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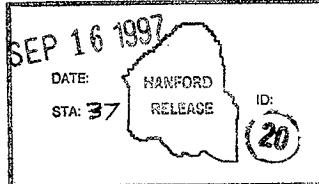
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Abstract: This report describes the results of thermal hydraulic analysis performed to provide data in support of Project W-030 to startup new 702-AZ Primary Ventilation System. During the startup of W-030 system, the ventilation system will be operating in bypass mode. In bypass mode of operation, the system is capable of supplying 1000 cfm total flow for all the four AWF double-shell tanks. The design of W-030 system is based on the assumption that both the recirculation loop of the primary ventilation system and the secondary ventilation which provides cooling would be operating. However, during the startup neither of the recirculation system nor the secondary ventilation system will be operating. A minimum flow of 100 cfm is required to prevent any flammable gas associated risk. The remaining 600 cfm flow can be divided among the four tanks as necessary to keep the peak sludge temperatures below the operating temperature limit. For the purpose of determining the minimum flow required for cooling each tank, the thermal hydraulic analysis is performed to predict the peak sludge temperatures in AZ/AZ tanks under different ventilation flows.

The heat load for AZ farm tanks is taken from characterization reports and for the AY farm tanks, the heat load was estimated by thermal analysis using the measured waste temperatures and the waste liquid evaporation rates. The tank 241-AZ-101 and the tank 241-AZ-102 have heat loads of 241,600 and 199,500 Btu/hr respectively. The tank 241-AY-101 and tank 241-AY-102 have heat loads of 41,000 and 33,000 Btu/hr respectively. Using the ambient meteorological conditions of temperature and relative humidity for the air and tank dome soil surface and the sludge levels reported in recent document, the peak sludge and supernatant temperatures were predicted for various primary ventilation flows ranging from 100 to 400 cfm for AZ tanks and 100 and 150 cfm for AY tanks. The results of these thermal hydraulic analyses are presented. Based on the results, it is concluded that W-030 operating in bypass mode of operation that the waste peak temperatures can be kept below the operating limit.

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SUMMARY

This thermal hydraulic analysis report describes the current waste temperatures in Aging Waste Facility (AWF) tanks under the operation of 702-A primary ventilation system and summarizes the analyses results for the estimated waste temperatures in all the four double-shell tanks of AWF under the operation of 702-AZ system (Project W-030) in the bypass mode and assuming that the annulus ventilation is not operating. The bypass mode is one of the normal operation modes for the W-030 system where only the exhaust fan is operated and the fans in the recirculation loops were not operated.

The original design of W-030 system is based on the assumption that both the recirculation loop of the primary ventilation system and the annulus ventilation system which provide cooling for the waste would be operating. However, at startup of W-030 system, the primary ventilation directs dome gases to the common exhaust system bypassing the recirculation ventilation cooling system. Under bypass mode of operation, the system will be able supply a total of 1000 scfm to all four aging waste tanks, namely 241-AZ-101, 241-AZ-102, 241-AY-101 and 241-AY-102. For prevention of flammable gas associated risk, a minimum of 100 scfm flow is required in each tank. The remaining 600 scfm flow can be divided among the four tanks as necessary to keep the peak sludge temperatures below the operating temperature limit. Also the annulus ventilation system, at start-up of W-030, will not be operating.

The heat load data for tanks in AZ farm is assumed as 241,600 Btu/hr for tank AZ-101 and 193,600 Btu/hr for tank AZ-102 as given in tank waste characterization reports based on radioactive decay estimate. The heat load for tanks in AY farm is assumed as 41,000 Btu/hr for tank AY-101 and 33,000 Btu/hr for tank AY-102 as determined from thermal analysis. The sludge levels assumed are 35, 95, 94 and 30 Kgal in Tanks AZ-101, AZ-102, AY-101 and AY-102 respectively based on the data of recent waste tank inventory and status report. The tank dome inlet air was assumed to be at monthly averaged Hanford ambient temperatures and humidity conditions for the year 1995. The tank dome soil surface(ground) temperature was set at these ambient conditions. Using these data and waste parameters, the normal operating peak sludge and supernatant temperatures were estimated for different primary ventilation flows starting from 100 scfm to 550 scfm.

Based on the results of these thermal hydraulic analyses, it is concluded that the peak waste temperatures in all of the four tanks can be maintained within the operating limit which is 30 °F below local boiling temperature. This can be achieved by maintaining 1000 scfm total flow distributed to the two AZ tanks at about 350 scfm for each and to the two AY tanks at about 150 scfm for each.

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1.0 Introduction

The project W-030 provides an upgraded primary ventilation system for AWF tanks. The ventilation system has been designed to accommodate the thermal input of two mixer pumps with a power of 1.375E+06 Btu/hr in the tank 241-AZ-101 in addition to its waste heat load of 291,000 Btu/hr and 900,000 Btu/hr heat load from each of the other three AWF tanks. The design of the system is based on the assumption that both the recirculation loop in the primary ventilation system and the secondary ventilation system which provides some cooling to annulus and tank bottom floor will be operating. However, for the planned start-up of W-030 system, neither the secondary ventilation systems for all the four tanks nor the recirculation loops of the primary ventilation system will be available. For a period of time, therefore, only the main exhaust system will be operating with a total ventilation flow rate of 1000 scfm.

The current radioactive heat load in the aging waste facility tanks is, however, less than the amount of heat load that was used as the design basis for W-030 ventilation systems. At start-up of W-030 system, the pumps in tank 241-AZ-101 will not be operating. Also at start-up this system will supply a total of 1000 scfm in once through ventilation mode for cooling and head space dilution to all four tanks in AY/AZ tank farms. For flammable gas risk prevention, a minimum of 100 scfm is required for each tank. The remaining 600 scfm flow can be shared as necessary among the four tanks. The thermal hydraulic analysis is performed to determine the minimum flow rate required for each of these four tanks so that the waste temperatures will remain within the operating limits. The operating limits for normal operation of waste tanks in regard to temperature are based on the requirement that the waste temperature should remain 30 °F below the local saturation temperature. This 30 °F sub-cooling provides a safety margin for the potential to cause a steam bump event.

This report describes AY/AZ tank farm and current operating waste temperatures in all the four tanks. The results of thermal hydraulic analysis performed to determine the required minimum primary ventilation flow rates for each tank are presented with the waste temperatures for each ventilation flow rate considered for all four tank. Based on the results of these analysis, it was concluded that it is possible with the proper distribution of the available 1000 scfm flow to ensure that the cooling will be adequate to keep the waste temperatures in all the four tanks below the operating limit.

A brief description of the aging waste facility tanks in AY/AZ tanks farms is given in Section 2.0 and that of the new ventilation system (W-030) is provided in Section 3.0. The methodology and the assumptions used in the thermal hydraulic analysis are described in Section 4.0. The analysis results are presented in Section 5.0 and the conclusions are provided in Section 6.0.

2.0 Aging Waste Facility

The Aging Waste Facility comprises AZ and AY tank farms. The AZ tank farm contains two one-million gallon and 75 ft diameter double-shell tanks 241-AZ-101 and 241-AZ-102. The AY tanks farm also contains two double-shell tanks of the same capacity. These tanks were designed to hold boiling liquid waste from PUREX and B Plant. Aging waste tanks differ from other double shell tanks such as AP, AW and AN tanks by the addition of two major support systems. These additional systems allow the tanks to receive and store high-heat generating wastes with a minimum probability of loss of integrity. These systems include a tank preheating system comprised of a steam coil, steam piping, steam condensate piping, valves, and instrumentation necessary to control the rate of tank preheating and a fluid mixing system comprising 22 airlift circulators and associated instrumentation to control the amount of air flow into the tank. The primary ventilation system is shared between the AZ and AY Tank Farms. These tanks are located in the 200-East area. A typical aging waste double-shell tank configuration for AZ tanks is shown in Figure 2-1.

2.1 Tank 241-AZ-101

Tank 241-AZ-101 is one of the two underground double-shell tanks comprising the AZ Tank Farm and is currently categorized as a structurally sound, non-watch list tank with no associated unreviewed safety questions. The tank contains aging waste or neutralized current acid waste (NCAW), which is high-level, first cycle solvent extraction waste from Plutonium and Uranium Extraction (PUREX) plant. The estimated total waste volume is 887 kgal of which 852 kgal is drainable liquid and 35 kgal is sludge (Hanlon 1997).

The heat generation rate (Hodgson 1995) in the waste has been estimated from waste characterization effort. The heat is generated primarily from radioactive decay. The primary contributors for tank 241-AZ-101 are 241Am, 144Ce, 137Cs, 106Ru, and 90Sr. The estimated heat generation rate from isotopes in the sludge is 152,000 Btu/hr (44.5KW) and the heat generated from the 137Cs in the supernate is 89,600 Btu/hr (26.2 KW). The total waste heat load for tank 241-AZ-101 is therefore 241,600 Btu/hr. During 1996-97, the maximum temperature of the waste ranged from 150 °F to 189 °F. The SACS database (WHC-1996) for Tank 241-AZ-101 has been used to plot typical temperature data that represents the supernatant and sludge.

Figure 2.2 shows the temperature variation during August 1996 to August 1997 at the thermocouple #65 which is located at 140 in. from tank bottom and so should represent the supernatant temperature. Also shown in this figure is the temperature data for the thermocouple #10 located at a 21 ft radius in the Southeast quadrant and therefore, should represent the peak sludge temperature. However, the thermocouple #46 attached to the

Figure 2.1 Typical Aging Waste Double-Shell Tank in AZ Farm.

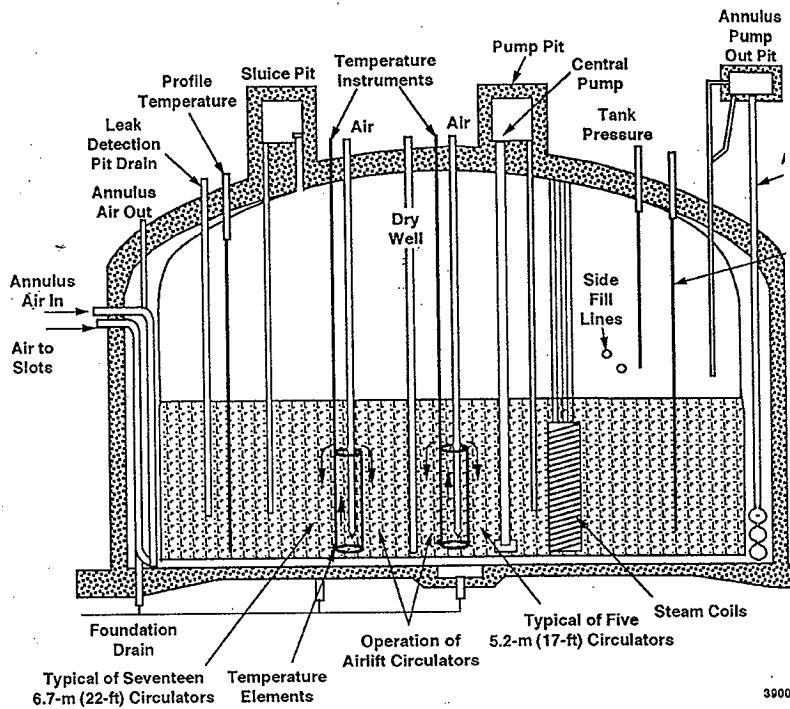
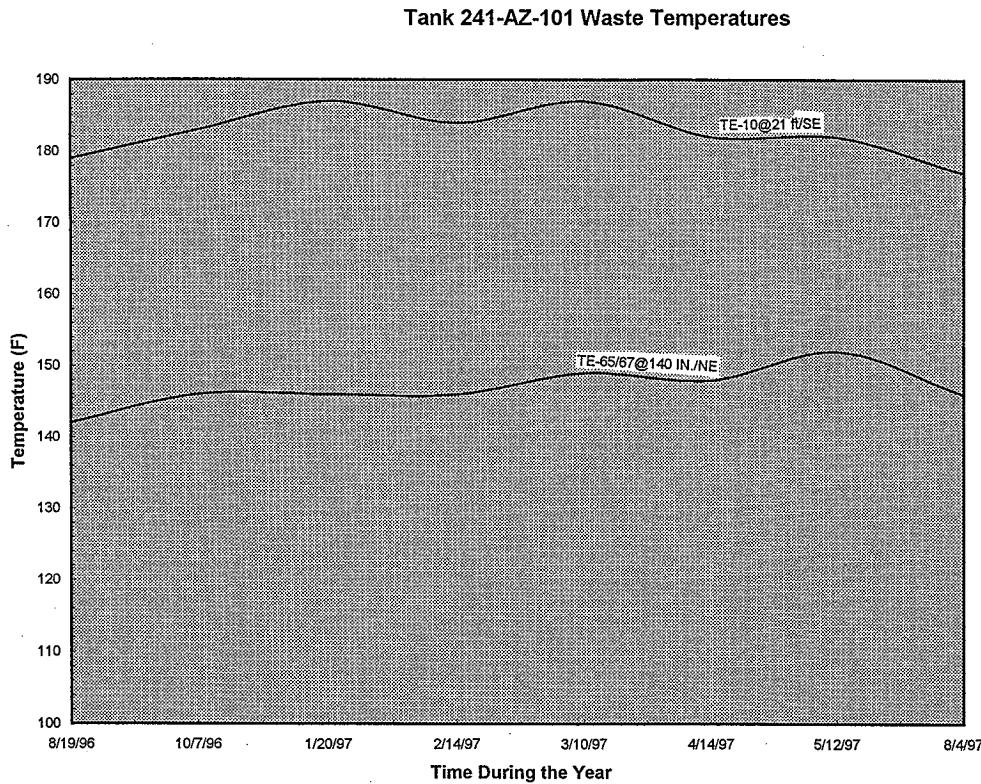


Figure 2.2 Measured Waste Temperatures for 241-AZ-101 During August 1996 Through August 1997.



air-lift circulator #10 and four in. above the tank bottom has indicated a temperature of 197 °F and the thermocouple #69 located 14 in. above the tank bottom has indicated a temperature of 153 °F during early part of October, 1996. Assuming 15% vapor pressure suppression, the local saturation temperatures at the waste bottom and surface level will be about 256 and 218 °F respectively.

2.2 Tank 241-AZ-102

Tank 241-AZ-102 is located in the AZ Tank Farm and is designed to store high-level aging waste generated at PUREX Plant and high strontium waste from B Plant. It is very similar to 241-AZ-101 and has an operating capacity of 980 kgal with a diameter of 75 ft and a usable depth of about 29 ft. Tank 241-AZ-102 also has special support systems to allow the tank to store high-heat generating wastes with minimum probability of loss of integrity. These systems include a tank preheating system comprised of a steam coil, a waste mixing system comprised of 22 airlift circulators, and an exhaust condenser system to control condensate in the exhaust stream. The maximum design temperatures for this tank are 355 °F for the sludge, 260 °F for the supernatant, and 220 °F for vapor (WHC 1994), currently contains 910 kgal of total waste of which 819 kgal is drainable liquid and 95 kgal is sludge (Hanlon 1997). Figure 2.3 shows schematically sludge and supernatant waste levels, potential waste temperature distribution, the local saturation temperature variation from tank bottom to top waste level due to hydrostatic head and also potential inleakage and exhaust paths of the primary ventilation flow as well as annulus ventilation flow paths. When the sludge temperature reaches local saturation temperature, then the potential for initiation of steam formation, accumulation and eventually a steam bump to occur exist. For safe operation of the tank facilities it is considered necessary to keep the waste temperatures below the saturation values.

The heat generation rate (Schreiber 1995) in the waste has been estimated from waste characterization analysis of heat generating radioactive components. The heat is generated primarily from radioactive decay. The primary contributors for tank 241-AZ-102 are 241Am, 144Ce, 137Cs, 106Ru, and 90Sr. The estimated heat generation rate (MacLean 1995) from isotopes in the sludge is 129,000 Btu/hr (37.8KW) and the heat generated from the 137Cs in the supernate is 64,600 Btu/hr (18.9 KW). The total waste heat load for tank 241-AZ-102 is therefore 193,600 Btu/hr. During 1996-97, the maximum temperature of the waste ranged from 134 °F to 187 °F as shown in Figure 2.4. Figure 2.4 shows the temperature variation for the year August 1996 to August 1997 indicated by thermocouple #s72 located four in. above tank bottom in southwest quadrant and 60 located 158 in. above tank floor in south east quadrant. Also Figure 2.5 shows the temperature indicated by thermocouple #72 to a larger scale showing the seasonal variation and the peak occurring October-November time of the year. Assuming 15% vapor pressure suppression, the local saturation temperatures at the waste bottom and surface level will be about 254 and 215 °F respectively.

Figure 2.3 Typical Aging Waste Tank Showing Waste Contents and Temperature and Cooling Air Flow Paths.

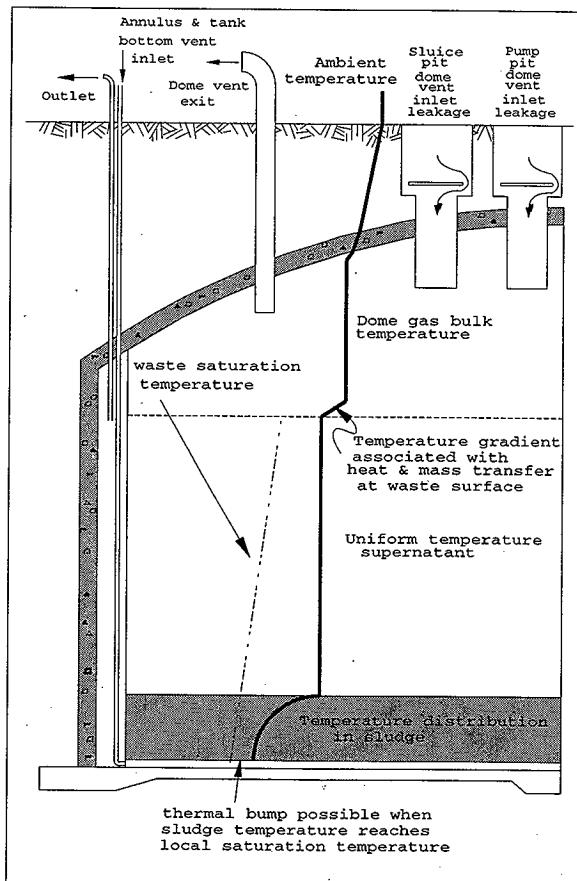


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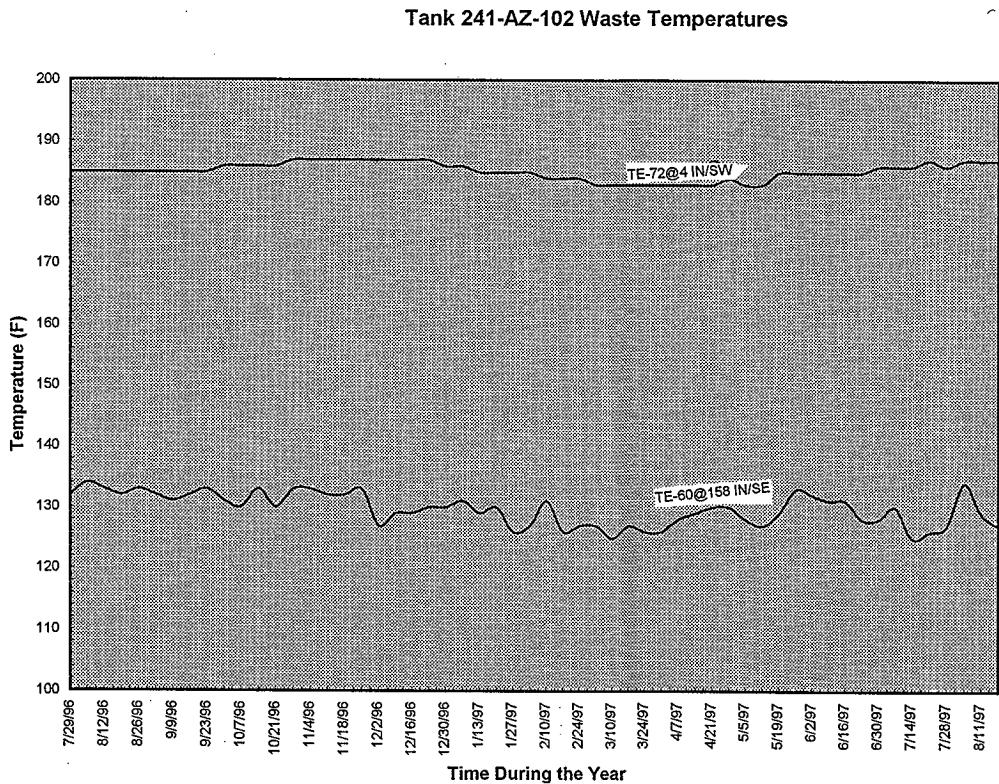
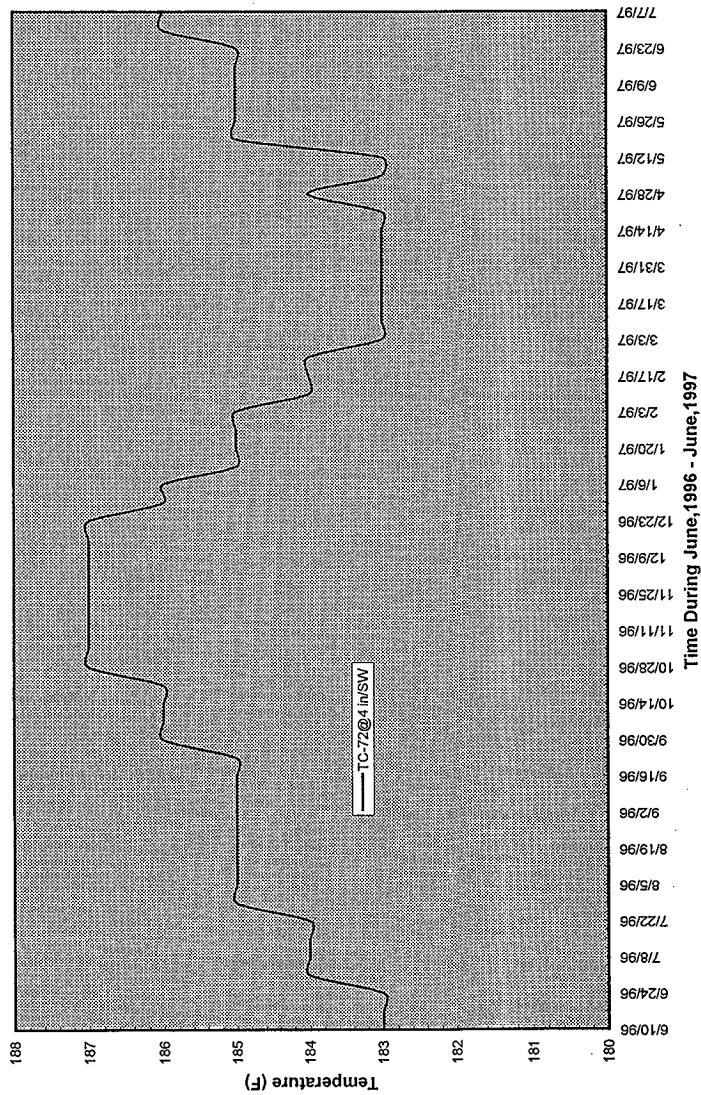


Figure 2.5 Measured Waste Peak Temperature For Tank 241-AZ-102 During June 1996 Through June 1997 Showing Seasonal Variation.

Tank 241-AZ-102 Peak Sludge Temperature



2.3 Tank 241-AY-101

Tank 241-AY-101 is one of two double-shell tanks located in the Hanford 200 East Area 241-AY Tank Farm. AY Tank farm is part of the Aging Waste Facility. These tanks are designed to hold boiling waste liquid. The tank AY-101 has a designed capacity of 1000 kgal with an internal diameter of 75 ft and an operating depth of 30.33 ft. Currently the tank contains 906 kgal of waste (Hanlon, 1997). The insoluble solids have settled to form sludge and the sludge has a volume of 94 kgal (~3 ft) with a heat generation rate of about 41,000 Btu/hr (Sathyaranayana, 1997). The supernatant which has very small or even zero fraction of insoluble solids has a volume of 812 kgal (~25 ft) with no heat generation. All four tanks of the AY/AZ tank farm are served by a single primary ventilation system. The primary ventilation flow rate range from 550 scfm to 580 scfm (Sathyaranayana, 1994) with higher flow rates being driven to higher heat load tanks. For Tank 241-AY-101, it is assumed that a minimum flow rate of 550 scfm is maintained.

Based on SACS database for Tank 241-AY-101, the supernatant temperature at thermocouple 69 is shown in Figure 2-6. The maximum temperature of 76 °F was recorded during early October 1996. Figures 2-7 and 2.8 shows the sludge temperatures at four thermocouple. The peak temperature was recorded by thermocouple 43 attached to the air-lift circulator # four and the peak temperature was 116 °F which occurred during the first week of October 1996. The sludge temperatures range from 85 to 116 °F during the year at different locations. Assuming 15 % vapor pressure suppression, the local saturation temperatures at the waste bottom and surface level will be about 250 and 219 °F respectively. Figure 2.9 shows the waste level data for tank 241-AY-101 during the year 1996-97. Based on the waste level data, the liquid evaporation rate was 0.02 in/day during May, 96 to September, 96 and during October, 96 to April, 97 it was 0.0316 in/day. Primary ventilation flow was assumed to 550 scfm and the annulus ventilation system was not operating during this period. However, the annulus ventilation system was restarted on May 29, 1997.

2.4 Tank 241-AY-102

Tank 241-AY-102, as illustrated in Figure 2.10, is a double-shell tank and has a design capacity of one million gallons. Currently the tank contains 833,000 gallons of waste (Hanlon, 1997) in the form of supernatant and sludge. The tank contains 30,000 gallons (~1 ft) of heat generating sludge and 812,000 gallons (~25 ft) of supernatant (liquid waste). Figure 2.11 illustrates the tank waste contents of sludge and supernatant and the potential air flow paths of primary ventilation and secondary ventilation flows. The heat load has been estimated to be about 33,000 Btu/hr using thermal analysis (Sathyaranayana, 1996).

Figure 2.6 Measured Tank 241-AY-101 Supernatant Temperature During August 1996 Through August 1997.

Tank AY-101 Supernatant Temperature at TE-69

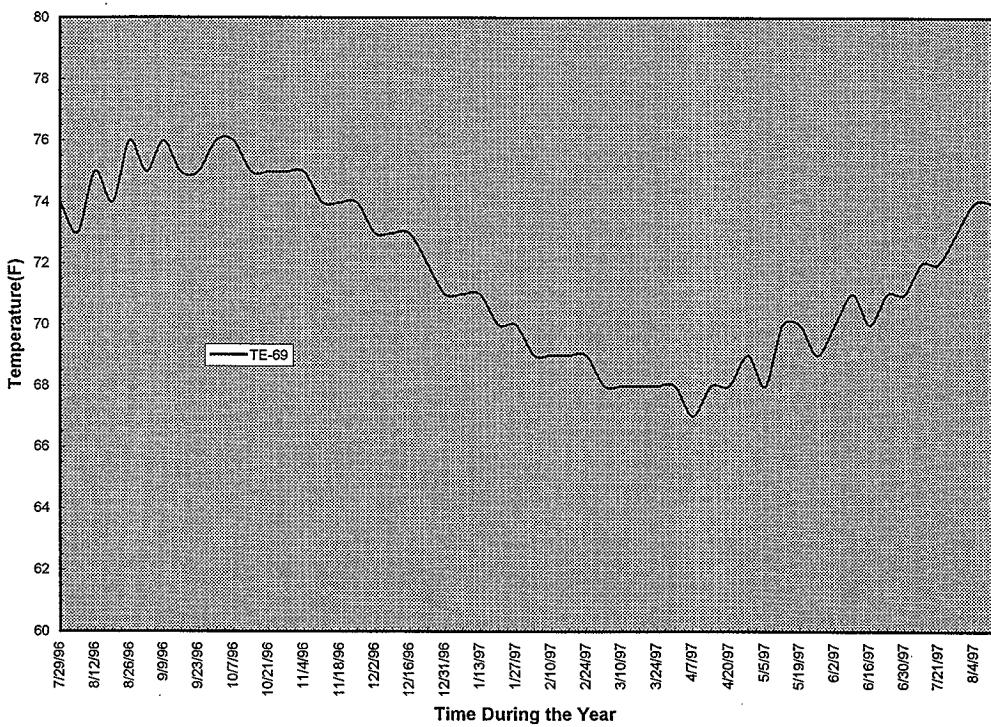


Figure 2.7 Measured Tank 241-AY-101 Waste Sludge Temperatures During May 1996 Through May 1997.

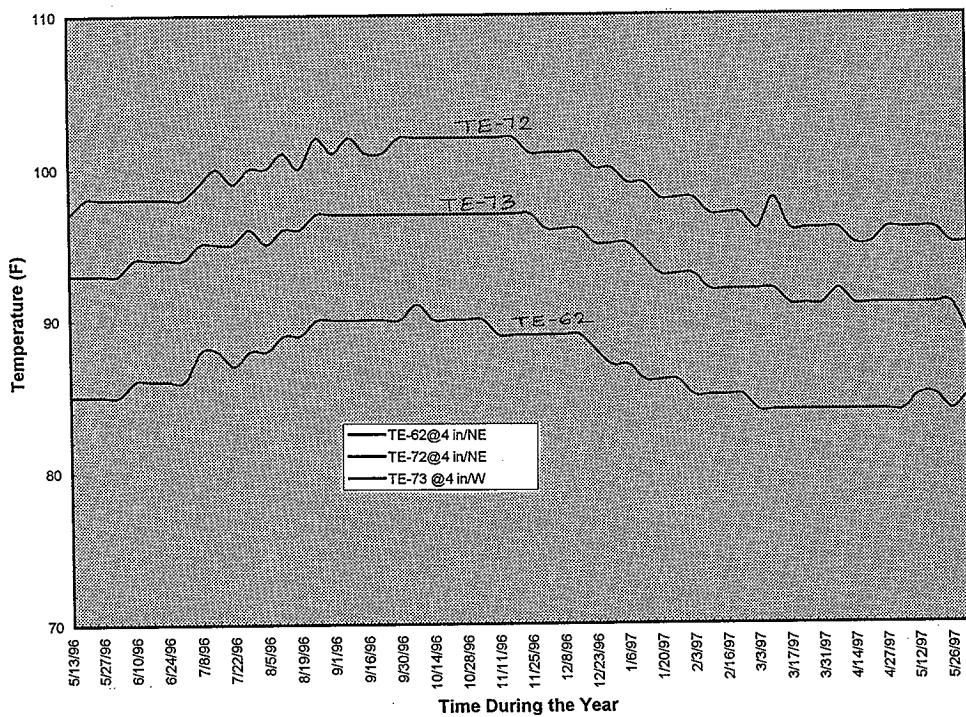


Figure 2.8 Measured Tank 241-AY-101 Waste Sludge Peak Temperature @ TC#43 Attached to ALC#4 During August 1996 Through August 1997.

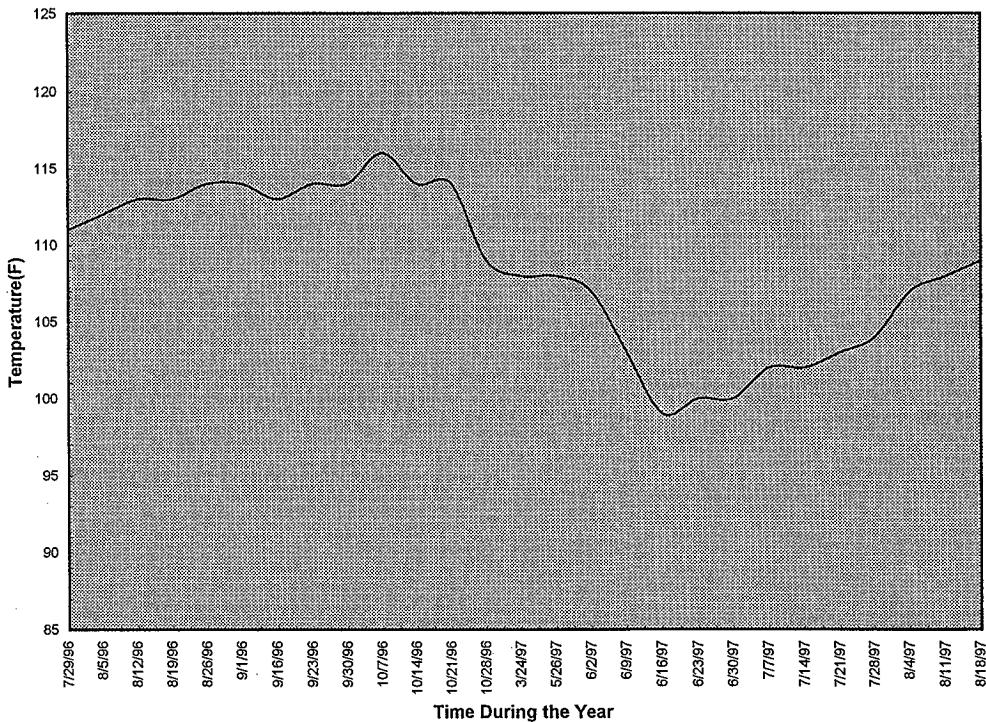


Figure 2.9 Tank 241-AY-101 Waste Level During April 1996 Through March 1997.

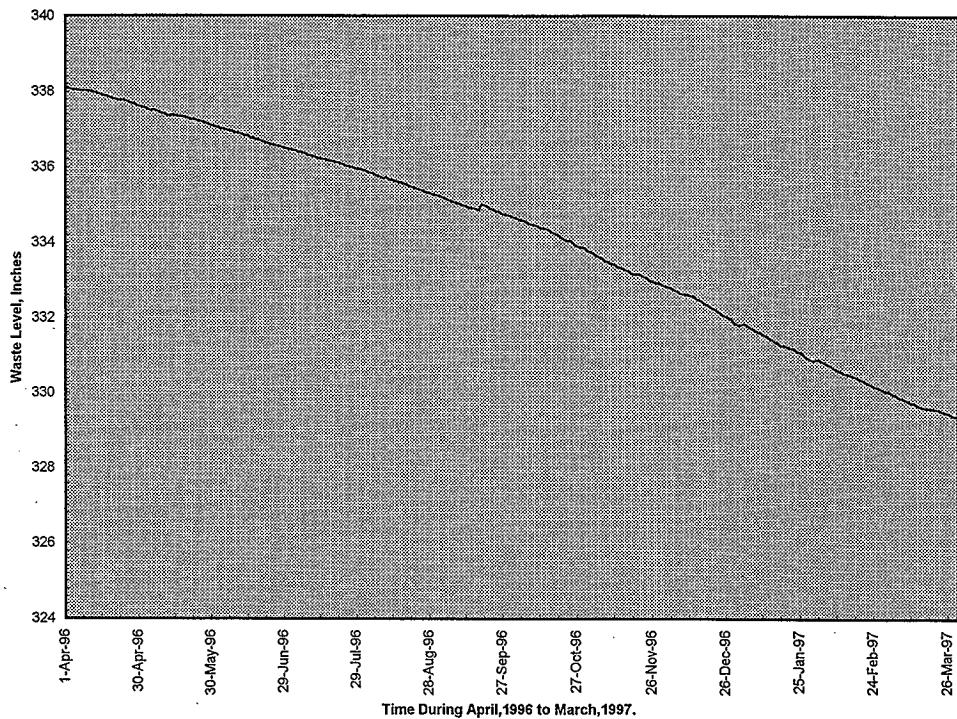


Figure 2.10 Tank 241-AY-102 Aging Waste Double-Shell Tank Design Details.

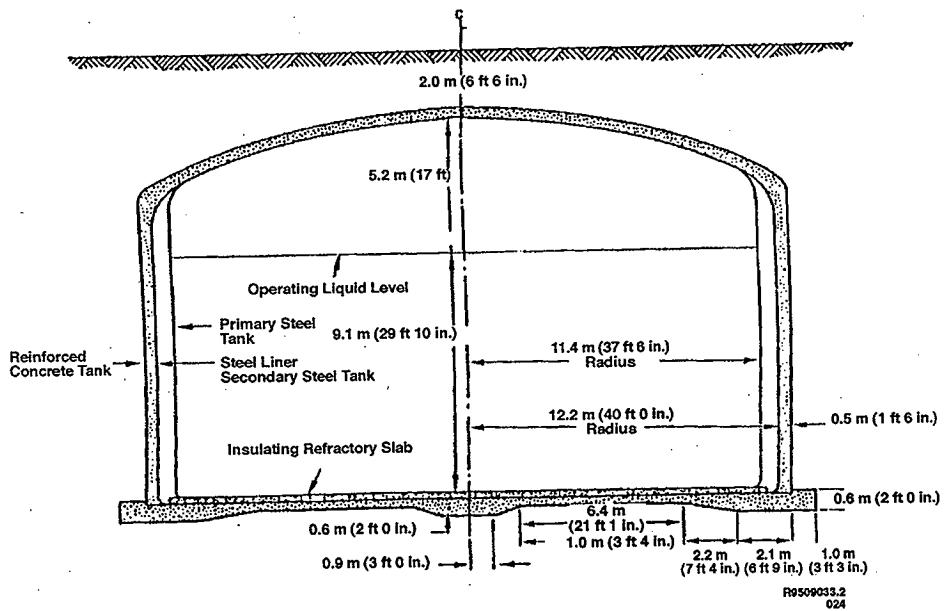
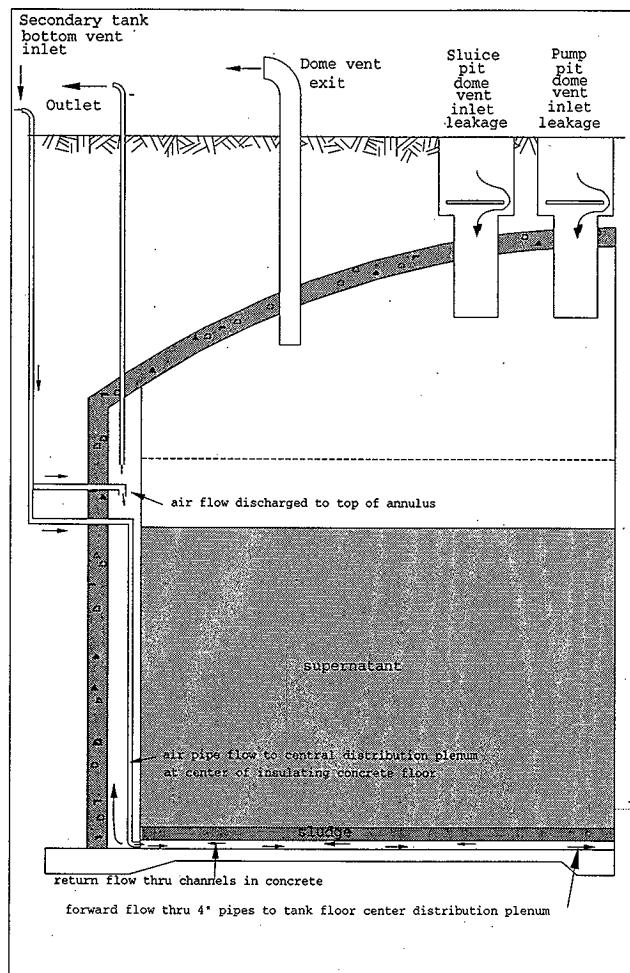


Figure 2.11 Tank 241-AY-102 Current Waste Sludge And Supernatant Levels and Potential Inleakage And Outlet Flow Paths For Primary And Secondary Ventilation Flow Paths.



The maximum measured temperature of the sludge as shown in Figure 2.12 is about 88 °F at thermocouple #73 located 4 in. above tank bottom in west quadrant during September 1996. Also, the maximum supernatant temperature as shown in Figure 2.12 is about 76 °F measured at thermocouple 69 located 300 in. above tank floor in Northeast quadrant during September 1996. The tank waste is currently cooled by evaporation and convective heat transfer from pool surface to the dome ventilation air, with minor heat removal by conduction through the soil to the atmosphere and ground water. The liquid evaporation rate determined from waste level data, shown in Figure 2.13, is 0.02 in/day during October, 96 to May, 97. However, during the rest of the year the evaporation rate will be higher as seen from the data for tank 241-AY-101.

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The secondary annulus/floor ventilation system has not been operated for several years but it was restarted on February 18, 1997. The total flow rate is believed to be around 1000 scfm. The secondary ventilation air is divided into two paths where one flow path leads to the annulus and the other path leads to floor channels. Since the flow path leading to the floor channels has much more flow resistance than the flow path leading to the annulus, more flow is expected to go directly to the annulus rather than to the annulus via the floor channels. For 1000 scfm total annulus ventilation flow, the floor cooling channel will have about 160 scfm (Sathyaranayana, 1997).

Figure 2.12 Measured Waste Sludge Temperature For Tank 241-AY-102 During August 1996 Through August 1997.

Tank AY-102 Sludge Temperature at TE-73

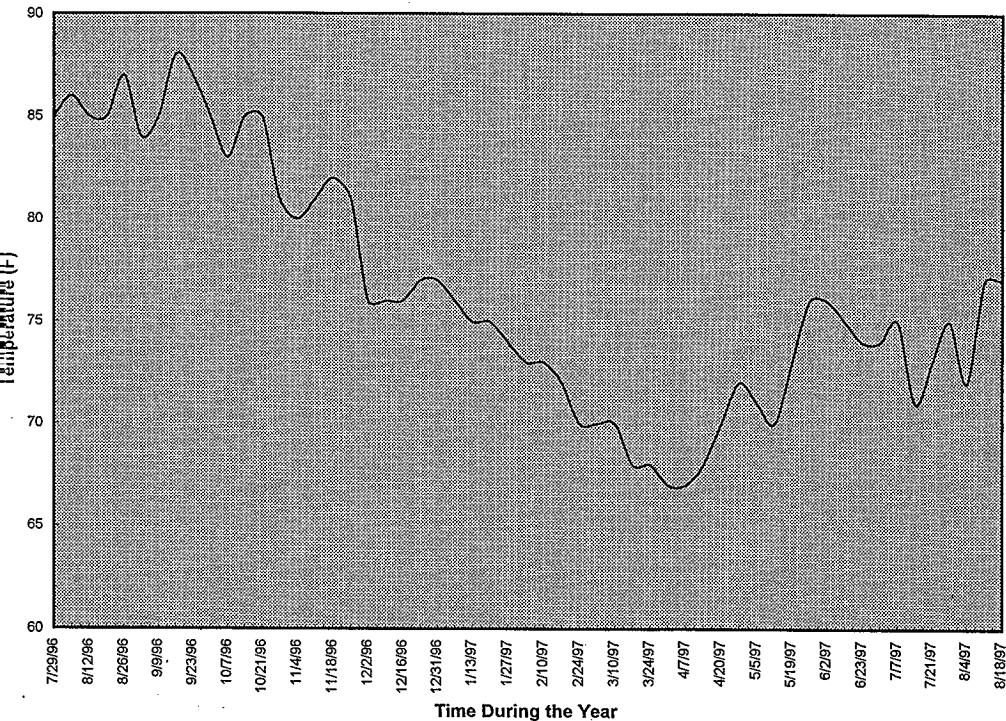


Figure 2.13 Measured Waste Supernatant Temperature For Tank 241-AY-102 During August 1996 Through August 1997.

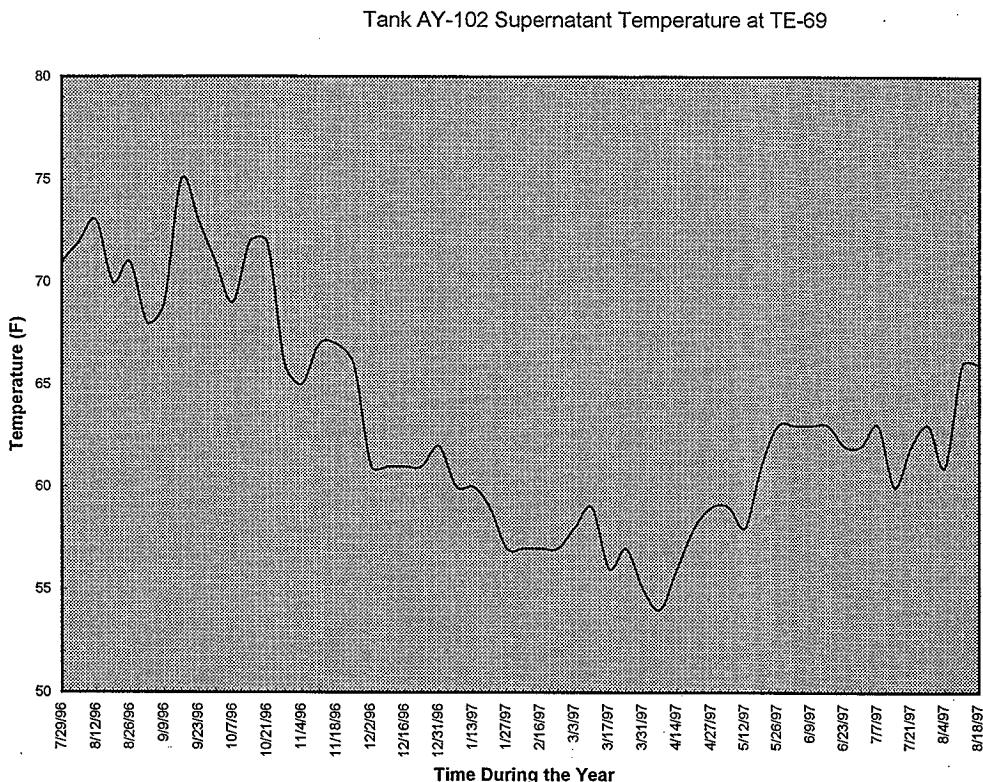
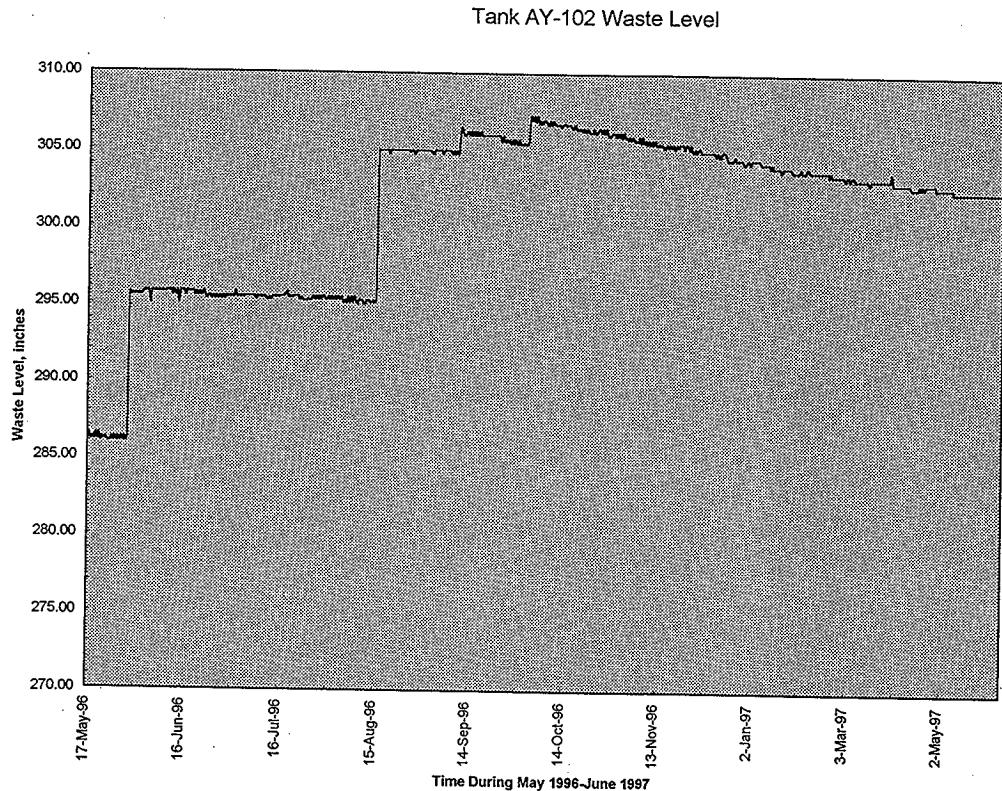


Figure 2.14 Measured Waste Level For Tank 241-AY-102 During May 1996 Through May 1997.



3.0 W-030 Primary Ventilation System

The ventilation systems for the aging waste tanks consist of the 702-A primary system, 702-A backup ventilation system, 241-AY-101 tank annulus ventilation system, 241-AY-102 tank annulus ventilation system and combined 241-AZ-101 and 102 tank annuli ventilation system.

Under project W-030, a new upgraded primary ventilation system will be installed. The new system has been designed to accommodate the thermal load of mixer pumps of 402 KW ($1.375e+06$ Btu/hr) in Tank 241-AZ-101. The new primary ventilation system for the four AZ and AY tanks is illustrated in Figure 3-1 contains individually controlled air inlet flows, independent closed loop cooling systems, and a common off gas exhaust system. The designed heat removal capacity is 488 KW (1,666,000 Btu/h) for tank AZ-101 and 264KW (900,000 Btu/h) for other AWF tanks, giving a total system heat removal capacity of 1280KW (4,366,000 Btu/hr). The tank dome gases from each tank are exhausted through a flow control valve into a common exhaust stream and then cooled and filtered before being exhausted to the atmosphere through a stack.

The primary tank ventilation system will provide filtered inlet air for tank cooling and dilution for any flammable gases. The common exhaust stream draws enough air to maintain a negative pressure in the tank dome space of approximately one to three in. H₂O during normal operation. During normal operation, the system will supply approximately 100 scfm of ambient air to the dome in addition to 400 scfm from the recirculation loop at about 83 °F and 100% relative humidity. The system operating in the recirculation mode will have less cooling capacity than the current operating system since the total air flow is reduced and air inlet conditions will be worse. However, the system provides secondary cooling-condensing of the off gas stream for tritium removal and removes particulate, condensable vapors, and iodine gas from the radioactive exhaust gases and exhausts the ventilation stream to the atmosphere through a HEPA filters to the stack. In addition to the recirculation mode, the system can also operate in bypass and high heat mode. The bypass mode supplies tank dome gases directly to the common exhaust system bypassing the Recirculation Cooling System. The different operating mode related air flow paths are schematically illustrated in Figures 3-2, 3-3, and 3-4. The high heat mode directs the tank dome gases through the Recirculation Cooling System and then into the common exhaust system with no air returning to the tank. Under the high heat mode of operation, the common exhaust fan flow will be increased and is expected to provide up to about 600 scfm. The flow from the high heat tank is routed through the Recirculation Cooling System to remove moisture. The W-030 system is not designed to provide 600 scfm in a once through mode to all four tanks simultaneously.

Figure 3.1 Schematic Diagram of 702-AZ (W-030) Primary Ventilation System.

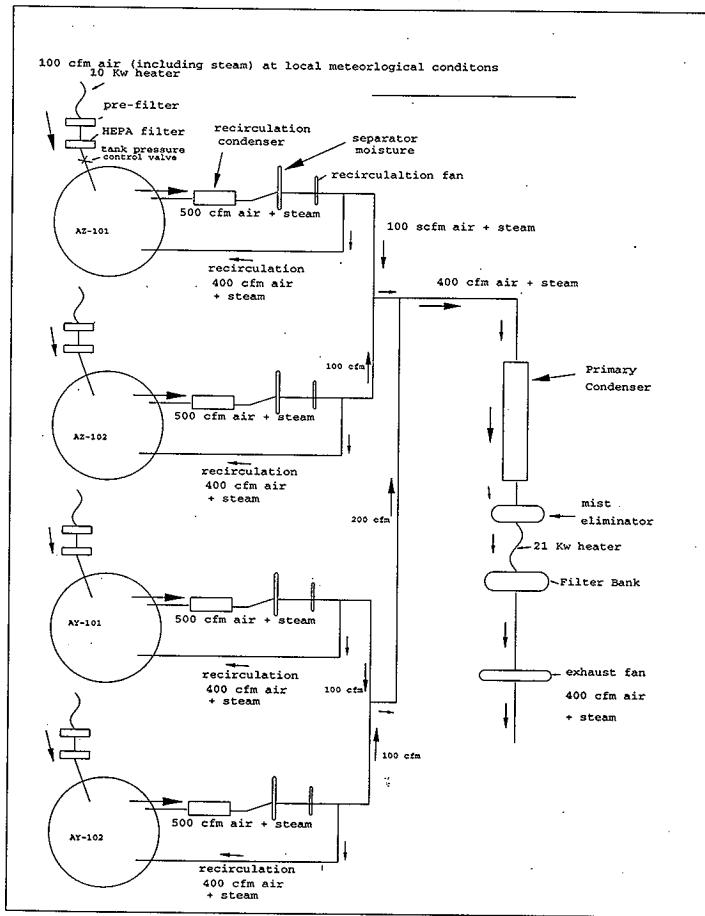


Figure 3.2 Air Flow Path For Recirculation Mode of Operation of 702-AZ (W-030) Ventilation System.

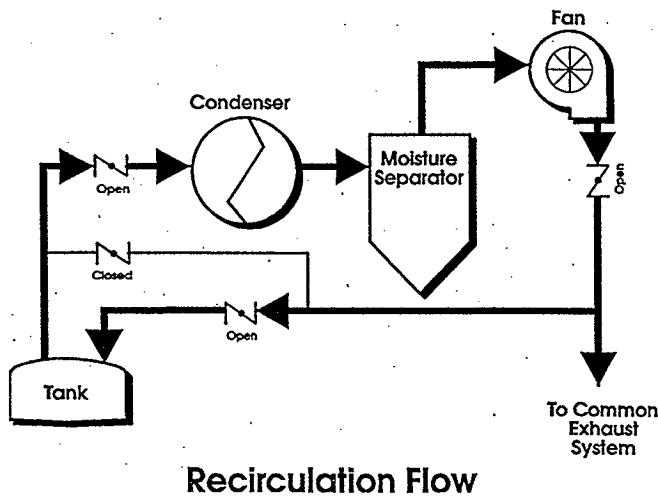


Figure 3.3 Air Flow Path For Bypass Mode of Operation of 702-AZ (W-030) Ventilation System.

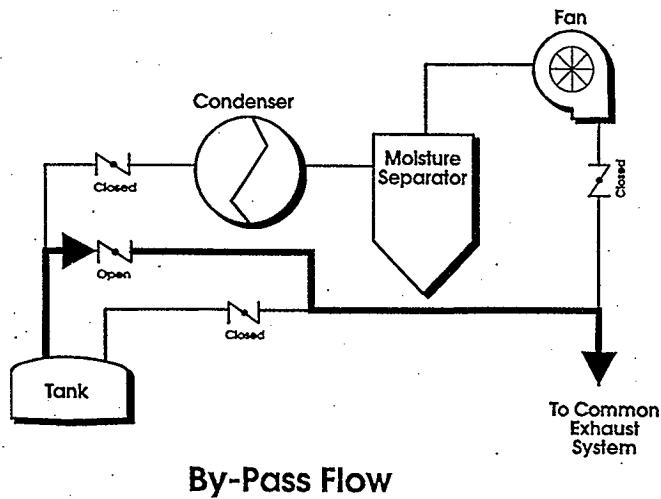
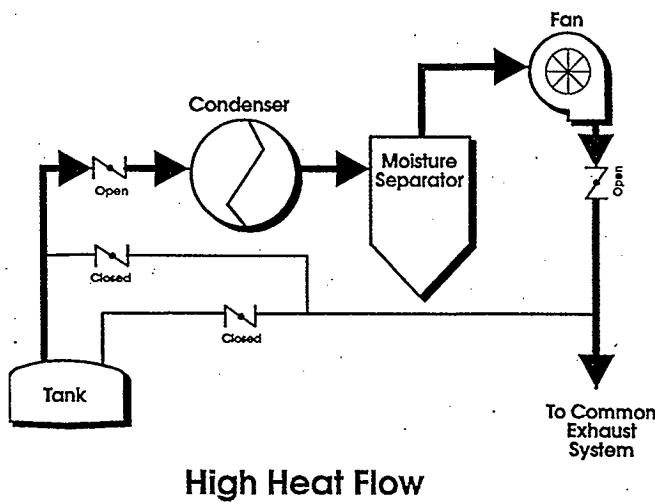


Figure 3.4 Air Flow Path For High Heat Mode of Operation of 702-AZ (W-030) Ventilation System.



The bypass configuration at startup will vary from the designed configuration shown in Figure 3.3 in that only one connection will be made to the tank. This will be the normal return shown in Figure 3.2 and so the flow path in the bypass mode at startup will be out the normal return flow riser and then to the common exhaust duct of the ventilation system.

The existing 241-A-702 primary ventilation system has design flow rates as high as 1000 scfm potential flow rate while W-030 system will have flow rates of 500 scfm with 400 scfm goes through the recirculation loop and only 100 scfm ambient inleakage flow which will be exhausted to the stack. Basically the existing system has a designed heat removal capacity of 4 million Btu/hr per tank whereas the W-030 system has a designed cooling capacity of one million Btu/h for tanks AY-101, AY-102 and AZ-102 but for AZ-101 it has designed cooling capacity of 1.7 million Btu/hr.

4.0 Methodology and Assumptions

This section briefly describes the methodology utilized and the assumptions used in the analysis. The methodology includes the description of the GOT^H¹ thermal hydraulic mode and the assumptions made in developing the model, the ambient inlet air flow temperature and humidity conditions to consider the effect of seasonal variation in sludge and supernatant temperatures and the waste parameters.

4.1 GOTH Thermal Hydraulic Model

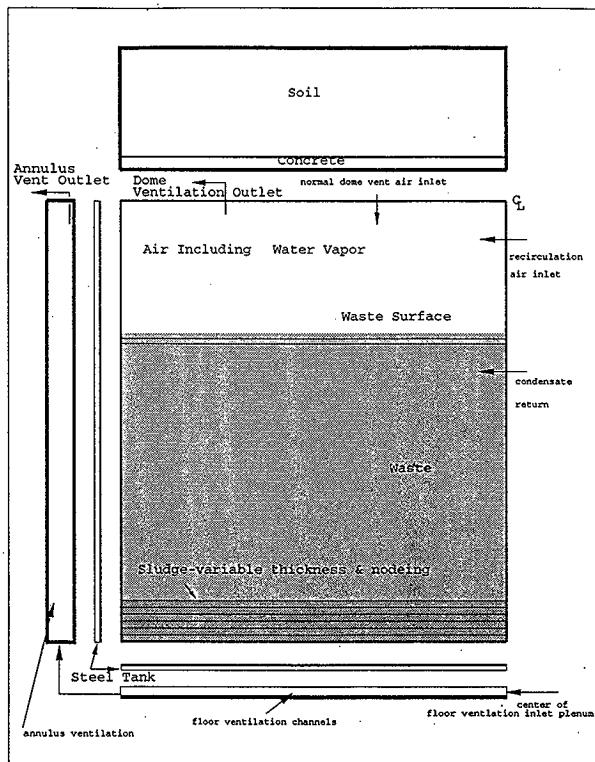
The one dimensional GOTH thermal hydraulic model was used to consider the axial heat conduction in the sludge and tank dome soil. The model includes heat and mass transfer modeling at the pool surface to predict liquid evaporation. The model illustrated in Figure 4.1 is a derivative of prior analyses (Sathyaranayana, 1994) conducted for Tank 241-AZ-101. The sludge, supernatant, and dome gas space are modeled as separate volumes. The sludge volume is further subdivided into a number of axial nodes to represent the actual thickness of the sludge being considered. The annulus ventilation system is not considered in the analysis since it is not functioning for all the AWF tanks and also it will be conservative to use an adiabatic boundary condition. For given heat source of the waste in the tank, the predicted temperatures will be an upper bound. The primary ventilation flow inlet and outlet are modeled through appropriate junctions to the tank dome.

For the primary ventilation flow, the inlet air conditions assumed that ambient meteorological conditions correspond to a typical Hanford annual cycle. The data used corresponds to 1995 monthly averaged Hanford meteorological conditions. For the new primary ventilation system operating under recirculation mode of operation, the recirculation air was assumed to enter the tank dome at a constant flow rate and specified temperature and humidity conditions. Soil between the tank dome and the soil surface is also included in the model and the soil surface temperature is set to ambient meteorological conditions. Because of one dimensional nature of the model, no radial thermal gradients due to heat conduction to the soil below and surrounding the tank or due to annulus ventilation are included. Also, the azimuthal temperature gradients due to non-uniform cooling from the floor channels or nonuniform distribution of heat source in the sludge are considered negligible.

This general model is utilized for predicting the sludge temperatures in all the four AWF tanks. For each tank sludge parameters such as sludge and supernatant volumes and heat source values are considered and the peak sludge temperatures were predicted for different primary ventilation ambient flows as the recirculation modules for W-030 system will not be available during startup phase.

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Figure 4.1 GOTH Model For 1-D Heat Conduction in Sludge Waste and Liquid Waste Evaporation.



4.2 Tank Ventilation Flow Inlet Conditions

The summer average ambient conditions assumed were 70 °F and 50% relative humidity. In this analysis annual meteorological data (Hoitink 1996) was used for the primary air inlet conditions to simulate the tank operations over a period of several years. The data consists of monthly average dry bulb temperature and relative humidity for a five year period as shown in Figures 4-2 and 4-3. Using the dry bulb temperature and relative humidity, the saturation pressure and the steam partial pressure in the air (i.e., the product of relative humidity and the saturation pressure corresponding to the dry bulb temperature) are computed and shown in Figure 4-4. The annual average for 1995 and the assumed summer average ambient conditions are also indicated in these figures. For evaluating the tank operation on a long term annual meteorological cycle basis, the air inlet annual cycle conditions were preceded by an assumed steady state continuous winter conditions of 32 °F and 75% relative humidity as shown in Figures 4-2 to 4-4 to achieve an approximate continuous winter steady state condition before proceeding with 5 annual cycles of typical monthly averaged meteorological data. This procedure has given nearly repetitive cyclic thermal hydraulic response after the first cycle.

4.3 Tank Waste Parameters

The waste parameters for AZ-101, AZ-102, AY-101 and AY-102 tank contents are discussed in this section. The parameters listed in Table 4.1 include the sludge and supernatant volumes, heat generation rates, sludge and supernatant density and sludge thermal conductivity. The dome top soil was assumed to have a thermal conductivity of 0.3 Btu/hr-ft-°R and a specific heat of 0.22 Btu/lbm-°R. The material properties such as thermal conductivity and specific heat for steel are assumed as 31 Btu/hr-ft-°R and 0.111 Btu/lbm-°R and those for concrete as 0.54 Btu/hr-ft-°R and 0.21 Btu/lbm-°R respectively.

Table 4.1 AY/AZ Tank Farm Aging Waste Parameters

Tank	241-AZ-101	241-AZ-102	241-AY-101	241-AY-102
Total Waste Volume, kgal	887	910	906	833
Sludge Volume, kgal	35	95	94	30
Supernatant Volume, kgal	852	815	812	803
Waste Level, in.	322.5	330.9	329.5	302.9
Maximum Sludge Temperature, °F	197 °F @TE-46 October, 1996	187 °F @TE-72 October, 1996	116 °F @TE-43 October, 1996	88 °F @TE-73 September, 1996
Maximum Supernatant Temperature, °F	153 °F @TE-69 October, 1996	134 °F @TE-59 October, 1996	76 °F @TE-69 October, 1996	76 °F @TE-69 September, 1996
Liquid Density, gm/cm ³	1.19	1.10	1.08	1.0
Sludge Density, gm/cm ³	1.66	1.49	1.30	1.57
Sludge Heat Rate, Btu/hr	152,000	129,000	41,000	33,000
Supernatant Heat Rate, Btu/hr	89,600	64,600	0	0
Specific Heat Rate of Sludge, Btu/hr-ft ³	32.49	10.16	3.263	8.229
Specific Heat Rate of Supernatant, Btu/hr-ft ³	0.7867	0.5929	0	0
Tank Heat Load	241,600 Btu/hr	193,600 Btu/hr	41,000 Btu/hr	33,000 Btu/hr

Figure 4.2 Monthly Average Ambient Temperatures For Five Annual Cycles.

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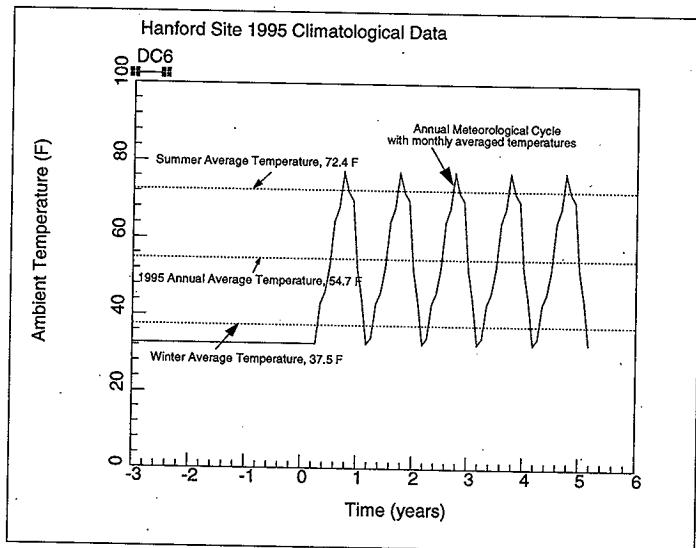


Figure 4.3 Monthly Average Ambient Relative Humidity For Five Annual Cycles.

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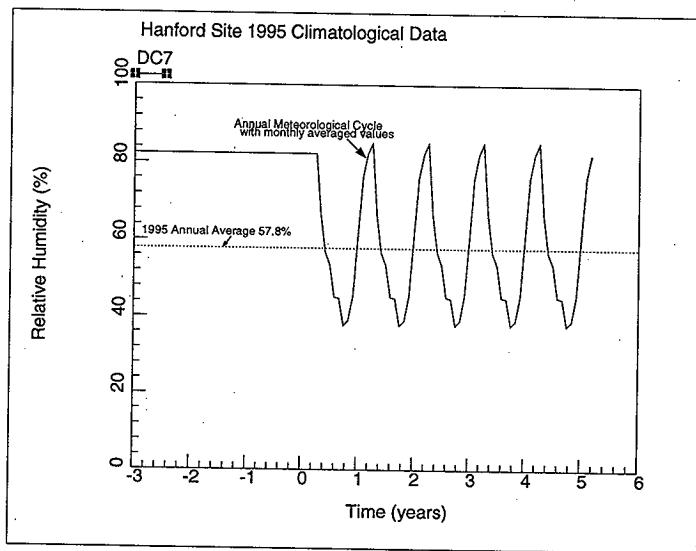
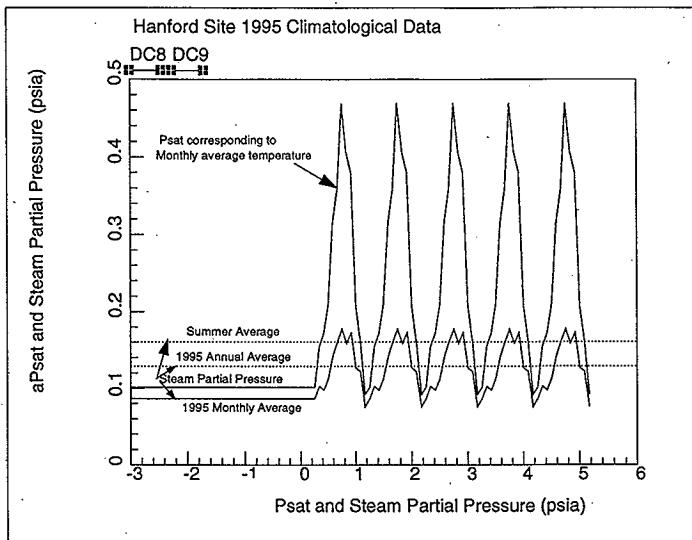


Figure 4.4 Monthly Average Ambient Saturation Pressure And Steam partial Pressure For Five Annual Cycles.

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5.0 Thermal Evaluation Results

Thermal hydraulic evaluations were performed for each tank separately. Each primary ventilation flow rate considered was assumed to prevail for a long period in order to establish steady operating conditions.

5.1 Tank 241-AZ-101

The GOTH model (Figure 4.1) for the tank 241-AZ-101 with 1 ft of sludge and 26 ft of supernatant having heat sources of 32.49 and 0.7867 Btu/hr-ft³ respectively was used with ambient air inlet flow conditions. The sludge thermal conductivity is assumed to be 0.42 Btu/hr-ft⁻²R. Annulus ventilation system is assumed to be not operating. First the waste temperatures were calculated to determine the operating conditions under W-030 recirculation mode of operation. The ambient air conditions were those that correspond to 1995 monthly averaged Hanford meteorological conditions. The annual cycle conditions were preceded by an assumed steady state continuous winter conditions of 32 °F and 75% relative humidity. The recirculation loop air is assumed to enter the tank at 83 °F and 100% relative humidity. Figure 5.1 shows the primary ventilation flow rates of ambient and recirculation loop tank inlet flows and tank outlet flow into exhaust duct. The results of the thermal hydraulic analysis shows that the peak sludge temperature of 194 °F and supernatant temperature of 143 °F (see Figure 5.2) which are close to the current operating range of temperatures. These waste temperatures are well below 30 °F safety margin from local saturation temperatures. No effort was made to confirm the heat load considered in these calculations through thermal analysis. The heat load used is based on radioactive decay calculations using waste characterization data. The liquid evaporation rate is shown in Figure 5.3 and it can be seen that an annual average of about 0.225 in/day or ~620 gallons/day.

The thermal hydraulic calculations were performed for the tank using only ambient tank inlet flow at flow rates of 100,200,350 and 400 scfm and with no recirculation flow for the purpose of determining the minimum required flow to operate the tank safely under the bypass mode of operation. The results of these calculations are shown in Figures 5.4 through 5.7 and the peak sludge and supernatant temperatures summarized in Table 5.1.

Figure 5.1 Tank 241-AZ-101 Primary Ventilation Inlet And Outlet Flows For W-030 System Operating in Recirculation Mode.

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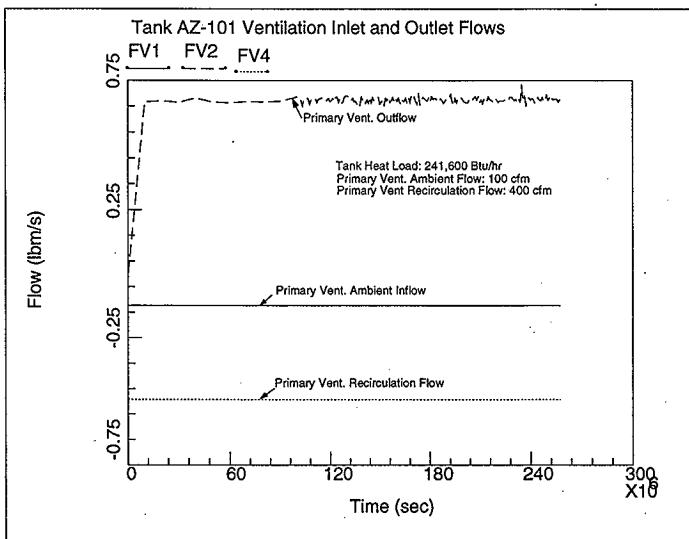


Figure 5.2 Tank 241-AZ-101 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For W-030 System Operating in Recirculation Mode.

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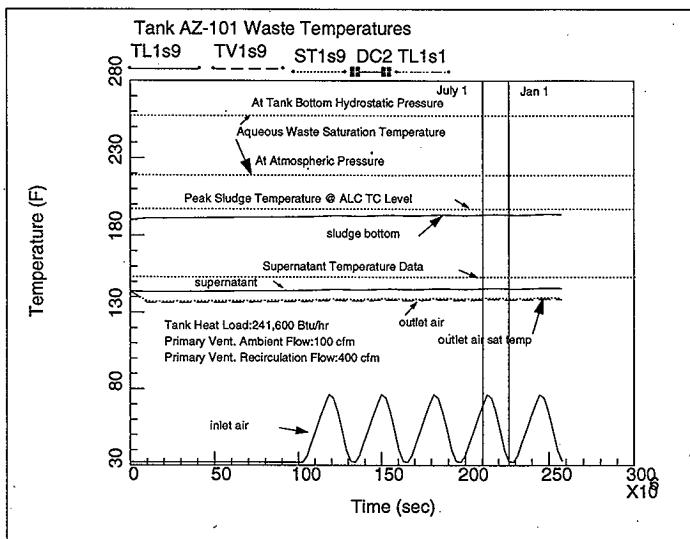


Figure 5.3 Tank 241-AZ-101 Liquid Waste Evaporation Rate For W-030 System
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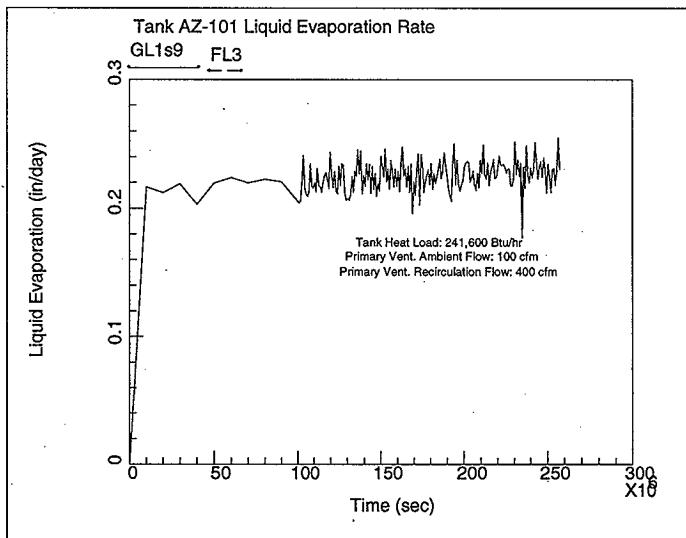


Figure 5.4 Tank 241-AZ-101 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For W-030 System Operating in Bypass Mode With 100 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow.

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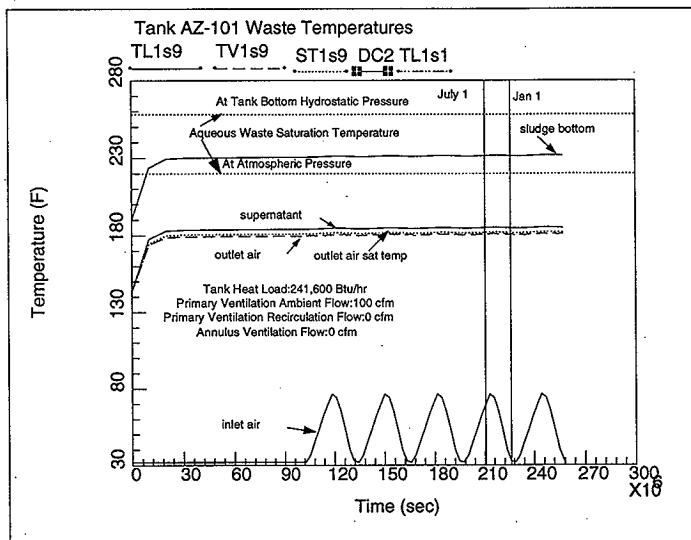


Figure 5.5 Tank 241-AZ-101 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For W-030 System Operating in Bypass Mode With 200 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow.

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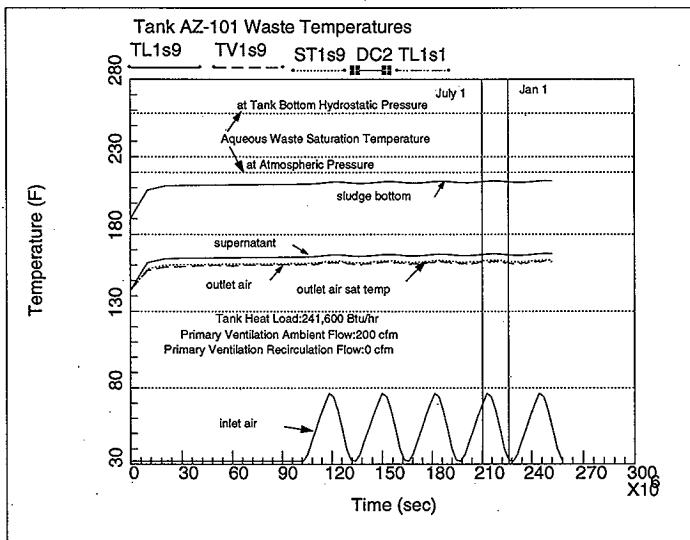


Figure 5.6 Tank 241-AZ-101 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For W-030 System Operating in Bypass Mode With 350 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow.

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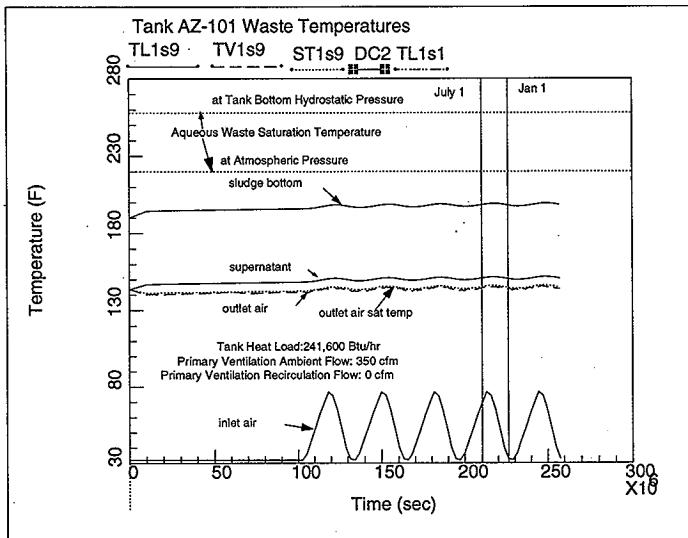


Figure 5.7 Tank 241-AZ-101 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For W-030 System Operating in Bypass Mode With 400 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow.

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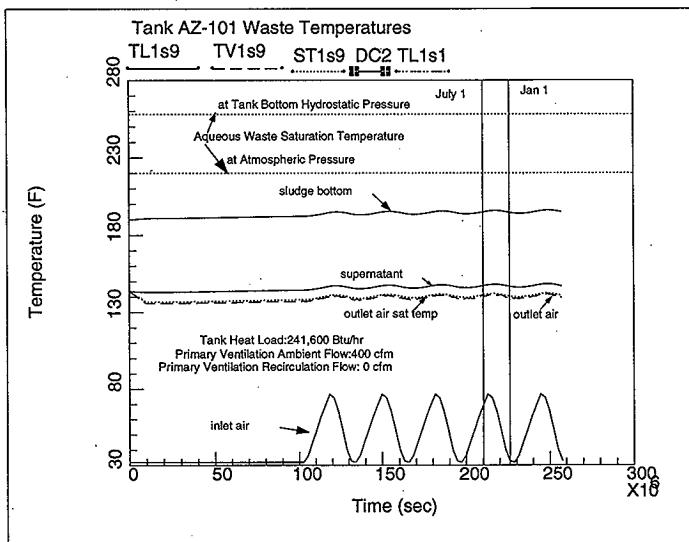


Table 5.1 Tank 241-AZ-101 Waste Temperatures For Different Primary Ventilation Flows

Primary Ventilation Ambient Flow, scfm	Primary Ventilation Recirculation Flow, scfm	Sludge Peak Temperature, °F	Supernatant Peak Temperature, °F
100	400	194	143
100	0	232	185
200	0	215	165
350	0	200	150
400	0	196	146

The results show that the tank under current heat load conditions can be operated safely only if the primary ventilation ambient inflow is maintained at more than 200 scfm.

5.2 Tank 241-AZ-102

GOTH model for the tank 241-AZ-102 has 3 feet of sludge with a density of 1.49 gm/cm³ and 24.5 ft of supernatant with a density of 1.1 gm/cm³. It has heat sources of 10.16 and 0.5929 Btu/hr-ft³ respectively. The sludge thermal conductivity of 0.42 Btu/hr-ft^{-R} was used. The annulus ventilation system was not operating. First calculation assumes that W-030 system will operate in recirculation mode supplying 100 scfm ambient inleakage air flow and 400 scfm recirculation air flow to the tank. The ambient air conditions of temperature, and humidity used correspond to 1995 monthly averaged Hanford meteorological conditions. The recirculation air flow enters the tank at 83 °F and 100% relative humidity. The annual cycle conditions were preceded by assumed average winter conditions of 32 °F and 100% relative humidity to achieve approximate winter steady state conditions before proceeding with five annual cycles. The procedure results in nearly repetitive cyclic thermal hydraulic response after the first cycle.

The primary ventilation ambient inleakage flow, recirculation flow and dome outlet flows are shown in Figure 5.8. The peak sludge and supernatant temperatures, dome gas outlet temperature and outlet air saturation temperature as well as ambient air inlet temperature are shown in Figure 5.9. The sludge and supernatant have reached a peak temperature of

Figure 5.8 Tank 241-AZ-102 Primary Ventilation Inlet And Outlet Flows For W-030 System Operating in Rewcirculation Mode.

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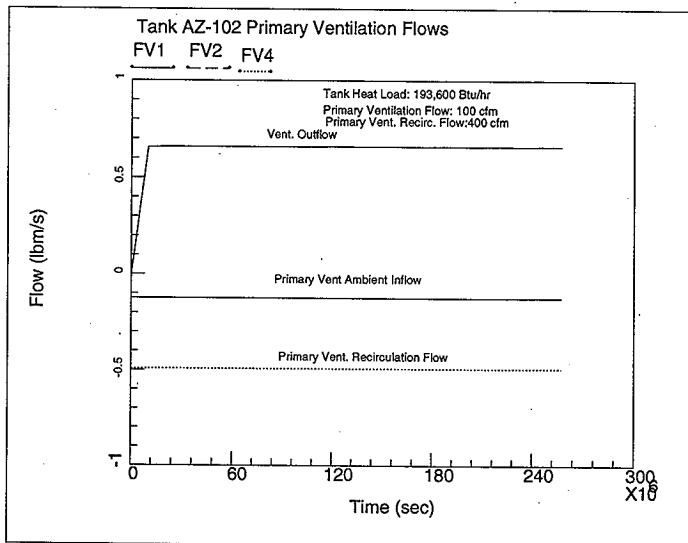
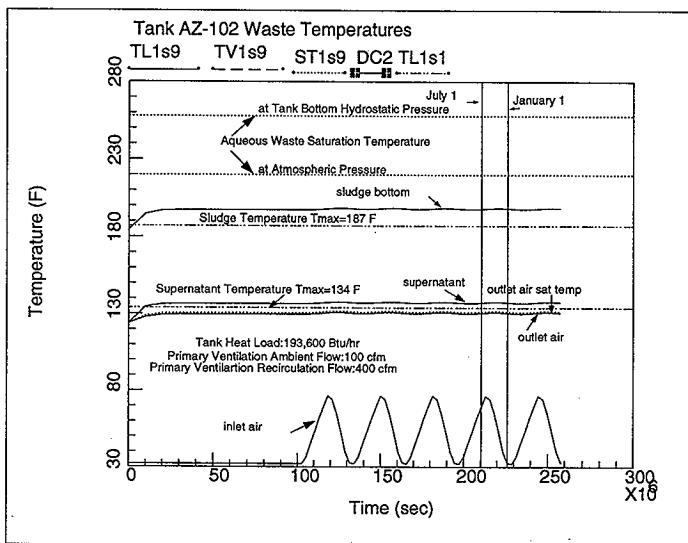


Figure 5.9 Tank 241-AZ-102 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For W-030 System Operating in Recirculation Mode.

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198 °F and 137 °F respectively. These values are higher than the current operating temperatures. But currently the tank is being supplied around 550 to 580 cfm. Therefore these higher temperatures should be expected. These waste temperatures are below a 30 °F safety margin from local saturation temperatures. In this case also no attempt is made to confirm the heat load value which is based on radioactive decay. The liquid evaporation rate is shown in Figure 5.10 and it shows that the annual average evaporation rate of 0.171 in/day (~ 470 gallons/day).

For the purpose of determining the minimum inleakage flow requirement during start-up of W-030 system, several thermal hydraulic calculations with ambient flow as a parameter are performed. The ambient inleakage flows considered are 100,200,350 and 400 scfm. Also for 350 scfm ambient flow case, two more calculations were performed to assess the effect of higher heat load. The characterization report value is 199,500 Btu/hr which is slightly higher than the value used in these calculations. The other heat load value considered is 209,000 Btu/hr. The results of these calculations for waste temperatures are shown in Figures 5.11 through 5.17 and the peak temperatures for the sludge and supernatant are summarized in Table 5.2. For the tank 241-AZ-102 also the primary inleakge flow should be more than 200 scfm in order to operate the tank within the safety limits. Based on the data from the analysis, it can be seen that 350 scfm flow will provide adequate safety margin for the waste temperatures even if the heat load of the tank is 209,000 Btu/hr. Using the tank heat load of 209,000 Btu/hr with 550 scfm ambient inleakage flow which is close to the current operating condition, shows that the peak supernatant and sludge temperature are closer to the measured temperature data.

Figure 5.10 Tank 241-AZ-102 Liquid Waste Evaporation Rate For W-030 System
Operating in Recirculation Mode.

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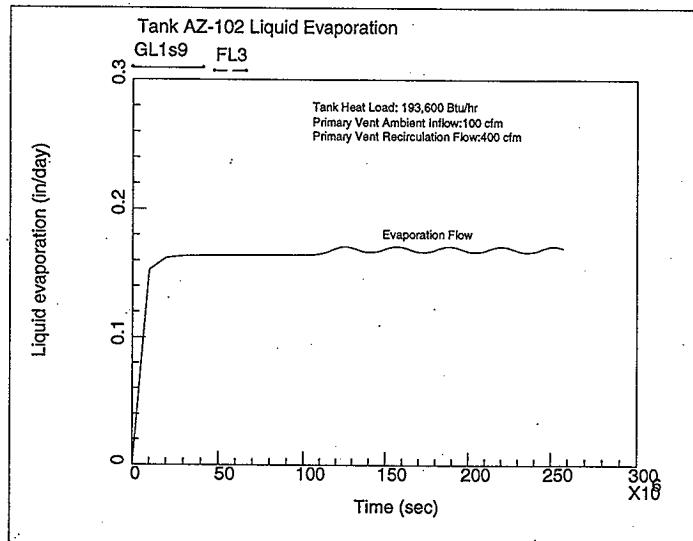


Figure 5.11 Tank 241-AZ-102 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For W-030 System Operating in Bypass Mode With 100 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow.

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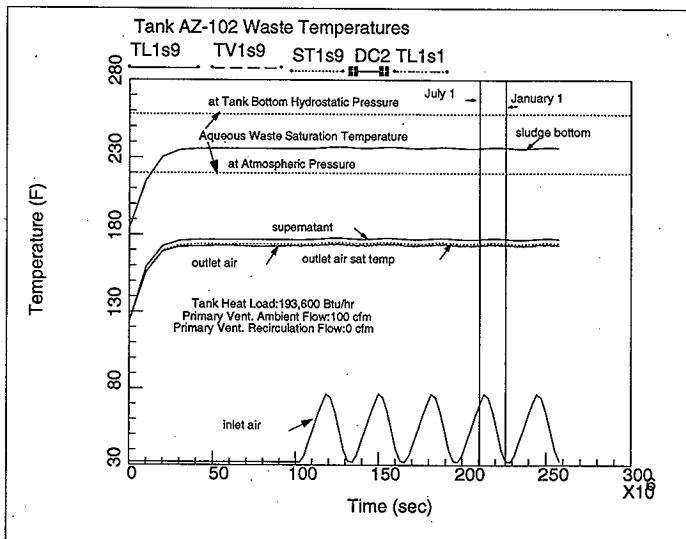


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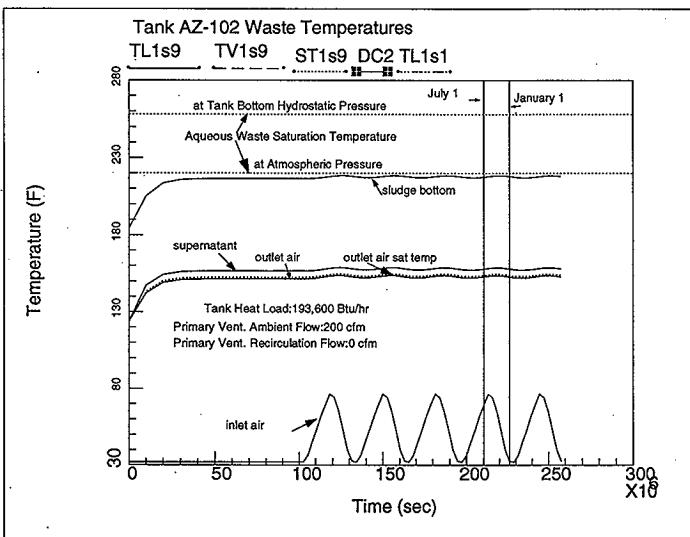


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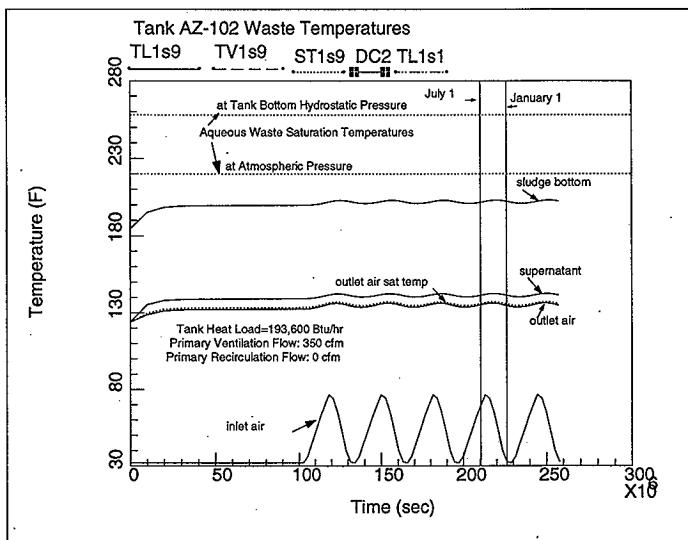


Figure 5.14 Tank 241-AZ-102 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For W-030 System Operating in Bypass Mode With 400 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow.

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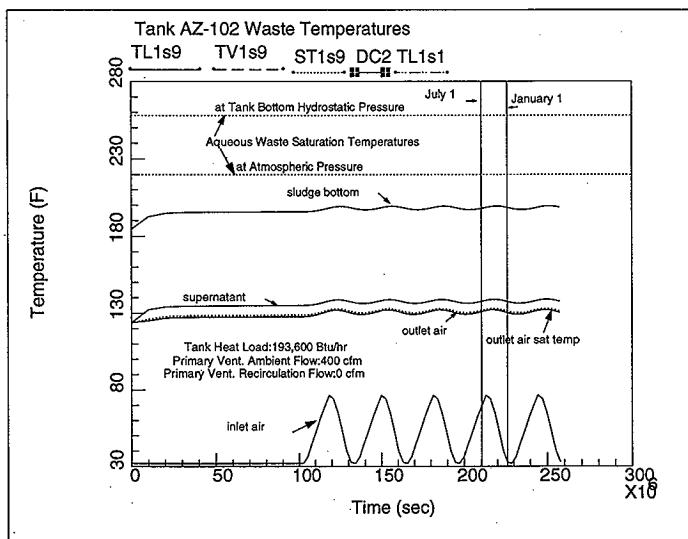


Figure 5.15 Tank 241-AZ-102 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For W-030 System Operating in Bypass Mode With 350 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 199,500 Btu/hr.

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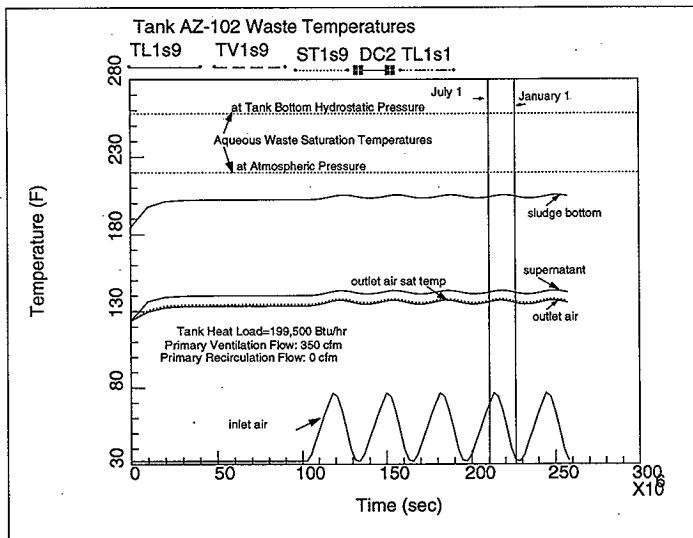


Figure 5.16 Tank 241-AZ-102 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For W-030 System Operating in Bypass Mode With 350 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 209,000 Btu/hr.

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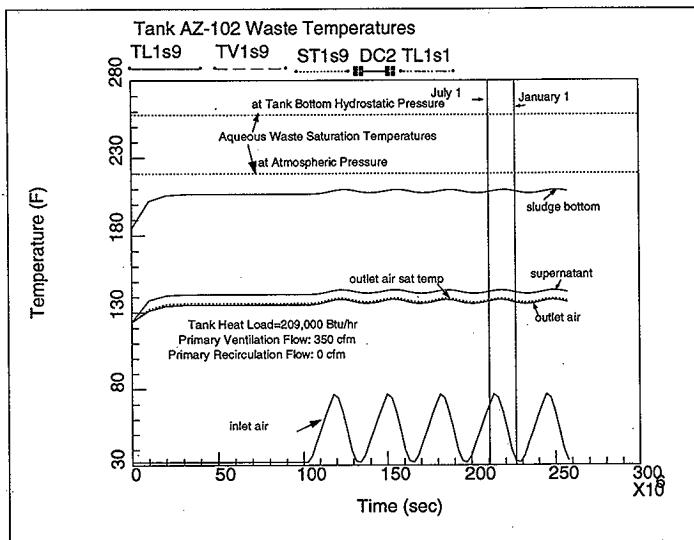


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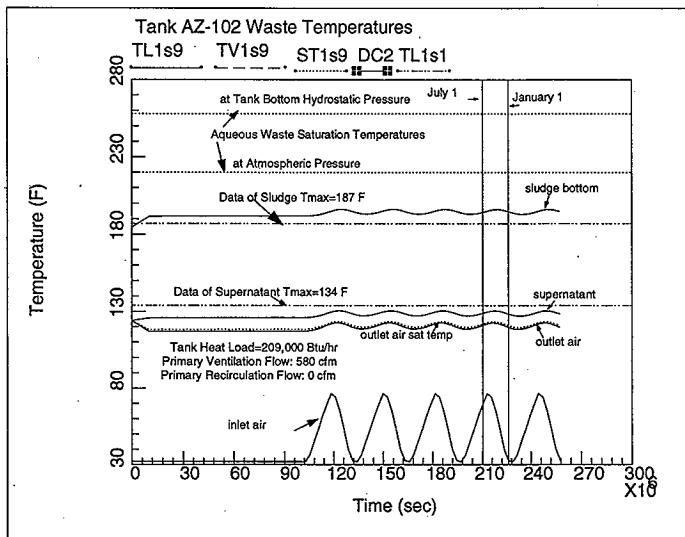


Table 5.2 Tank 241-AZ-102 Waste Temperatures For Different Primary Ventilation Flows

Primary Ventilation Ambient Flow, scfm	Primary Ventilation Recirculation Flow, scfm	Sludge Peak Temperature, °F	Supernatant Peak Temperature, °F	Tank Heat Load, Btu/hr
100	400	198	137	193,600
100	0	237	177	193,600
200	0	218	159	193,600
350	0	203	143	193,600
350	0	205	143	199,500
350	0	209	144	209,000
400	0	200	139	193,600
580	0	197	130	209,000

5.3 Tank 241-AY-101

GOTH model for the tank 241-AY-101 with ~3 ft of sludge having heat sources of 3,263 Btu/hr-ft³ and ~25 ft supernatant with no heat sources was used along with ambient meteorological conditions. The sludge thermal conductivity is assumed to be 0.42 Btu/hr-ft-°R. Based on the tank waste characterization data (Thompson, 1996), the heat generation estimated from radioactive decay was 33,700 Btu/hr from 1996 analytical results while the HTCE (Brevick, 1995) estimation was 49,400 Btu/hr. The most recent tank temperature data from the SACS database (WHC, 1996) for the year 1996-1997 shows that the sludge temperatures range from 85 to 116 °F and the supernatant temperatures range from 68 to 76 °F. The tank heat load has been established to be about 41,000 Btu/hr from thermal hydraulic analysis (Sathyaranayana, 1997) using the measured liquid evaporation rates and waste temperatures. The current 702-A primary ventilation system has been assumed to provide 550 scfm ambient inleakage flow to the tank and using GOTH model of tank AY-101 thermal hydraulic calculations were performed to establish current operating waste temperatures. Figure 5.18 shows the results of waste temperatures indicating peak temperatures of sludge and supernatant at 116 °F and 80 °F respectively. The liquid evaporation rate is shown in Figure 5.19 and the heat balance results are presented in Figure 5.20. It can be seen from

Figure 5.18 Tank 241-AY-101 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For 702-A Current Operating System With 550 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 41,000 Btu/hr.

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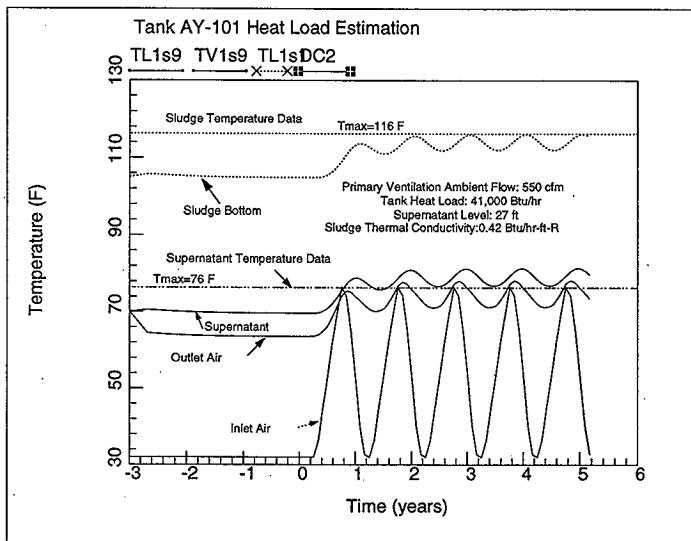


Figure 5.19 Tank 241-AY-101 Liquid Waste Evaporation For 702-A Current Operating System With 550 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 41,000 Btu/hr.

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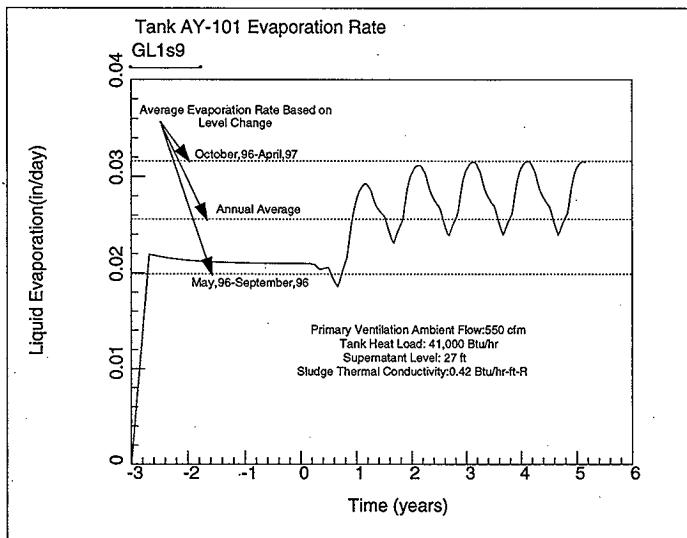
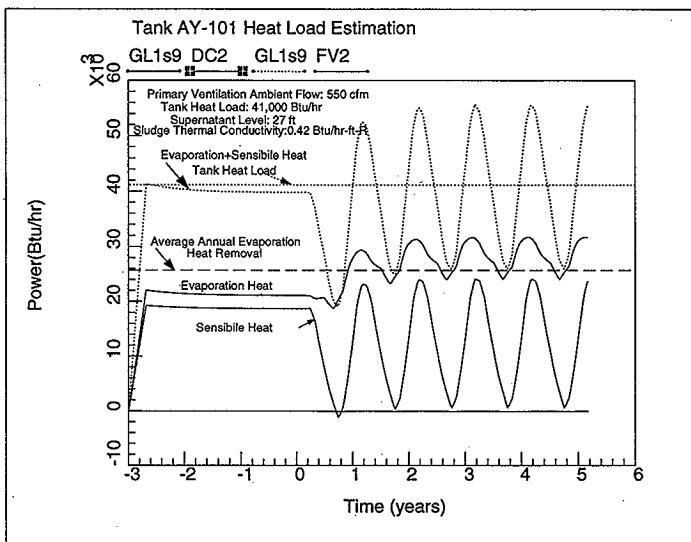


Figure 5.20 Tank 241-AY-101 Evaporation and Sensible Heat Loss For 702-A Current Operating System With 550 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 41,000 Btu/hr.

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these results that the tank should have a heat load of 41,000 Btu/hr to maintain a peak liquid evaporation rate of 0.0316 in/day (~87 gallons/day). The tank 241-AY-101 with a heat load of 41,000 Btu/hr for the current tank contents if operated using the new W-030 ventilation system in recirculation mode, the waste temperatures are estimated to be higher by about 21 °F. Figure 5.21 shows the predicted waste temperatures with the new (W-030) ventilation system. The higher operating temperatures should be expected as the W-030 system is not as effective as the current ventilation system in providing cooling to the tanks. However, the peak temperatures of the waste are well below safety limits for this tank. The thermal hydraulic calculations were also performed for this tank under bypass mode of operation of W-030 system. For this mode of operation, two ambient inleakage flows of 100 and 150 scfm were considered. The waste temperatures for these two cases are shown in Figures 5.22 and 5.23. The peak sludge and supernatant temperatures are summarized in Table 5.3. For the tank 241-AY-101, even 100 scfm ambient inleakage flow should be sufficient to maintain the waste temperatures within safety operating limits.

Table 5.3 Tank 241-AY-101 Waste Temperatures for Different Ventilation Flows

Ambient Vent Inleakage Flow, scfm	Sludge Peak Temperature, °F	Supernatant Temperature, °F	Heat Load, Btu/hr
702-A System with 550 scfm	116	80	41,000
702-AZ System(W-030) with 100 scfm ambient inleakage and 400 scfm recirculation Flow	135	101	41000
100	156	123	41000
150	145	111	41000

Figure 5.21 Tank 241-AY-101 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For 702-A Current Operating System With 100 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 41,000 Btu/hr.

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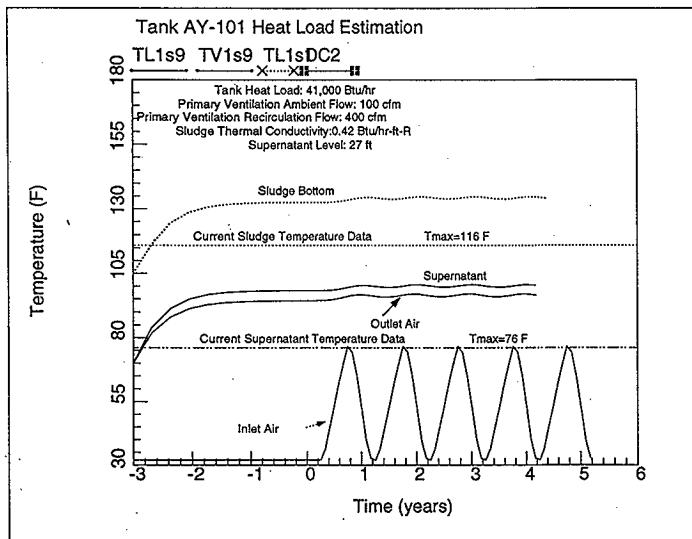


Figure 5.22 Tank 241-AY-101 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For W-030 System Operating in Bypass Mode With 100 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 41,000 Btu/hr

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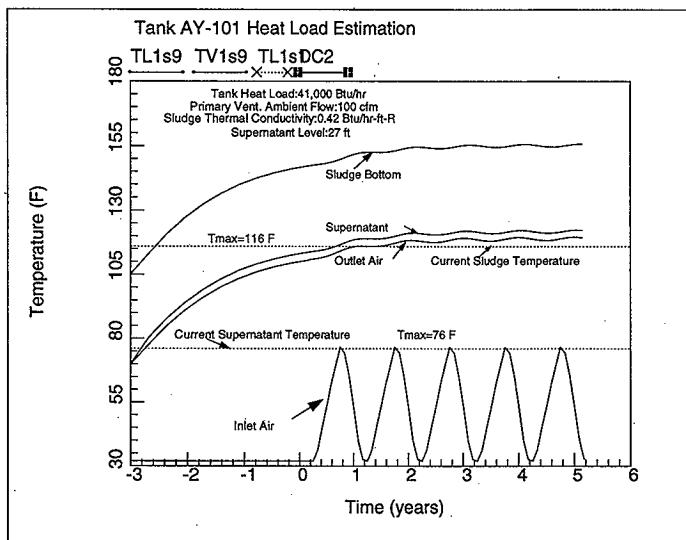
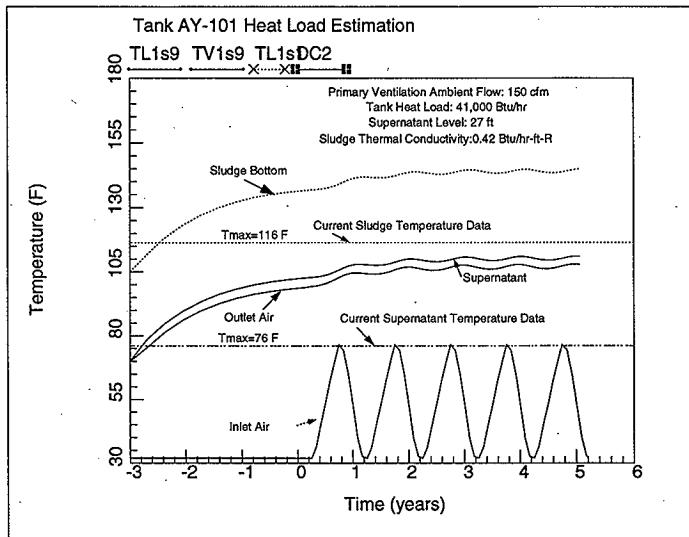


Figure 5.23 Tank 241-AY-101 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For W-030 System Operating in Bypass Mode With 150 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 41,000 Btu/hr

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5.4 Tank 241-AY-102

GOTH model for the tank 241-AY-102 with 1 ft of sludge with a heat source of 8.229 Btu/hr-ft³ and 24 ft of supernatant with no heat source was used for the thermal hydraulic analysis to establish the minimum required ambient inleakage flow for safe operation of the tank under W-030 bypass mode of operation. The sludge thermal conductivity was assumed to be 0.35 Btu/hr-ft⁻²R. Annulus ventilation system was assumed to be not operating. The ambient air inlet flow conditions were that of 1995 monthly averaged Hanford meteorological conditions. The annual cycle conditions were preceded by an assumed winter average conditions. The recirculation loop tank inlet flow is assumed at 83 °F and 100% relative humidity. First the waste temperatures were established for the tank heat load of 33,000 Btu/hr using an assumed air inleakage flow of 550 scfm from the current ventilation system. The waste temperature for this ventilation flow are shown in Figure 5.24. The peak sludge temperature of 86 °F and supernatant temperature of 76 °F was estimated and these are close to the measured values. Also shown in Figure 5.25 the liquid evaporation rate which is slightly higher than the measured value of 0.02 in/day. The heat balance of the Tank 241-AY-102 for the case with 550 scfm from the current 702-A ventilation system is shown in Figure 5.26 indicating the amount of heat loss due to evaporation and sensible heat. The waste temperatures in Tank AY-102 under the operation of W-030 system in recirculation mode were also predicted and are shown in Figure 5.27. The peak sludge temperatures will increase to 106 °F and supernatant temperature will increase to 97 °F. Even in this case, the changeover to W-030 system will result in higher waste temperatures of about 20 °F. For bypass mode of operation of W-030 system, the waste temperatures were estimated using only ambient inleakage flow of 100 and 150 scfm. The waste temperatures for these two ventilation flow cases are shown in Figures 5.28 and 5.29 respectively. The waste peak temperatures even with 100 scfm flow are well below safe operating values. The sludge peak temperatures and supernatant temperatures for all the cases considered are summarized in Table 5.4.

Table 5.4 Tank AY-102 Waste Temperatures for Different Ventilation Flows

Ambient Inleakage Flow, scfm	Recirculation Flow, scfm	Sludge Peak Temperature, °F	Supernatant Temperature, °F	Heat Load, Btu/hr
550 (702-A Vent System)	0	86	76	33,000
100	400 (702-AZ System)	106	97	33,000
100	0	122	113	33,000
150	0	111	102	33,000

Figure 5.24 Tank 241-AY-102 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For 702-A Current Operating System With 550 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 33,000 Btu/hr.

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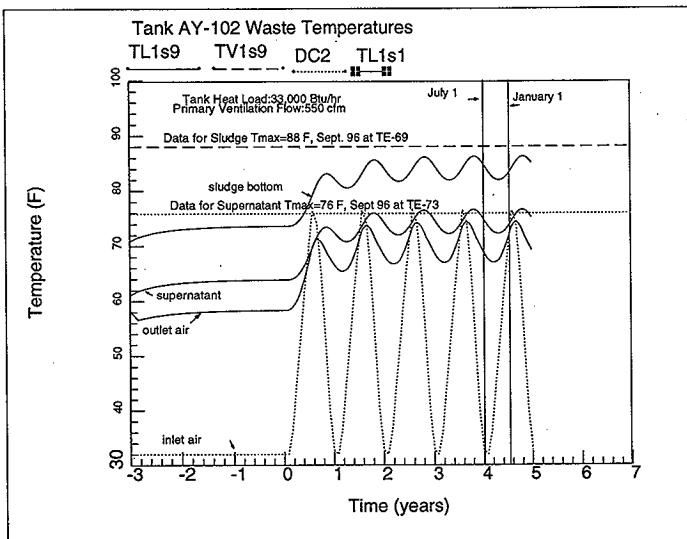


Figure 5.25 Tank 241-AY-102 Liquid Waste Evaporation For 702-A Current Operating System With 550 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 33,000 Btu/hr.

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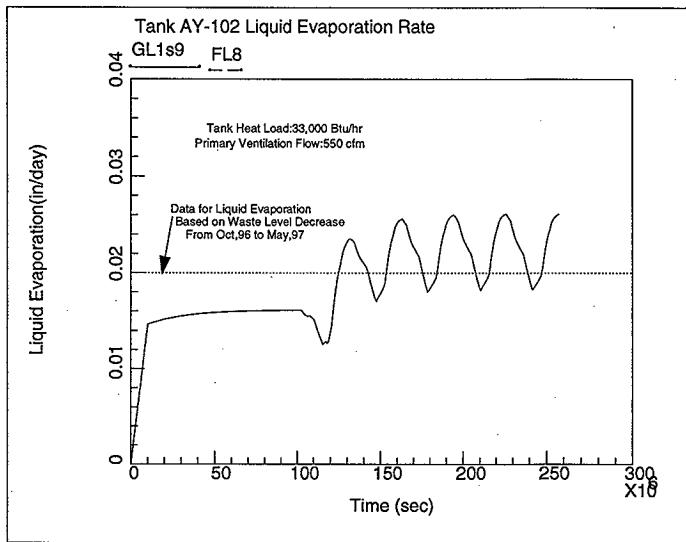


Figure 5.26 Tank 241-AY-101 Evaporation and Sensible Heat Loss For 702-A Current Operating System With 550 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 33,000 Btu/hr.

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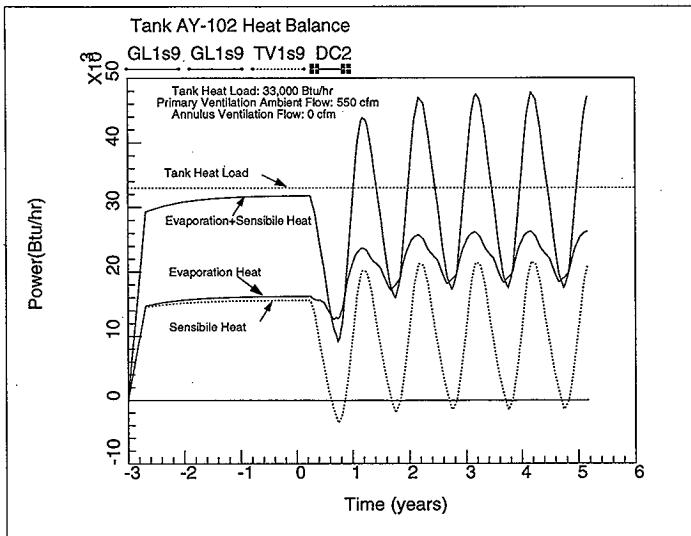


Figure 5.27 Tank 241-AY-102 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For 702-AZ (W-030) System Operating in Recirculation Mode With Heat Load of 33,000 Btu/hr.

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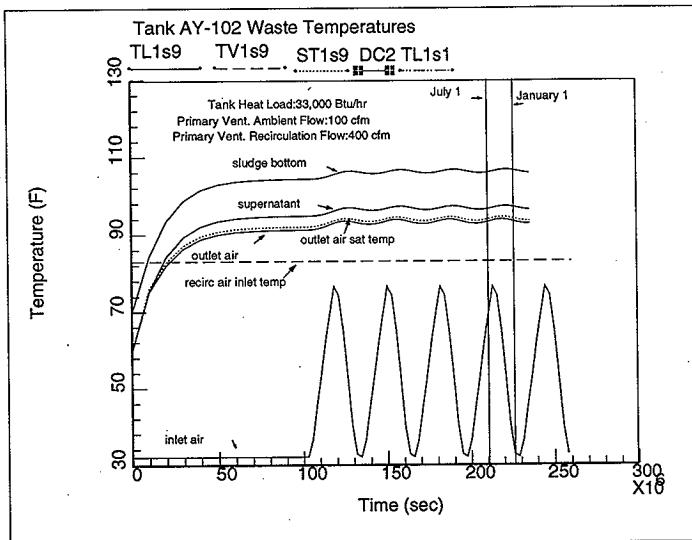


Figure 5.28 Tank 241-AY-102 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For 702-A Current Operating System With 100 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 33,000 Btu/hr.

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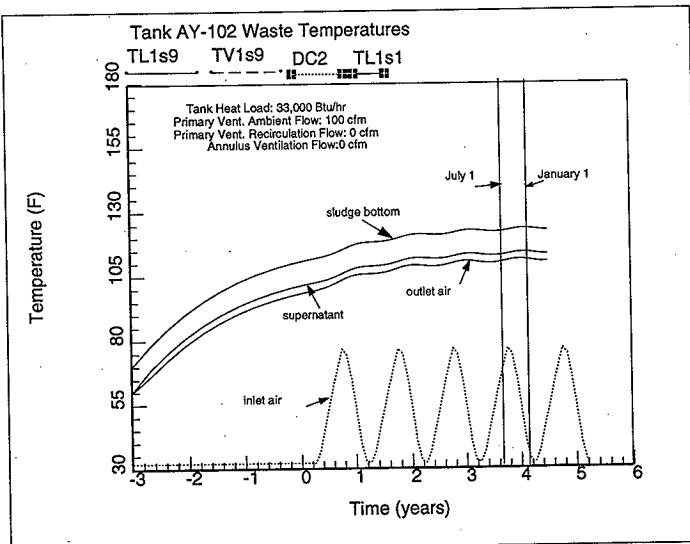
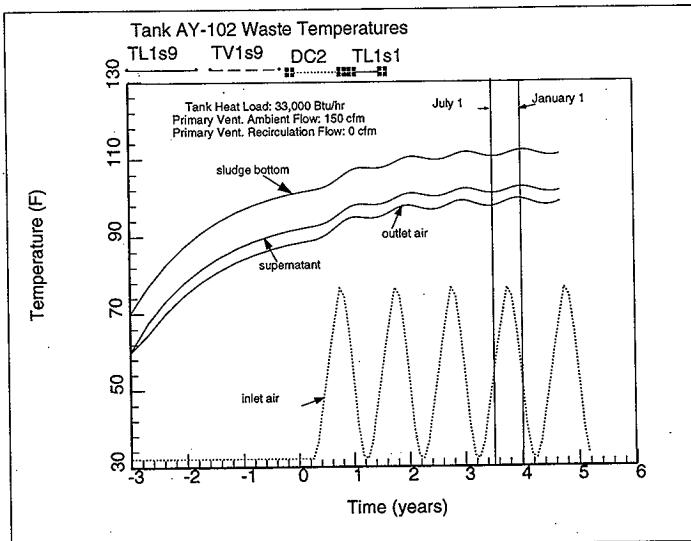


Figure 5.29 Tank 241-AY-102 Waste Sludge and Supernatant Temperatures and Ventilation Flow Inlet and Outlet Temperatures For 702-A Current Operating System With 150 scfm Ambient Inleakage Flow and Heat Load of 33,000 Btu/hr.

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6.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

Under bypass mode of operation of W-030 primary ventilation system, the AY/AZ tank farm aging waste tanks with current heat load conditions can be safely operated by distributing the available 1000 scfm air flow among all four tanks as shown in Table 6.1. The heat load values assumed in this analysis were based on the radiative decay estimation for tanks in AZ Farm and on heat balance estimation with thermal analysis for tanks in AY Farm. The peak saturation temperatures for waste in these tanks based on current contents varies from 250 to 258 °F at the tank bottom. The maximum operating peak sludge temperatures should be 30 °F below local saturation temperature. The ambient air inleakage flow for tanks in AZ Tank farm should be kept around 350 scfm and for tanks in AY farm should be about 150 scfm in order to operate the tanks safely both from waste temperatures point of view and flammable gas risk considerations. Table 6.1 summarizes the results of thermal hydraulic analysis at the recommended operating conditions.

Tank	AZ-101	AZ-102	AY-101	AY-102
Current Heat Load, Btu/hr	241,600	193,600 to 209,000	41,000	33,000
W-030 Design Heat Removal in Recirculation Mode, Btu/hr	1,661,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Ambient Ventilation Flow Rate in By-pass Mode, scfm	350	350	150	150
Supernate Temperature in By-pass Mode, °F	150	143 to 144	111	102
Peak Sludge Temperature in By-Pass Mode, °F	200	203 to 209	145	111

Therefore, the recommended operating conditions will maintain the peak sludge temperatures in all the four tanks below the safe operating limit of 30 °F below local saturation temperature.

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