

ATTACHMENT A  
CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKPLAN  
("WORKPLAN")

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RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION  
CORRECTIVE MEASURES STUDY  
CORRECTIVE MEASURES IMPLEMENTATION

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SCOPE OF WORK FOR A RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION (RFI)ATGENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANYAPPARATUS SERVICE SHOP("GE")ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICOPURPOSE

The purpose of this RCRA Facility Investigation is to determine the nature and extent of releases of hazardous waste or constituents from regulated units, solid waste management units, and other source areas at the facility and to gather all necessary data to support the Corrective Measures Study. GE shall furnish all personnel, materials, and services necessary for, or incidental to, performing the RCRA remedial investigation at the facility. In order to define the scope of the RFI Workplan, the Description of Current Conditions (Task I) shall follow the format of Facility Investigation (Task II) incorporating the appropriate portions of the RFI Workplan requirements. The proposed RFI Workplan shall then include the portions of the Facility Investigation not adequately covered under Task I, as determined and approved by EPA.

SCOPE

The RCRA Facility Investigation consists of seven tasks:

Task I: Description of Current Conditions

- A. Facility Background
- B. Nature and Extent of Contamination
- C. Implementation of Interim Measures

Task II: RFI Workplan Requirements

- A. Project Management Plan
- B. Data Collection Quality Assurance Plan
- C. Data Management Plan
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Task III: Facility Investigation

- A. Groundwater Characterization
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## TASK I: DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

GE shall submit for U.S. EPA approval a report providing the background information pertinent to the facility, contamination and interim measures as set forth below. The data gathered during any previous investigations or inspections and other relevant data shall be included.

### A. Facility Background

GE's report shall summarize the regional location, pertinent boundary features, general facility physiography, hydrogeology, and historical use of the facility for the treatment, storage or disposal of solid and hazardous waste. GE's report shall include:

1. Separate maps depicting the following:
  - a. General geographic location;
  - b. Property lines, with the owners of all adjacent property clearly indicated;
  - c. Surface drainage (with a contour interval of five (5) feet and a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet), depicting all wetlands, floodplains, water features, natural drainage patterns and respective drainage areas, manmade drainage pathways (berms, drains, etc.), NPDES outfalls, etc., and a description of all types of containment (natural and manmade).
  - d. All tanks, buildings, utilities, paved areas, easements, rights-of-way, and other features;
  - e. All solid or hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal areas active after November 19, 1980;
  - f. All known past solid or hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal areas (e.g., tanks, impoundments, landfills, etc.) regardless of whether they were active on November 19, 1980;
  - g. All known past and present product and waste underground tanks or piping;
  - h. Surrounding land uses (residential, commercial, agricultural, recreational); and
  - i. Surrounding water uses (recreational, agricultural, industrial, etc.)
  - j. The location of all production wells, groundwater monitoring wells, and piezometers associated with the facility. These wells shall be clearly labeled and ground and top of casing elevations,

construction details, and techniques included (these elevations and details may be included as an attachment).

- k. Location, date and type of material spilled at the facility site which will reflect the information submitted for number 3 below.

All maps shall be consistent with the requirements set forth in 40 CFR §270.14 and be of sufficient detail and accuracy to locate and report all current and future work performed at the site;

2. A history and description of ownership and operation, solid and hazardous waste generation, treatment, storage and disposal activities at the facility;
3. Approximate dates or periods of past product and waste spills, identification of the materials spilled, the amount spilled, the location where spilled, and a description of the response actions conducted (local, state, or federal response units or private parties), including any inspection reports or technical reports generated as a result of the response; and
4. A summary of past permits requested and/or received, any enforcement actions and their subsequent responses, including a list of documents and studies submitted.

**B. Nature and Extent of Contamination**

GE's report shall include a description of the existing information on the nature and extent of contamination. GE's report will include a description of the existing information.

1. GE's report shall summarize all possible source areas of contamination. This, at a minimum, should include all regulated units, solid waste management units, spill areas, and other suspected source areas of contamination. For each area, GE shall identify the following:
  - a. Location of unit/area (which shall be depicted on a facility map);
  - b. Actual (or estimated if actual quantities are not available) quantities of solid and hazardous wastes;
  - c. Hazardous waste or constituents, to the extent known; and
  - d. Identification of areas where additional information is necessary.

2. GE shall prepare an assessment and description of the existing degree and extent of contamination. This shall include:
  - a. Available monitoring data and qualitative information on locations and levels of contamination at the facility;
  - b. All potential migration pathways including information on geology, pedology, hydrogeology, physiography, hydrology, water quality, meteorology, and air quality; and
  - c. The potential impact(s) on human health and the environment, including demography, ground-water and surface-water use, and land use.

C. Implementation of Interim Measures

GE's report shall document interim measures which were or are being undertaken at the facility other than those specified in the order. This shall include:

1. Objectives of the interim measures: how the measure is mitigating a potential threat to human health and the environment and/or is consistent with and integrated into any long term solution at the facility;
2. Design, construction, operation, and maintenance requirements;
3. Schedules for design, construction and monitoring; and
4. Schedule for progress reports.

## TASK II: RFI WORKPLAN REQUIREMENTS

GE shall prepare a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Workplan. This RFI Workplan shall include the development of several plans, which shall be prepared concurrently. During the RCRA Facility Investigation, it may be necessary to revise the RFI Workplan to increase or decrease the level of detail of information collected to accommodate the facility-specific situation. The RFI Workplan shall include the following:

### A. Project Management Plan

GE shall prepare a Project Management Plan which will include a discussion of the technical approach, schedules, budget, and personnel. The Project Management Plan will also include a description of qualifications of personnel performing or directing the RFI, including contractor personnel. This plan shall also document the overall management approach to the RCRA Facility Investigation.

### B. Data Collection Quality Assurance Plan

GE shall prepare a plan to document all monitoring procedures: sampling, field measurements and sample analysis performed during the investigation to characterize the environmental setting, source, and contamination, so as to ensure that all information, data and resulting decisions are technically sound, statistically valid, and properly documented.

#### 1. Data Collection Strategy

The strategy section of the Data Collection Quality Assurance Plan shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. Description of the intended uses for the data, and the necessary level of precision and accuracy for these intended uses;
- b. Description of methods and procedures to be used to assess the precision, minimum detection limits, units of measurement, calibration of instruments, accuracy and completeness of the measurement data;
- c. Description of the rationale used to assure that the data accurately and precisely represent a characteristic of a population, parameter variations at a sampling point, a process condition or an environmental condition. Examples of factors which shall be considered and discussed include:
  - i) Environmental conditions at the time of sampling;
  - ii) Number of sampling points;

- iii) Representativeness of selected media; and
  - iv) Representativeness of selected analytical parameters.
- d. Description of the measures to be taken to assure that the following data sets can be compared to each other:
- i) RFI data generated by the Respondent over time;
  - ii) RFI data generated by an outside laboratory or consultant versus data generated by the Respondent;
  - iii) Data generated by separate consultants or laboratories; and
  - iv) Data generated by an outside consultant or laboratory over some time period.
- e. Details relating to the schedule and information to be provided in quality assurance reports. The reports should include but not be limited to:
- i) Periodic assessment of measurement data accuracy, precision, and completeness;
  - ii) Results of performance audits;
  - iii) Results of system audits;
  - iv) Significant quality assurance problems and recommended solutions; and
  - v) Resolutions of previously stated problems.

## 2. Sampling

The Sampling section of the Data Collection Quality Assurance Plan shall discuss:

- a. **Selecting appropriate sampling locations, depths, sampling equipment, sample containers, etc.;**
- b. **Providing a statistically sufficient number of sampling sites;**
- c. **Measuring all necessary ancillary data;**
- d. **Determining conditions under which sampling should be conducted;**
- e. **Determining which media are to be sampled (e.g., ground-water, air, soil, sediment, etc.);**



- f. Determining which parameters are to be measured and where;
- g. Selecting the frequency of sampling and length of sampling period;
- h. Selecting the types of sample (e.g., composites vs. grabs) and number of samples to be collected;
- i. Measures to be taken to prevent contamination of sampling equipment and cross contamination between sampling points; and
- j. Field blanks and trip blanks.
- k. Documenting field sampling operations and procedures, including:
  - i) Documentation of procedures for preparation of reagents or supplies which become an integral part of the sample (e.g., filters and adsorbing reagents);
  - ii) Procedures and forms for recording the exact location and specific considerations associated with sample acquisition;
  - iii) Documentation of specific sample preservation method;
  - iv) Calibration of field devices;
  - v) Collection of replicate samples;
  - vi) Submission of field-biased blanks and trip blanks, where appropriate;
  - vii) Potential interferences present at the facility;
  - viii) Construction materials and techniques, associated with recovery wells, monitoring wells and piezometers;
  - ix) Field equipment listing and sample containers;
  - x) Sampling order; and
  - xi) Decontamination procedures.
- l. Selecting appropriate sample containers;
- m. Sample preservation; and

- n. Chain-of-custody, including:
  - i) Standardized field tracking reporting forms to establish sample custody in the field prior to and during shipment;
  - ii) Pre-prepared sample labels containing all information necessary for effective sample tracking; and,
  - iii) Pre-prepared seals for sample containers cross-referenced to the tracking reports.

### 3. Field Measurements

The Field Measurements section of the Data Collection Quality Assurance Plan shall discuss:

- a. Selecting appropriate field measurement devices, locations, depths, etc.;
- b. Providing a statistically sufficient number of field measurements;
- c. Measuring all necessary ancillary data;
- d. Determining conditions under which field measurement should be conducted;
- e. Determining which media are to be addressed by appropriate field measurements (e.g., ground water, air, soil, sediment, etc.);
- f. Determining which parameters are to be measured and where;
- g. Selecting the frequency of field measurement and length of field measurements period; and
- h. Documenting field measurement operations and procedures, including:
  - i) Procedures and forms for recording raw data and the exact location, time, and facility-specific considerations associated with the data acquisition;
  - ii) Calibration of field devices;
  - iii) Potential interferences present at the facility;

- iv) Field equipment listing;
- v) Order in which field measurements were made; and
- vi) Decontamination procedures.

#### 4. Sample Analysis

The Sample Analysis section of the Data Collection Quality Assurance Plan shall specify the following:

- a. Chain-of-custody procedures, including:
  - i) Identification of a responsible party to act as sample custodian at the laboratory facility authorized to sign for incoming field samples, obtain documents of shipment, and verify the data entered onto the sample custody records;
  - ii) Provision for a laboratory sample custody log consisting of serially numbered standard lab-tracking report sheets; and
  - iii) Specification of laboratory sample custody procedures for sample handling, storage, and dispersment for analysis.
- b. Sample storage and holding times;
- c. Sample preparation methods;
- d. Analytical procedures, including:
  - i) Scope and application of the procedure;
  - ii) Sample matrix;
  - iii) Potential interferences;
  - iv) Precision and accuracy of the methodology; and
  - v) Method detection limits.
- e. Calibration procedures and frequency;
- f. Data reduction, validation and reporting;
- g. Internal quality control checks, laboratory performance and systems audits and frequency, including:
  - i) Method blank(s);
  - ii) Laboratory control sample(s);

- iii) Calibration check sample(s);
- iv) Replicate sample(s);
- v) Matrix-spiked sample(s);
- vi) "Blind" quality control sample(s);
- vii) Control charts;
- viii) Surrogate samples;
- ix) Zero and span gases;
- x) Reagent quality control checks; and
- xi) Recommended vs actual holding times for samples.
- xii) Name and address at laboratory to be used for sample analysis.

GE will specify the name and address of the laboratory to be used for sample analysis. The U.S. EPA reserves the right to conduct a performance and QA/QC audit of the above specified laboratory before or during sample analysis. If the audit reveals deficiencies in lab performance or QA/QC, resampling and analysis will be required.

- h. Preventive maintenance procedures and schedules;
- i. Corrective action (for laboratory problems); and
- j. Turnaround time.

#### C. Data Management Plan

GE shall develop and initiate a Data Management Plan to document and track investigation data and results. This plan shall identify and set up data documentation materials and procedures, project file requirements, and project-related progress reporting procedures and documents. The plan shall also provide the format to be used to present the raw data and conclusions of the investigation.

##### 1. Data Record

The data record shall include the following:

- a. Unique sample or field measurement code;
- b. Sampling or field measurement location and sample or measurement type;

- c. Sampling or field measurement raw data;
- d. Laboratory analysis ID number;
- e. Property or component measured;
- f. Result of analysis (e.g., concentration); and
- g. Actual holding time of all samples, making special note of those samples which exceeded recommended holding times.

## 2. Tabular Displays

The following data shall be presented in tabular displays:

- a. Unsorted (raw) data;
- b. Results for each medium, or for each constituent monitored;
- c. Data reduction for statistical analysis;
- d. Sorting of data by potential stratification factors (e.g., location, soil layer, topography); and
- e. Summary data.

## 3. Graphical Displays

The following data shall be presented in graphical formats (e.g., bar graphs, line graphs, area or plan maps, isopleth plots, cross-sectional plots or transects, three dimensional graphs, etc.):

- a. Display sampling location and sampling grid;
- b. Indicate boundaries of sampling area, and areas where more data are required;
- c. Displays levels of contamination at each sampling location;
- d. Display geographical extent of contamination;
- e. Display contamination levels, averages, and maxima;
- f. Illustrate changes in concentration in relation to distance from the source, time, depth or other parameters; and
- g. Indicate features affecting intramedia transport and show potential receptors,

D. Health and Safety Plan

GE shall prepare a facility Health and Safety Plan.

1. Major elements of the Health and Safety Plan shall include:
  - a. Facility description including availability of resources such as roads, water supply, electricity and telephone service;
  - b. Describe the known hazards and evaluate the risks associated with the incident and with each activity conducted;
  - c. List key personnel and alternates responsible for site safety, responses operations, and for protection of public health;
  - d. Delineate work area;
  - e. Describe levels of protection to be worn by personnel in work area;
  - f. Establish procedures to control site access;
  - g. Describe decontamination procedures for personnel and equipment;
  - h. Establish site emergency procedures;
  - i. Address emergency medical care for injuries and toxicological problems;
  - j. Describe requirements for an environmental surveillance program;
  - k. Specify any routine and special training required for responders; and
  - l. Establish procedures for protecting workers from weather-related problems.
2. The Facility Health and Safety Plan shall be consistent with:
  - a. NIOSH Occupational Safety and Health Guidance Manual for Hazardous Waste Site Activities (1985);
  - b. EPA Order 1440.1 - Respiratory Protection;

- c. EPA Order 1440.3 - Health and Safety Requirements for Employees engaged in Field Activities;
- d. Approved Facility Contingency Plan;
- e. EPA Standard Operating Safety Guide (OERR/ERT, 1984);
- f. OSHA regulations particularly in 29 CFR 1910 and 1926;
- g. State and local regulations; and
- h. Other EPA guidance as provided.

E. Community Relations Plan

GE shall prepare a plan, for the dissemination of information to the public regarding investigation activities and results.

### TASK III: FACILITY INVESTIGATION

GE shall conduct those investigations necessary to: characterize the groundwater at the Facility and confirm or refute the existence of groundwater contamination at the Facility (Groundwater Characterization); characterize the facility (Environmental Setting); define the source (Source Characterization); define the degree and extent of contamination (Contamination Characterization); and identify actual or potential receptors.

The investigations should result in data of adequate technical quality to support the development and evaluation of the corrective measure alternative or alternatives during the Corrective Measures Study.

The site investigation activities shall follow the plans set forth in Task II. All sampling and analyses shall be conducted in accordance with the Data Collection Quality Assurance Plan. All sampling locations shall be documented in a log and identified on a detailed site map.

#### A. Groundwater Characterization

GE shall complete the following tasks to characterize the groundwater and determine the actual vertical and horizontal extent of any contamination at the facility. All monitoring wells shall be constructed using AISI #304 stainless steel (ASTM A-312 or A-376) or its equivalent in its characteristics of durability and remaining inert. Screen slot size shall be determined from formation sieve size and gravel pack sieve size. Gravel packs shall extend no more than two (2) feet above the top of the screen. If bentonite seals are used, they shall be allowed to fully hydrate prior to placement of the cement grout (12-24 hours). Screen length and placement shall be consistent with recent guidance from EPA, and be capable of detecting dense and light immiscible fluid phases as well as miscible phases. In no case should more than 10 percent of the well screen length be screened in clay or silty clay materials. The screened interval of the saturated zone shall be no more than twenty (20) feet in length and allow unrestricted flow at the static water level through the well:

1. Install a minimum of four (4) piezometers in the uppermost flow zone at the Facility. The piezometers shall be **appropriately** located and constructed so as to direct **placement** of the monitoring wells in the characterization of hydrogeologic conditions at the site.
2. Install a minimum of one (1) up-gradient monitoring well into the uppermost flow zone encountered beneath the Facility. This monitoring well shall be a minimum of ninety (90) feet away from the "dry well" location in the up-gradient direction based on the Respondent's hydrogeologic characterization to date, and up-gradient of any other potential source of contamination at the facility.
3. Install one (1) monitoring well in the uppermost flow zone immediately down-gradient (maximum of thirty (30) feet distance) from the "dry well".



4. Install two (2) monitoring wells in the uppermost flow-zone down-gradient from the "dry well" and located on the Facility so as to maximize potential for the determination of any release and localized groundwater flow directions.
5. After construction of the wells, development techniques shall be implemented which:
  - a. remove any foreign fluids introduced into the flow zone during drilling; and
  - b. negate borehole wall damage resulting from the drilling process.
6. After the wells have been developed, GE shall allow the wells to equilibrate a minimum of twenty-four (24) and maximum of thirty-six (36) hours before sampling. Initial sampling shall not include purging of the wells.
7. If hazardous constituents are detected in the monitoring wells, the Defendant shall define the complete horizontal extent of any contamination in the upper flow zone using monitoring wells for confirmation. Well locations shall be stepped out radially from the Facility until the leading edge of the plume in the upper flow zone is determined.
8. If contamination is identified in the upper flow zone, GE shall define the complete horizontal extent of any contamination in the pervious zone immediately underlying the upper flow zone using monitoring wells for confirmation. These monitoring wells shall be completed with a surface casing set through the upper flow zone and pressure-cemented back to the surface. Well locations shall be stepped out radially from the Facility until the leading edge of the plume in this zone is defined.
9. GE shall fully delineate any zones of interconnection between the upper flow zone and the underlying pervious zones.
10. GE shall determine the total vertical extent of contamination. Confirmation of the presence or absence of contamination shall be verified by monitoring wells constructed under the same guidelines set forth by III.A.2.

**B. Environmental Setting**

The Defendant shall collect information to supplement and verify existing information on the environmental setting at the facility. GE shall characterize the following:

**1. Hydrogeology**

GE shall conduct a program to evaluate hydrogeologic conditions at the facility. This program shall provide the following information:

- a. A description of the regional and facility specific geologic and hydrogeologic characteristics affecting groundwater flow beneath the facility, including:
  - i) Regional and facility specific stratigraphy: description of strata including strike and dip, identification of stratigraphic contacts;
  - ii) Structural geology: description of local and regional structural features (e.g., folding, faulting, tilting, jointing, etc.);
  - iii) Depositional history;
  - iv) Regional and facility specific groundwater flow patterns, sufficient to reflect seasonal changes in flow patterns; and
  - v) Identification and characterization of areas and amounts of recharge and discharge, sufficient to reflect seasonal variations.
- b. An analysis of any topographic features that might influence the groundwater flow system (e.g., area of swamps, seeps and creeks. (Note: Stereographic analysis of aerial photographs may aid in this analysis)).
- c. Based on field data, tests, and cores, a representative and accurate classification and description of the hydrogeologic units which may be part of the migration pathways at the facility (i.e., the aquifers and any intervening saturated and unsaturated units), including:
  - i) Hydraulic conductivity and porosity (total and effective);
  - ii) Lithology, grain size, sorting, degree of cementation;
  - iii) An interpretation of hydraulic interconnections between saturated zones; and
  - iv) The attenuation capacity and mechanisms of the natural earth materials (e.g., ion exchange capacity, organic carbon content, mineral content etc.).
- d. Based on field studies and cores, North-South and East-West oriented structural geology and hydrogeologic cross sections showing the extent (depth, thickness,

lateral extent) of hydrogeologic units which may be part of the migration pathways identifying:

- i) Zones of dessication, fracturing, slickensides or channeling in consolidated or unconsolidated deposits;
  - ii) Zones of higher permeability or lower permeability that might direct and restrict the flow of contaminants;
- e. Based on data obtained from groundwater monitoring wells, recovery wells and piezometers installed in and around the facility, a representative description of water level or fluid pressure monitoring including:
- i) Water-level contour and/or potentiometric maps for the upper flow zone and underlying pervious zones.
  - ii) The flow system, including the vertical and horizontal components of flow;
  - iii) Any temporal changes in hydraulic gradients, for example, due to seasonal influences or tidal influences; and
- f. A description of man-made influences that may affect the hydrogeology of the site, identifying:
- i) Artificial penetrations within a one-mile radius of the site, including any available logs, construction details, and method of abandonment, if inactive, and
  - ii) Man-made hydraulic structures (pipelines, french drains, ditches, unlined ponds, septic tanks, NPDES outfalls, retention areas etc.).

## 2. Soils

GE shall conduct a program to characterize the soil and rock units above the water table in the vicinity of any contaminant release(s). Such characterization shall include but not be limited to, the following information:

- a. USCS soil classification;
- b. Surface soil distribution;
- c. Soil profile, including ASTM classification of soils;
- d. Transects of soil stratigraphy;

- e. Hydraulic conductivity (saturated and unsaturated);
- f. Relative permeability;
- g. Bulk density;
- h. Porosity;
- i. Soil sorptive capacity;
- j. Cation exchange capacity (CEC);
- k. Soil organic content;
- l. Soil pH;
- m. Particle size distribution;
- n. Depth of water table;
- o. Moisture content;
- p. Effect of stratification on unsaturated flow;
- q. Infiltration
- r. Evapotranspiration;
- s. Storage capacity;
- t. Vertical flow rate; and
- u. Mineral and metal content.

### 3. Surface Water and Sediment

GE shall conduct a program to characterize any surface-water bodies within a one-mile radius of the facility. Such characterization shall include, but not be limited to, the following activities and information:

- a. Description of the temporal and permanent surface water bodies including:
  - i) For lakes and estuaries: location, elevation, surface area, inflow, outflow, depth, temperature stratification, and volume;
  - ii) For impoundments: location, elevation, surface area, depth, volume, freeboard, and purpose of impoundment;
  - iii) For rivers, streams, ditches, drains, swamps, and channels: location, elevation, flow, velocity, depth, width, seasonal fluctuations, and flooding tendencies (i.e., 100 year event);
  - iv) Drainage patterns;
  - v) Evapotranspiration rates; and
  - vi) Interaction between surface water bodies and groundwater.
- b. Description of the chemistry of the natural (i.e., background) surface water and sediments. This includes determining the pH, total dissolved solids, total suspended solids, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>) and

BOD<sub>20</sub>), alkalinity, conductivity, dissolved oxygen profiles, nutrients (NH<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>/NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-3</sup>), chemical oxygen demand, total organic carbon, specific contaminant concentrations, etc.

c. Description of sediment characteristics including:

- i) Deposition area;
- ii) Thickness profile; and
- iii) Physical and chemical parameters (e.g., grain size, density, organic carbon content, ion exchange capacity, pH, etc.)

4. Air

GE shall provide information characterizing the climate in the vicinity of the facility. Such information shall include, but not be limited to:

a. A description of the following parameters:

- i) Annual and monthly rainfall averages;
- ii) Monthly temperature averages and extremes;
- iii) Wind speed and direction;
- iv) Relative humidity/dew point;
- v) Atmospheric pressure;
- vi) Evaporation data;
- vii) Development of inversions; and
- viii) Climate extremes that have been known to occur in the vicinity of the facility, including frequency of occurrence.

b. A description of topographic and man-made features which affect air flow and emission patterns, including:

- i) Ridges, hills or mountain areas;
- ii) Wind breaks and forests; and
- iii) Buildings.

- c. A characterization of any fugitive air emissions from the site using high-volume flow samplers including:
  - i) Concentrations ( $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ ) of heavy metals emanating from the facility as compared to background; and
  - ii) Concentrations ( $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ ) of volatile organics emanating from the facility as compared to background.

C. Source Characterization

GE shall collect analytic data to completely characterize the wastes and the areas where wastes have been placed, collected, or removed (e.g., landfills, surface water retention areas, etc.) including: type; quantity; physical form; disposition (containment or nature of deposits); and facility characteristics affecting release (e.g., facility security, and engineered barriers). This shall include quantification of the following specific characteristics, at each source area:

1. Unit/Disposal Area characteristics:
  - a. Location of unit/disposal area;
  - b. Type of unit/disposal area;
  - c. Design features;
  - d. Operating practices (past and present);
  - e. Period of operation;
  - f. Age of unit/disposal area;
  - g. General physical conditions; and
  - h. Method used to close the unit/disposal area.
2. Waste Characteristics:
  - a. Type of waste placed in the unit;
    - i) Hazardous classification (e.g., flammable, reactive, corrosive, oxidizing or reducing agent);
    - ii) Quantity; and
    - iii) Chemical composition.
  - b. Physical and chemical characteristics;
    - i) Physical form (solid, liquid, gas);
    - ii) Physical description (e.g., powder, oily sludge);
    - iii) Temperature;
    - iv) pH;
    - v) General chemical class (e.g., acid, base, solvent);
    - vi) Molecular weight;
    - vii) Density;

- viii) Flash point;
- ix) Viscosity;
- x) Solubility in water;
- xi) Cohesiveness of the waste; and
- xii) Vapor pressure.

c. Migration and dispersal characteristics of the waste;

- i) Sorption;
- ii) Biodegradability, bioconcentration, biotransformation;
- iii) Photodegradation rates;
- iv) Hydrolysis rates; and
- v) Chemical transformations.

GE shall document the procedures used in making the above determinations.

D. Contamination Characterization

GE shall collect analytical data on groundwater, soil, surface water, sediment, and subsurface gas contamination in the vicinity of the facility. This data shall be sufficient to define the vertical and horizontal extent, origin, direction, and rate of migration of contaminant plumes. Data shall include time and location of sampling, media sampled, concentrations detected, conditions during sampling, and the identity of the individuals performing the sampling and analysis. GE shall address the following types of contamination at the facility:

1. Groundwater Contamination

GE shall conduct a Groundwater Investigation to characterize any plumes of contamination at the facility, incorporating data developed under Tasks III.A. and III.B. This investigation shall at a minimum provide the following information:

- a. A description of the horizontal and vertical extent of any immiscible or dissolved plume(s) originating from the facility;
- b. The horizontal and vertical direction of contaminant movement;
- c. The velocity of contaminant movement;
- d. The horizontal and vertical concentration profiles of Appendix IX constituents in the plume(s);

- e. An evaluation of factors influencing the plume movement; and
- f. An extrapolation of future contaminant movement.

GE shall document the procedures used in making the above determinations (e.g., well design, well construction, geophysics, modeling, etc.).

## 2. Soil Contamination

The Respondent shall conduct an investigation to characterize the contamination of the vadose zone at the facility site. The investigation shall include the following information:

- a. A description of the vertical and horizontal extent of contamination. Description should be based on an extensive, facility-wide soil-gas analysis and soil sampling program. This soil-gas analysis should include, but not be limited to:
  - i) A description of the horizontal and vertical extent of subsurface gas migration;
  - ii) The chemical composition of the gases being emitted;
  - iii) The rate, amount, and density of the gases being emitted; and
  - iv) Horizontal and vertical concentration profiles of the subsurface gases emitted.
- b. A description of contaminant and soil chemical properties within the contaminant source area and plume. This includes contaminant solubility, speciation, adsorption, leachability, exchange capacity, biodegradability, hydrolysis, photolysis, oxidation and other factors that might affect contaminant migration and transformation.
- c. Specific contaminant concentrations.
- d. The velocity and direction of contaminant movement.
- e. An extrapolation of future contaminant movement.

GE shall document the procedures used in making the above determinations.



### 3. Surface Water and Sediment Contamination

GE shall conduct a surface water investigation to characterize any contamination in surface water bodies identified under Task III.B.3. as being susceptible to releases from the facility.

The investigation shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- a. A description of the horizontal and vertical extent of any immiscible or dissolved plume(s) originating from the facility, and the extent of contamination in underlying sediments;
- b. The horizontal and vertical direction of contaminant movement;
- c. The contaminant velocity;
- d. An evaluation of the physical, biological and chemical factors influencing contaminant movement which will include an analysis of the effects of the NPDES outfalls on the biota of the outfall areas.
- e. An extrapolation of future contaminant movement; and
- f. A description of the chemistry of the contaminated surface waters and sediments. This includes determining the pH, total dissolved solids, specific Appendix IX parameter concentrations, etc.;

GE shall document the procedures used in making the above determinations.

### 4. Air Contamination

GE shall conduct an investigation to characterize any particulate and gaseous contaminants released into the atmosphere.

This investigation shall provide the following information:

- a. A description of the horizontal and vertical direction and velocity of contaminant movement;
- b. The rate and amount of the release; and
- c. The chemical and physical composition of the contaminants(s) released, including horizontal and vertical concentration profiles.

GE shall document the procedures used in making the above determinations.

## E. Potential Receptors

GE shall collect data describing the human populations and environmental systems that are susceptible to contaminant exposure from the facility. Chemical analysis of biological samples may be needed. Data on observable effects in ecosystems (e.g., stressed vegetation) may also be obtained. The following characteristics shall be identified:

1. Local uses and possible future uses of groundwater:
  - a. Type of use (e.g., drinking water source: municipal or residential, agricultural, domestic/non-potable, and industrial); and
  - b. Location of groundwater users within a three-mile radius, including wells and discharge areas.
2. Local uses and possible future uses of surface waters within a 1.0-mile radius of the facility:
  - a. Domestic and municipal (e.g. potable and lawn/gardening watering);
  - b. Recreational (e.g. swimming, fishing);
  - c. Agricultural;
  - d. Industrial; and
  - e. Environmental (e.g. fish and wildlife propagation).
3. Human use of or access to the facility and adjacent lands, including but not limited to:
  - a. Recreation;
  - b. Hunting;
  - c. Residential;
  - d. Commercial;
  - e. Zoning; and
  - f. Relationship between population locations and prevailing wind direction.
4. A description of the biota in surface water bodies on, adjacent to, or affected by the facility.

5. A description of the ecology overlying and adjacent to the facility.
6. A demographic profile of the people who use or have access to the facility and adjacent land, including, but not limited to: age; sex; and sensitive subgroups.
7. A description of any endangered or threatened species near the facility.

#### TASK IV: INVESTIGATION ANALYSIS

GE shall prepare an analysis and summary of all facility investigations and their results. The objective of this task shall be to ensure that the investigation data are sufficient in quality (e.g., quality assurance procedures have been followed) and quantity to describe the nature and extent of contamination, potential threat to human health and/or the environment, and to support the Corrective Measures Study.

##### A. Data Analysis

GE shall analyze all facility investigation data outlined in Task III and prepare a report on the type and extent of contamination at the facility including sources and migration pathways. The report shall describe the extent of contamination (qualitative/quantitative) in relation to background levels indicative for the area.

##### B. Protection Standards

###### 1. Groundwater Protection Standards

For regulated units GE shall provide information to support the Agency's selection/development of Groundwater Protection Standards for all of the Appendix IX constituents found in the groundwater during the Facility Investigation (Task III).

a. The Groundwater Protection Standards shall consist of:

- i) for any constituents listed in Table 1 of 40 CFR §264.94, the respective value given in that table (MCL) if the background level of the constituent is below that given in Table 1; or
- ii) the background level of that constituent in the groundwater; or
- iii) The New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Human Health Standards as defined in Part 3-103 of the WQCC Regulations.
- iv) a U.S. EPA approved Alternate Concentration Limit (ACL).

b. Information to support the Agency's subsequent selection of Alternate Concentration Limits (ACL's) shall be developed by GE in accordance with U.S. EPA guidance. For any proposed ACL's GE shall include a justification based upon the criteria set forth in 40 CFR §264.94(b).

- c. Within ninety (90) days of receipt of any proposed ACL's, the U.S. EPA shall notify GE in writing of approval, disapproval or modifications, the U.S. EPA shall specify in writing the reason(s) for any disapproval or modification.
- d. Within sixty (60) days of receipt of the U.S. EPA's notification or disapproval of any proposal ACL, GE shall amend and submit revisions to the U.S. EPA.

2. Other Relevant Protection Standards

GE shall identify all relevant and applicable standards for the protection of human health and the environment (e.g. National Ambient Air Quality Standards, Federally-approved State water quality standards, etc.).

TASK V: LABORATORY AND BENCH-SCALE STUDIES

GE shall conduct laboratory bench scale and/or technological literature review studies to determine the applicability of a corrective measure technology or technologies to facility conditions including, but not limited to, in-situ treatments such as vapor stripping and biological seeding and physical/ chemical treatment of contaminated soil and ground water at the facility. GE shall analyze the technologies, based on literature review, vendor contracts, and past experience to determine the testing requirements.

GE shall develop a testing plan identifying the types(s) and goal(s) of the study(ies), the level of effort needed, and the procedures to be used for data management and interpretation.

The bench and pilot program study results (or equivalent data from other sites) shall be used to develop the specific process schematics, treatment flow trains, and design details required for finalization of the concept or process engineering designs.

Upon completion of the testing, GE shall evaluate the testing results to assess the technology or technologies with respect to the site-specific questions identified in the test plan.

GE shall prepare a report summarizing the testing program and its results, both positive and negative.

TASK VI: REPORTSA. Preliminary and Workplan

GE shall submit the Task I report to the EPA (30) days after the effective date of this Decree. GE shall submit the RCRA Facility Investigation Workplan (Task II) sixty (60) days after the effective date of this Decree.

B. Progress

GE shall at a minimum provide the EPA with signed, monthly progress reports containing:

1. A description and estimate of the percentage of the RFI completed;
2. Summaries of all findings;
3. Summaries of all changes made in the RFI during the reporting period;
4. Summaries of all contacts with representative of the local community, public interest groups or State government during the reporting period;
5. Summaries of all problems or potential problems encountered during the reporting period;
6. Actions being taken to rectify problems;
7. Changes in personnel during the reporting period;
8. Projected work for the next reporting period; and
9. Copies of daily reports, inspection reports, laboratory/monitoring data, etc., shall be available upon request for review and inspection by EPA.
10. Status of any interim measure required by Task I.C. of the Facilities Investigation and copies of any data generated by the interim measures.

C. Draft and Final

Upon EPA approval of the RFI Workplan, GE shall prepare a RCRA Facility Investigation Report to present Tasks III-IV using the Facility Submission Summary schedule at the end of this Section. The RCRA Facility Investigation Report shall be developed in draft form for U.S. EPA review. The RCRA Facility Investigation Report shall be developed in final format incorporating comments received on the Draft RCRA Facility Investigation Report. Task V shall be submitted as a separate report when

the Final RCRA Facility Investigation Report is submitted. Six copies of all reports, including the Task I report, Task II workplan, Task V report and both the Draft and Final RCRA Facility Investigation Reports (Tasks III-IV) shall be submitted. Revised Draft RFI Report(s) may be required if EPA determines that the Draft RFI Report is significantly deficient. Revised Draft RFI Reports will be due within 30 days after receipt of EPA comments on the previous draft. If EPA determines that the Draft or Final RFI Report is grossly deficient, GE will be so notified and deemed to be out of compliance with this Decree.

### Facility Submission Summary

A summary of the information reporting requirements contained in the RCRA Facility Investigation Scope of Work is presented below:

<u>Facility Submission</u>	<u>Due Date*</u>
Description of Current Situation (Task I)	30 days after effective date of Consent Decree
RFI Workplan (Task II)	60 days after effective date of Consent Decree
Draft RFI Report (Tasks III and IV)	180 days after RFI Workplan Approval
Final RFI Report (Tasks III and IV)	30 days after EPA comment on Draft RFI Report
Laboratory and Bench-Scale Studies (Task V)	Concurrent with Final RFI Report
Progress Reports on Tasks I through V	Monthly

\* All due dates are calculated from the effective date of this Decree unless otherwise specified.



TASK VII: IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION ALTERNATIVES

Based on the results of the RCRA Facility Investigation, GE shall identify, screen and develop the alternatives for removal, containment, treatment and/or other remediation of the contamination based on the objectives established for the corrective action. Alternatives shall address both source control measures and restoration of groundwater contamination beneath and emanating from the facility.

A. Description of Current Situation

GE shall submit an update to the information describing the current situation at the facility and the known nature and extent of the contamination as documented by the RCRA Facility Investigation Report. GE shall provide an update to information presented in Task I of the RFI to the Agency regarding previous response activities and any interim measures which have or are being implemented at the facility. GE shall also make a facility-specific statement of the purpose for the response, based on the results of the RCRA Facility Investigation. The statement of purpose should identify the actual or potential exposure pathways that should be addressed by corrective measures.

B. Establishment of Corrective Action Objectives

GE shall propose for EPA review and approval site-specific objectives for the corrective action. These objectives shall be based on public health and environmental criteria, information gathered during the RCRA Facility Investigation, EPA guidance, and the requirements of any applicable State or Federal statutes. At a minimum, all corrective actions concerning groundwater releases from regulated units must be consistent with, and as stringent as, those required under 40 CFR §264.100.

C. Screening of Corrective Measure Technologies

GE shall review the results of the RCRA Facility Investigation, and identify all technologies which are applicable at the facility. GE shall screen the corrective measure technologies to eliminate those that may prove infeasible to implement, that rely on technologies unlikely to perform satisfactorily or reliably, or that do not achieve the corrective measure objective within a reasonable time period. This screening process focuses on eliminating those technologies which have severe limitations for a given set of waste and site-specific conditions. The screening step may also eliminate technologies based on inherent technology limitations.

Site, waste, and technology characteristics which are used to screen inapplicable technologies are described in more detail below:

1. Site Characteristics

Site data should be reviewed to identify conditions that may limit or promote the use of certain technologies. Technologies whose use is clearly precluded by site characteristics should be eliminated from further consideration;

2. Waste Characteristics

Identification of waste characteristics that limit the effectiveness or feasibility of technologies is an important part of the screening process. Technologies clearly limited by these waste characteristics should be eliminated from consideration. Waste characteristics particularly affect the feasibility of in-situ methods, direct treatment methods, and land disposal (on/off-site); and

3. Technology Limitations

During the screening process, the level of technology development, performance record, and inherent construction, operation, and maintenance problems should be identified for each technology considered. Technologies that are unreliable, perform poorly, or are not fully demonstrated may be eliminated in the screening process. For example, certain treatment methods have been developed to a point where they can be implemented in the field without extensive technology transfer or development.

D. Identification of the Corrective Measure Alternatives

GE shall develop the Corrective Measure Alternatives based on the corrective action objectives and analysis of Corrective Measure Technologies, as presented in Task VII.C, following the preparation of the RFI Report. GE shall rely on engineering practice to determine which of the previously identified technologies appear most suitable for the site. Technologies can be combined to form the overall corrective action alternatives. The alternatives developed should represent a workable number of options that each appear to adequately address all site problems and corrective action objectives. Each alternative may consist of an individual technology or a combination of technologies. GE shall document the reasons for excluding technologies identified in Task VII.C.

TASK VIII: EVALUATION OF THE CORRECTIVE MEASURE ALTERNATIVES

GE shall describe each corrective measure alternative that passes through the Initial Screening in Task VII and evaluate each corrective measure alternative and its components. The evaluation shall be based on technical, environmental, human health and institutional concerns. GE shall also develop cost estimates of each corrective measure.

A. Technical/Environmental/Human Health/Institutional

GE shall provide a description of each corrective measure alternative which includes but is not limited to the following: preliminary process flow sheets; preliminary sizing and type of construction for buildings and structures; and rough quantities of utilities required. GE shall evaluate each alternative in the four following areas:

1. Technical;

GE shall evaluate each corrective measure alternative based on performance, reliability, implementability and safety.

a. GE shall evaluate performance based on the effectiveness and useful life of the corrective measure:

- i) Effectiveness shall be evaluated in terms of the ability to perform intended functions, such as containment, diversion, removal, destruction, or treatment. The effectiveness of each corrective measure shall be determined either through design specifications or by performance evaluation. Any specific waste or site characteristics which could potentially impede effectiveness shall be considered. The evaluation should also consider the effectiveness of combinations of technologies; and
- ii) Useful life is defined as the length of time the level of effectiveness can be maintained. Most corrective measure technologies, with the exception of destruction, deteriorate with time. Often, deterioration can be slowed through proper system operation and maintenance, but the technology eventually may require replacement. Each corrective measure shall be evaluated in terms of the projected service lives of its component technologies. Resource availability in the future life of the technology, as well as appropriateness of the technologies, must be considered in estimating the useful life of the project.

- b. GE shall provide information on the reliability of each corrective measure including their operation and maintenance requirements and their demonstrated reliability:
  - i) Operation and maintenance requirements include the frequency and complexity of necessary operation and maintenance. Technologies requiring frequent or complex operation and maintenance activities should be regarded as less reliable than technologies requiring little or straightforward operation and maintenance. The availability of labor and materials to meet these requirements shall also be considered; and
  - ii) Demonstrated and expected reliability is a way of measuring the risk and effect of failure. GE should evaluate whether the technologies have been used effectively under analogous conditions; whether the combination of technologies have been used together effectively; whether failure of any one technology has an immediate impact on receptors; and whether the corrective measure has the flexibility to deal with uncontrollable changes at the site.
- c. GE shall describe the implementability of each corrective measure including the relative ease of installation (constructability) and the time required to achieve a given level of response:
  - i) Constructability is determined by conditions both internal and external to the facility conditions and include such items as location of underground utilities, depth to water table, heterogeneity of subsurface materials, and location of the facility (i.e., remote location vs. a congested urban area). GE shall evaluate what measures can be taken to facilitate construction under these conditions. External factors which affect implementation include the need for special permits or agreements, equipment availability, and the location of suitable off-site treatment or disposal facilities; and
  - ii) Time has two components that shall be addressed: the time it takes to implement a corrective measure and the time it takes to actually see beneficial results. Beneficial results are defined as the reduction of contaminants to some acceptable, pre-established level.

- d. GE shall evaluate each corrective measure alternative with regard to safety. This evaluation shall include threats to the safety of nearby communities and environments as well as those to workers during implementation. Factors to consider are fire, explosion, and exposure to hazardous substances.

2. Environmental;

GE shall perform an Environmental Assessment for each alternative. The Environmental Assessment shall focus on the facility conditions and pathways of contamination actually addressed by each alternative. The Environmental Assessment for each alternative will include, at a minimum, an evaluation of: the short- and long-term beneficial and adverse effects of the response alternative; any adverse effects on environmentally sensitive areas; and an analysis of measures to mitigate adverse effects.

3. Human Health; and

GE shall assess each alternative in terms of the extent of which it mitigates short- and long-term potential exposure to any residual contamination and protects human health both during and after implementation the corrective measure. The assessment will describe the levels and characterizations of contaminants on-site, potential exposure routes, and potentially affected population. Each alternative will be evaluated to determine the level of exposure to contaminants and the reduction over time. For management of mitigation measures, the relative reduction of impact will be determined by comparing residual levels of each alternative with existing criteria, standards, or guidelines acceptable to EPA.

4. Institutional.

GE shall assess relevant institutional needs for each alternative. Specifically, the effects of Federal, state and local environmental and public health standards, regulations, guidance, advisories, ordinances, or community relations on the design, operation, and timing of each alternative.

- B. Cost Estimate

GE shall develop an estimate of the cost of each corrective measure alternative (and for each phase or segment of the alternative). The cost estimate shall include both capital and operation and maintenance costs.

1. Capital costs consist of direct (construction) and indirect (nonconstruction and overhead) costs.
  - a. Direct capital costs include:
    - i) Construction costs: Costs of materials, labor (including fringe benefits and worker's compensation), and equipment required to install the corrective measure.
    - ii) Equipment costs: Costs of treatment, containment, disposal and/or service equipment necessary to implement the action; these materials remain until the corrective action is complete;
    - iii) Land and site-development costs: Expenses associated with purchase of land and development of existing property; and
    - iv) Buildings and services costs: Costs of process and nonprocess buildings, utility connections, purchased services, and disposal costs.
  - b. Indirect capital costs include:
    - i) Engineering expenses: Costs of administration, design, construction supervision, drafting, and testing of corrective measure alternatives;
    - ii) Legal fees and license or permit costs: Administrative and technical costs necessary to obtain licenses and permits for installation and operation;
    - iii) Startup and shakedown costs: Costs incurred during corrective measure startup; and
    - iv) Contingency allowances: Funds to cover costs resulting from unforeseen circumstances, such as adverse weather conditions, strikes, and inadequate facility characterization.
2. Operation and maintenance costs are post-construction costs necessary to ensure continued effectiveness of a corrective measure. GE shall consider the following operation and maintenance cost components:

- a. Operating labor costs: Wages, salaries, training, overhead, and fringe benefits associated with the labor needed for post-construction operations;
- b. Maintenance materials and labor costs: Costs for labor, parts, and other resources required for routine maintenance of facilities and equipment;
- c. Auxillary materials and energy: Costs of such items as chemicals and electricity for treatment plant operations, water and sewer service, and fuel;
- d. Purchased services: Sampling costs, laboratory fees, and professional fees for which the need can be predicted;
- e. Disposal and treatment costs: Costs of transporting, treating, and disposing of waste materials, such as treatment plant residues, generated during operations;
- f. Administrative costs: Costs associated with administration of corrective measure operation and maintenance not included under other categories;
- g. Insurance, taxes, and licensing costs: Costs of such items as liability and sudden accidental insurance; real estate taxes on purchased land or rights-of-way; licensing fees for certain technologies; and permit renewal and reporting costs;
- h. Maintenance reserve and contingency funds: Annual payments into escrow funds to cover (1) costs of anticipated replacement or rebuilding of equipment and (2) any large unanticipated operation and maintenance costs; and
- i. Other costs: Items that do not fit any of the above categories.

TASK IX: JUSTIFICATION AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE CORRECTIVE  
MEASURE OR MEASURES

GE shall justify and recommend a corrective measure alternative using technical, human health, and environmental criteria. This recommendation shall include summary tables which allow the alternative or alternatives to be understood easily. Tradeoffs among health risks, environmental effects, and other pertinent factors shall be highlighted. The U.S. EPA will select the corrective measure alternative or alternatives to be implemented based on the results of Tasks III and IX. At a minimum, the following criteria will be used to justify the final corrective measure or measures.

A. Technical

1. Performance - corrective measure or measures which are most effective at performing their intended functions and maintaining the performance over extended periods of time will be given preference;
2. Reliability - corrective measure or measures which do not require frequent or complex operation and maintenance activities and that have proven effective under waste and facility conditions similar to those anticipated will be given preference;
3. Implementability - corrective measure or measures which can be constructed and operated to reduce levels of contamination to attain or exceed applicable standards in the shortest period of time will be preferred; and
4. Safety - corrective measure or measures which pose the least threat to the safety of nearby residents and environments as well as workers during implementation will be preferred.

B. Human Health

The corrective measure or measures must comply with existing U.S. EPA criteria, standards, or guidelines for the protection of human health. Corrective measures which provide the minimum level of exposure to contaminants and the maximum reduction in exposure with time are preferred.

C. Environmental

The corrective measure or measures posing the least adverse impact (or greatest improvement) over the shortest period of time on the environment will be favored.



TASK X: REPORTS

GE shall prepare a Corrective Measure Study Report presenting the results of Task VII through IX and recommending a corrective measure alternative. Six copies of the preliminary report shall be provided by GE.

A. Progress

GE shall at a minimum provide the EPA with signed, monthly progress reports containing:

1. A description and estimate of the percentage of the CMS completed;
2. Summaries of all findings;
3. Summaries of all changes made in the CMS during the reporting period;
4. Summaries of all contacts with representative of the local community, public interest groups or State government during the reporting period;
5. Summaries of all problems or potential problems encountered during the reporting period;
6. Actions being taken to rectify problems;
7. Changes in personnel associated with corrective measures during reporting period;
8. Projected work for the next reporting period; and
9. Copies of daily reports, inspection reports, laboratory/monitoring data, etc., shall be made available to EPA for review upon request.

B. Draft

The Report shall at a minimum include:

1. A description of the facility;
  - a. Site topographic map & preliminary layouts.
2. A summary of the corrective measure or measures;
  - a. Description of the corrective measure or measures and rationale for selection;
  - b. Performance expectations;
  - c. Preliminary design criteria and rationale;

- d. General operation and maintenance requirements; and
  - e. Long-term monitoring requirements.
3. A summary of the RCRA Facility Investigation and impact on the selected corrective measure or measures;
    - a. Field studies (groundwater, surface water, soil, air); and
    - b. Laboratory studies (bench scale, pilot program).
  4. Design and Implementation Precautions;
    - a. Special technical problems;
    - b. Additional engineering data required;
    - c. Permits and regulatory requirements;
    - d. Access, easements, right-of-way;
    - e. Health and safety requirements; and
    - f. Community relations activities.
  5. Cost Estimates and Schedules;
    - a. Capital cost estimate;
    - b. Operation and maintenance cost estimate; and
    - c. Project schedule (design, construction, operation).

Six copies of the draft shall be provided by GE to U.S. EPA.

C. Final

GE shall finalize the Corrective Measure Study Report incorporating comments received from EPA on the Draft Corrective Measure Study Report.

Revised Draft CMS Report(s) may be required if EPA determines that the Draft CMS Report is significantly deficient. Revised Draft CMS Reports will be due within 30 days after receipt of EPA comments on the previous draft. If EPA determines that the Draft or Final CMS Report is grossly deficient, the Respondent will be so notified and deemed to be out of compliance with this Decree.

Facility Submission Summary

A summary of the information reporting requirements contained in the Corrective Measure Study Scope of Work is presented below:

<u>Facility Submission</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Draft CMS Report (Tasks VII, VIII, and IX)	120 days after submittal of the Final RFI
Final CMS Report (Tasks VII, VIII, and IX)	30 days after EPA comment on the Draft CMS
Progress Reports on Tasks VII, VIII, and IX	Monthly

SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE CORRECTIVE MEASURE IMPLEMENTATION  
AT  
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Corrective Measure Implementation (CMI) program is to design, construct, operate, maintain, and monitor the performance of the corrective measure or measures selected to protect human health and the environment. GE will furnish all personnel, materials and services necessary for the implementation of the corrective measure or measures.

SCOPE

The Corrective Measure Implementation program consists of four tasks;

Task XI: Corrective Measure Implementation Program Plan

- A. Program Management Plan
- B. Community Relations Plan

Task XII: Corrective Measure Design

- A. Design Plans and Specifications
- B. Operation and Maintenance Plan
- C. Cost Estimate
- D. Project Schedule
- E. Construction Quality Assurance Objectives
- F. Health and Safety Plan
- G. Design Phases

Task XIII: Corrective Measure Construction

- A. Responsibility and Authority
- B. Construction Quality Assurance Personnel Qualifications
- C. Inspection Activities
- D. Sampling Requirements
- E. Documentation

Task XIV: Reports

- A. Progress
- B. Draft
- C. Final

## TASK XI: CORRECTIVE MEASURE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM PLAN

GE shall prepare a Corrective Measure Implementation Program Plan. This program will include the development and implementation of several plans, which require concurrent preparation. It may be necessary to revise plans as the work is performed to focus efforts on a particular problem. The Program Plan includes the following:

### A. Program Management Plan

GE shall prepare a Program Management Plan which will document the overall management strategy for performing the design, construction, operation, maintenance and monitoring of corrective measure(s). The plan shall document the responsibility and authority of all organizations and key personnel involved with the implementation. The Program Management Plan will also include a description of qualifications of key personnel directing the Corrective Measure Implementation Program, including contractor personnel.

### B. Community Relations Plan

GE shall revise the Community Relations Plan to include any changes in the level of concern of information needs to the community during design and construction activities.

1. Specific activities which must be conducted during the design stage are the following:
  - a. Revise the facility Community Relations Plan to reflect knowledge of citizen concerns and involvement at this stage of the process; and
  - b. Prepare and distribute a public notice and an updated fact sheet at the completion of engineering design.
2. Specific activities to be conducted during the construction stage could be the following: Depending on citizen interest at a facility at this point in the corrective action process, community relations activities could range from group meetings to fact sheets on the technical status.

## TASK XII: CORRECTIVE MEASURE DESIGN

GE shall prepare final construction plans and specifications to implement the corrective measure(s) at the facility as defined in the Corrective Measure Study.

### A. Design Plans and Specifications

GE shall develop clear and comprehensive design plans and specifications which include but are not limited to the following:

1. Discussion of the design strategy and the design basis, including;
  - a. Compliance with all applicable or relevant environmental and public health standards; and
  - b. Minimization of environmental and public impacts.
2. Discussion of the technical factors of importance including:
  - a. Use of currently accepted environmental control measures and technology;
  - b. The constructability of the design; and
  - c. Use of currently acceptable construction practices and techniques.
3. Description of assumptions made and detailed justification of these assumptions;
4. Discussion of the possible sources of error and references to possible operation and maintenance problems;
5. Detailed drawings of the proposed design including;
  - a. Qualitative flow sheets; and
  - b. Quantitative flow sheets.
6. Tables listing equipment and specifications;
7. Tables giving material and energy balances;
8. Appendices including;
  - a. Sample calculations (one example presented and explained clearly for significant or unique design calculations);
  - b. Derivation of equations essential to understanding the report; and
  - c. Results of laboratory and/or field tests.

**B. Operation and Maintenance Plan**

GE shall prepare an Operation and Maintenance Plan to cover both implementation and long term maintenance of the corrective measure. The plan shall be composed of the following elements:

1. Description of normal operation and maintenance (O&M);
  - a. Description of tasks for operation;
  - b. Description of tasks for maintenance;
  - c. Description of prescribed treatment or operation conditions; and
  - d. Schedule showing frequency of each O&M task.
2. Description of potential operating problems;
  - a. Description and analysis of potential operation problems;
  - b. Sources of information regarding problems; and
  - c. Common and/or anticipated remedies.
3. Description of routine monitoring and laboratory testing;
  - a. Description of monitoring tasks;
  - b. Description of required laboratory tests and their interpretation;
  - c. Required QA/QC; and
  - d. Schedule of monitoring frequency and date, if appropriate, when monitoring may cease.
4. Description of alternate O&M;
  - a. Should systems fail, alternate procedures to prevent undue hazard; and
  - b. Analysis of vulnerability and additional resource requirements should a failure occur.
5. Safety plan;
  - a. Description of precautions, of necessary equipment, etc., for site personnel; and
  - b. Safety tasks required in event of systems failure.
6. Description of equipment; and
  - a. Equipment identification;
  - b. Installation of monitoring components;

- c. Maintenance of site equipment; and
  - d. Replacement schedule for equipment and installed components.
7. Records and reporting mechanisms required.
- a. Daily operating logs;
  - b. Laboratory records;
  - c. Records for operating costs;
  - d. Mechanism for reporting emergencies;
  - e. Personnel and maintenance records; and
  - f. Monthly/annual reports to State agencies.

An initial Draft Operation and Maintenance Plan shall be submitted simultaneously with the Prefinal Design Document submission and the Final Operation and Maintenance Plan with the Final Design Documents.

C. Cost Estimate

GE shall develop cost estimates for the purpose of assuring that the facility has the financial resources necessary to construct and implement the corrective measure. The cost estimate developed in the Corrective Measure Study shall be refined to reflect the more detailed/accurate design plans and specifications being developed. The cost estimate shall include both capital and operation and maintenance costs. An initial Cost Estimate shall be submitted simultaneously with the Prefinal Design Document submission and the Final Cost Estimate with the Final Design Documents.

D. Project Schedule

GE shall develop a detailed Project Schedule for construction and implementation of the corrective measure(s) which identifies timing for initiation and completion of all critical path tasks. GE shall specifically identify dates for completion of the project and major interim milestones which shall be enforceable terms of this order. An initial Project Schedule shall be submitted simultaneously with the Prefinal Design Document submission and the Final Project schedule with the Final Design Document.



E. Construction Quality Assurance Objectives

GE shall identify and document the objectives and framework for the development of a construction quality assurance program including, but not limited to the following: responsibility and authority; personnel qualifications; inspection activities; sampling requirements; and documentation.

F. Health and Safety Plan

GE shall modify the Health Safety Plan developed for the RCRA Facility Investigation to address the activities to be performed at the facility to implement the corrective measure(s).

G. Design Phases

The design of the corrective measure(s) should include the phases outlined below.

1. Preliminary design

GE shall submit the Preliminary design when the design effort is approximately 30% complete. At this stage GE shall have field verified the existing conditions of the facility. The preliminary design shall reflect a level of effort such that the technical requirements of the project have been addressed and outlined so that they may be reviewed to determine if the final design will provide an operable and usable corrective measure. Supporting data and documentation shall be provided with the design documents defining the functional aspects of the program. The preliminary construction drawings by GE shall reflect organization and clarity. The scope of the technical specifications shall be outlined in a manner reflecting the final specifications. GE shall include with the preliminary submission design calculations reflecting the same percentage of completion as the designs they support.

2. Intermediate design

Complex project design may necessitate review of the design documents between the preliminary and the prefinal/final design. At the discretion of the Agency, a design review may be required at 60% completion of the project. The intermediate design submittal should include the same elements as the prefinal design.

3. Correlating plans and specifications

General correlation between drawings and technical specifications, is a basic requirement of any set of working construction plans and specifications. Before submitting the project specifications, GE shall:

- a. Coordinate and cross-check the specifications and drawings; and
- b. Complete the proofing of the edited specifications and required cross-checking of all drawings and specifications.

These activities shall be completed prior to the 95% prefinal submittal to the Agency.

4. Equipment start-up and operator training

GE shall prepare, and include in the technical specifications governing treatment systems, contractor requirements for providing: appropriate service visits by experienced personnel to supervise the installation, adjustment, startup and operation of the treatment systems; and training covering appropriate operational procedures once the startup has been successfully accomplished.

5. Additional studies

Corrective Measure Implementation may require additional studies to supplement the available technical data. At the direction of the Agency for any such studies required, GE shall furnish all services, including field work as required, materials, supplies, plant, labor, equipment, investigations, studies and superintendence. Sufficient sampling, testing and analysis shall be performed to optimize the required treatment and/or disposal operations and systems. There shall be an initial meeting of all principal personnel involved in the development of the program. The purpose will be to discuss objectives, resources, communication channels, role of personnel involved and orientation of the site, etc. The interim report shall present the results of the testing with the recommended treatment or disposal system (including options). A review conference shall be scheduled after the interim report has been reviewed by all interested parties. The final report of the testing shall include all data taken during the testing and a summary of the results of the studies.

6. Prefinal and final design

GE shall submit the prefinal/Final design documents in two parts. The first submission shall be at 95% completion of design (i.e., prefinal). After approval of the prefinal submission, GE shall execute the required revisions and submit the final documents 100% complete with reproducible drawings and specifications.

The prefinal design submittal shall consist of the Design Plans and Specifications, Operation and Maintenance Plan, Capital and Operating and Maintenance Cost Estimate, Quality Assurance Plan and Specifications for the Health and Safety Plan and Project Schedule.

The final design submittal shall consist of the Final Design Plans and Specifications (100% complete), GE's Final Construction Cost Estimate, the Final Draft Operation and Maintenance Plan, Final (Quality Assurance Plan and Health and Safety Plan specifications). The quality of the design documents should be such that GE would be able to include them in a bid package and invite contractors to submit bids for the construction project.

### TASK XIII: CORRECTIVE MEASURE CONSTRUCTION

Following EPA approval of the final design, GE shall develop and implement a construction quality assurance (CQA) program to ensure, with a reasonable degree of certainty, that a completed corrective measure(s) meets or exceeds all design criteria, plans and specifications. The CQA plan is a facility specific document which must be submitted to the Agency for approval prior to the start of construction. At a minimum, the CQA plan should include the elements which are summarized below. Upon EPA approval of the CQA Plan GE shall construct and implement the corrective measures in accordance with the approved design, schedule and the CQA Plan. GE shall also carry out all elements of the approved Operation and Maintenance Plan.

#### A. Responsibility and Authority

The responsibility and authority of all organizations (i.e., technical consultants, construction firms, etc.) and key personnel involved in the construction of the corrective measure shall be described fully in the CQA plan. GE must identify a CQA officer and the necessary supporting inspection staff.

#### B. Construction Quality Assurance Personnel Qualifications

The qualifications of the CQA officer and supporting inspection personnel shall be presented in the CQA plan to demonstrate that they possess the training and experience necessary to fulfill their identified responsibilities.

#### C. Inspection Activities

The observations and tests that will be used to monitor the construction and/or installation of the components of the corrective measure(s) shall be summarized in the CQA plan. The plan shall include the scope and frequency of each type of

inspection. Inspections shall verify compliance with all environmental requirements and include, but not be limited to air quality and emissions monitoring records, waste disposal records (e.g., RCRA transportation manifests), etc. The inspection should also ensure compliance with all health and safety procedures. In addition to oversight inspections, GE shall conduct the following activities:

1. Preconstruction inspection and meeting

GE shall conduct a preconstruction inspection and meeting with EPA to:

- a. Review methods for documenting and reporting inspection data;
- b. Review methods for distributing and storing documents and reports;
- c. Review work area security and safety protocol;
- d. Discuss any appropriate modifications of the construction quality assurance plan to ensure that site-specific considerations are addressed; and
- e. Conduct a site walk-around to verify that the design criteria, plans, and specifications are understood and to review material and equipment storage locations.

The preconstruction inspection and meeting shall be documented by a designated person and minutes should be transmitted to all parties.

2. Prefinal inspection

Upon preliminary project completion GE shall notify EPA for the purposes of conducting a prefinal inspection. The prefinal inspection will consist of a walk-through inspection of the entire project site. The inspection is to determine whether the project is complete and consistent with the contract documents and the EPA approved corrective measure. Any outstanding construction items discovered during the inspection will be identified and noted. Additionally, treatment equipment will be operationally tested by GE. GE will certify that the equipment has performed to meet the purpose and intent of the specifications. Retesting will be completed where deficiencies are revealed. The prefinal inspection report should outline the outstanding construction items, actions required to resolve items, completion date for these items, and date for final inspection.

### 3. Final inspection

Upon completion of any outstanding construction items, GE shall notify EPA for the purposes of conducting a final inspection. The final inspection will consist of a walk-through inspection of the project site. The prefinal inspection report will be used as a checklist with the final inspection focusing on the outstanding construction items identified in the prefinal inspection. Confirmation shall be made that outstanding items have been resolved.

#### D. Sampling Requirements

The sampling activities, sample size, sample locations, frequency of testing, acceptance and rejection criteria, and plans for correcting problems as addressed in the project specifications should be presented in the CQA plan.

#### E. Documentation

Reporting requirements for CQA activities shall be described in detail in the CQA plan. This should include such items as daily summary reports, inspection data sheets, problem identification and corrective measures reports, design acceptance reports, and final documentation. Provisions for the final storage of all records also should be presented in the CQA plan.

### TASK XIV: REPORTS

GE shall prepare plans, specifications, and reports as set forth in Tasks XIII through Task XIV to document the design, construction, operation, maintenance and monitoring of the corrective measure. The documentation shall include, but not be limited to the following:

#### A. Progress

The Respondent shall at a minimum provide the EPA with signed, monthly progress reports containing:

1. A description and estimate of the percentage of the CMI completed;
2. Summaries of all findings and data;
3. Summaries of all changes made in the CMI during the reporting period;
4. Summaries of all contacts with representative of the local community, public interest groups or State government during the reporting period;

5. Summaries of all problems or potential problems encountered during the reporting period;
6. Actions being taken to rectify problems;
7. Changes in personnel associated with corrective measures during the reporting period;
8. Projected work for the next reporting period; and
9. Copies of daily reports, inspection reports, laboratory/monitoring data, etc.

B. Draft

1. GE shall submit a draft Corrective Measure Implementation Program Plan as outlined in Task XI;
2. GE shall submit draft Construction Plans and Specifications, Design Reports, Project Schedule, Operation and Maintenance Plan, and Study Reports as outlined in Task XII;
3. GE shall submit a draft Construction Quality Assurance Program Plan and Documentation as outlined in Task XIII, and
4. At the "completion" of the construction of the project, GE shall submit a Corrective Measure Implementation Report to the Agency. The Report shall document that the project is consistent with the design specifications, and that the corrective measure is performing adequately. The Report shall include, but ~~not~~ be limited to the following elements:
  - a. Synopsis of the corrective measure and certification of the design and construction;
  - b. Explanation of any modifications to the plans and why these were necessary for the project;
  - c. Listing of the criteria, established before the corrective measure was initiated, for judging the functioning of the corrective measure and also explaining any modification to these criteria;
  - d. Results of facility monitoring, indicating that the corrective measure will meet or exceed the performance criteria; and
  - e. Explanation of the operation and maintenance (including monitoring) to be undertaken at the facility.

This report should include all of the daily inspection summary reports, inspection summary reports, inspection data sheets, problem identification and corrective measure reports, block evaluation reports, photographic reporting data sheets, design engineers' acceptance reports, deviations from design and material specifications (with justifying documentation) and as-built drawings.

C. Final

GE shall finalize the Corrective Measure Implementation Program Plan, Construction Plans and Specifications, Design Reports, Operation and Maintenance Plan, Project Schedule Study Reports, Construction QA Program Plan/Documentation, Additional Studies Report and the Corrective Measure Implementation Report incorporating comments received on draft submissions.

Submission Summary

A summary of the information reporting requirements contained in the Corrective Measure Implementation Scope of Work is present below:

Facility Submission	Due Date
Draft Program Plans (Task XI)	Concurrent with Final CMS Report
Final Program Plans (Task XI)	15 days after EPA comment on Draft Program Plans
Design Phases (Task XII A)	
- Preliminary Design	(30% completion)
- Intermediate Design	(60% completion)
- Prefinal Design	(95% completion)
	120 days after submittal of Final Program Plan
- Final Design (100% completion)	30 days after EPA approval of Prefinal Design
(Task XII B through G)	
- Draft Submittals	Concurrent with Prefinal Design
- Final Submittals	Concurrent with Final Design
Additional Studies: Interim Report (Task XII G)	[ DATE ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO FINAL DESIGN ]

Facility Submission	Due Date
Additional Studies: Final Report (Task XII G)	15 days after EPA comment on Interim Report
Draft Construction Quality Assurance Plan (Task XIII)	With Final Design
Final Construction Quality Assurance Plan (Task XIII)	15 days after EPA approved comment on Draft Construction Quality Assurance Plan
Construction of Corrective Measures	As approved in Final Design Upon approval of Final CQA plan.
Prefinal Inspection Report (Task VIII)	15 days after Prefinal Inspection
Draft CMI Report (Task XIV)	Upon completion of construction phase
Final CMI Report (Task XIV)	15 days after EPA comment on Draft CMI Report
Progress Reports for Tasks XI through XIII	Bi-monthly
Progress Reports during operation and Maintenance	Semi-Annual