00
November	2.68
December	3.23
Total	**34.50**
Monthly Average	**2.88**

Table 3. D-Site Tritium Stack Releases in Curies in 2024

Week Of	HTO (Ci)	HT (Ci)	Weekly Total (Ci)
1/3/2024	8.07E-03	1.71E-05	8.09E-03
1/10/2024	6.83E-03	2.22E-05	6.85E-03
1/17/2024	8.76E-03	2.92E-05	8.79E-03
1/24/2024	8.34E-03	1.71E-05	8.36E-03
1/31/2024	6.83E-03	2.16E-05	6.85E-03
2/7/2024	1.18E-02	1.87E-05	1.18E-02
2/22/2024	6.21E-03	2.11E-05	6.23E-03
2/28/2024	1.06E-02	1.71E-05	1.06E-02
3/6/2024	7.52E-03	1.61E-05	7.54E-03
3/13/2024	7.10E-03	1.89E-05	7.12E-03
3/20/2024	8.72E-03	1.13E-05	8.73E-03
3/27/2024	9.16E-03	1.21E-05	9.17E-03
4/3/2024	8.74E-03	1.59E-05	8.76E-03
4/10/2024	1.20E-02	1.67E-05	1.20E-02
4/17/2024	9.91E-03	9.82E-06	9.92E-03
4/24/2024	1.92E-02	4.26E-05	1.92E-02
5/1/2024	2.09E-02	5.89E-05	2.10E-02
5/8/2024	2.06E-02	5.67E-05	2.07E-02
5/15/2024	2.12E-02	6.87E-05	2.13E-02
5/22/2024	2.73E-02	8.84E-05	2.74E-02
5/29/2024	2.02E-02	6.57E-05	2.03E-02
6/5/2024	1.93E-02	5.14E-05	1.94E-02
6/12/2024	1.30E-02	3.93E-05	1.30E-02
6/18/2024	2.29E-02	7.84E-05	2.30E-02
6/26/2024	7.05E-02	9.29E-05	7.06E-02
7/3/2024	NA	NA	NA
7/10/2024	4.48E-02	2.74E-04	4.51E-02
7/17/2024	2.14E-02	1.20E-04	2.15E-02
7/24/2024	2.68E-02	1.41E-04	2.69E-02
7/31/2024	2.98E-02	1.56E-04	3.00E-02
8/7/2024	2.87E-02	1.63E-04	2.89E-02
8/14/2024	2.10E-02	1.12E-04	2.11E-02
8/21/2024	2.12E-02	8.99E-05	2.13E-02
8/28/2024	1.78E-02	8.69E-05	1.79E-02
9/4/2024	1.69E-02	6.95E-05	1.70E-02
9/11/2024	1.21E-02	5.59E-05	1.22E-02
9/18/2024	1.54E-02	1.21E-04	1.55E-02
9/25/2024	3.45E-02	1.63E-04	3.47E-02
10/2/2024	2.00E-02	1.09E-04	2.01E-02
10/9/2024	1.22E-02	4.38E-05	1.22E-02
10/16/2024	1.16E-02	4.23E-05	1.16E-02
10/23/2024	1.08E-02	2.42E-05	1.08E-02
10/30/2024	1.13E-02	2.95E-05	1.13E-02
11/6/2024	1.19E-02	3.55E-05	1.19E-02
11/13/2024	9.97E-03	3.10E-05	1.00E-02
11/20/2024	8.62E-03	2.64E-05	8.65E-03
11/27/2024	6.44E-04	2.27E-05	6.67E-04
12/4/2024	6.10E-03	1.28E-05	6.11E-03
12/11/2024	7.96E-03	2.19E-05	7.98E-03
12/18/2024	1.52E-02	3.09E-05	1.52E-02
TOTALS	**8.02E-01**	**2.89E-03**	**8.05E-01**

Table 4. Ground Water Tritium Concentrations for 2024 (pCi/L)

Month	D-Site MG Sump	D-Site Airshaft Sump
January	*	*
February	*	*
March	*	*
April	*	*
May	*	*
June	*	9.009E+01
July	*	*
August	*	*
September	*	*
October	*	*
November	*	*
December	*	*

Samples at sumps are collected monthly

***All sample dates not listed or shown without a number are below LLD and background.**

Table 5. Surface Water Tritium Concentrations for 2024 (pCi/L)

Month	Bee Brook (B1)	Bee Brook (B2)	Basin (DSN001)	Basin Duplicate (DSN004)	D&R Canal (C1)	D&R Canal (DSN003)	E1	M1	P1	P2
January			*		*	*				
February	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	NA
March			*		*	*				
April			*		*	9.009E-2				
May	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
June			*		*	*				
July			*		1.351E+02	9.009E+01				
August	NA	*	9.009E+01	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
September			*		*	*				
October			*		*	*				
November	NA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
December			*		*	*				

Samples at locations DSN001, DSN003, and C1 are collected monthly.

Samples at locations B1, B2, DSN004, E1, M1, P1, and P2 are collected quarterly.

*** All sample dates not listed or shown without a number were below the LLD and background.**

Table 6. Annual Range of Tritium Concentration at PPPL in Precipitation from 1985 to 2024

Year	Tritium Range pCi/L	Precipitation In Inches [Hug25b]	Difference from Regional Avg. Precipitation of 45.6 inches/year
1985	40 to 160		
1986	40 to 140		
1987	26 to 144		
1988	34 to 105		
1989	7 to 90	55.4	+9.8
1990	14 to 94	50.3	+4.7
1991	10 to 154	45.1	-0.5
1992	10 to 838	41.9	-3.7
1993	25 to 145	42.7	-2.9
1994	32 to 1,130	51.3	+5.7
1995	<19 to 2,561	35.6	-10
1996	<100 to 21,140	61.0	+15.4
1997	131 to 61,660	42.0	-3.6
1998	<108 to 26,450	42.9	-2.7
1999	<58 to 7,817	47.3(38.7 w/out Floyd)	+1.7 (-6.9)
2000	<31 to 3,617	38.7	-6.9
2001	153 to 14,830	32.8	-12.8
2002	24 to 3,921	47.9	+2.3
2003	9 to 1,126	54.7	+9.1
2004	27 to 427	40.5	-5.1
2005	<37 to 623	48.4	+2.8
2006	9 to 3,600	48.1	+2.5
2007	<93 to 1,440	49.1	+3.5
2008	<103 to 1,212	48.2	+2.6
2009	<Bkg to 375	47.1	+1.5
2010	<105 to 469	40.8	-4.8
2011	<109 to 269	65.1	+19.5
2012	3 to 182	38.9	-6.7
2013	<Bkg to 1331	43.25	-2.35
2014	<Bkg to 216	45.06	-0.54
2015	<Bkg to 901	39.8	-5.8
2016	<Bkg to 1,396	34.82	-10.78
2017	*	41.38	-4.22
2018	*	65.01	+19.41
2019	*	58.36	+12.76
2020	*	57.08	+11.48
2021	*	57.25	+11.65
2022	*	43.87	-1.73
2023	*	40.97	-4.63
2024	*	34.50	-11.1

* PPPL stopped monitoring tritium concentration in rainwater because NSTX-U was not operating

Bkg = Background

Table 7. Liquid Effluent Collection Tank Release Data for 2024

Release Date	Gallons Released	Tritium Sample Activity (pCi/L)	Total Tritium Tank Activity (Ci)
3/4/2024	12,750	7.79E+03	3.76E-04
5/29/2024	12,750	8.47E+04	4.09E-03
6/25/2024	12,750	2.44E+04	1.18E-03
7/9/2024	12,750	2.59E-04	2.59E-04
7/15/2024	12,750	5.59E+03	2.70E-04
7/23/2024	12,750	4.91E+03	2.37E-04
8/2/2024	12,600	5.03E+03	2.43E-04
8/15/2024	12,750	6.35E+03	3.07E-04
8/22/2024	12,750	5.32E+03	2.57E-04
9/24/2024	12,750	8.51E+03	4.11E-04
10/31/2024	12,750	9.05E+03	4.37E-04
Total	**140,100**	**1.62E+05**	**8.07E-03**

Table 8. Total Fuel Consumption by Fuel Type from 2012 to 2024

Year	Natural Gas (mmcf)*	No. 2 Fuel Oil (kgals.)
2012	20.06	4.8
2013	26.15	5.0
2014	26.72	18.5
2015	20.91	12.8
2016	23.38	4.9
2017	24.40	0.1
2018	14.23	11.0
2019	14.77	0.1
2020	33.74	0.1
2021	36.53	0.5
2022	41.60	10.4
2023	36.22	2.15
2024	36.91	0.26
Permit Limit	**2,176.41**	**251.4**

No. 2 Fuel Oil consumption first began December 2004.
No. 4 Fuel Oil no longer burned after December 2004.
mmcf = millions of cubic feet
kgals. = thousands of gallons
*Corrected mmcf conversion factor used in previous reports

Table 9. Surface Water Analysis for Bee Brook, B1, in 2024

Location B1 = Bee Brook upstream of PPPL basin discharge

B1												
Parameters	**Units**	**Jan.**		**Feb.**		**March**	**April**		**May**		**June**	
		2024		**2024**		**2024**	**2024**		**2024**		**2024**	
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L		<	20				<	13.7			
Phosphorus, total	mg/L	<	0.05	<	0.035	< 0.250	0.081	<	0.047		0.320	
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L		<	1.8					6.8			
Field Parameters												
pH	SU			6.99					6.86			
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV			-8.9					-5.1			
Temperature	°C			2.9					15.1			

NA = Not Analyzed
Blank indicates no measurement

B1							
Parameters	**Units**	**July**	**Aug.**	**Sept.**	**Oct.**	**Nov.**	**Dec.**
		2024	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L		NA			NA	
Phosphorus, total	mg/L	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L		NA			NA	
Field Parameters							
pH	SU		NA			NA	
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV		NA			NA	
Temperature	°C		NA			NA	

NA = Not Analyzed
Blank indicates no measurement

Table 10. Surface Water Analysis for Bee Brook, B2, in 2024

Location B2 = Bee Brook downstream of PPPL basin discharge

B2							
Parameters	**Units**	**Jan.**	**Feb.**	**March**	**April**	**May**	**June**
		2024	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L		< 20			< 13.7	
Phosphorus, total	mg/L	< 0.05	< 0.045	0.36	0.065	0.54	0.12
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L		< 1.6			5.0	
Field Parameters							
pH	SU		6.32			6.83	
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV		21.2			-3.4	
Temperature	°C		5.0			15.9	

Blank indicates no measurement

B2							
Parameters	**Units**	**July**	**Aug.**	**Sept.**	**Oct.**	**Nov.**	**Dec.**
		2024	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L		< 17.9			21.1	
Phosphorus, total	mg/L	0.62	0.25	< 0.033	0.12	0.15	0.10
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L		27			< 1.6	
Field Parameters							
pH	SU		7.04			7.62	
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV		-13.1			-36.8	
Temperature	°C		24.3			10.3	

Blank indicates no measurement

Table 11. Surface Water Analysis for Delaware & Raritan Canal, C1, in 2024

Location C1 = D&R Canal State Park at Mapleton Avenue, Plainsboro midway on pedestrian bridge

C1													
Parameters	**Units**	**Jan.**		**Feb.**		**March**		**April**		**May**		**June**	
		2024		**2024**		**2024**		**2024**		**2024**		**2024**	
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L	<	20	<	20	<	20	<	13.5		21.9		33.3
Phosphorus, total	mg/L		0.067	<	0.05	<	0.25	<	0.043		0.17		0.11
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L	<	2.1	<	2.4		5.0	<	3.0	<	2.8	<	3.0
Field Parameters													
pH	SU		7.17		6.51		6.55		6.64		6.90		6.47
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV		-18.6		16.4		16.0		13.0		-7.1		21.6
Temperature	°C		3.6		3.9		8.6		14.8		17.8		24.8

Blank indicates no measurement

C1													
Parameters	**Units**	**July**		**August**		**Sept.**		**Oct.**		**Nov.**		**Dec.**	
		2024		**2024**		**2024**		**2024**		**2024**		**2024**	
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L	<	20	<	7.7	<	7.7	<	5.1	<	15.8	<	5.1
Phosphorus, total	mg/L		0.12		0.087		0.052		0.083		0.086		0.056
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L	<	1.6	<	3.0	<	3.0	<	1.8	<	4.0	<	4.0
Field Parameters													
pH	SU		6.67		6.75		6.55		7.41		8.22		8.20
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV		3.7		3.2		18.7		-33.5		-68.7		-62.1
Temperature	°C		29.2		27.7		21.7		19.1		12.0		2.7

Blank indicates no measurement

Table 12. Surface Water Analysis for NJ American Water, E1, in 2024

Location E1 = NJ American Water (potable) collected at Main Gate Security Booth

E1								
Parameters	**Units**	**February**	**May**	**August**	**Nov.**
		2024	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L	< 20	< 11	< 12.8	< 10.6
Phosphorus, total	mg/L	0.39	0.37	0.38	0.69
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L	< 4.0	< 4.0	< 1.5	< 4.0
Field Parameters					
pH	SU	6.26	6.98	6.96	7.13
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV	30.7	-11.7	-8.7	-11.4
Temperature	°C	9.6	16.4	23.8	16.9

Table 13. Surface Water Analysis for Millstone River, M1, in 2024

Location M1 = Millstone River at D&R Canal State Park at Mapleton Road

M1								
Parameters	**Units**	**February**	**May**	**August**	**Nov.**
		2024	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L	< 11.1	< 11	< 17.9	< 13.2
Phosphorus, total	mg/L	< 0.25	0.059	0.1	0.068
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L	12.2	7.6	19	< 2.1
Field Parameters					
pH	SU	6.47	6.77	6.84	8.06
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV	18.9	0.2	-2.0	-60.0
Temperature	°C	4.6	17.6	27.9	12.2

Table 14. Surface Water Analysis for Cranbury Brook (Plainsboro), P1, in 2024

Location P1 = Cranbury Brook at George Davison Road, Plainsboro mid-span on bridge southbound

P1					
Parameters	**Units**	**February**	**May**	**August**	**Nov.**
		2024	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L	< 20	30.1	28.2	< 18.5
Phosphorus, total	mg/L	< 0.15	0.39	0.1	0.068
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L	12.6	15.1	17	8.1
Field Parameters					
pH	SU	6.49	6.95	6.84	7.96
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV	17.7	-10.1	-1.9	-54.8
Temperature	°C	4.1	17.9	27.7	12.9

Table 15. Surface Water Analysis for Devil's Brook (Plainsboro), P2, in 2024

Location P2 = Devil's Brook at the Plainsboro Preserve

P2					
Parameters	**Units**	**February**	**May**	**August**	**Nov.**
		2024	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L	NA	NA	23.1	34.3
Phosphorus, total	mg/L	NA	NA	0.066	0.074
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L	NA	NA	142	5.0
Field Parameters					
pH	SU	NA	7.37	7.00	7.69
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV	NA	-33.4	-11.3	-41.0
Temperature	°C	NA	19.8	27.9	12.6

NA = Not Analyzed

Table 16. Retention Basin Outfall Surface Water Analysis, DSN001 (NJPDES NJ0023922) in 2024

DSN001																		
Parameters	Units	Permit Limit	Jan. 2024		Feb. 2024		March 2024		April 2024		May 2024		June 2024					
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L	50.0	<	20	<	20	<	11	<	5.5	<	8.2	<	7.7				
Phosphorus, total	mg/L			0.065	<	0.05		0.52		0.092	<	0.031		0.12				
Tetrachloroethylene, PCE	µg/L	0.703	<	1.0	<	1.0	<	1.0	<	0.48	<	1.0	<	1.0				
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon, TPHC	mg/L	15 Max 10 Avg	<	4.9	<	4.9	<	4.6	<	5.0	<	5.0	<	1.7				
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L	50.0	<	4.0	<	4.0	<	4.0	<	2.4	<	4.0		6.0				
Field Parameters																		
Chlorine Produced Oxidants, CPO (Max)	mg/L	0.100		NA		NA		0.500		NA		NA		NA				
(Avg)				NA		NA		0.060		NA		NA		NA				
Peracetic Acid	mg/L			0.0321		0.0428		NA		0.0856		0.5350		0.1070				
(Duplicate)				0.0749		0.0214		NA		0.0963		0.0856		0.1926				
pH (Max)	SU	>6; <9		7.63		6.36		6.25		6.37		6.39		6.15				
(Min)				7.62		6.31		6.18		6.31		6.33		6.11				
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV			-43.9		28.0		36.2		28.4		21.2		40.8				
(Duplicate)				-44.5		25.2		32.5		31.2		23.9		38.9				
Temperature	°C	30		6.5		8.5		11.4		16.6		16.4		21.1				
(Duplicate)				6.2		8.1		11.2		16.5		16.3		21.1				

DSN001																		
Parameters	Units	Permit Limit	July 2024		August 2024		Sept. 2024		Oct. 2024		Nov. 2024		Dec. 2024					
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L	50.0	<	11.8		23.1	<	5.1	<	5.1		31.7	<	20				
Phosphorus, total	mg/L			0.35		0.48		0.093		0.077		0.18		0.14				
Tetrachloroethylene, PCE	µg/L	0.703	<	1.0	<	1.0	<	1.0	<	1.0	<	1.0	<	1.0				
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon, TPHC	mg/L	15 Max 10 Avg	<	4.9	<	4.9	<	0.86	<	0.88	<	4.9	<	5.0				
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L	50.0		15.5		28		22.5		5.4		5.2		33				
Field Parameters																		
Chlorine Produced Oxidants, CPO (Max)	mg/L	0.100		0.170		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA				
(Avg)				0.145		NA		NA		NA		NA		NA				
Peracetic Acid	mg/L			NA		0.1498		0.3959		0.2140		0.2140		0.235				
(Duplicate)				NA		0.3016		0.2675		0.2247		0.2461		0.310				
pH (Max)	SU	>6; <9		6.79		6.67		6.28		6.20		6.64		7.67				
(Min)				6.70		6.65		6.21		6.15		6.56		7.54				
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV			-3.0		7.1		33.2		31.2		14.5		-35.2				
(Duplicate)				1.9		6.7		37.0		33.8		18.5		-28.1				
Temperature	°C	30		25.1		24.2		18.2		17.9		11.9		7.3				
(Duplicate)				25.2		24.3		18.1		17.8		11.7		7.0				

NA = Not Analyzed

Table 17. D&R Canal Pump House, DSN003

Monthly Surface Water Analysis (NJPDES NJ0023922) in 2024

DSN003												
Parameters	**Units**	**Permit Limit**	**Jan. 2024**		**Feb. 2024**		**March 2024**		**April 2024**		**May 2024**		**June 2024**
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L	50	< 11.3	<	20	<	20	<	8.2	<	16.4	<	7.7
Phosphorus, total	mg/L		0.13	<	0.05	<	0.25		0.073		0.29		0.099
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon, TPHC	mg/L	15 Max 10 Avg	< 4.9	<	4.9	<	4.9	<	2.4	<	4.9	<	4.9
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L		5.2	<	3.4		8.8	<	3.6	<	2.8	<	3.4
Field Parameters													
pH	SU	>6;<9	6.80		6.31		6.40		6.41		6.93		6.49
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV		1.8		27.6		24.4		25.3		-8.6		20.4
Temperature	°C	30 Max	15.6		5.9		12.0		16.5		18.4		26.3

DSN003												
Parameters	**Units**	**Permit Limit**	**July 2024**		**August 2024**		**Sept. 2024**		**Oct. 2024**		**Nov. 2024**		**Dec. 2024**
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L	50	< 20	<	7.7	<	5.1	<	20	<	10.6	<	5.1
Phosphorus, total	mg/L		0.1		0.11		0.087		0.095		0.082		0.054
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon, TPHC	mg/L	15 Max 10 Avg	< 4.9	<	5.0	<	0.86	<	1.3	<	5.0	<	0.90
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L		< 2.1	<	1.5	<	2.2	<	1.9	<	4.0	<	4.0
Field Parameters													
pH	SU	>6;<9	6.82		6.85		6.33		7.20		8.16		8.37
Oxidation-Reduction Potential, ORP	mV		-4.7		-2.3		31.0		-22.3		-65.9		-71.0
Temperature	°C	30 Max	30.2		28.5		24.1		19.9		15.6		4.7

Blank indicates no measurement

Table 18. Summary of Ground Water Sampling Results – March 2024 [Pal25a]

Target Chlorinated Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)

Station Name	NJ Ground Water Quality Standards-Class IIA (2020)	Units	MW-3S	MW-5I	MW-5S	MW-9S	MW-12S	MW-13I	MW-13S	MW-17	MW-18	MW-19I	MW-19S
Field Sample ID			MW-3S 24-132	MW-5I 24-133	MW-5S 24-134	MW-9S 24-135	MW-12S 24-136	MW-13I 24-137	MW-13S 24-138	MW-17S 24-139	MW-18S 24-140	MW-19I 24-141	MW-19S 24-142
Lab Sample ID			JD84211-6	JD84264-4	JD84264-5	JD84211-2	JD84264-2	JD84211-5	JD84211-3	JD84351-4	JD84351-3	JD84443-5	JD84443-6
Date			3/11/2024	3/12/2024	3/12/2024	3/11/2024	3/12/2024	3/11/2024	3/11/2024	3/13/2024	3/13/2024	3/14/2024	3/14/2024
Tetrachloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	3.5	ND (<0.56)	10.5	9.7	5.2	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	24.2
Trichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.53)	1.1	ND (<0.53)	2.7	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)	1.9	0.86 J	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	70	ug/L	ND (<0.51)	4.6	ND (<0.51)	2.2	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)	11	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	30	ug/L	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)
1,1-Dichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)
Vinyl chloride	1	ug/L	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)
1,4-Dioxane	0.4	ug/L	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.18)
Chloride	250000	ug/L	10500	315000	179000	18900	116000	22900	241000	24800	54100	276000	5700
Manganese	50	ug/L	1080	434	<15	1920	<15	23.9	6990	149	252	<15	71.2
Alkalinity	–	ug/L	155000	146000	32900	70100	44000	115000	6800	69600	12500	13100	13800
Nitrate as N	10000	ug/L	<110	<110	1400	<110	1800	110	<110	<110	<110	1300	200
Nitrite	1000	ug/L	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Sulfate	250000	ug/L	12200	20800	12700	8000	6800	13700	13900	13100	20000	10600	40400
Sulfide	–	ug/L	<2000	<2000	<2000	<2000	<2000	<2000	<2000	<2000	<2000	<2000	<2000
Total Organic Carbon	–	ug/L	6300	<1000	<1000	2400	<1000	<1000	1200	1500	<1000	<1000	1000
Ferrous Iron	–	ug/L	970	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200
Dissolved Methane	–	ug/L	<0.08	1.1	0.10 J	<0.08	<0.08	0.080 J	1.4	<0.08	<0.08	<0.08	<0.08
Dissolved Oxygen	–	mg/L	1.8	0	4.31	0.58	3.61	0.46	1.91	0	0.46	5.71	4.01
pH	6.5 - 8.5	Std. Units	6.23	7.31	5.01	5.62	6.24	6.89	5.54	6.39	5.36	5.37	4.53
Redox Potential	–	mVe	87	-81	337	239	179	136	129	107	222	287	360

NOTES: Ground water quality standards as published in N.J.A.C. 7:9C.

– Compound-specific Ground Water Quality Standard not published.

J - Estimated, concentration listed greater than the MDL but less than RL.

ND (<0.56) - Not Detected (<MDL)

* MW-26S is duplicate sample from well MW-13S.

Table 18 cont. Summary of Ground Water Sampling Results – March 2024 [Pal25a]

Target Chlorinated Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)

Station Name	NJ Ground Water Quality Standards-Class IIA (2020)	Units	MW-22S	MW-23S	MW-24S	MW-25S	MW-26S	D-Site Airshaft	D-Site MG	TRIP BLANK	TRIP BLANK	TRIP BLANK	TRIP BLANK
Field Sample ID			MW-225 24-143	MW-23S 24-144	MW-24S 24-145	MW-25S 24-146	MW-26S 24-147	AIRSHAFT 24-149	D-SITE MG 24-148	TRIP BLANK-1 24-150	TRIPBLANK-2 24-150	TRIPBLANK-3 24-150	TRIPBLANK-4 24-150
Lab Sample ID			JD84443-4	JD84264-3	JD84351-5	JD84351-2	JD84211-4	JD84443-3	JD84443-2	JD84211-1	JD84264-1	JD84351-1	JD84443-1
Date			3/14/2024	3/12/2024	3/13/2024	3/13/2024	3/11/2024	3/14/2024	3/14/2024	3/11/2024	3/12/2024	3/13/2024	3/14/2024
Tetrachloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	9.5	1.1	8.2	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)
Trichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)	1.8	ND (<0.53)	0.92 J	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	70	ug/L	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)	0.82 J	2	10.6	ND (<0.51)	0.73 J	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	30	ug/L	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)
1,1-Dichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)
Vinyl chloride	1	ug/L	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	0.61 J	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)
1,4-Dioxane	0.4	ug/L	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.19)	ND (<0.2)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Chloride	250000	ug/L	39800	5600	6900	81300	240000	117000	123000	NA	NA	NA	NA
Manganese	50	ug/L	<15	47.8	<15	4680	7380	227	669	NA	NA	NA	NA
Alkalinity	–	ug/L	42600	9800	44100	101000	8400	103000	96800	NA	NA	NA	NA
Nitrate as N	10000	ug/L	200	<110	<110	<110	<110	870	800	NA	NA	NA	NA
Nitrite	1000	ug/L	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sulfate	250000	ug/L	18300	47200	18900	24400	14800	16300	18000	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sulfide	–	ug/L	<2000	<2000	<2000	<2000	<2000	<2000	<2000	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total Organic Carbon	–	ug/L	<1000	1600	<1000	1100	1300	<1000	<1000	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ferrous Iron	–	ug/L	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	<200	520	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dissolved Methane	–	ug/L	<0.08	<0.08	<0.08	3.28	0.38	<0.08	1.77	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dissolved Oxygen	–	mg/L	5.15	6.18	7.02	0	1.91	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
pH	6.5 - 8.5	Std. Units	6.16	4.74	5.95	6.54	5.54	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Redox Potential	–	mVe	186	351	229	-16	129	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

NOTES: Ground water quality standards as published in N.J.A.C. 7:9C.

– Compound-specific Ground Water Quality Standard not published.

J - Estimated, concentration listed greater than the MDL but less than RL.

ND (<0.56) - Not Detected (<MDL)

* MW-26S is duplicate sample from well MW-13S.

Table 19. Summary of Ground Water Sampling Results – June 2024 [Pal25a]

Target Chlorinated Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)

Station Name	NJ Ground Water Quality Standards-Class IIA (2020)	Units	MW-3S	MW-5I	MW-5S	MW-9S	MW-13S	MW-17	MW-18
Field Sample ID			MW-3S 24-207	MW-5I 24-208	MW-5S 24-209	MW-9S 24-210	MW-13S 24-211	MW-17 24-212	MW-18 24-213
Lab Sample ID			JD89606-1	JD90056-1	JD90056-2	JD89606-2	JD89606-3	JD89791-1	JD89791-2
Date			6/3/2024	6/5/2024	6/5/2024	6/3/2024	6/3/2024	6/4/2024	6/4/2024
Tetrachloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	15.6	8	18.3	ND (<0.56)
Trichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.53)	0.78 J	ND (<0.53)	1.6	1.3	2.8	ND (<0.53)
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	70	ug/L	0.83 J	4.6	ND (<0.51)	0.97 J	7.9	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	30	ug/L	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)
1,1-Dichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)
Vinyl chloride	1	ug/L	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)
1,4-Dioxane	0.4	ug/L	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	0.265 J	0.222 J	0.39	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)
Dissolved Oxygen	–	mg/L	0	2.4	5.37	0.00	6.76	1.63	0
pH	6.5 - 8.5	Std. Units	6.18	7.3	5.01	6.01	5.4	5.86	4.93
Redox Potential	–	mVe	45	-100	312	188	213	244	249

NOTES: Ground water quality standards as published in N.J.A.C. 7:9C.
– Compound-specific Ground Water Quality Standard not published.
J - Estimated, concentration listed greater than the MDL but less than RL.
ND (<0.56) - Not Detected (<MDL)
* MW-26S is duplicate sample from well MW-13S.

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Table 19 cont. Summary of Ground Water Sampling Results – June 2024 [Pal25a]

Target Chlorinated Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)

Station Name	NJ Ground Water Quality Standards-Class IIA (2020)	Units	MW-19S	MW-25S	MW-26S	D-Site MG	TRIP BLANK	TRIP BLANK	TRIP BLANK
Field Sample ID			MW-19S 24-214	MW-255 24-215	MW-26S 24-216	D-SITE MG 24-217	TRIP BLANK-1 24-218	TRIP BLANK-2 24-218	TRIP BLANK-3 24-218
Lab Sample ID			JD90056-4	JD89791-3	JD89606-5	JD90056-3	JD89606-4	JD89791-4	JD90056-5
Date			6/5/2024	6/4/2024	6/3/2024	6/5/2024	6/3/2024	6/4/2024	6/5/2024
Tetrachloroethene	1	ug/L	34.6	ND (<0.56)	8.5	24.5	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)
Trichloroethene	1	ug/L	0.66 J	ND (<0.53)	1.4	3.1	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	70	ug/L	ND (<0.51)	2	8.1	2.3	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	30	ug/L	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)
1,1-Dichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)
Vinyl chloride	1	ug/L	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)
1,4-Dioxane	0.4	ug/L	ND (<0.2)	ND (<0.2)	0.375	ND (<0.2)	NA	NA	NA
Dissolved Oxygen	–	mg/L	2.41	0.0	6.76	NA	NA	NA	NA
pH	6.5 - 8.5	Std. Units	4.32	6.38	5.4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Redox Potential	–	mVe	362	-80	213	NA	NA	NA	NA

NOTES: Ground water quality standards as published in N.J.A.C. 7:9C.
– Compound-specific Ground Water Quality Standard not published.
J - Estimated, concentration listed greater than the MDL but less than RL.
ND (<0.56) - Not Detected (<MDL)
* MW-26S is duplicate sample from well MW-13S.

Table 20. Summary of Ground Water Sampling Results –September 2024 [Pal25a]

Target Chlorinated Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)

Station Name	NJ Ground Water Quality Standards-Class IIA (2020)	Units	MW-3S	MW-5I	MW-5S	MW-9S	MW-13S	MW-17	MW-18
Field Sample ID			MW-3S 24-486	MW-5I 24-487	MW-5S 24-488	MW-9S 24-489	MW-13S 24-490	MW-17 24-491	MW-18 24-492
Lab Sample ID			JD95839-2	JD96021-2	JD96021-3	JD95839-5	JD95839-3	JD95871-1	JD95871-2
Date			9/10/2024	9/12/2024	9/12/2024	9/10/2024	9/10/2024	9/11/2024	9/11/2024
Tetrachloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	0.62 J	6.8	8.4	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)
Trichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)	5.1	1.8	0.56 J	0.63 J
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	70	ug/L	1.2	1.9	ND (<0.51)	3.8	11.9	2	ND (<0.51)
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	30	ug/L	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)
1,1-Dichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)
Vinyl chloride	1	ug/L	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	0.73 J	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)
1,4-Dioxane	0.4	ug/L	ND (<0.22)	ND (<0.22)	ND (<0.22)	ND (<0.22)	ND (<0.22)	ND (<0.22)	ND (<0.22)
Dissolved Oxygen	–	mg/L	0.30	1.21	NA	0	5.1	0.0	0
pH	6.5 - 8.5	Std. Units	6.24	7.36	NA	6.19	6.22	5.81	5.48
Redox Potential	–	mVe	75	-91	NA	116	37	82	252

NOTES: Ground water quality standards as published in N.J.A.C. 7:9C.
– Compound-specific Ground Water Quality Standard not published.
J - Estimated, concentration listed greater than the MDL but less than RL.
ND (<0.56) - Not Detected (<MDL)
* MW-26S is duplicate sample from well MW-13S.

Table 20 cont. Summary of Ground Water Sampling Results –September 2024 [Pal25a]

Target Chlorinated Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)

Station Name	NJ Ground Water Quality Standards-Class IIA (2020)	Units	MW-19S	MW-25S	MW-26S	D-Site MG	TRIP BLANK	TRIP BLANK	TRIP BLANK
Field Sample ID			MW-19S 24-493	MW-25S 24-494	MW-26S 24-495	D-SITE MG 24-496	TRIP BLANK-1 24-497	TRIP BLANK-2 24-497	TRIP BLANK-3 24-497
Lab Sample ID			JD96021-4	JD95871-3	JD95839-4	JD96021-5	JD95839-1	JD95871-4	JD96021-1
Date			9/12/2024	9/11/2024	9/10/2024	9/12/2024	9/10/2024	9/11/2024	9/12/2024
Tetrachloroethene	1	ug/L	70.1	15.5	8.6	28	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)
Trichloroethene	1	ug/L	1.3	5.9	1.8	3.4	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	70	ug/L	ND (<0.51)	1.2	12.3	2.2	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	30	ug/L	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)
1,1-Dichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)
Vinyl chloride	1	ug/L	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	0.67 J	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)
1,4-Dioxane	0.4	ug/L	0.284 J	ND (<0.22)	ND (<0.22)	0.281 J	ND (<0.22)	ND (<0.22)	ND (<0.22)
Dissolved Oxygen	–	mg/L	1.56	0.0	5.1	NA	NA	NA	NA
pH	6.5 - 8.5	Std. Units	4.73	6.47	6.22	NA	NA	NA	NA
Redox Potential	–	mVe	336	-27	37	NA	NA	NA	NA

NOTES: Ground water quality standards as published in N.J.A.C. 7:9C.

– Compound-specific Ground Water Quality Standard not published.

J - Estimated, concentration listed greater than the MDL but less than RL.

ND (<0.56) - Not Detected (<MDL)

* MW-26S is duplicate sample from well MW-13S.

Table 21. Summary of Ground Water Sampling Results – December 2024 [Pal25a]

Target Chlorinated Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)

Station Name	NJ Ground Water Quality Standards-Class IIA (2020)	Units	MW-3S	MW-5I	MW-5S	MW-9S	MW-13S	MW-17	MW-18
Field Sample ID			MW-3S 25-77	MW-5I 25-78	MW-5S 25-79	MW-9S 25-80	MW-13S 25-81	MW-17 25-82	MW-18 25-83
Lab Sample ID			JE3240-2	JE3240-5	JE3240-3	JE3241-1	JE3241-2	JE3259-2	JE3259-3
Date			12/19/2024	12/19/2024	12/19/2024	12/17/2024	12/17/2024	12/18/2024	12/18/2024
Matrix			Ground Water	Ground Water	Ground Water	Ground Water	Ground Water	Ground Water	Ground Water
Tetrachloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	7.3	6.9	17.8	ND (<0.56)
Trichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.53)	1.1	ND (<0.53)	1.3	1.8	2.4	0.60 J
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	70	ug/L	ND (<0.51)	4.4	ND (<0.51)	1.1	9.5	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	30	ug/L	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)
1,1-Dichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)
Vinyl chloride	1	ug/L	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)
1,4-Dioxane	0.4	ug/L	ND (<0.05)	ND (<0.05)	ND (<0.05)	ND (<0.05)	0.201	0.124	0.166
Dissolved Oxygen	–	mg/L	NA	0.00	NA	4.08	0.46	0.4	4.59
pH	6.5 - 8.5	Std. Units	NA	7.18	NA	5.39	5.23	4.56	4.99
Redox Potential	–	mVe	NA	-123	NA	213	111	214	267

NOTES: Ground water quality standards as published in N.J.A.C. 7:9C.
– Compound-specific Ground Water Quality Standard not published.
J - Estimated, concentration listed greater than the MDL but less than RL.
ND (<0.56) - Not Detected (<MDL)
* MW-26S is duplicate sample from well MW-13S.

Table 21 cont. Summary of Ground Water Sampling Results – December 2024 [Pal25a]

Target Chlorinated Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)

Station Name	NJ Ground Water Quality Standards-Class IIA (2020)	Units	MW-19S	MW-25S	MW-26S	D-Site MG	TRIP BLANK	TRIP BLANK	TRIP BLANK
Field Sample ID			MW-19S 25-84	MW-25S 25-85	MW-26S 25-86	D-SITE MG 25-87	TRIPBLANK-1 25-88	TRIPBLANK-2 25-88	TRIPBLANK-3 25-88
Lab Sample ID			JE3240-4	JE3259-5	JE3241-3	JE3259-4	JE3241-4	JE3259-1	JE3240-1
Date			12/19/2024	12/18/2024	12/17/2024	12/18/2024	12/17/2024	12/18/2024	12/19/2024
Matrix			Ground Water	Ground Water	Ground Water	Ground Water	Water	Water	Water
Tetrachloroethene	1	ug/L	79.2	ND (<0.56)	6.4	19	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)	ND (<0.56)
Trichloroethene	1	ug/L	1.3	0.76 J	1.6	2.6	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)	ND (<0.53)
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	70	ug/L	0.51 J	2	9.2	2	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)	ND (<0.51)
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	30	ug/L	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)	ND (<0.54)
1,1-Dichloroethene	1	ug/L	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)	ND (<0.59)
Vinyl chloride	1	ug/L	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)	ND (<0.52)
1,4-Dioxane	0.4	ug/L	0.304	0.0734 J	0.204	0.238	ND (<0.05)	ND (<0.05)	ND (<0.05)
Dissolved Oxygen	–	mg/L	3.1	0.0	0.46	NA	NA	NA	NA
pH	6.5 - 8.5	Std. Units	4.81	6.17	5.23	NA	NA	NA	NA
Redox Potential	–	mVe	248	11	111	NA	NA	NA	NA

NOTES: Ground water quality standards as published in N.J.A.C. 7:9C.

– Compound-specific Ground Water Quality Standard not published.

J - Estimated, concentration listed greater than the MDL but less than RL.

ND (<0.56) - Not Detected (<MDL)

* MW-26S is duplicate sample from well MW-13S.

Table 22. Summary of Ground Water Sampling Results – D-Site MG Sump, 2024

D-Site Airshaft													
Parameters	**Units**	**Jan.**	**Feb.**	**March**	**April**	**May**	**June**	**July**	**August**	**Sept.**	**Oct.**	**Nov.**	**Dec.**
		2024	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L	< 20			< 8.2			< 20			< 10.6		
Phosphorus, total	mg/L	< 0.045	0.29	< 0.25	< 0.05	0.11	0.24	0.11	0.38	1.5	< 0.031	0.18	5.0
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L		3,800			108			660			10.3	

Blank indicates no measurement

Table 23. Summary of Ground Water Sampling Results – D-Site Airshaft Sump, 2024

D-Site Airshaft													
Parameters	**Units**	**Jan.**	**Feb.**	**March**	**April**	**May**	**June**	**July**	**August**	**Sept.**	**Oct.**	**Nov.**	**Dec.**
		2024	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**	**2024**
Chemical Oxygen Demand, COD	mg/L	< 20			< 5.5			< 20			< 7.9		
Phosphorus, total	mg/L	< 0.047	0.063	0.053	0.13	< 0.045	0.16	0.20	< 0.039	0.21	0.093	0.074	0.15
Total Suspended Solids, TSS	mg/L		5.3			12.4			< 2.2			6.2	

Blank indicates no measurement

Table 24. Quality Assurance Data for Radiological and Non-Radiological Samples for 2024

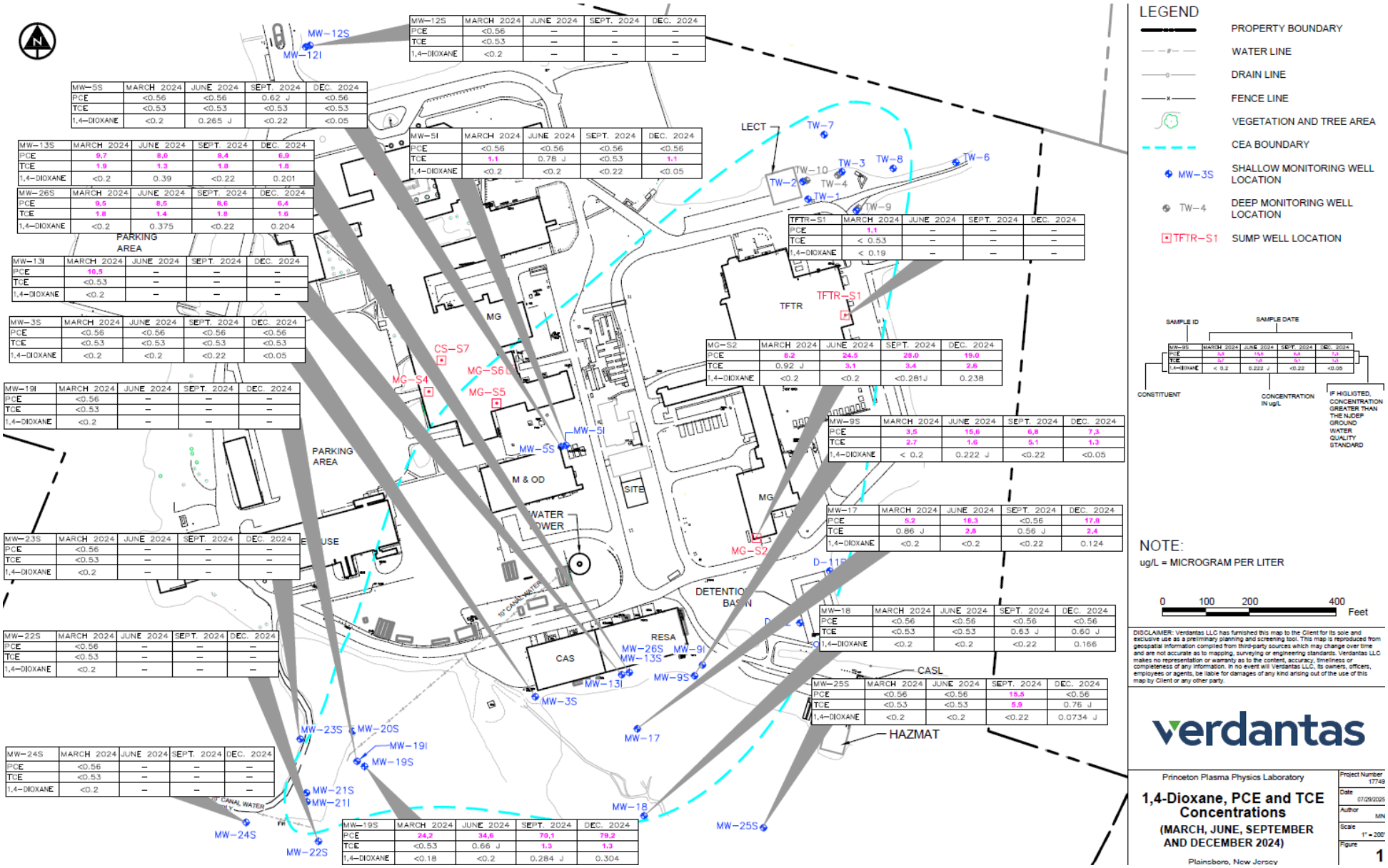
Laboratory, Program and Parameter	Units	Reported Value	Actual Value	Acceptance Range	Acceptable Not Acceptable
ERA Co. **November 2024 RAD-139, P678101** **Proficiency Test [Fre25c]**					
Tritium	pCi/L	5,784	5,320	3,870 – 6,770	Acceptable
Phenova **April 2024 R38019** **Proficiency Test [Hug25i]**					
pH	S.U.	5.61	5.66	5.41 – 5.81	Acceptable
Residual Chlorine	mg/L	1.50	1.53	1.11 – 1.77	Acceptable

Table 25. Waste Characterization Report (WCR) Surface Water Sampling 2023

No tests performed in 2024.
No limits exceeded, only parameters listed above non-detect without blank interference.

Laboratory Parameter	Reported Value (mg/L)	
DSN001 Semi Annual	January 2023	May 2023
Manganese	55.6	77.1
Zinc	57.3	
DSN003 Semi Annual	January 2023	August 2023
Manganese	79.1	NA
DSN001 Annual	April 2023	October 2023
NA	NA	NA
DSN003 Annual	April 2023	**October 2023**
Barium	NA	41.3

Figure 1. 1,4-Dioxane, PCE, TCE Distribution for Ground Water Wells 2025 [Pal25a]



MW-12S	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	<0.56	–	–	–
TCE	<0.53	–	–	–
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	–	–	–

MW-5S	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	<0.56	<0.56	0.62 J	<0.56
TCE	<0.53	<0.53	<0.53	<0.53
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	0.265 J	<0.22	<0.05

MW-5I	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	<0.56	<0.56	<0.56	<0.56
TCE	1.1	0.78 J	<0.53	1.1
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	<0.2	<0.22	<0.05

MW-13S	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	9.7	8.0	8.4	6.9
TCE	1.9	1.3	1.8	1.8
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	0.39	<0.22	0.201

MW-26S	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	9.5	8.5	8.6	6.4
TCE	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.6
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	0.375	<0.22	0.204

TFTR-S1	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	1.1	–	–	–
TCE	< 0.53	–	–	–
1,4-DIOXANE	< 0.19	–	–	–

MW-13I	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	10.5	–	–	–
TCE	<0.53	–	–	–
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	–	–	–

MW-3S	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	<0.56	<0.56	<0.56	<0.56
TCE	<0.53	<0.53	<0.53	<0.53
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	<0.2	<0.22	<0.05

MG-S2	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	8.2	24.5	28.0	19.0
TCE	0.92 J	3.1	3.4	2.6
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	<0.2	<0.281J	0.238

MW-19I	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	<0.56	–	–	–
TCE	<0.53	–	–	–
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	–	–	–

MW-9S	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	3.5	15.6	6.8	7.3
TCE	2.7	1.6	5.1	1.3
1,4-DIOXANE	< 0.2	0.222 J	<0.22	<0.05

MW-17	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	5.2	16.3	<0.56	17.8
TCE	0.86 J	2.8	0.56 J	2.4
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	<0.2	<0.22	0.124

MW-23S	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	<0.56	–	–	–
TCE	<0.53	–	–	–
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	–	–	–

MW-18	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	<0.56	<0.56	<0.56	<0.56
TCE	<0.53	<0.53	0.63 J	0.60 J
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	<0.2	<0.22	0.166

MW-22S	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	<0.56	–	–	–
TCE	<0.53	–	–	–
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	–	–	–

MW-25S	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	<0.56	<0.56	15.5	<0.56
TCE	<0.53	<0.53	5.9	0.76 J
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	<0.2	<0.22	0.0734 J

MW-24S	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	<0.56	–	–	–
TCE	<0.53	–	–	–
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.2	–	–	–

MW-19S	MARCH 2024	JUNE 2024	SEPT. 2024	DEC. 2024
PCE	24.2	34.6	70.1	79.2
TCE	<0.53	0.66 J	1.3	1.3
1,4-DIOXANE	<0.18	<0.2	0.284 J	0.304

Figure 2. Potentiometric Surface Contours Shallow Ground Water Wells – September 2024 [Pal25a]

Figure 3. PPPL On-site Sampling Location Map

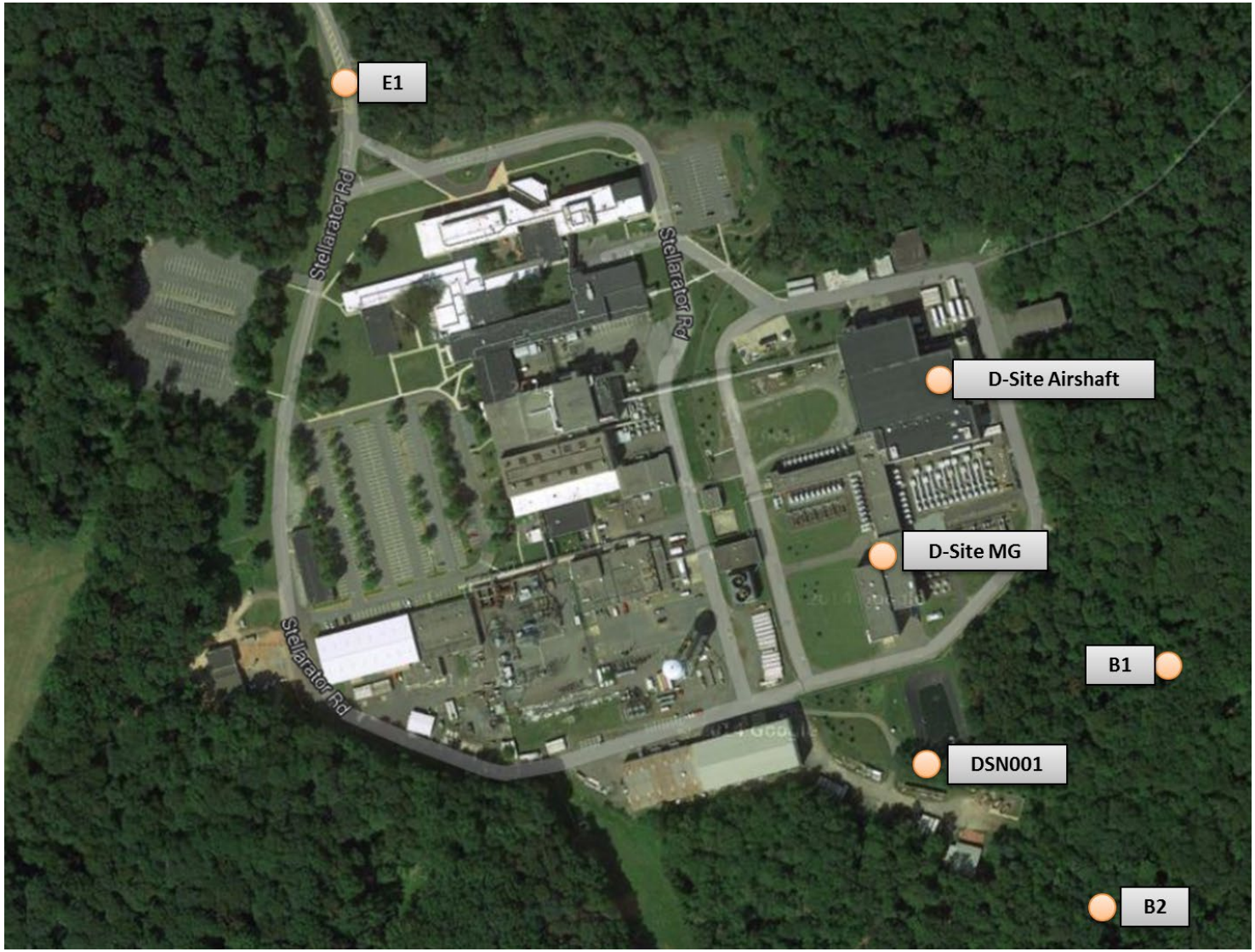
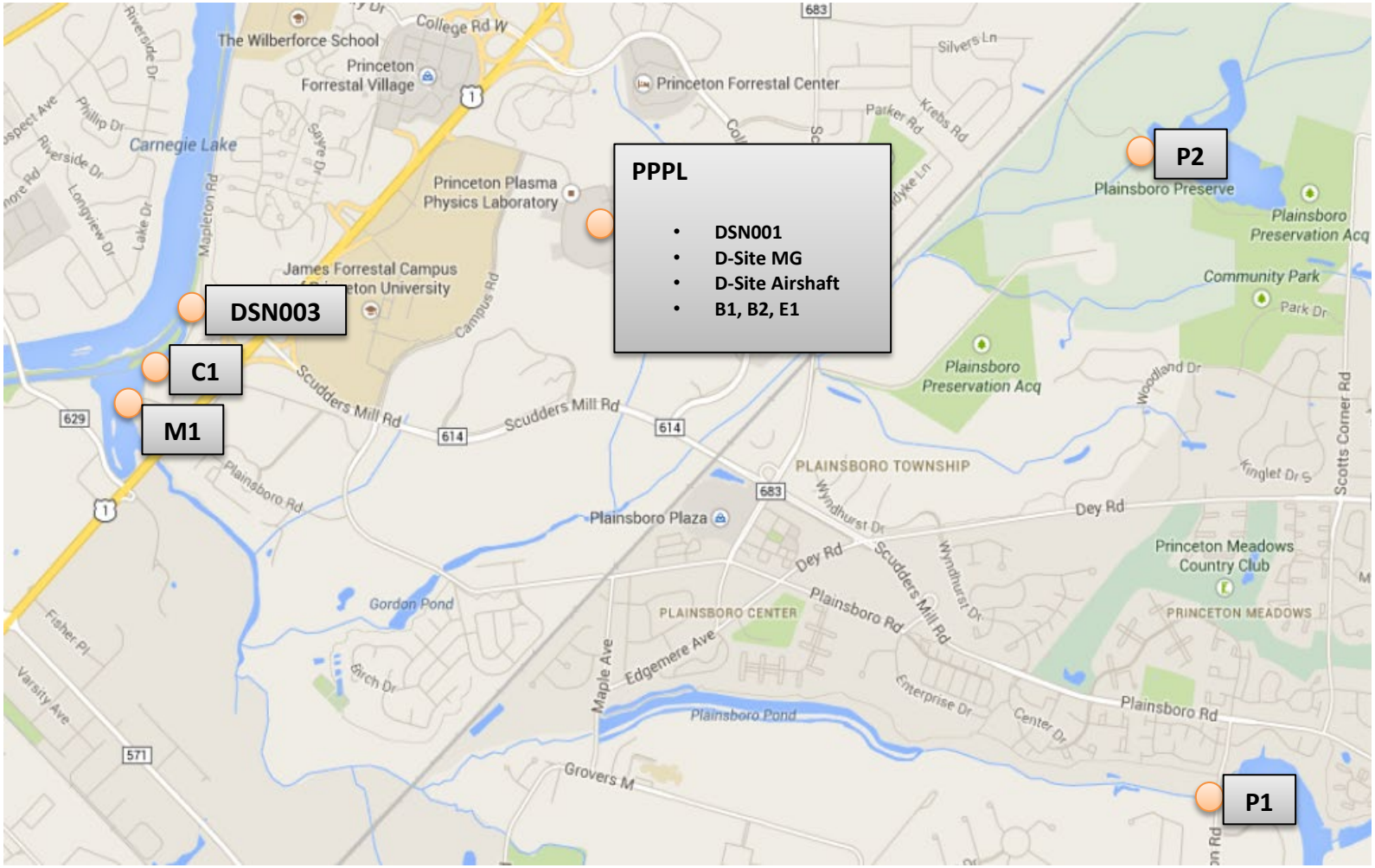


Figure 4. PPPL Off-site Sampling Location Map



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