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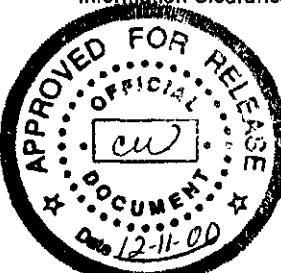
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|-----------------------------------|---|
| °C                                | degrees Centigrade  |
| CsCl                              | cesium chloride   |
| CsCO <sub>3</sub>                 | cesium carbonate  |
| HNF                               | Hanford Nuclear Facility (document identifier)              |
| SrF <sub>2</sub>                  | strontium fluoride  |
| Sr(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | strontium nitrate   |
| Tri-Party Agreement               | <i>Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order</i> |
| WAC                               | Washington Administrative Code                              |
| WAP                               | waste analysis plan   |
| WESF                              | Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility                    |

## METRIC CONVERSION CHART

Into metric units

Out of metric units

| If you know            | Multiply by                                  | To get                          | If you know                     | Multiply by                           | To get                 |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Length</b>          |  |                                 |                                 |                                       |                        |
| inches                 | 25.40  | millimeters                     | millimeters                     | 0.0393                                | inches                 |
| inches                 | 2.54   | centimeters                     | centimeters                     | 0.393                                 | inches                 |
| feet                   | 0.3048                                       | meters                          | meters                          | 3.2808                                | feet                   |
| yards                  | 0.914  | meters                          | meters                          | 1.09                                  | yards                  |
| miles                  | 1.609  | kilometers                      | kilometers                      | 0.62                                  | miles                  |
| <b>Area</b>            |  |                                 |                                 |                                       |                        |
| square inches          | 6.4516                                       | square centimeters              | square centimeters              | 0.155                                 | square inches          |
| square feet            | 0.092  | square meters                   | square meters                   | 10.7639                               | square feet            |
| square yards           | 0.836  | square meters                   | square meters                   | 1.20                                  | square yards           |
| square miles           | 2.59   | square kilometers               | square kilometers               | 0.39                                  | square miles           |
| acres                  | 0.404  | hectares                        | hectares                        | 2.471                                 | acres                  |
| <b>Mass (weight)</b>   |  |                                 |                                 |                                       |                        |
| ounces                 | 28.35  | grams                           | grams                           | 0.0352                                | ounces                 |
| pounds                 | 0.453  | kilograms                       | kilograms                       | 2.2046                                | pounds                 |
| short ton              | 0.907  | metric ton                      | metric ton                      | 1.10                                  | short ton              |
| <b>Volume</b>          |  |                                 |                                 |                                       |                        |
| fluid ounces           | 29.57  | milliliters                     | milliliters                     | 0.03                                  | fluid ounces           |
| quarts                 | 0.95   | liters                          | liters                          | 1.057                                 | quarts                 |
| gallons                | 3.79   | liters                          | liters                          | 0.26                                  | gallons                |
| cubic feet             | 0.03   | cubic meters                    | cubic meters                    | 35.3147                               | cubic feet             |
| cubic yards            | 0.76456                                      | cubic meters                    | cubic meters                    | 1.308                                 | cubic yards            |
| <b>Temperature</b>     |  |                                 |                                 |                                       |                        |
| Fahrenheit             | subtract 32<br>then<br>multiply by<br>5/9ths | Celsius                         | Celsius                         | multiply by<br>9/5ths, then<br>add 32 | Fahrenheit             |
| <b>Energy</b>          |  |                                 |                                 |                                       |                        |
| kilowatt hour          | 3,412  | British thermal unit            | British thermal unit            | 0.000293                              | kilowatt hour          |
| kilowatt               | 0.948  | British thermal unit per second | British thermal unit per second | 1.055                                 | kilowatt               |
| <b>Force/Pressure</b>  |  |                                 |                                 |                                       |                        |
| pounds per square inch | 6.895  | Kilopascals                     | kilopascals                     | 0.14504                               | pounds per square inch |

Source: *Engineering Unit Conversions*, M. R. Lindeburg, PE., Second Ed., 1990, Professional Publications, Inc., Belmont, California.

# WASTE ENCAPSULATION AND STORAGE FACILITY WASTE ANALYSIS PLAN

## 1.0 UNIT DESCRIPTION

6 The purpose of this waste analysis plan (WAP) is to document waste analysis activities associated with  
7 the Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility (WESF) to comply with *Washington Administrative Code*  
8 (WAC) 173-303-300(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6). WESF is an interim status other storage-miscellaneous  
9 storage unit. WESF stores mixed waste consisting of radioactive cesium and strontium salts. WESF is  
10 located in the 200 East Area on the Hanford Facility (Figure 1). Because dangerous waste does not  
11 include source, special nuclear, and by-product material components of mixed waste, radionuclides are  
12 not within the scope of this documentation. The information on radionuclides is provided only for  
13 general knowledge.

## 1.1 DESCRIPTION OF UNIT PROCESSES AND ACTIVITIES

17 Only waste stored in capsules identified in the *Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order*  
18 (Tri-Party Agreement) (Ecology et al. 1999) milestone M-92-03 are stored at WESF. No waste has been  
19 received into WESF since the return of the capsules to meet M-92-03. Before receipt of any additional  
20 waste at WESF, a revision to this WAP will be required.

22 WESF (225B Building) is a two-story building constructed of steel reinforced concrete, is partitioned into  
23 seven hot cells, the hot cell service area, operating areas, building service areas and the pool cell area.  
24 The treatment, storage, and/or disposal (TSD) unit boundary includes only the hot cells F and G, along  
25 with pool cells 1 through 8 and 12 (Figure 2).

27 The seven hot cells are labeled A through G and activities within the hot cells are performed remotely  
28 using manipulators. Only hot cells F and G are active for cesium/strontium capsule storage. The pool  
29 cell area consists of 12 pools lined with stainless steel. Each pool is equipped with a monitoring system  
30 to detect any leakage from capsules. Pool cells 1 through 8 and 12 can be used for capsule storage and  
31 are filled with water to a depth of approximately 4 meters (13 feet). The water provides cooling and  
32 shielding for the capsules.

34 The waste is stored in capsules consisting of stainless steel containers that provide primary and secondary  
35 containment. The maximum outer containment height is approximately 53 centimeters (~21 inches) with  
36 a maximum diameter of approximately 8 centimeters (~3 inches).

38 Only one waste stream is managed at WESF, which consists of the cesium chloride (CsCl) and strontium  
39 fluoride (SrF<sub>2</sub>) salts that are stored within the capsules in the pool cells.

41 Additional information is located in the WESF Part A, Form 3, in the *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste*  
42 *Part A Permit Application* (DOE/RL-88-21).

### 45 1.1.1 Cesium Chloride (CsCl)

46 Cesium was separated in B Plant from high-level waste generated in the reprocessing of the spent fuel on  
47 the Hanford Site. This separation process, also known as fractionization, was performed to remove the  
48 high-heat producing isotope cesium (cesium-137) from the underground tank waste on the Hanford Site to

1 reduce the heat burden to the underground tanks. The fractionization process at B Plant purified the  
2 cesium in the form of cesium carbonate ( $\text{CsCO}_3$ ). The purified  $\text{CsCO}_3$  was transferred to WESF and  
3 converted to  $\text{CsCl}$  by addition of hydrochloric acid. This  $\text{CsCl}$  solution was evaporated to a molten salt  
4 and encapsulated for long-term storage. The encapsulated salt contains dangerous waste chemical  
5 impurities from the fractionization process consisting of lead, barium, chromium, cadmium, and silver.  
6 Barium is generated continuously as a result of the cesium-137 decay chain.

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9 **1.1.2 Strontium Fluoride ( $\text{SrF}_2$ )**

10 Strontium was separated at B Plant from waste generated in the reprocessing of the spent fuel. The  
11 fractionization process removed the high-heat producing isotope strontium (strontium-90) from the  
12 underground tank waste on the Hanford Site and purified the strontium-90 in the form of strontium nitrate  
13  $[\text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2]$ . The purified  $[\text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2]$  was transferred to WESF and converted to  $\text{SrF}_2$  by the addition of  
14 sodium fluoride. The  $\text{SrF}_2$  precipitate was filtered and dried at 800°C and encapsulated for long-term  
15 storage. The encapsulated salt contains dangerous waste chemical impurities from the fractionization  
16 process consisting of barium, lead, cadmium, chromium, and silver.

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19 **1.2 CONTAINER TYPES**

20 The  $\text{CsCl}$  and  $\text{SrF}_2$  salts are stored in three types of containers at WESF: cesium capsules, strontium  
21 capsules, and Type W capsules. Cesium is stored in both the cesium capsules and Type W capsules.  
22 Strontium is stored only in strontium type capsules.

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25 **1.2.1 Cesium Capsules**

26 Two types of cesium capsules are stored at WESF. The standard cesium capsule consists of a double  
27 capsule configuration of a capsule placed inside another as shown in Figure 3. Both capsules are  
28 constructed of 316L stainless steel. The inner capsule dimensions are 5.7 centimeters (2.25 inches) in  
29 diameter by 50.1 centimeters (19.725 inches) long. The inner capsule has a nominal wall thickness of  
30 0.24 centimeter (0.095 inch). The outer capsule is 6.7 centimeters (2.625 inches) in diameter by 52.8  
31 centimeters (20.725 inches) long. The outer capsule has a nominal wall thickness of 0.28 centimeter  
32 (0.109 inch). There are a total of 1,312 standard cesium capsules in storage.

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34 The Type W cesium capsule is a 316L stainless steel overpack used to contain standard cesium capsules  
35 that had swollen as a result of thermal cycling, cesium chloride that had been reconfigured into pencils or  
36 pellets for use as irradiators, or the contents of capsules that had been cut up for examination purposes.  
37 The Type W capsule is 8.3 centimeters (3.25 inches) in diameter by 55.4 centimeters (21.8 inches) long.  
38 The capsule has a nominal wall thickness of 0.32 centimeter (0.13 inch). There are a total of 23 Type W  
39 capsules in storage. Table 1 shows a breakdown of the Type W capsules and contents.

Table 1. Type W Capsules and Contents.

| Capsule contents  | Inner capsule | Outer capsule | Number of Type W |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 10 Nordian™ pencils from Oak Ridge, each containing CsCl originating from WESF              | Yes           | Yes           | 1                |
| Cesium chloride powder and/or pellets from Oak Ridge  | Yes           | Yes           | 2                |
| 304L stainless steel type 4 containers from Oak Ridge containing CsCl originating from WESF | No            | No            | 1                |
| Remnants from destructive testing of WESF capsules  | No            | Yes           | 3                |
| Swollen WESF capsules returned from commercial irradiators                                  | Yes           | Yes           | 16               |
| Total   |               |               | 23               |

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2 The salts encapsulated in the Nordian™ pencils, powder and pellets, and Type 4 canisters were washed  
3 (Attachment 1) at Oak Ridge to remove impurities.

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5 Compatibility and corrosion of 304L versus 316L SS was evaluated and determined to be acceptable for  
6 storage at WESF (Attachment 2).

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9 **1.2.2 Strontium Capsules**

10 Two types of material are used to encapsulate the  $\text{SrF}_2$ . Like the standard cesium capsule, the strontium  
11 capsule consists of a capsule within a capsule as shown in Figure 4. The inner capsule is  
12 Hastelloy C-276<sup>2</sup>. The outer capsule for all strontium capsules is 316L stainless steel. These two metals  
13 are compatible in terms of galvanic corrosion in that the metals are within the same range in the galvanic  
14 series and are not exposed to an electrically conducting solution (Chemical Engineer's Handbook). The  
15 inner capsule is 5.7 centimeters (2.25 inches) in diameter by 48.4 centimeters (19.05 inches) long. The  
16 outer capsule is 6.7 centimeters (2.625 inches) in diameter by 51.1 centimeters (20.1 inches) long. There  
17 are a total of 601 standard strontium capsules in storage.

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20 **1.3 STORAGE CONDITIONS**

21 WESF is permitted for storage of the capsules in either the hot cells or the pool cells. There are  
22 1,936 capsules currently stored in the pool cells at WESF. All of the capsules are stored in the pool cells  
23 under 4 meters (13 feet) of water for shielding and cooling. Leak detection for the capsules consists of an  
24 online monitoring system. A monitor is in place on the circulation line for each pool cell. The  
25 monitoring system is calibrated to detect cesium-137 at 1.74 becquerels per milliliter  
26 ( $47.2 \times 10^{-6}$  microcuries per milliliter) and strontium-90 at 0.87 becquerels per milliliter  
27 ( $23.6 \times 10^{-6}$  microcuries per milliliter). This equates to 0.28 parts per trillion or  $3.2 \times 10^{-3}$  parts per  
28 trillion respectively for the associated dangerous waste constituent barium in the cesium and strontium  
29 salts.

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<sup>1</sup> Trademark of MDS Nordian, Inc. Kanata, Ontario, Canada.

<sup>2</sup> Trademark of Haynes International, Inc., Kokomo, Indiana.

1 **1.4 IDENTIFICATION OF WASTE**

2 The Part A, Form 3, permit application for WESF (DOE/RL-88-21) identifies dangerous waste numbers,  
 3 quantities, and design capacity. Waste numbers were assigned based on process knowledge that included  
 4 previously obtained sampling and analysis results and process flow sheet specifications of WESF waste.

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**2.0 CONFIRMATION PROCESS**

8 WAC 173-303-300 (3) and 300(6) require information be obtained, documented, and/or reported  
 9 regarding waste accepted into WESF. All of the waste in storage at WESF originated at WESF. WESF  
 10 does not receive waste from an offsite facility; therefore, no additional information or analysis is required  
 11 to meet WAC 173-303-300(3) and 300(6). Any additional waste accepted into WESF will require a  
 12 revision to this WAP.

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**3.0 SELECTING WASTE ANALYSIS PARAMETERS**

16 Capsules have been stored in WESF since 1974. The parameter for safe storage of the capsules is  
 17 corrosion of the containers from contact with impurities contained in the cesium and strontium salts.  
 18 Studies were completed by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory confirming safe storage of the capsules  
 19 through 2017 under current storage conditions (PNL-5170 and BNWL 1967). The information from  
 20 these studies along with the following information meets the intent of WAC 173-303-300(5a) and (b).  
 21 WAC 173-303-610(4)(d) does not apply to WESF.

22  
 23 Impurities in the cesium salt are estimated as listed in PNL-5170. The following data were taken on  
 24 cesium feed solution and salt analyzed for corrosion analysis. Concentrations are listed as weight percent  
 25 solids. Silver was added from process knowledge.

| Element | Cesium feed solution Wt% | Salt analysis Wt% |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Al      | 1.7                      | .14               |
| B       | --                       | .14               |
| Ba      | .94                      | .55               |
| Ca      | 1.                       | --                |
| Cd      | --                       | .02               |
| Co      | --                       | .1                |
| Cr      | .27                      | 1.4               |
| Fe      | .38                      | --                |
| K       | .79                      | .68               |
| Mg      | .25                      | .68               |
| Na      | .70                      | 2.8               |
| Ni      | .33                      | .1                |
| Pb      | 1.4                      | .14               |
| Rb      | .52                      | --                |
| Si      | 7                        | .21               |
| Sr      | .18                      | .02               |
| Ti      | --                       | .02               |
| Zn      | --                       | .03               |

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2 Impurities in the cesium salts washed at Oak Ridge are listed in HNF-2928 "Certification that CsCl  
3 Powder and Pellet Materials Meet WESF Acceptance Criteria". The concentrations are listed as follows  
4 by weight percent.  
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| Element | Wt%  |
|---------|------|
| Al      | .68  |
| B       | 5.17 |
| Ba      | 2.98 |
| Ca      | .68  |
| Cu      | .02  |
| Fe      | .04  |
| K       | 1.21 |
| Mg      | .04  |
| Mo      | .009 |
| Na      | 7.76 |
| Ni      | .01  |
| Si      | 2.59 |
| Sr      | .01  |
| Zn      | .03  |

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8 Impurities in the strontium salt are estimated as listed in BNWL-1967 "The Containment of  $^{90}\text{SrF}_2$  at  
9 800°C to 1100 °C Preliminary Results" Battelle 1975. The data listed are estimates based on process  
10 flowsheet information. The concentrations are listed in weight percent.  
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| Element              | Probable concentration (Wt %) |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Al                   | <0.5                          |
| Ba                   | 0.1-2.0                       |
| Ca                   | <0.1                          |
| Cd                   | <0.2                          |
| Cr                   | <0.1                          |
| Cu                   | <0.1                          |
| Fe                   | <0.01                         |
| H                    | <0.1                          |
| K                    | 0.05-0.5                      |
| Mg                   | <0.1                          |
| Mn                   | <0.01                         |
| N                    | 1-4                           |
| Na                   | <0.1                          |
| Ni                   | <0.05                         |
| Pb                   | <0.2                          |
| R(as in Rare Earths) | <2.0                          |
| Si                   | <0.02                         |

12  
13 This review meets the requirements of WAC 173-303-300(1) and (2) for WESF waste. This review  
14 confirms knowledge concerning waste before storage to ensure that the waste is managed properly.  
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1 In addition, a certified database is maintained in the operating record that contains information on each  
2 capsule from its origin to present storage location. The database is updated annually.  
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#### 4.0 SAMPLING PROCESS

6 Periodic re-analysis of WESF waste managed in the WESF Storage Units based on  
7 WAC 173-303-300(5)(d), is not planned because the containers are sealed and no changes can be made to  
8 the salts. Therefore, WAC 173-303-300(4)(a) is not applicable to WESF waste.  
9

10 The capsules are sealed containers whose constituents have been determined via the confirmation process  
11 in Section 2.0. No additional waste is planned or scheduled for storage at WESF. Therefore,  
12 requirements of WAC-173-303-300(5c),(d), (e), and (g) do not apply.  
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14 No additional requirements are specified in WAC 173-303-400(3); therefore, WAC 173-303-(5)(f) does  
15 not apply.  
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17 WESF is not a surface impoundment; therefore, WAC 173-303-300(5)(h) does not apply.  
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19 An exemption to the air emission standards of Subpart CC in accordance with Section 264.1082 or with  
20 265.1083 is not being requested; therefore, WAC-173-303-300(5)(i) does not apply.  
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#### 23 5.0 RECORDKEEPING

24 Records for WESF are maintained as described in WAC 173-303-380.  
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#### 27 6.0 REFERENCES

28 BNWL-1967, 1975, "The Containment of  $^{90}\text{SrF}_2$  at 800°C to 1100°C Preliminary Results", Battelle  
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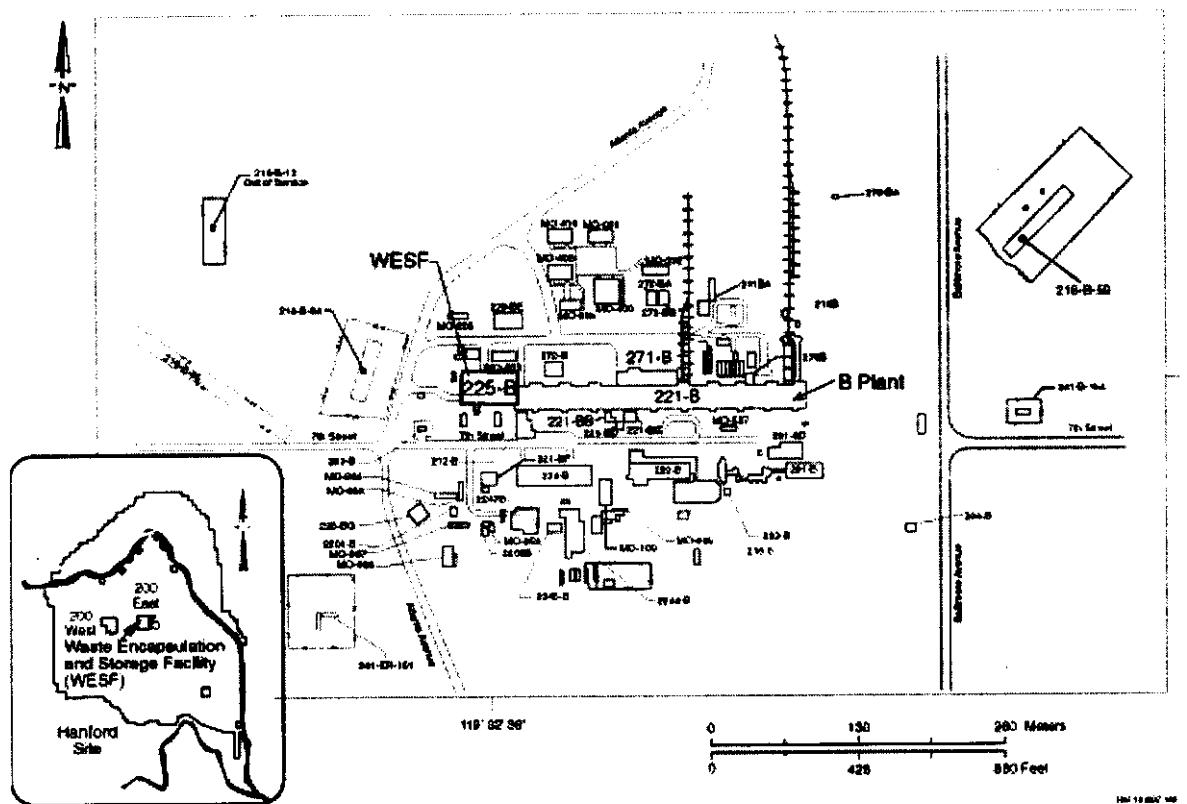
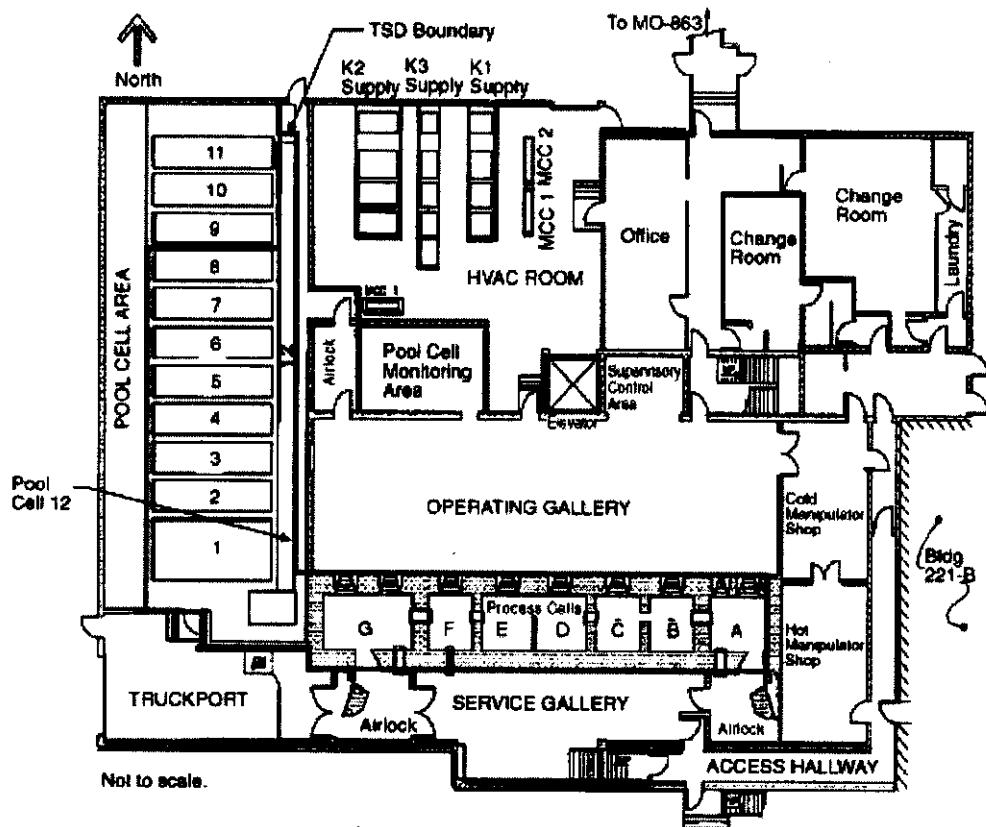


Figure 1. 200 East Area.



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Figure 2. Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility Treatment, Storage, and/or Disposal Boundaries.

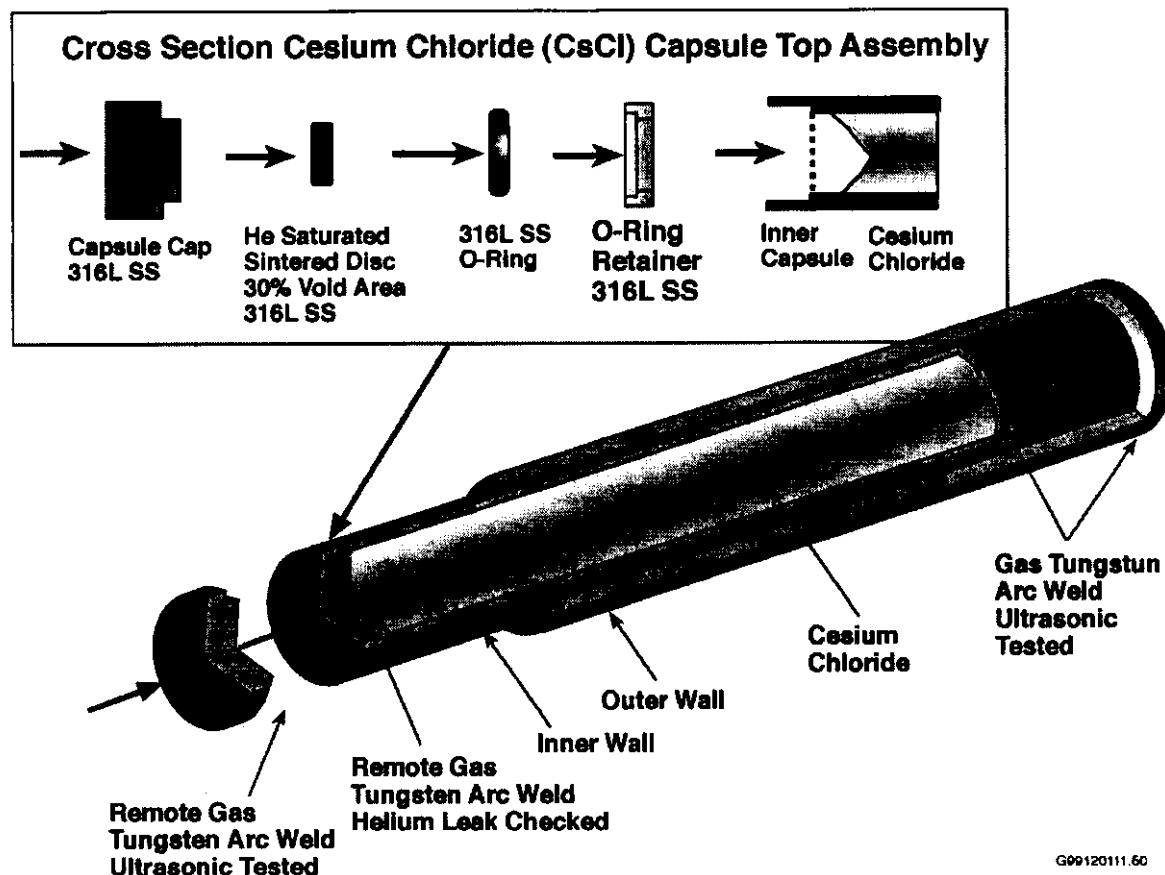


Figure 3. Standard Cesium Capsule.

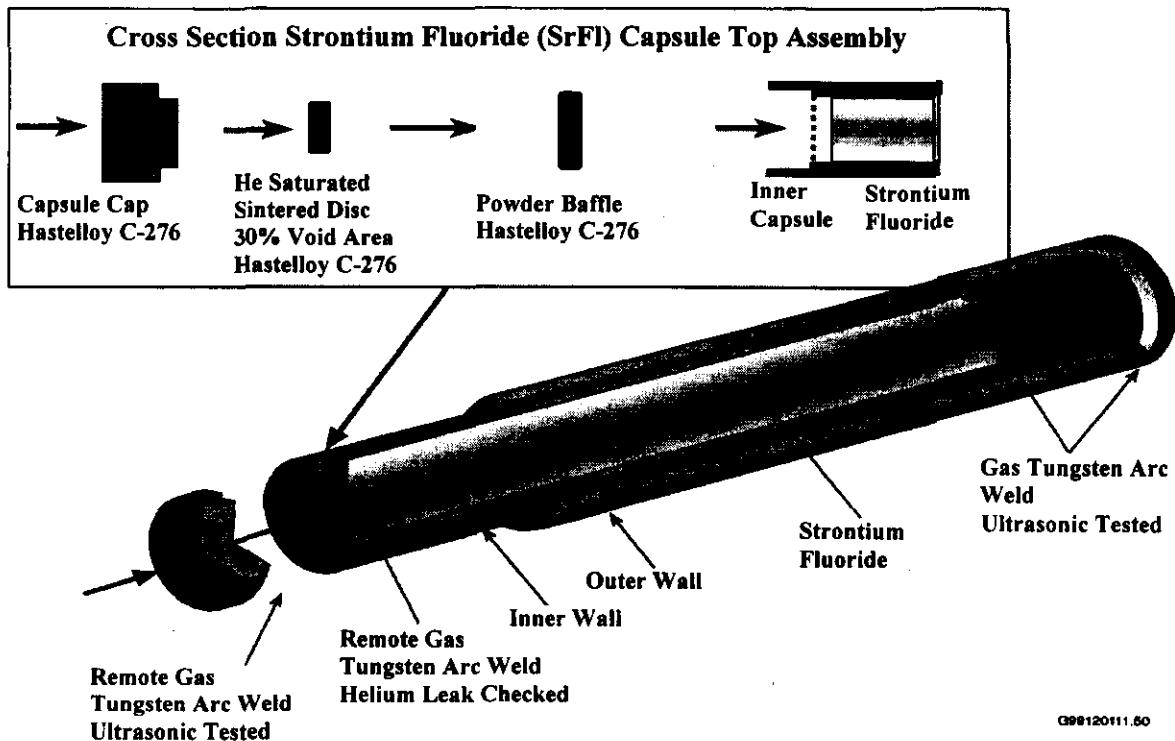


Figure 4. Standard Strontium Capsule.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**CERTIFICATION THAT CsCl POWDER AND PELLET MATERIALS MEET WESF  
ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA**

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## Certification That CsCl Powder and Pellet Materials Meet WESF Acceptance Criteria

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Abstract: This document describes the CsCl legacy material created by  
the Cesium Encapsulation Program (CEP) is acceptable for storage at  
WESF.

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HNF-2928, Rev 0  
June 24, 1998**Certification That the CsCl Powder and Pellet Material Meets WESF Acceptance Criteria**

This report documents that the CsCl that will be encapsulated into Inner Containers, WESF Outer Capsules, and WESF Type "W" Overpacks prior to shipping to WESF for long term storage is consistent with the material currently stored in the WESF pool cells. Process knowledge, analytical data, shipping records, and recent characterization smears obtained from South Cell are used as the basis for this conclusion. This letter describes the condition of the cell in which the CsCl, collectively called powder and pellets, was handled and the environment to which it has been exposed, the containers in which the powder and pellets have been stored to date, and the physical form and purity of the CsCl comprising the powder and pellets. The powder and pellets are legacy material created by the Cesium Encapsulation Program (CEP) and destructive analysis of two WESF capsules.

**Storage Container Description**

The CsCl powder and pellets are stored in release resistant containers. These containers are mechanically closed with a metallic seal. Although the release resistant container is not a special form or normal form container, it is a strong tight container. The containers housing the powder and pellets have not been involved in accidents, have not been dropped, and have not been subjected to chemically harsh environments. In October 1996 a visual inventory of the containers was performed and the powder and pellets were transferred to new release resistant containers. The containers are currently stored in D Cell in a shielded box fabricated specifically for storage of the CsCl. Prior to encapsulation of the powder and pellets, the containers will be returned to South Cell where they will be opened.

**Description of CsCl**

The CsCl to be packaged for shipment to WESF consists of caked powder, pelletized powder, chunks, and singly-encapsulated pellets. There are two distinct groups of material comprising the powder and pellets: material recovered from the destructive analysis of two WESF capsules (C-1502 and C-1550) and material that was purified for use in the Cesium Encapsulation Program (CEP). During packaging of the powder and pellets for shipment to WESF, separation of the two groups of material will be maintained.

The first group of CsCl is the residual material resulting from the destructive analysis of capsule C-1502, which leaked CsCl at RSI-Atlanta. This project is described in the draft report "Destructive Examination Program Cesium Capsule C1502 Report" by Oakley, Tingey, and Tingey (Attachment 1). The analysis involved removing the WESF

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Outer Capsule and sectioning the WESF Inner Capsule, including the CsCl. Prior to sectioning of C-1502, C-1550 (a "sister" capsule to C-1502) was sectioned as practice. Sectioning of C-1502 occurred on September 29, 1992. After sectioning, the chunks of CsCl (approximately 80,000 Ci) were placed into release resistant containers and sealed.

The second group of CsCl is legacy material from the CEP. This physical form of this material is 13,400 Ci of pelletized CsCl (two sizes of pellets: 1-3/8" diameter x 5/8" and 5/16" diameter x 5/16") in release resistant containers, 10,800 Ci of powder in an unopened Type 4 shipping container (this material is presumed to be caked into a solid block), and 4400 Ci of small pellets in 10 singly-encapsulated Nordian capsules. Work with CsCl in South Cell in support of the CEP was initiated on October 9, 1991 and prematurely terminated on April 22, 1992. All handling of the CEP CsCl was performed in South Cell Compartment 1; the material has been stored in release resistant containers since the program was terminated. Material involved with the CEP was purified at Oak Ridge prior to shipment to the Shielded Materials Facility (SMF). Consequently, the CsCl associated with the CEP is purer than the CsCl that is encapsulated and stored at WESF. This material will be maintained and packaged separately from the material generated during destructive analysis of the WESF capsules.

#### Handling Cell Description

The SMF South Cell Compartment 1 was used for all handling activities associated with the powder and pellets. Compartment 1 was constructed in South Cell when the dose rates were low enough to allow personnel entry into the cell. Historically, South Cell has remained an alpha-free cell. As a result of the CEP, the dose rates in South Cell now average 11 rem/h and the dose rates in compartment 1 are 11,000 rem/h, all from CsCl contamination. Handling of unclad fuel or other material containing dispersible alpha-emitting radionuclides has not occurred in any of the compartments or in South Cell proper. A detailed contamination survey was performed in May 1989 which verified the SMF is free of alpha contamination. (Reference HNF-2849)

#### Comparison with WESF CsCl

The CsCl from Capsules C-1502 and C-1550 is consistent with the CsCl currently stored at WESF. Analytical data obtained as part of the CEP demonstrates that the CsCl from this program is of higher purity than WESF CsCl because the CsCl was water-washed at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) prior to its shipment to the SMF. The analytical report for CsCl batch C-1542, which comprises the powder and pellets, is provided in Attachment 2 and demonstrates that material processing at ORNL reduced the amount of contaminants in the CsCl and did not add other

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contaminants. Therefore, the powder and pellets are bounded by the current WESF corrosion studies and associated design basis.

The CsCl powder and pellets originated from WESF and was shipped to the SMF either via ORNL (material from the CEP) or directly (remnants from destructive examination). The shipping records for C-1502 and C-1550 are provided in Attachment 3. No foreign material was added to this material and the contamination in Compartment 1 was a result of the CEP and the two destructive analyses; the remainder of South Cell has been maintained as an alpha-free facility. Consequently, no other radionuclide or form of Cs could have contaminated the CsCl. Recent characterization smears taken in South Cell have verified that the entire SMF is free of alpha-emitters (HNF-2849) and that waste removed from these cells would not be designated as TRU waste. Therefore, the powder and pellets, including the remnants from destructive examination of two WESF capsules, is consistent with WESF CsCl and is within the WESF Part A permit.

#### **Conclusion**

Based on process knowledge and the data provided in this report, it can be concluded that the CsCl powder and pellets are consistent with the material currently stored at WESF. In addition, process knowledge and the SMF characterization study demonstrate that the material is not contaminated with alpha contamination. Therefore, the powder and pellet material is bounded by the WESF corrosion studies and associated design basis and the material is not TRU waste. Storage of this material at WESF will not violate the WESF safety basis and is covered by the WESF Part A permit.

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Attachment 1  
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DESTRUCTIVE EXAMINATION PROGRAM  
CESIUM CAPSULE C1502 REPORT

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December 1993

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Attachment 2  
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ICP Analysis Report  
K.E. Ard

Date Analyzed: 03/18 1992  
 Date Reported: 04/02 1992  
 Procedure: PNL-ALD-211  
 MT&E: WA55672

File: ICP5174c

Analyst: D. E. Ard  
 Reviewer: PHW

|        |        | Control Standard<br>ICV-1(690) |             |
|--------|--------|--------------------------------|-------------|
|        |        | xx                             | True        |
|        |        | 1                              | 1           |
|        |        | (ug/mL)                        | (ug/mL)     |
| (D.L.) |        |                                |             |
| Ag     | 0.015  |                                | 0.48 0.50   |
| Al     | 0.11   | 6793                           | 2.05 2.17   |
| As     | 0.11   |                                |             |
| B      | 0.02   | 51719                          |             |
| Be     | 0.003  | 29822                          | 2.01 2.04   |
| Be     | 0.001  |                                | 0.51 0.51   |
| Ca     | 0.01   | 6831                           | 45.90 51.52 |
| Cd     | 0.007  |                                | 0.50 0.50   |
| Ce     | 0.21   |                                |             |
| Co     | 0.27   |                                | 0.53 0.52   |
| Cr     | 0.01   |                                | 0.50 0.51   |
| Cu     | 0.005  | 161 *                          | 0.50 0.52   |
| Dy     | 0.015  |                                |             |
| Fe     | 0.01   | 431                            | 1.99 2.04   |
| K      | 0.5    | 12063                          | 50.05 52.07 |
| La     | 0.02   |                                |             |
| Li     | 0.015  |                                |             |
| Mg     | 0.01   | 435                            | 24.53 25.75 |
| Mn     | 0.003  |                                | 0.50 0.52   |
| Mo     | 0.01   | 85 *                           |             |
| Na     | 0.25   | 77597                          | 49.53 51.36 |
| Xd     | 0.11   |                                |             |
| Xi     | 0.025  | 849                            | 0.50 0.50   |
| Pb     | 0.08   |                                | 4.98 5.16   |
| Re     | 0.02   |                                |             |
| Rh     | 0.13   |                                |             |
| Ru     | 0.05   |                                |             |
| Sb     | 0.4    |                                |             |
| Se     | 0.12   |                                |             |
| Si     | 0.07   | 25867                          |             |
| Sr     | 0.0015 | 97 *                           |             |
| Te     | 0.08   |                                |             |
| Th     | 0.15   |                                |             |
| Tl     | 0.01   |                                |             |
| Tl     | 2      |                                |             |
| U      | 1.5    |                                |             |
| V      | 0.01   |                                | 0.51 0.51   |
| Zn     | 0.007  | 324                            | 3.28 3.32   |
| Zr     | 0.11   |                                |             |
| P      | 1      |                                |             |

Acceptance Criteria  
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 $Fe < 3\% \quad 80\% \text{ C.C.I}$

$$Fe = 431 \text{ ppm} / 10,000$$

$$= 0.0043\% < 3\%$$

Total Impurity Conc.  $\frac{21.2,731 \text{ ppm}}{10,000}$

$$= 21.3\% \Rightarrow 78.7\% \text{ C.C.I}$$

Ref. NCR 802535

Note: 1) Values reliable to 2 1/2 significant digits.  
 2) Starred results (\*) are qualitative only.  
 3) Sample results have not been adjusted for "blank" contribution.  
 4) At 50-100 times the D.L., precision is estimated at +/-10% and accuracy at +/-15%.  
 5) Calibration overrange on Ca and Mg for ICV-1. Results for information only.

Date, including calibration/QC, archived File ICP-325-601 (3/18/92)

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Attachment 3  
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Cesium Capsule C-1550

Outer Capsule ID: C-1550  
Inner Capsule ID: C-1434  
Production #: 82-23  
Calibration Date: 8/31/82  
Capsule Type: 3  
Double Capsule: YES  
Capsule Age: 187  
Gross Wt.: 8.762  
Net Wt.: 2.692  
Tare Wt.: 6.070  
Melter Location: 4  
Pour Temperature: 737  
Pour Date: 7/20/82  
Pool Cell Date: 9/01/82  
PC Location: SHIP/CUT  
Original KCi: 56.40  
Original Wattage: 270.70  
Curies per gram: 15  
Wattage Decayed: 188.88  
Watt Decay Date: 5/01/98  
KCi Decayed: 39.35  
KCi Decay Date: 5/01/98  
Wattage per gram: 70  
Gram Salt: 2.905  
Remarks: SHIPPED TO PNL 2-28-90. CAPSULE CUT. LOOSE SALT  
Remarks2:  
QC Initials: CNH  
OP Initials: RLJ  
Destination: PNL-CUT  
Date Shipped: 2/28/90  
Date Updated:  
DSI Number:

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Outer Capsule ID: C-1502  
Inner Capsule ID: C-1438  
Production #: 82-23  
Calibration Date: 7/23/82  
Capsule Type: 3  
Double Capsule: YES  
Capsule Age: 191  
Gross Wt.: 9  
Net Wt.: 3  
Tare Wt.: 6  
Melter Location: 5  
Pour Temperature: 737  
Pour Date: 7/20/82  
Pool Cell Date: 7/27/82  
PC Location: SHIP/CUT  
Original KCl: 56  
Original Wattage: 268  
Curies per gram: 14  
Wattage Decayed: 186  
Watt Decay Date: 7/01/98  
KCl Decayed: 39  
KCl Decay Date: 7/01/98  
Wattage per gram: 69  
Gram Salt: 3  
Remarks: SHIPPED TO RSI, ATLANTA 01-22-86. SHIPPED TO ORNL 12-20-88  
Remarks2: SHIPPED TO PNL. LEAKER. CUT OPEN 9-29-92  
QC Initials: CNH  
OP Initials: RLJ  
Destination: RSI-A/OR/PNL/CUT  
Date Shipped: 1/21/86  
Date Updated:  
DSI Number:

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| EJ Bitten     | L1-02 |                             |           |                              |                 |
| DH Sandoz     | L1-06 |                             |           |                              |                 |
| DE Rasmussen  | L1-04 |                             |           |                              |                 |
| TG Beam       | S6-51 |                             |           |                              |                 |
| FN Simmons    | S6-51 |                             |           |                              |                 |
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**ATTACHMENT 2**

**CERTIFICATION THAT UNOPENED TYPE 4 CONTAINER OF CsCl IS  
ACCEPTABLE FOR PACKAGING DIRECTLY INTO TYPE W OVERPACK**

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| 8. Originator Remarks:<br><b>Certification that unopened Type 4 container of CsCl is acceptable for packaging directly into Type "W" overpack.</b> |  | 9. Equip./Component No.:<br><b>NA</b>           |
| 11. Receiver Remarks: 11A. Design Baseline Document? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>NA</b>              |  | 10. System/Bldg./Facility:<br><b>324/WESF</b>   |
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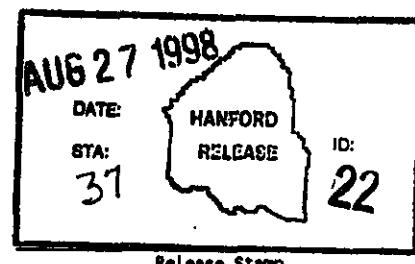
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## ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| ALARA         | As Low As Reasonably Achievable                      |
| C             | carbon   |
| Cd            | cadmium  |
| Cl            | chlorine   |
| Cr            | chromium   |
| CsCl          | cesium chloride                                      |
| Fe            | iron   |
| H             | hydrogen   |
| in.           | inch   |
| $\mu\text{m}$ | micron ( $10^{-6}$ m)                                |
| Mn            | manganese  |
| Mo            | molybdenum   |
| Ni            | nickel   |
| O             | oxygen   |
| ORNL          | Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Oak Ridge, Tennessee) |
| P             | phosphorus   |
| PNNL          | Pacific Northwest National Laboratory                |
| SEM           | Scanning Electron Microscopy                         |
| Si            | silicon  |
| SS            | stainless steel                                      |
| WESF          | Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility             |

**304L STAINLESS STEEL RESISTANCE TO CESIUM CHLORIDE****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

B&W Hanford Company have two Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Type 4 canisters filled with cesium chloride (CsCl) originally produced at WESF (Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility). These canisters are constructed of 304L stainless steel per drawing ORNL 970-294. Instead of removing the CsCl from the Type 4 canisters and repacking into an Inner Capsule, it is intended (for ALARA, schedule and cost purposes) that the Type 4 canisters be decontaminated (scrubbed) and placed [whole] inside a Type "W" overpack. The overpack is constructed from 316L stainless steel.

Several tests have been run by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) over the years documenting the corrosion compatibility of 316L SS with CsCl (Bryan 1989 and Fullam 1972). However, no information for 304L SS compatibility is readily available. This document estimates the corrosion resistance of 304L stainless steel in a WESF CsCl environment as it compares with that of 316L stainless steel.

**2.0 316L SS CORROSION RESISTANCE TO CsCl**

Fullam (1972) extrapolated his short-term compatibility data to indicate the attack of 316L SS by CsCl waste at 400 °C (750 °F) over a 600 year period should not exceed 635  $\mu\text{m}$  (0.025 in.). Visual inspection of photomicrographs showed little evidence of intergranular penetration but some pitting and subsurface void formation was present. Carbide precipitation was evident near the sample surface and along grain boundaries. The extent of the carbide precipitation increased with time at temperature.<sup>†</sup>

Bryan (1989) conducted long term (6 year) tests with WESF canisters to try to obtain more reliable estimates on the long-term corrosion resistance of 316L SS to CsCl at 450 °C (840 °F). His examination of photomicrographs also showed subsurface void formation and carbide precipitation (again, the number of precipitates increased with time at temperature).

<sup>†</sup> The presence of carbide precipitates reduces the corrosion resistance of the stainless steel at the grain boundaries.

Thermodynamic calculations by Bryan (1989) indicate that pure CsCl should not react with 316L SS at the test temperatures, however, certain impurities in the CsCl could react with the 316L SS. Possible impurities that could react include the less stable chlorides, such as  $\text{FeCl}_2$ ,  $\text{NiCl}_2$ , and  $\text{CdCl}_2$ , and the less stable oxides such as  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{NiO}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . In trying to identify the reactions, samples were analyzed by SEM (scanning electron microscopy). Bryan concludes that the only reaction that could be identified with any certainty was the leaching of Mn from the 316L SS in the reaction zone.

If impurities in the CsCl are the principal cause of corrosion, the extent of reaction should be limited by the amount of impurities available to react with the 316L SS components. The corrosion rate would initially be high and then decrease with time as the impurities are consumed. The rate controlling step for each reaction is likely to be the diffusion of the impurity reactant from the bulk CsCl to the metal/CsCl interface (Bryan 1989). If a liquid phase is present, it could accelerate this diffusion.

Bryan tabulated the effect of impurities on the phase transition temperature and melting point of CsCl (1989, pg A.17). The impurity with the greatest effect is iron. For a  $\text{CsCl} + 3\% \text{FeCl}_3$  system the minimum melting point is  $270^\circ\text{C}$  ( $520^\circ\text{F}$ ); melting began before a phase transition temperature could be detected. This falls well below the test temperature, thus a liquid phase would be present.

When pure molten CsCl is poured into a 316L SS capsule and allowed to solidify, the solid mass does not adhere to the wall (void spaces are formed as the mixture cools and collapses). Bryan (1989) hypothesizes that impurities cause some of the CsCl to adhere to the capsule wall. Thus, corrosion in areas where there is no CsCl/steel contact should be much less than in contact areas. If samples were [inadvertently] taken in areas of no contact, this theory could help to explain some of the data scatter in previous studies.

### 3.0 DISCUSSION

304L and 316L SS are both austenitic stainless steels with similar compositions (see Table 1). The lower carbon values (versus 304 and 316) improve corrosion resistance in welded structures (ASM 1990). The addition of molybdenum in 316L SS increases the steel's resistance to the initiation of pitting and crevice corrosion (ASM 1990). Both of these alloys are used extensively in the nuclear industry.

Table 1: Stainless Steel Compositions (ASM 1990, pg 843)

| Type | Composition, wt.% (Remainder is Fe) |      |      |         |        |       |      |     |
|------|-------------------------------------|------|------|---------|--------|-------|------|-----|
|      | C                                   | Mn   | Si   | Cr      | Ni     | P     | S    | Mo  |
| 304L | 0.03                                | 2.00 | 1.00 | 18 - 20 | 8 - 12 | 0.045 | 0.03 | --- |

|      |      |      |      |         |         |       |      |             |
|------|------|------|------|---------|---------|-------|------|-------------|
| 316L | 0.03 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 16 - 18 | 10 - 14 | 0.045 | 0.03 | 2.00 - 3.00 |
|------|------|------|------|---------|---------|-------|------|-------------|

With the great similarity in composition between the 304L and 316L SS (equal amounts of Mn and Si, near equal amounts of Cr and Ni), the potential corrosion reactions with the CsCl would also be similar (leaching of manganese in the reaction area). As subsurface void formation and carbide precipitation are the predominate corrosion features observed, the addition of molybdenum to the 316L [to reduce pitting and crevice corrosion] does not seem to provide an extra advantage to corrosion resistance.

During its stay at ORNL, the CsCl was water-washed which lowered the impurity levels (Landsman 1998), thus lowering the amount of available corrosion reactants. The lowering of iron content by washing (to <0.005%) would also minimize the potential for any liquid phase to form and decrease impurity diffusion to the surface. Water storage of this WESF canister would greatly reduce the system (CsCl/steel) temperature, which in turn would further lower corrosion rates.

Corrosion on the exterior of the Type 4 canister due to any remaining CsCl after decontamination would be minimal, as any impurity would be quickly consumed. Lastly, as no water or moisture is expected between the Type 4 canister and the WESF overpack, any possible galvanic corrosion between the 304L and 316L SS is avoided. As these two alloys are only slightly separated on the galvanic series (ASM 1990, pg 557), galvanic corrosion would be unlikely even with water present.

#### 4.0 CONCLUSIONS

With much lower impurity levels in the water-washed ORNL CsCl and a similar steel composition, the 304L stainless steel is expected to exhibit equal to or better corrosion resistance than the 316L stainless steel in this application. Thus, packing of the Type 4 canisters within the WESF overpack is judged acceptable.

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