

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: LOCATION OF CONTAMINATED WASTE BURIAL PITS
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The collection and burial of contaminated waste materials from CMR areas was started by group CMR-12 in 1944. Letters in the CMR-12 files indicate that sometime in 1944 a pit located in the fenced area between the Trailer Court and the CMR Laundry was in use. When this pit was filled two more were dug in the area now known as the General's Tank — Area A Area. When these were filled (1945) three more pits were dug in the area between the Trailer Court and CMR Laundry. Space in this area was exhausted in 1948 and new pits were started at the present location on Pajarito Road. Personnel that were attached to the CMR Division during the war think that there was a small pit located on the north side of the DP Site Road, however, records in the CMR-12 files do not confirm the existence of this pit.

The material in these pits consists of all the contaminated waste from CMR operations. This includes laboratory equipment, building construction material, paper, rubber gloves, filters from air cleaning systems and contaminated or toxic chemicals. Other divisions of the laboratory have also requested that contaminated materials and classified shapes from their operations be disposed of in these pits.

The contamination on materials in these pits consists of all the types of radioactive materials used at Los Alamos. Some of the known types of activity are: plutonium, polonium, uranium, americium, curium, RaLa, actinium and waste products from the Water Boiler. No attempt has been made to keep the various materials separated.

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