

## Waste Characterization Strategy Form



<b>Project Title:</b>	R-66 (formerly known as TW-3r)
<b>Area of Impact:</b>	Los Alamos Canyon
<b>Activity Type:</b>	Installation of Regional Aquifer Well
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**Description of Activity:**

The waste-generating activities addressed in this Waste Characterization Strategy Form (WCSF) consist of the installation (i.e., drilling, collecting chip and core samples, development, groundwater sampling, and aquifer testing) of regional aquifer well R-66 (formerly known as TW-3r). The following waste streams are expected to be generated during the drilling and installation of regional well R-66:

- Contact Waste
- Drill Cuttings
- Drilling Fluids
- Development Water
- Decontamination Fluids
- Storm water
- Residual Solids from Secondary Containments
- Drilled Out Concrete, Chips, Concrete Slurry
- Residual Concrete Washout
- Petroleum Contaminated Soils (PCS)
- Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)

All wastes will be managed in accordance with P-409, Waste Management; EP-SOP-5238, Characterization and Management of Environmental Program Waste; P-930-1, LANL Waste Acceptance Criteria; P-930-2, Waste Certification Program, and approved work plans.

Trained and qualified Field Waste Management Technician (FWMT), Waste Sampling Personnel (SP), and Hazardous Materials Packaging and transportation (HMPT) personnel will be assigned to perform the duties outlined in EP-SOP-5238.

This WCSF will be implemented before any waste generating activity is undertaken. An amendment to this WCSF will be prepared and submitted for review and approval if any of the waste streams change in description or characterization approach or unanticipated waste streams are generated. The generation of no path forward wastes must be approved by the Department of Energy (DOE) prior to generation of the waste.

Investigation activities will be conducted in a manner that minimizes the generation of waste. Waste minimization will be accomplished by implementing the most recent version of the "Los Alamos National Laboratory Hazardous Waste Minimization Report). Waste streams will be recycled/reused, as appropriate.



## Relevant Site History and Description:

Regional Well R-66 will be located in Los Alamos Canyon near the confluence with DP Canyon (Figure 1). Regional aquifer well R-66 is being installed to monitor groundwater in the upper part of the regional aquifer, down gradient of TA-21, and to monitor associated potential infiltration zones in LA and DP Canyons, as required by the New Mexico Environment Department's Approval with Modifications, Technical Area 21 Monitoring Well Network Evaluation and Recommendations, Los Alamos National Laboratory, dated December 2, 2010 (NMED 2010, 111462). Well R-66 will replace well TW-3, which was constructed in 1949 and does not meet current monitoring-well construction standards. The well will augment the groundwater-monitoring network for Technical Area 21 (TA-21). Based on the *Technical Area 21 Groundwater and Vadose-Zone Monitoring Well Network Evaluation and Recommendations* submitted to NMED on July 1, 2010 the high and moderate PRS priorities at TA-21 are as follows:

SWMU 21-011(k): TA-21-257 Outfall  
SWMU 21-016(a)-99: MDA-T  
DP West and its Associated Waste Lines and Sumps  
MDA V – 21-018(a)-99

Transport in the vadose zone is considered to be vertical with potential contaminants arriving at the regional aquifer within hypothesized arrival areas directly below the surface release sites. These arrival areas are referred to as potential "breakthrough locations." Contaminant impacts on the regional aquifer are most easily detected by monitoring groundwater near the water table immediately downgradient of the potential breakthrough locations. Based on current regional aquifer water-table maps, the hydraulic gradient should transport potential contaminants generally towards the east or northeast. The following bullets summarize the information to determine how the wastes from the drilling and installation of R-66 must be managed until characterization data is available to make a final waste determination:

- **SWMU 21-011(k)** consists of the outfall discharge line that carried industrial waste water from the industrial waste treatment plant located at Building 21-257. The discharge point associated with the outfall was located on the south slope of DP canyon and is currently no longer active. The wastewaters discharged were liquids remaining after treatment of plutonium extraction process effluents and potentially contained a variety of radioactive and chemical constituents. Untreated wastes from the former industrial waste treatment plant at Building 21-035 were also discharged in the area of this outfall. The analytical data available due to previous site investigations and confirmation sampling associated with a VCA at this consolidated unit indicate the presence of listed contaminants including the solvents normally associated with historical LANL operations. Methylene chloride (soil 1 of 7), trichloroethylene (soil 2 of 9), and toluene (soil 1 of 7) have been detected in soil samples at low concentrations and infrequently as indicated in parenthesis. This data does not indicate the presence of a solvent plume due to a specific source, however, a "contained in" request and approval are on file for methylene chloride, trichloroethylene, and toluene in soils, tuff, and sediment removed during a voluntary corrective measure conducted in 2002/2003. There are no records indicating the spill of an unused commercial chemical product.
- **Consolidated unit 21-016(a)-99** consists of SWMUs 21-007, 21-010(a-h), 21-011(a, c, d, e, f, g, i, j), 21-016(a, b, c) and AOCs 21-001, 21-011(h), 21-028(a), C-21-009, and C-21-012. These SWMUs and AOCs are associated with decommissioned waste treatment facilities and various storage areas adjacent to or within the boundary of MDA T. MDA T, an area of about 2.2 acres, consists of four inactive absorption beds (layered sand, gravel, and crushed cobble sized tuff), buried sumps and pipelines, up to 64 shafts, the former Retrievable Waste Storage Area, former and current waste treatment plant locations, and portable incinerators. The analytical data available due to previous site investigations at this consolidated unit indicate the presence of potentially listed contaminants including the solvents normally associated with historical LANL operations. Butanone[2-] (fill 1 of 3; tuff 1 of 13), methylene chloride (fill 1 of 3; tuff 9 of 46), tetrachloroethylene (fill 1 of 3; tuff 4 of 71), and toluene (fill 1 of 3; tuff 9 of 112) have been detected in both fill and tuff samples at low concentrations and infrequently as indicated in parenthesis. This data does not indicate the presence of a solvent plume due to a specific source. In addition, previous due diligence reviews for soils and surface water at this consolidated unit have determined that there are no records regarding the disposal of solvents/spent solvent mixtures. There are also no records indicating the spill of an unused commercial chemical product.

- **Consolidated unit 21-018(a)-99** consists of SWMUs 21-013(b), 21-018(a and b), 21-023(c) and AOC 21-013(g). These units are associated with MDA V, which is located on the west end of TA-21 on an 0.88-acre site. MDA V consists of three absorption beds that were used to dispose of liquid waste from a former laundry operation conducted at Building 21-20 [SWMU 21-018(b)] and for a short time waste from a waste disposal laboratory at Building 21-45 [SWMU 21-024(f)]. The analytical data available due to previous site investigations at this consolidated unit indicate the presence of several U-listed contaminants, however, previous due diligence reviews for soils and surface water at this consolidated unit have determined that there are no records indicating the spill of unused commercial chemical products.

Table 1 provides the analytical data available for solvent detections in the groundwater samples collected in the vicinity of the proposed location for R-66.

**Table 1 – Groundwater Data for Solvent Detections in the Vicinity of the Proposed Location for R-66**

Location	Analyte Name	Result (ug/L)	Qualifier	Begin Collection Date	Port Depth (ft)
R-6i	Toluene	0.51		8/24/2005	602
LAOI-3.2a	Toluene	0.261		7/26/2006	181.4
LAOI-7	Toluene	6.17	NQ	1/9/2008	240
R-9	Toluene	2.5	J	2/13/2001	683
R-9	Benzene	1.9		2/28/2000	683
LAUZ-1	Methylene Chloride	1.4	J	4/2/2001	5.35
LAO-2	Methylene Chloride	2.3	J	7/11/2001	7
LAUZ-1	Methylene Chloride	38	NQ	6/19/2001	5.35
LAUZ-1	Methylene Chloride	1	J	11/13/2001	5.35
LAO-1.6g	Methylene Chloride	25	NQ	6/19/2001	10.47
LAO-4.5c	Methylene Chloride	1.399	J	11/6/2001	13.3
R-8	Carbon Disulfide	3.8		4/28/2005	821
LAO-2	Carbon Disulfide	2.8		5/2/2005	7
LAOI-7	Carbon Disulfide	1.81		5/9/2005	240
LAOI-3.2a	Carbon Disulfide	1.51	J	9/5/2008	181.4
R-9	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	10	J	12/20/1997	683

The detections of solvents in the vicinity (i.e., downstream and upstream) of the proposed location for R-66 are infrequent and do not indicate the existence of a plume in the area. The toluene, benzene, methylene chloride, carbon disulfide, and methyl ethyl ketone detections are more consistent with contamination due to surface water runoff from asphalt parking lots and/or storage pads located along the Canyons that could potentially contaminate the area of the Well. There is no other documented evidence of F-, K-, U-, or P-listed constituents that may have contaminated the area. K-listed sources are industrial in nature and not typical of Laboratory operations. The Laboratory generates only small amounts of K-listed wastes, primarily spent carbon from high explosives processing that is disposed off-site. The documented amounts of K-listed wastes generated at LANL are not sufficient to have impacted activities at R-66.

In conclusion, the wastes generated during the drilling and installation of regional aquifer well R-66 can be managed as non-hazardous until analytical data are available to make a final waste determination.

Radiological data indicates that the wastes from drilling R-66 may exceed background levels for radiological constituents. Manage the waste as "non-radiological pending characterization" until analytical data are available to make a final waste determination.

## CHARACTERIZATION STRATEGY

The characterization strategy for investigation derived waste (IDW) generated during drilling is based upon direct sampling of the waste and/or acceptable knowledge (AK) data/documentation associated with the sampling location. AK includes review of existing analytical data (i.e., soil, sediment, cuttings, and groundwater data) in the vicinity of the sampling locations, historical documentation associated with nearby AOCs or SWMUs (i.e., RFI Work Plans, Investigation Reports, Sediment Canyon Investigation Report, etc.), and may also include source term/process identification performed to identify whether listed hazardous waste may be present (i.e., due diligence review).

The Acceptable Knowledge (AK) Review has been written into this WCSF, See Relevant Site History and Description. Based upon the AK Review, the IDW may be managed as non-hazardous until analytical data are available to make a final waste determination. For non-hazardous IDW, the non-hazardous waste label, date of generation (i.e., initial placement in the container), as well as the generator's name and container contents will be placed on the non-hazardous waste containers as a best management practice.

Based upon historical data/documentation, the IDW from this well may be designated as radioactive. Once waste has been determined to be radioactive and does not meet land application standards, the IDW will be managed in a registered radioactive waste staging or storage area. A waste determination will be made within 30 days of the generation of the waste. Waste determinations will be made in a timely manner so that if the waste is determined to be hazardous, radioactive, or mixed low-level, it can be managed expeditiously. A Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC) waste exception form (WEF) can be used if the generator does not meet the 30 day deadline.

The selection of waste containers will be based on U.S. Department of Transportation requirements, waste types, and estimated volumes of waste to be generated. Immediately following containerization, each waste container will be individually labeled with a unique container identification number and with information regarding waste classification, contents, and date generated.

**Waste # 1 - Contact Waste:** This waste stream is comprised of solid waste generated during well installation activities that has come into contact with contaminated environmental media and equipment. This includes, but is not limited to: PPE (e.g., gloves); plastic sheeting (e.g., tarps, liners); plastic and glass sample bottles; disposable sampling supplies (e.g., filters, tubing, plastic bags); and dry decontamination wastes, such as paper items. It is estimated that less than 20 yd<sup>3</sup> of contact waste may be generated.

***Anticipated Regulatory Status:*** Green is Clean (GIC); Hazardous, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) (non-hazardous/non-radiological), LLW, or MLLW

***Characterization Approach:*** Contact Waste will be characterized using the AK of the environmental media (i.e., drill cuttings and drilling fluids) with which it came into contact.

***Storage and Disposal Method:*** Contact waste will be containerized at the point of generation and managed as nonhazardous/non-radiological pending review of AK to determine final waste characterization. If the contact waste is determined to be non-hazardous/nonradioactive and approval is granted by ENV-RCRA, it may be recycled and reused via the Material Recycling Facility (MRF). Otherwise, the contact will be disposed of at an appropriate waste disposal facility.

**Waste # 2 – Drill Cuttings:** This waste stream is comprised of borehole cuttings and core, soil, and rock sediments produced during drilling. The cuttings may or may not contain residue of drilling additives. It is estimated that 150 yd<sup>3</sup> of drill cuttings will be generated at R-66.

***Anticipated Regulatory Status:*** Reusable (land applied), LLW, Hazardous, MLLW, and Industrial

***Characterization Approach:*** Drill cuttings will be characterized based upon the analytical results obtained from direct sampling. A representative sample of the cuttings will be taken within 10 days of well completion. A waste determination will be made within 30 days of waste generation (i.e., the date the cuttings were removed from the pit and first placed into a container, or the date of initial placement into an approved container). A 21-day turnaround time will be required for analysis. Samples can be collected one of the following ways:

1. After the fluids have been either evaporated or removed from the pit, collect the sample in accordance with LANL SOP-06-10, *Hand Auger and Thin-Wall Tube Sampler*, using a systematic grid sampling (minimum of 20 grids) as described in Section 5.2 of the RCRA Waste Sampling Draft Technical Guidance (EPA 530-D-02-002, August 2002, <http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/testmethods/sw846/pdfs/rwsdtf.pdf>). Collect an incremental sample from each grid by boring through the entire depth of the cuttings. Combine the increments into a single sample for the pit. If a hand auger or thin-wall tube sampler is not an appropriate sampling device, select the appropriate tools described in Table 8 of Section 7.1.3 of the EPA guidance, and operate the sampling device in accordance with Appendix E of the guidance.
2. Collect an aliquot of drill cuttings during the drilling operations (incremental sampling) by diverting the material to a smaller container (i.e., clean 55-gallon drum) that can then be sampled for analysis in accordance with LANL SOP-06-10. After the samples are collected from the smaller container, the residual cuttings may be placed into the pit with the rest of the cuttings produced during drilling.

**NOTE:** If incremental sampling is used for drill cuttings sampling, a VOC sample will be taken at three stages: 1) A sample must be collected upon initial placement of the cuttings in the sample collection container, 2) A second sample should be collected during the middle of the incremental sampling process, and 3) A third sample must be collected after the final placement of the cuttings in the sample collection container. VOC samples will be submitted to the SMO facility the same day it is sampled to meet the holding time for VOC analysis.

**NOTE:** Method 2 is the preferred, safer method to prevent slipping into the pit while sampling.

Samples will at a minimum be analyzed for TAL metals; radionuclides (by alpha and gamma spectroscopy); isotopic uranium, isotopic plutonium, americium-241, tritium, and strontium-90; VOCs; semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs); PCB; cyanide; nitrates/nitrites; perchlorates; general inorganics; and pesticides/herbicides. Toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) analysis may also be performed for TAL metals if the analytical results for the total metals divided by 20 indicate contaminants that exceed regulatory thresholds. Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) will be analyzed if staining is observed. Other constituents may be analyzed as necessary to meet the WAC of the disposal facility.

Sampling personnel must record sampling information in accordance with EP-ERSS-SOP-5058, *Sample Control and Field Documentation* and EP-ERSS-SOP-5181, *Documentation for Waste and Environmental Services Technical Field Activities*. The Field notebook or sample collection sheet must be used to document sample collection activities (e.g., equipment and sampling methods used, number and location of samples, etc.). Sampling personnel must also record field conditions, problems encountered, local sources of contamination (e.g., operating generators or vehicles), the personnel involved, equipment and supplies used, waste generated, and field observations.

**Storage and Disposal Method:** Drill cuttings will initially be stored in lined pits within the project controlled area at the well, pending review of analytical results to determine final waste characterization. Specifications for the cuttings pit will be in accordance with the approved Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Based upon validated analytical data, the drill cuttings will be evaluated, using the Automated Waste Determination (AWD) system, for land application in accordance with ENV-RCRA-QP-011, *Land Application of Drill Cuttings*. If the cuttings meet the criteria for land application, the pit liner will be removed and managed as contact waste and the drill cuttings will be land applied in accordance with ENV-RCRA-QP-011.

If the cuttings are characterized as LLW (exceeding the land application criteria) they will be removed from the pit, containerized, and managed in a radioactive waste staging or storage area until they can be shipped for disposal. If the cuttings are characterized as Hazardous or MLLW they will be containerized (with a start date equal to the date the cuttings were containerized) and managed in a less than 90-Day Storage Area until they can be shipped for disposal. Any drill cuttings that cannot be land applied will be managed and disposed of based upon the regulatory classification of the waste at a LANL approved disposal facility.

**Waste # 3 – Drilling Fluids:** This waste stream is comprised of potable water, from a municipal water well, that is introduced into and retrieved from the borehole during drilling; mixing with groundwater may occur if water bearing

formations are encountered. Drilling fluids may or may not contain drilling additives. It is estimated that 50,000 gallons of drilling fluids will be generated at R-66.

**Anticipated Regulatory Status:** Reusable (land applied), LLW, Hazardous, MLLW, and Industrial

**Characterization Approach:** Drilling fluids will be characterized based upon the analytical results obtained from direct sampling. A representative sample of the fluids will be taken within 10 days of well completion. A waste determination will be made within 30 days of waste generation (i.e., the date the fluids were removed from the pit and first placed into a container, or the date of initial placement into an approved container). A 21-day turnaround time will be required for analysis. Samples can be collected one of the following ways:

1. Collect a composite sample from the pit at intervals across the entire water column (surface, middle, and bottom). Stratified, vertical sampling is necessary to address NMED's concerns about stratification of contaminants in the pit. NOTE: If the water freezes, leaving a thin film of ice at the top, a composite sample may still be taken by breaking through the thin film, as long as the stratified vertical composite sampling is maintained. The methods available to sample a pit at varying depths include the following:
  - Geotech pump with tubing attached to a weight or pole
  - Bomb sampler
  - COLIWASA liquid waste sampler
  - Thief sampler
  - Bailer depending upon depth of container

Samples will be collected in accordance with LANL SOP-06.15, *COLIWASA Sampler for Liquids and Slurries* or subcontractor equivalent procedure. If the SOP is not used, the type of sampling equipment and methods used will be consistent with EPA 530-D-02-002.

**NOTE:** If the fluids are frozen due to winter weather conditions, then Option 2 below must be the chosen method.

2. Collect an aliquot of drilling fluids during the drilling operations (incremental sampling) by diverting the material to a smaller container (i.e., clean 55-gallon drum) that can then be sampled for analysis in accordance with LANL SOP-06.15 or subcontractor equivalent procedure. If the SOP is not used, the type of sampling equipment and methods used will be consistent with the EPA 530-D-02-002. If incremental sampling is used for drilling fluids sampling, a VOC sample will be taken each time the material is diverted into the smaller container (i.e., 55-gallon drum) and analyzed immediately, instead of waiting until all the aliquots have been collected.

Samples will at a minimum be analyzed for TAL metals; radionuclides (by alpha and gamma spectroscopy); isotopic uranium, isotopic plutonium, americium-241, tritium, and strontium-90; VOCs; SVOCs; oil/grease; Total Suspended Solids (TSS); pH; explosive compounds; PCB; cyanide; nitrates/nitrites; perchlorates; general inorganics; and pesticides/herbicides. Other constituents may be analyzed as necessary to meet the WAC of the disposal facility.

Sampling personnel must record sampling information in accordance with EP-ERSS-SOP-5058 and EP-ERSS-SOP-5181. The Field notebook or sample collection sheet must be used to document sample collection activities (e.g., equipment and sampling methods used, number and location of samples, etc.). Sampling personnel must also record field conditions, problems encountered, local sources of contamination (e.g., operating generators or vehicles), the personnel involved, equipment and supplies used, waste generated, and field observations. **Note:** Indicate on the SMO paperwork to "Dilute the sample 2 times prior to extraction. If analysis fails at 2 times dilution, dilute the sample 5 times and re-analyze."

**Storage and Disposal Method:** Drilling fluids will initially be stored in lined pits within the project controlled area at the well, pending review of analytical results to determine final waste characterization. Specifications for the pit will be in accordance with the approved Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Based upon validated analytical data, the drilling fluids will be evaluated, using the AWD system, for land application in accordance with ENV-RCRA-QP-010, *Land Application of Groundwater*. If the drilling fluids meet the criteria for land application, the fluids will be removed from the pit and land applied in accordance with ENV-RCRA-QP-010; the pit liner will be removed and managed as contact waste.

If the drilling fluids are characterized as LLW (exceeding the land application criteria), they will be removed from the pit, containerized, and managed in a radioactive waste staging or storage area until they can be shipped for disposal. If the drilling fluids are characterized as Hazardous or MLLW they will be containerized (with a start date equal to the date the fluids were containerized) and managed in a less than 90-Day Storage Area until they can be shipped for disposal. Any drilling fluids that cannot be land applied will be managed and disposed of based upon the regulatory classification of the waste at a LANL approved disposal facility.

Alternatively, if the drilling fluids are characterized as non-hazardous, but cannot be land applied, the fluids may be evaporated using pit sprinklers.

**Waste # 4 – Development Water:** This waste stream is comprised of groundwater generated during development of the well and aquifer testing. The anticipated volume of development water that will be generated is approximately 60,000 gallons.

**Anticipated Regulatory Status:** Reusable (land applied), LLW, Hazardous, MLLW, Industrial, SWWS, or RLWTF

**Characterization Approach:** Development water will be characterized based upon the analytical results obtained from direct sampling. A representative sample of the development water will be taken within 10 days of well completion. A waste determination will be made within 30 days of waste generation. A 21-day turnaround time will be required for analysis. Samples can be collected one of the following ways:

1. Collect a composite sample from the container/tank at intervals across the entire water column (surface, middle, and bottom). Stratified, vertical sampling is necessary to address NMED's concerns about stratification of contaminants in the tank. NOTE: If the water freezes, leaving a thin film of ice at the top, a composite sample may still be taken by breaking through the thin film, as long as the stratified vertical composite sampling is maintained. The methods available to sample a tank at varying depths include the following:
  - Geotech pump with tubing attached to a weight or pole
  - Bomb sampler
  - COLIWASA liquid waste sampler
  - Thief sampler
  - Bailer depending upon depth of container

Samples will be collected in accordance with LANL SOP-06.15 or subcontractor equivalent procedure. If the SOP is not used, the type of sampling equipment and methods used will be consistent with EPA 530-D-02-002.

2. Collect an aliquot of development water as it is generated (incremental sampling) by diverting the material to a smaller container (i.e., clean 55-gallon drum) that can then be sampled for analysis in accordance with LANL SOP-06.15 or subcontractor equivalent procedure. If the SOP is not used, the type of sampling equipment and methods used will be consistent with the EPA 530-D-02-002.

Samples will at a minimum be analyzed for TAL metals; radionuclides (by alpha and gamma spectroscopy); isotopic uranium, isotopic plutonium, americium-241, tritium, and strontium-90; VOCs; SVOCs; oil/grease; TSS; pH; explosive compounds; PCB; cyanide; nitrates/nitrites; perchlorates; general inorganics; and pesticides/herbicides. Other constituents may be analyzed as necessary to meet the WAC of the disposal facility.

Sampling personnel must record sampling information in accordance with EP-ERSS-SOP-5058 and EP-ERSS-SOP-5181. The Field notebook or sample collection sheet must be used to document sample collection activities (e.g., equipment and sampling methods used, number and location of samples, etc.). Sampling personnel must also record field conditions, problems encountered, local sources of contamination (e.g., operating generators or vehicles), the personnel involved, equipment and supplies used, waste generated, and field observations.

**Storage and Disposal Method:** Development water will be containerized at the point of generation and initially managed as non-hazardous/non-radiological pending review of analytical results to determine final waste characterization. Based upon validated analytical data, the development water will be evaluated, using the AWD system, for land application in accordance with ENV-RCRA-QP-010. If the development water meets the criteria for land application it will be land applied in accordance with ENV-RCRA-QP-010.

If the development water is characterized as LLW (exceeding the land application criteria) it will be managed in a radioactive waste staging or storage area it can be shipped for disposal. If the development water is characterized as Hazardous or MLLW (with D-codes for characteristic waste) it will be managed in a less than 90-Day Storage Area (with a start date equal to the earliest date of generation by container) until it can be shipped for disposal. Any development water that cannot be land applied will be managed and disposed of based upon the regulatory classification of the waste at a LANL approved disposal facility.

**Waste # 5 – Decontamination Fluids:** This waste stream consists of liquid wastes (e.g., water, water & Alconox) generated from the decontamination of excavation, sampling, and drilling equipment. Every attempt will be made to limit the volume of this waste stream by using dry decontamination methods, where applicable. It is estimated that approximately 500 gallons of decontamination water will be generated.

**NOTE #1:** Decontamination fluids that include surfactants (e.g., Alconox) can be difficult to dispose of if the analytical results indicate a Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) that exceeds the RLWTF WAC of 250 mg/L (P930-1, Attachment 1, 1.4.4). Surfactants are acceptable to use in decontamination solutions but in limited quantities (not in excess of manufacturer recommendations or less than 0.2% by weight).

**NOTE #2:** Decontamination of drill rigs, augers, and other equipment using water/steam typically results in a waste stream that is comprised of both solids and liquids. The solids are addressed as Waste #7 and must be segregated (within reason) from the bulk decontamination water so that the TSSs do not exceed the RLWTF WAC of 10,000 mg/L (P930-1, Attachment 1; 1.5).

**Anticipated Regulatory Status:** LLW, Hazardous, MLLW, Industrial, SWWS, or RLWTF

**Characterization Approach:** Decontamination fluids will be characterized based upon the AK of the media with which it came into contact and/or using the analytical results obtained from direct sampling. Samples, if needed to meet a disposal facility WAC or due to poor AK, will be collected in accordance with LANL SOP-06.15, *COLIWASA Sampler for Liquids and Slurries* or subcontractor equivalent procedure. If the SOP is not used, the type of sampling equipment and methods used will be consistent with EPA 530-D-02-002. A representative sample will be taken within 10 days of generation (i.e., date of initial placement into container) so that a waste determination can be made within 30 days of generation and wastes disposed within 90 days, if necessary. All samples will be submitted with a 21-day turnaround time for analyses. Multiple sampling events may be required to ensure WAC requirements are met.

Samples will at a minimum be analyzed for TAL metals; radionuclides (by alpha and gamma spectroscopy); isotopic uranium, isotopic plutonium, americium-241, tritium, and strontium-90; VOCs; SVOCs; oil/grease; TSS; pH; explosive compounds; PCB; cyanide; nitrates/nitrites; perchlorates; and pesticides/herbicides. Other constituents may be analyzed as necessary to meet the WAC of the disposal facility.

Sampling personnel must record sampling information in accordance with EP-ERSS-SOP-5058 and EP-ERSS-SOP-5181. The Field notebook or sample collection sheet must be used to document sample collection activities (e.g., equipment and sampling methods used, number and location of samples, etc.). Sampling personnel must also record field conditions, problems encountered, local sources of contamination (e.g., operating generators or vehicles), the personnel involved, equipment and supplies used, waste generated, and field observations.

**Storage and Disposal Method:** Decontamination water will be containerized at the point of generation and managed as non-hazardous/non-radiological pending review of analytical results to determine final waste characterization. Decontamination water from different sources (i.e., down hole equipment, rinsing a frac tank, drilling equipment/materials prior to use) must be segregated into different containers and analyzed separately.

If the decontamination water is characterized as LLW it will be managed in a radioactive waste staging or storage area it can be shipped for disposal. If the decontamination water is characterized as Hazardous or MLLW (with D-codes for characteristic waste) it will be managed in a less than 90-Day Storage Area (with a start date equal to the earliest date of generation by container) until it can be shipped for disposal. Decontamination water may be disposed of on-site at the SWWS or the RLWTF if the facility WAC requirements are met. If the non-hazardous waste fails to meet the RLWTF WAC only due to high COD, if approved by the ENV-RCRA Group, can be treated (e.g., addition of 30% hydrogen peroxide) to bring down the COD level to the RLWTF limit of 250 mg/L so that the waste can be disposed of at that facility (see Attachment 1, Work Instruction – Treatment of Wastewater with High Level of Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)). If the waste cannot be disposed of at either of these facilities, due to operational limitations or inability to meet the WAC, it will be sent to an authorized off-site facility for treatment, storage, and disposal.

**Waste # 6 – Storm water:** This waste stream is comprised of storm water for discharge and/or potentially contaminated storm water (i.e., tainted with petroleum or non-hazardous glycol based lubricants) collected within a secondary containment unit. It is estimated that approximately 500 gallons of storm water will be generated.

**NOTE #1:** Storm water collected in a secondary containment typically results in a waste stream that is comprised of both solids and liquids. The solids are addressed as Waste #7 and must be segregated (within reason) from storm water that cannot be discharged (is a waste) before it is containerized so that the TSSs do not exceed the RLWTF WAC of 10,000 mg/L (P930-1, Attachment 1; 1.5).

**Anticipated Regulatory Status:** Reusable (released under ENV-RCRA policy), Used Oil for Recycle (Oily Water), LLW, MLLW, Hazardous, Industrial, SWWS, RLWTF

**Characterization Approach:** Storm water will be characterized based on the AK from the MSDS of the contaminant (e.g., hydraulic fluid) or by direct sampling. Samples, if needed, will be collected in accordance with LANL SOP-06.15, COLIWASA Sampler for Liquids and Slurries or subcontractor equivalent procedure. If the SOP is not used, the type of sampling equipment and methods used will be consistent with EPA 530-D-02-002. A representative sample will be taken within 10 days of generation (i.e., date of initial placement into container) so that a waste determination can be made within 30 days of generation and wastes dispositioned within 90 days, if necessary. All samples will be submitted with a 21-day turnaround time for analyses. Samples will be analyzed for TAL metals; VOCs; SVOCs; oil/grease; TSS; pH; PCB; cyanide; nitrates/nitrites; perchlorates; fluorine, chlorine, sulfate, COD, biological oxygen demand (BOD), TPH, and pesticides/herbicides.

Sampling personnel must record sampling information in accordance with EP-ERSS-SOP-5058 and EP-ERSS-SOP-5181. The Field notebook or sample collection sheet must be used to document sample collection activities (e.g., equipment and sampling methods used, number and location of samples, etc.). Sampling personnel must also record field conditions, problems encountered, local sources of contamination (e.g., operating generators or vehicles), the personnel involved, equipment and supplies used, waste generated, and field observations.

**NOTE #2:** The criteria for recycling oil, used oil, and coolant is as follows:

- Acceptable Oil, Used Oil, and Coolant
  - Used and unused petroleum oils

- Oil filters for non-prohibited oils
  - Non-hazardous glycol-based coolants (antifreeze)
  - Oily water
  - Used and unused synthetic oils
  - Non-hazardous used oil adsorbents
  - Mineral oil
- Unacceptable Oil, Used Oil, and Coolant
    - Oil with >1000 ppm halogens (oils mixed with solvents)
    - Freon-contaminated oil
    - Oils containing chlorinated compounds
    - Degreasers containing chlorinated compounds
    - Radiation-contamination oils
    - Any oil containing >2ppm PCB
    - Hazardous glycol-based coolants (fails TCLP for Se or Pb)
    - Vegetable and other food oils

**Storage and Disposal Method:** Potentially contaminated storm water will be managed in accordance with the requirements in 20-6-2-1201, NMAC of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (NMWQCC) Regulations; 40 CF 112, Oil Pollution Prevention Regulations (SPPC Plan); 40 CFR 122, Construction General Permit Regulations, and applicable SWPPP requirements. To determine if storm water discharges from secondary containment systems are permitted on LANL property under LANL's discharge policy, the following steps are mandatory:

1. Check for oil sheen. If oil sheen exists, contact Jake Meadows, at 606-0185, for handling requirements.
2. Check pH. The pH must be between 6 and 9.
3. Notify ENV-RCRA (Jake Meadows 606-1085) prior to proposed discharge.
4. If discharge is not granted by ENV-RCRA, the contaminated storm water must be containerized and managed as waste.

Contaminated storm water that cannot be discharged will be containerized at the point of generation and managed in accordance with the regulatory classification of the waste and disposed of at an authorized treatment, storage, disposal facility.

For unintentional release or discharges of potentially contaminated storm water to the environment, the following actions must be taken:

1. Document the volume of waste released; time, date, and location of the discharge; and other conditions on the Liquid Discharge Form (See Attachment 2).
2. Submit the Liquid Discharge Form to Jake Meadows via FAX to 505-665-9344.
3. Document the discharge in the SPCC Plan or SWPPP, when applicable.

**Waste # 7 – Residual Solids from Secondary Containments:** This waste stream is comprised of residual solids segregated during the containerization of storm water and decontamination fluids that have been removed from secondary containments. It may consist of residues, pebbles, soil, cuttings, and/or rocks that cannot be disposed of with the liquid waste stream (i.e., storm water, decontamination fluids). It is estimated that approximately 1 yd<sup>3</sup> of residual solids will be generated.

**NOTE:** Residual solids cannot be collected and added to the drill cuttings/fluids pit. They must be containerized, segregated, and managed as waste.

**Anticipated Regulatory Status:** LLW, MLLW, Hazardous, Industrial

**Characterization Approach:** Residual solids will be characterized based upon the AK of the media (i.e., cuttings, decontamination water, storm water) with which it came into contact and/or using the analytical results obtained from direct sampling. Samples, if needed, will be collected in accordance with LANL SOP-06-10, *Hand Auger and Thin-Wall Tube Sampler* and analyzed for TAL metals; radionuclides (by alpha and gamma spectroscopy); isotopic uranium, isotopic plutonium, americium-241, tritium, and strontium-90; VOCs; SVOCs; PCB; cyanide; nitrates/nitrites; perchlorates; and pesticides/herbicides. TCLP analysis may also be performed for TAL metals if the analytical results for the total metals divided by 20 indicate contaminants that exceed regulatory thresholds. TPH will be analyzed if staining is observed. Other constituents may be analyzed as necessary to meet the WAC of the disposal facility.

Sampling personnel must record sampling information in accordance with EP-ERSS-SOP-5058 and EP-ERSS-SOP-5181. The Field notebook or sample collection sheet must be used to document sample collection activities (e.g., equipment and sampling methods used, number and location of samples, etc.). Sampling personnel must also record field conditions, problems encountered, local sources of contamination (e.g., operating generators or vehicles), the personnel involved, equipment and supplies used, waste generated, and field observations.

**Storage and Disposal Method:** Residual solids will be containerized at the point of generation and managed as non-hazardous/non-radiological pending review of AK and/or analytical results to determine final waste characterization. Residual solids from different sources (i.e., decontamination, storm water) must be segregated into different containers and analyzed separately. If the residual solids are characterized as LLW, they will be managed in a radioactive waste staging or storage area it can be shipped for disposal. If the residual solids are characterized as Hazardous or MLLW (with D-codes for characteristic waste) they will be managed in a less than 90-Day Storage Area (with a start date equal to the earliest date of generation by container) until they can be shipped for disposal. Residual solids will be shipped and disposed of at an authorized off-site facility.

**Waste # 8 – Drilled Out Concrete, Chips, Concrete Slurry:** This waste stream consists of concrete chips from drilling out plug used to seal off perched groundwater or stabilized the borehole to facilitate drilling. It is estimated that 60 yd<sup>3</sup> of drilled out concrete chips or concrete slurry may be generated.

**Anticipated Regulatory Status:** Reusable (released under ENV-RCRA policy), LLW, MLLW, Hazardous, Industrial

**Characterization Approach:** This waste stream will be characterized based upon the AK from the MSDS for the cement and/or the media (i.e., cuttings) with which it came into contact.

**Storage and Disposal Method:** Concrete waste will be containerized at the point of generation and managed as non-hazardous/non-radiological pending review of AK and/or analytical results (of associated media) to determine final waste characterization. If the concrete waste is not contaminated, it may be sent to the county landfill for reuse with an ENV-RCRA approval for release. Otherwise, the concrete must be managed in accordance with the regulatory classification of the waste. Waste concrete will be shipped and disposed of at an authorized off-site facility.

**Waste # 9 – Residual Concrete Washout:** This waste stream is comprised of residual cement generated from the evaporation of concrete wash out water. It is estimated that 1 yd<sup>3</sup> of residual concrete may be generated.

**Anticipated Regulatory Status:** Reusable (released under ENV-RCRA policy), Industrial

**Characterization Approach:** This waste stream will be characterized based upon the AK from the MSDS for the cement and/or the media (i.e., cuttings) with which it came into contact.

**Storage and Disposal Method:** Residual concrete washout waste will remain in an on-site containment until final waste characterization and disposition. If the residual concrete waste is not contaminated, it may be sent to the county landfill for reuse with an ENV-RCRA approval for release. Otherwise, the concrete must be containerized and managed in accordance with the regulatory classification of the waste. Waste concrete will be shipped and disposed of at an authorized off-site facility.

**Waste # 10 – Petroleum Contaminated Soils (PCS):** This waste stream is comprised of soils contaminated due to the accidental release of commercial products such as hydraulic fluid, motor oil, unleaded gasoline, or diesel fuel (e.g., from the rupture of hydraulic or fuel hoses, or spills during maintenance, etc.). It may also include adsorbent padding, paper towels, spill pillows or other adsorbent material used to contain the released material and added to the containerized PCS waste for storage and disposal. It is estimated that 1 yd<sup>3</sup> of this waste stream will be generated.

**Anticipated Regulatory Status:** New Mexico Special Waste (NMSW), Hazardous, MLLW

**Characterization Approach:** PCS will be characterized based upon either AK or direct waste sampling. If the material spilled is known and the spill occurs on clean base course, AK can be used to characterize the waste as NMSW. If the spill is of an unknown material/origin or occurs in an AOC, PRS, or SWMU, characterization will be based upon the analytical results from direct sampling either performed in place (same day as spill/containerization) or from the containerized waste within 10 days of generation. If sampling is required, samples will be collected in one of the following two ways:

1. For spills containerized in large containers (i.e., 55-gallon drums) and/or deep spills being sampled in place, the samples will be collected in accordance with LANL SOP-06-10, *Hand Auger and Thin-Wall Tube Sampler*.
2. For spills containerized in small containers and/or shallow spills being sampled in place, the samples will be collected in accordance with SOP-06.11, *Spade and Scoop Method for Collection of Soil Samples*.

The analysis of the samples will be dependent on where the spill occurred as follows:

- If the spill occurred on clean soil (and samples are collected), samples will be analyzed for VOCs, TPH, gasoline-range and diesel-range (DRO/GRO), and total metals, at a minimum. These analytical suites are required to determine whether the waste is NMSW. Other constituents may be analyzed as necessary to meet the WAC of the disposal facility.
- If the spill occurs on soils with known hazardous contaminants or soils with no available/reliable AK documentation, the samples will be analyzed, at minimum, for VOCs, SVOCs, TPH, gasoline-range and diesel-range (DRO/GRO) and total metals. TCLP analysis may also be performed for TAL metals if the analytical results for the total metals divided by 20 indicate contaminants that exceed regulatory thresholds. If radiological contamination is a possibility the samples must also be analyzed for radionuclides (by alpha and gamma spectroscopy); isotopic uranium, isotopic plutonium, americium-241, tritium, and strontium-90.

All samples will be submitted with a 21-day turnaround time for analysis so that a waste determination can be made within 30 days of generation. The "initial" date or date of generation for NMSW is the date the container is completely full or the date in which no additional NMSW will be added to the container. The "final" date (or the date starting the 90 day NMSW clock) is the date that the validated analytical data is received by the WMC.

Sampling personnel must record sampling information in accordance with EP-ERSS-SOP-5058 and EP-ERSS-SOP-5181. The Field notebook or sample collection sheet must be used to document sample collection activities (e.g., equipment and sampling methods used, number and location of samples, etc.). Sampling personnel must also record field conditions, problems encountered, local sources of contamination (e.g., operating generators or vehicles), the personnel involved, equipment and supplies used, waste generated, and field observations.

**Storage and Disposal Method:** PCS will be containerized at the point of generation on the same day that the spill occurred. If AK for the site indicates that the soil will not be contaminated with radioactive or hazardous materials, the PCS will be managed as NMSW and the NMSW start date will be the date the container is completely full or the date in which no additional NMSW will be added to the container. If AK for the site indicates that the soil could be contaminated with radioactive or hazardous materials the PCS will be stored in a clearly marked and constructed waste accumulation area appropriate to the anticipated waste type. Waste accumulation area postings, regulated storage duration, and inspection requirements will be based upon the waste classification. The following provides the management and disposal pathways for PCS that has a final waste determination:

1. PCS that is not contaminated with radioactive or hazardous materials will be managed as NMSW if one or more of the following conditions are met:
  - If the sum of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene isomer concentrations are greater than 50 mg/kg.
  - If benzene individually is equal to or greater than 10 mg/kg (Note: If benzene concentrations are equal to or greater than 0.5 mg/L, based upon TCLP, it is a hazardous waste, not a NMSW).
  - If TPH (DRO + GRO) concentration is greater than 100 mg/kg.

PCS that is characterized as NMSW will remain in the registered NMSW area until it is shipped for disposal to an authorized off-site facility.

2. PCS that is not contaminated with radioactive or hazardous materials will be managed as industrial waste if the contaminant levels are less than the NMSW and/or PCB regulatory levels. PCS that is characterized as industrial waste will be removed from the registered NMSW area and stored as industrial waste until it is shipped for disposal to an authorized off-site facility.
3. PCS that is characterized as LLW will be moved to a radioactive waste staging or storage area it can be shipped for disposal to an authorized off-site facility.
4. PCS characterized as Hazardous or MLLW will be managed in a less than 90-Day Storage Area (with a start date equal to the earliest date of generation by container) until it can be shipped for disposal to an authorized off-site facility.

**Waste # 11 – Municipal Solid Waste (MSW):** This waste stream is comprised of non-contact trash, including, but not limited to, paper, cardboard, wood, plastic, food, and beverage containers. It is estimated that 2 yd<sup>3</sup> of MSW will be generated.

**Anticipated Regulatory Status:** MSW

**Characterization Approach:** MSW will be characterized based on AK of the waste materials (including MSDSs) and methods of generation.

**Storage and Disposal Method:** MSW will be segregated from all other waste streams. It is anticipated that the wastes will be stored in plastic trash bags or other appropriate containers and transferred/disposed of at the County of Los Alamos Solid Waste Transfer Station or other authorized off-site solid waste facility.

**TABLE 1- CHARACTERIZATION TABLE**

NOTE: Multiple sampling may be required to ensure WAC requirements are met.

Waste Description	Waste # 1 Contact Waste	Waste # 2 Drill Cuttings	Waste # 3 Drilling Fluids	Waste # 4 Development Water
Estimated Volume	20-yd <sup>3</sup> (includes pit iner)	150-yd <sup>3</sup>	50,000-gallons	60,000-gallons
Packaging	Drums/Roll Offs	Lined Pit/Drums/Roll Offs	Lined Pit/Drums/Tanks	Frac Tanks/Drums
<b>Regulatory classification:</b>				
Radioactive Waste	X	X	X	X
Reusable Material	X (GIC)	X (Land Applied)	X (Land Applied)	X (Land Applied)
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	X			
Waste destined for LANL's SWWS or RLWTF <sup>1</sup>				X
Hazardous Waste	X	X	X	X
Mixed (hazardous and radioactive) Waste	X	X	X	X
Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)				
New Mexico Special Waste				
Industrial Waste		X	X	X
<b>Characterization Method</b>				
Acceptable knowledge (AK): Existing Data/Documentation	X			
AK: Site Characterization				
Direct Sampling of Waste		X	X	X
<b>Analytical Testing</b>				
Volatile Organic Compounds (EPA 8260-B)		X	X	X
Semivolatile Organic Compounds (EPA 8270-C)		X	X	X
Organic Pesticides (EPA 8081-A)		X	X	X
Organic Herbicides (EPA 8151-A)		X	X	X
PCBs (EPA 8082)		X	X	X
Total Metals (EPA 6010-B/7471-A)		X	X	X
Total Cyanide (EPA 9012-A) <sup>2</sup>		X	X	X
Nitrates/Nitrites (EPA 300.09)		X	X	X
Dioxins/Furans (EPA 1613B)				
Oil/Grease (EPA 1665)			X	X
Fluoride, Chlorine, Sulfate (EPA 300)			X	X
TTO (EPA 8260-B and EPA 8270-C) <sup>3</sup>				
Total Suspended & Dissolved Solids (TSS) and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (EPA 160.1 and 160.2)			X	X
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) (EPA 410.4)			X	X
pH (EPA 904c)			X	X
Microtox or Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) <sup>4</sup>			X	X
Perchlorates (EPA 6850)		X	X	X
High Explosives Constituents (EPA 8330/8321-A)			X	X
Asbestos				
BTEX (EPA-8021b)				
Total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH)-GRO (EPA 8015-M) TPH-DRO (EPA 8015-M)		X (As needed)		
Toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) Metals (EPA 1311/6010-B) <sup>5</sup>		X (As needed)	X (As needed)	X (As needed)
TCLP Organics (EPA 1311/8260-B & 1311/8270-C)		X (As needed)	X (As needed)	X (As needed)
TCLP Pest. & Herb. (EPA 1311/8081-A/1311/8151-A)		X (As needed)	X (As needed)	X (As needed)
Radium 226 & 228 (EPA 9320)		X	X	X
Gross Alpha (alpha counting) (EPA 900)		X	X	X
Gross Beta (beta counting) (EPA 900)		X	X	X
Tritium (liquid scintillation) (EPA 906.0)		X	X	X
Gamma spectroscopy (EPA 901.1)		X	X	X
Isotopic plutonium (Chem. Separation/alpha spec.) (HASL-300)		X	X	X
Isotopic uranium (Chem. Separation/alpha spec.) (HASL-300)		X	X	X
Total uranium (EPA 6020)		X	X	X
Strontium-90 (EPA 905)		X	X	X
Americium-241 (Chem. Separation/alpha spec.) (HASL-300)		X	X	X
Isotopic Thorium		X	X	X
WSP – General Inorganics (filtered)			X	X
Waste Profile Form #	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**TABLE 1- CHARACTERIZATION TABLE (CONTINUED)**

Waste Description	Waste #5 Decontamination Fluids	Waste #6 Storm Water	Waste #7 Residual Solids from Secondary Containments	Waste #8 Drilled Out Concrete, Chips, Concrete Slurry
Estimated Volume	500-gallons	500-gallons	1-yd <sup>3</sup>	60-yd <sup>3</sup>
Packaging	Drums/Tanks	Drums/Tanks	Drums	Drums/Roll Offs
<b>Regulatory classification:</b>				
Radioactive Waste	X	X	X	
Reusable Material		X (Released; Used Oil for Recycle)		X (with ENV-RCRA Approval)
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)				
Waste destined for LANL's SWWS or RLWTF <sup>1</sup>	X	X		
Hazardous Waste	X	X	X	
Mixed (hazardous and radioactive) Waste	X	X	X	
Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)				
New Mexico Special Waste				
Industrial Waste	X	X	X	
<b>Characterization Method</b>				
Acceptable knowledge (AK): Existing Data/Documentation	X	X	X	X
AK: Site Characterization				
Direct Sampling of Waste	X	X	X	
<b>Analytical Testing</b>				
Volatile Organic Compounds (EPA 8260-B)	X	X	X	
Semivolatile Organic Compounds (EPA 8270-C)	X	X	X	
Organic Pesticides (EPA 8081-A)	X	X	X	
Organic Herbicides (EPA 8151-A)	X	X	X	
PCBs (EPA 8082)	X	X	X	
Total Metals (EPA 6010-B/7471-A)	X	X	X	
Total Cyanide (EPA 9012-A) <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X	
Nitrates/Nitrites (EPA 300.09)	X	X	X	
Dioxins/Furans (EPA 1613B)				
Oil/Grease (EPA 1665)	X	X		
Fluoride, Chlorine, Sulfate (EPA 300)		X		
TTO (EPA 8260-B and EPA 8270-C) <sup>3</sup>				
Total Suspended & Dissolved Solids (TSS) and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (EPA 160.1 and 160.2)	X	X		
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) (EPA 410.4)	X	X		
pH (EPA 904c)	X	X		
Microtox or Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) <sup>4</sup>	X	X		
Perchlorates (EPA 6850)	X	X	X	
High Explosives Constituents (EPA 8330/8321-A)	X	X		
Asbestos				
BTEX (EPA-8021b)				
Total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH)-GRO (EPA 8015-M) TPH-DRO (EPA 8015-M)		X	X (As needed)	
Toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) Metals (EPA 1311/6010-B) <sup>5</sup>	X (As needed)	X (As needed)	X (As needed)	
TCLP Organics (EPA 1311/8260-B & 1311/8270-C)	X (As needed)	X (As needed)	X (As needed)	
TCLP Pest. & Herb. (EPA 1311/8081-A/1311/8151-A)	X (As needed)	X (As needed)	X (As needed)	
Radium 226 & 228 (EPA 9320)	X		X	
Gross Alpha (alpha counting) (EPA 900)	X		X	
Gross Beta (beta counting) (EPA 900)	X		X	
Tritium (liquid scintillation) (EPA 906.0)	X		X	
Gamma spectroscopy (EPA 901.1)	X		X	
Isotopic plutonium (Chem. Separation/alpha spec.) (HASL-300)	X		X	
Isotopic uranium (Chem. Separation/alpha spec.) (HASL-300)	X		X	
Total uranium (EPA 6020)	X		X	
Strontium-90 (EPA 905)	X		X	
Americium-241 (Chem. Separation/alpha spec.) (HASL-300)	X		X	
Isotopic Thorium	X		X	
WSP – General Inorganics (filtered)				
Waste Profile Form #	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**TABLE 1- CHARACTERIZATION TABLE (CONTINUED)**

Waste Description	Waste #9 Residual Concrete Washout	Waste #10 Petroleum Contaminated Soils (PCS)	Waste #11 Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)
Estimated Volume	1-yd <sup>3</sup>	1-yd <sup>3</sup>	2-yd <sup>3</sup>
Packaging	Drums	Drums	Plastic Trash Bags/Trash Cans/Dumpsters
<b>Regulatory classification:</b>			
Radioactive Waste		X	
Reusable Material	X (with ENV-RCRA Approval)		
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)			X
Waste destined for LANL's SWWS or RLWTF <sup>1</sup>			
Hazardous Waste			
Mixed (hazardous and radioactive) Waste			
Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)			
New Mexico Special Waste		X	
Industrial Waste		X	
<b>Characterization Method</b>			
Acceptable knowledge (AK): Existing Data/Documentation	X	X	X
AK: Site Characterization			
Direct Sampling of Waste		X	
<b>Analytical Testing</b>			
Volatile Organic Compounds (EPA 8260-B)		X (As needed)	
Semivolatile Organic Compounds (EPA 8270-C)		X (As needed)	
Organic Pesticides (EPA 8081-A)			
Organic Herbicides (EPA 8151-A)			
PCBs (EPA 8082)			
Total Metals (EPA 6010-B/7471-A)		X (As needed)	
Total Cyanide (EPA 9012-A) <sup>2</sup>			
Nitrates/Nitrites (EPA 300.09)			
Dioxins/Furans (EPA 1613B)			
Oil/Grease (EPA 1665)			
Fluoride, Chlorine, Sulfate (EPA 300)			
TTO (EPA 8260-B and EPA 8270-C) <sup>3</sup>			
Total Suspended & Dissolved Solids (TSS) and Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (EPA 160.1 and 160.2)			
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) (EPA 410.4)			
pH (EPA 904c)			
Microtox or Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) <sup>4</sup>			
Perchlorates (EPA 6850)			
High Explosives Constituents (EPA 8330/8321-A)			
Asbestos			
BTEX (EPA-8021b)			
Total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH)-GRO (EPA 8015-M) TPH- DRO (EPA 8015-M)		X (As needed)	
Toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) Metals (EPA 1311/6010-B) <sup>5</sup>		X (As needed)	
TCLP Organics (EPA 1311/8260-B & 1311/8270-C)		X (As needed)	
TCLP Pest. & Herb. (EPA 1311/8081-A/1311/8151-A)			
Radium 226 & 228 (EPA 9320)		X (As needed)	
Gross Alpha (alpha counting) (EPA 900)		X (As needed)	
Gross Beta (beta counting) (EPA 900)		X (As needed)	
Tritium (liquid scintillation) (EPA 906.0)		X (As needed)	
Gamma spectroscopy (EPA 901.1)		X (As needed)	
Isotopic plutonium (Chem. Separation/alpha spec.) (HASL-300)		X (As needed)	
Isotopic uranium (Chem. Separation/alpha spec.) (HASL-300)		X (As needed)	
Total uranium (EPA 6020)		X (As needed)	
Strontium-90 (EPA 905)		X (As needed)	
Americium-241 (Chem. Separation/alpha spec.) (HASL-300)		X (As needed)	
Isotopic Thorium		X (As needed)	
WSP – General Inorganics (filtered)			
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- 1 In addition to other analytes needed to characterize the waste (e.g., VOC, SVOC, total metals), analyze for TSS, TDS, Oil and Grease, gross alpha gross beta, tritium, and pH for liquids destined for the LANL sanitary waste water system (SWWS). For wastes destined for the RLWTF additional constituents include TTO, TSS, COD, pH, total nitrates/nitrites, and gross alpha, gross beta (not including tritium), and gross gamma or the sum of individual alpha-, beta-, and gamma-emitting nuclides.
- 2 Filtered metals and filtered Cyanide are required for land application, with the exception of mercury (hg).
- 3 TTO is the total of volatile organic and semi-volatile organic compound contaminants. Request methods EPA 8260-B (VOCs) and EPA 8270-C (SVOCs).
- 4 If Microtox analysis is not available, request BOD.
- 5 Only if total concentrations of RCRA toxicity characteristic constituents exceed 20 times their regulatory limit.

#### Notes:

If data are insufficient to make a definitive regulatory classification at the time of WCSF completion, more than one box on the characterization table may be checked, along with an explanation in the text section. The final regulatory classification will be reflected on the waste profile form. The table identifies the suite of analyses required based on site knowledge, information needed by the anticipated receiving facility, or for land application, if applicable.

Section 1.2 of the TCLP method 1311 states "If a total analysis of the waste demonstrates that individual analytes are not present in the waste, or that they are present but at such low concentrations that the appropriate regulatory levels could not possibly be exceeded, the TCLP need not be run." The methodology for using total waste analyses determination for the 40 TC constituents in soil is as follows:

**Liquids** – Wastes containing less than 0.5% filterable solids do not require extraction and therefore by filtering the waste and measuring the total constituent level of the filtrate and comparing those levels to regulatory levels is appropriate.

**Solids** – Constituent concentrations from the extraction fluid of wastes that are 100% physical solids are divided by 20 (reflecting the 20 to 1 ratio of TCLP extraction) and then compared to the regulatory levels. If the theoretical levels do not equal or exceed the regulatory levels, the TCLP need not be run. If the levels do equal or exceed the regulatory levels, the generator may either declare the waste hazardous or run TCLP analyses.

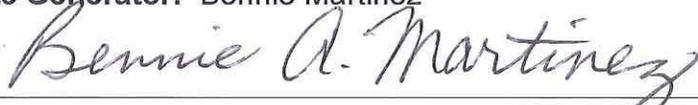
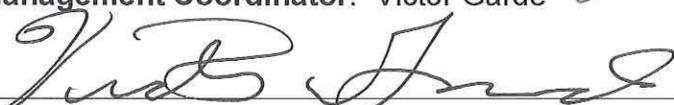
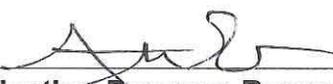
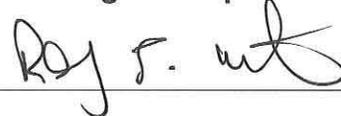
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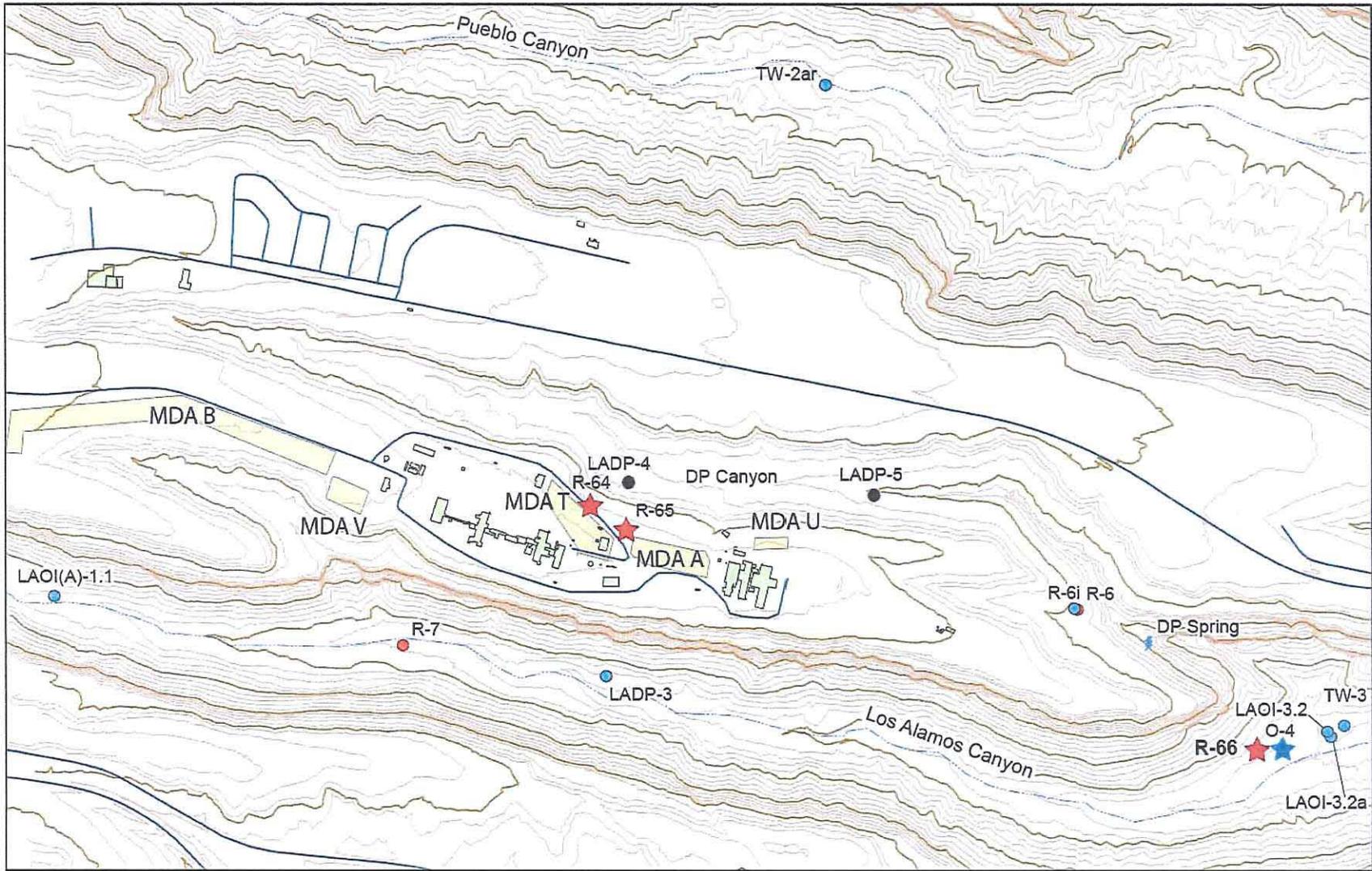
Standard analytical turnaround time is anticipated to be 30 calendar days. In the event a waste is suspected to be hazardous, the total waste volume exceeds 55 gallons (e.g., purge water, decontamination fluids, and contact waste), and a <90-day Accumulation Area is required, then an expedited analytical turnaround time will be needed to meet the 90-day time limit. Environmental Stewardship sample support will be notified if an expedited analysis is necessary. Utah-certified analytical laboratory data is recommended to meet the MLLW WAC for waste streams that are suspected to be hazardous and low-level radioactive.

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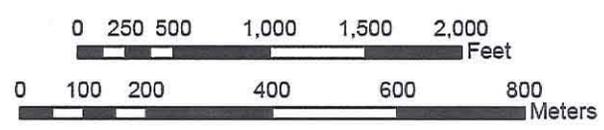
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**Waste Characterization Strategy Form**

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- Existing regional aquifer monitoring well
- Existing perched intermediate monitoring well
- Intermediate-depth borehole
- ★ Municipal supply well
- ★ Proposed regional aquifer monitoring well



**WORK INSTRUCTION (Attachment 1)**  
**Treatment of Wastewater with High Level of Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)**

1. Determine the amount of 30% hydrogen peroxide you will need to add to the waste drum.

- Amount of 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (in mL)= $x \cdot V / 157$
- x is the COD in mg O<sub>2</sub>/L; V is the volume (in L) of the waste water

If the COD concentration is very high (e.g., 1000 mg/L) add up to 1.2 times more 30% hydrogen peroxide of the calculated value.

2. Open the drum lid.
3. Using Tyvex coveralls (or labcoat), latex (or nitrile) gloves, and safety glasses (or faceshield), first check the pH and next add a small amount of the 30% hydrogen peroxide to the contents in the drum, adding it slowly at first and watching for any reaction that might occur (e.g., foaming or small bubbles of gas). Check the pH. If the pH drops, add 20% sodium hydroxide solution to raise the pH close to it's initial value.
4. Stir the drum with a long stick or plastic rod after each addition of 30% hydrogen peroxide and/or 20% sodium hydroxide, watching for any violent reaction.
5. Continue Steps 3 and 4 until all the 30% hydrogen peroxide has been added.
6. Mix the content of the drum for 10-30 seconds and take a sample of the treated wastewater for analysis. If the COD level for the treated sample has not gone down to the TA-50 RLWTF COD WAC level (250 mg/L) or has increased, proceed to Step. 7.
7. **Optionally:** Adjust pH of the reaction mixture to between 5 and 9 (closer to 9 is better). Add about 10 ml of 10% ferric chloride solution per 1 L of waste water. (*Ferric chloride will cause precipitation of brown ferric hydroxide. Ferric hydroxide serves as a catalyst to decompose excess of hydrogen peroxide. Presence of free hydrogen peroxide may cause false and a very high COD result*).
8. After a sample has been taken of the mixed contents, place the drum lid back on and allow for venting to occur by clamping down bung lids and drum lid ring loosely.

Reagents used:

30% hydrogen peroxide

20% sodium hydroxide solution

10% ferric chloride solution

