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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

On behalf of the Department of Energy (DOE) and Sandia Corporation (Sandia), DOE is submitting the May 2007, Consolidated Quarterly Report for the Environmental Restoration Project that addresses all quarterly reporting requirements required under the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments Module of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit, the Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order) and the Chemical Waste Landfill Closure Plan for Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico (SNL/NM), EPA ID No. NM5890110518.

Pursuant to perchlorate screening, detectable concentrations (8.1 versus 4.0 micrograms/liter) continue to be found at monitoring well CYN-MW6 (located at the Burn Site groundwater area). We will continue to sample and monitor the trend, plus provide the results in the next quarterly report due by the end of September 2007. Also, we initiated discussions with your office via the attached April 19, 2007, letter recommending continued monitoring through December 2007. We cordially request your concurrence to this approach or let us know of any concerns or alternate frequency for continued monitoring.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 845-6036 or Joe Estrada of my staff at (505) 845-5326. For perchlorate related items, please contact John Gould of my staff at (505) 845-6089.

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## Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico (SNL/NM)

## **Environmental Restoration Project**

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CONSOLIDATED Quarterly Report

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## CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY REPORT

### May 2007

## SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES/NEW MEXICO (SNL/NM)

## ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT

# DOE:SANDIA SITE OFFICECONTRACTOR:SANDIA CORPORATIONPROJECT MANAGER:J. PAUL FRESHOUR

## NUMBER OF POTENTIAL RELEASE SITES SUBJECT TO THIS PERMIT: 64 SUSPECT WASTE: radionuclides, metals, organics, and explosives

#### **OVERVIEW**

This Consolidated Quarterly Report for the Sandia National Laboratories Environmental Project addresses all quarterly reporting requirements required under the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) Module of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit, the Compliance Order on Consent (Consent Order), and the Chemical Waste Landfill (CWL) Closure Plan. The following entities are addressed in these Sections:

#### SECTION I

ER Quarterly

#### SECTION II

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Chemical Waste Landfill

#### SECTION III

Perchlorate Screening

## **SECTION I**

## 1.0 Introduction

The technical status of each ongoing activity in the Environmental Restoration (ER) Project is discussed in an Activity Data Sheet (ADS), which corresponds to an Operable Unit (OU) for assessment and remediation, or to a specific functional area of the project in the case of Project Management and Technical Support.

## 2.0 Work Completed in This Quarter (February - April 2007)

## 2.1 ADS 1285 Technical Support

## 2.1.1 ER Site Tracking (ERST)

• No ER site reviews were completed and delivered during this quarter.

## 2.1.2 <u>Risk Assessment</u>

• No risk assessments were completed for this quarter.

### 2.1.3 Environmental Restoration Field Office (ERFO) Support

• During February and March, Second Quarter sampling was completed for Tech Area V Groundwater monitoring (GWM) and Canyons Ground Water Monitoring. Annual Sampling was completed for the Ground Water Protection Program.

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- During April, annual sampling for Mixed Waste Landfill GWM was completed and Third Quarter sampling was started for Chemical Waste Landfill GWM (completed in May 2007).
- Waste management was supported in discharging purge and decontamination water to the sanitary sewer (3291 gallons for February through April).
- ER Field Office (ERFO) crew supported efforts to complete placement of erosion control on Mixed Waste Landfill Site in April.

#### 2.1.4 Geographic Information System (GIS) Program

Requests received (February 1, 2007 to April 30, 2007)

GPS:	7
Data:	9
Maps	22
Total:	38

Requests completed (February 1, 2007 to April 30, 2007)

GPS:	7
Data:	9
Maps:	19
Total:	35 completed out of 38 received (completion rate 92%)

### 2.1.5 Environmental Restoration Data Management System (ERDMS)

- There are now 2,571,404 data records in the ERDMS.
- 67 analytical data packages containing 8,916 new data points were processed and loaded into the ERDMS.
- 6,904 new data validation qualifiers and descriptive flags were entered into the ERDMS.
- 32 tables were generated in support of CAMU (Corrective Action Management Unit), groundwater monitoring, and MWL (Mixed Waste Landfill).
- 39 data packages were submitted to the Records Center (RC).
- 207 CAMU field measurements were entered into the database.
- Database clean-up activities continued.

## 2.1.6 ES&H and Security (ESHSEC) Records Center

- 285 ER records were received and 263 records were processed into the records management system. The difference is due to records received at the end of one month but not processed until the next month.
- 103 records of the 1298 customer requests were retrieved for reviews at the RC.
- Site Closure: Customer Funded Record Center RC analysts continue to work with ER staff to identify NFA references and records that still need to be submitted to the RC.
- Imaging: RC staff has imaged 318 records during this quarter.
- 676 records were sent to Inactive Storage.
- Worked on imaging Justification Binders and NFA Reports for review and approval project.
- Continuing to image most project documentation as time and budget permit.
- Worked on Chain-of-Custody packages for Mixed Waste Landfill.
- Received one FOIA request for Mixed Waste Landfill.

## 2.1.7 SMO/Data Validation

- The SMO packaged and shipped 252 samples to contract laboratories for 5 ER/LTS projects.
- GEL and Severn Trent met contractual 30-day TAT (greater than 90% of the time) on 30-day requests. The labs also met customer requirements on 15-day rush for final data packages during this quarter.
- 88 data packages were sent through contract verification review with an average TAT of three calendar days. 63% of the data packages were for ER/LTS projects.
- 47 total data packages were validated for ER/LTS. The majority of the data packages were for groundwater monitoring. The average turn-around time (TAT) for packages at validation was four calendar days.

Eighty percent of the work processed during this period was in support of groundwater monitoring. Twenty percent of the work supported CAMU operations.

### 2.2 ADS 1289 Mixed Waste Landfill (MWL)

- In the absence of a timely NMED decision regarding the MWL final cover design, DOE requested that all field activities at the MWL be terminated, as subgrade preparation activities are now complete. The MWL subgrade was subsequently covered with erosion-control matting to minimize erosion from wind and rain during the summer monsoon season. A swale was constructed along the east perimeter of the site to prevent overland flow from damaging the subgrade.
- The MWL technical team began developing the MWL Long Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan. The draft plan includes recommendations to plug and abandon, and replace aging monitoring wells with corroding stainless steel screens. The plan includes a recommendation to transition to low-flow sampling of groundwater using the approach outlined in the NMED Position Paper on Low-Flow Sampling (October 2001). The low flow sampling methodology has been endorsed by EPA, is being utilized in many other states, and should provide more representative samples of MWL groundwater.
- Citizen Action filed a Motion for Reconsideration to reopen the MWL Permit Modification Proceedings for taking of new evidence, based on a claim that the nickel contamination found in MWL wells with stainless steel screens originates from the MWL, and not the corroding well screens.
- Because of concerns regarding the MWL monitoring well network, MWL wells were scoped using a video camera to assess condition of the wells and well screens. All 4 wells with stainless steel screens show visible signs of corrosion. Background monitor well MWL-BW1 has effectively gone dry and monitor well MWL-MW3 has a breach in its casing at a depth of 40 ft.
- A recommendation was made to DOE in February to replace some of the older MWL monitoring wells with stainless well screens showing signs of corrosion. DOE agreed to replace these wells as budget allows. Evidence of the corrosion is seen in the increasing concentrations of nickel in MWL-MW1 and sporadic detections of

chromium above the MCL in MWL-MW1, MWL-MW2, and MWL-MW3. These data have raised some concerns by the public that the MWL may be contaminating groundwater with nickel and perhaps chromium.

- NMED requested on March 23, 2007 that well MWL-BW1 be plugged and abandoned (P&A'd) and replaced. A P&A and Well Replacement Plan for MWL-BW1 was submitted to NMED on April 17, 2007.
- Routine neutron moisture logging of the MWL vadose zone was conducted on March 20, 2007 to obtain baseline data regarding moisture content profiles with depth beneath the landfill.
- Annual groundwater sampling was conducted at the MWL from April 6 through April 12. Five monitoring wells were sampled. The background well, MWL-BW1 could not be sampled due to insufficient water in the well because of declining water levels in the regional aquifer. Onsite monitoring well MWL-MW4 could not be sampled due to failure of the Bennett pump. Plans are underway to replace the pump and tubing bundle, and to sample the well in June, 2007.

## 2.3 ADS 1295 Drain and Septic Systems (DSS)

- Forty-one DSS sites are awaiting regulatory approval for the September 2005 and March 2006 permit modification requests.
- The Permit Modification process for the remaining DSS site, AOC 1101 (Building 885 Septic System (TA-I) is expected to occur in early CY08. It will be one of five sites included in the Permit Modification request.

## 2.4 ADS 1303 <u>Technical Area II - This ADS has been closed</u>

• Only regulatory and administrative closure activities remain. Those activities are being tracked and managed under the Project Management ADS 1326

## 2.5 ADS 1306 Technical Areas III and V - This ADS has been closed

• Only regulatory and administrative closure activities remain. Those activities are being tracked and managed under the Project Management ADS 1326

## 2.6 ADS 1309 <u>Tijeras Arroyo - This ADS has been closed</u>

• Only regulatory and administrative closure activities remain. Those activities are being tracked and managed under the Project Management ADS 1326

## 2.7 ADS 1326 Project Management

 Operable units with only regulatory and administrative closure activities remaining will be closed and those activities will be tracked and managed under the PM ADS.

#### Technical Area II

• Two Technical Area II sites are awaiting regulatory approval of the September 2005 permit modification request:

SWMU 1: Radioactive Waste Landfill SWMU 3: Chemical Disposal Pits

#### Technical Areas III and V (Including LWDS)

• Five Technical Area 3/5 sites are awaiting regulatory approval of the September 2005 and March 2006 permit modification requests:

SWMU 4: LWDS Surface Impoundments

SWMU 5: LWDS Drainfield

SWMU 52: LWDS Holding Tanks

SWMU 78: Gas Cylinder Disposal Pit

- SWMU 196: Building 6597 Cistern
- The Permit Modification process for the remaining Technical Area 3/5 site, SWMU 105 (Mercury Spill at Building 6536), is expected to occur in early CY08. It will be one of five sites included in the Permit Modification request.

Tijeras Arroyo

 Four Tijeras Arroyo sites are awaiting regulatory approval of the September 2005 and March 2006 permit modification requests:

SWMU 45: Liquid Discharge SWMU 46: Old Acid Waste Line Outfall SWMU 233: Storm Drain System Outfall SWMU 234: Storm Drain System Outfall

Central Coyote Test Area

• One Central Coyote Test site is awaiting regulatory approval of the March 2006 permit modification request:

SWMU 68: Old Burn Site.

Southwest Test Area

• One Southwest Test site is awaiting regulatory approval of the March 2006 permit modification request:

SWMU 91: Lead Firing Site.

#### TA-3/5 Groundwater

• Quarterly sampling was performed.

#### Canyons Groundwater

• Quarterly sampling was performed.

#### Tijeras Arroyo Groundwater

• No groundwater sampling was performed.

#### Mixed Waste Landfill Groundwater

• Annual groundwater sampling was performed.

#### Chemical Waste Landfill Groundwater

• Semi-annual groundwater sampling was performed.

#### DSS Groundwater

• No groundwater activities were performed.

#### 2.9 ADS 1332 Foothills Test Area

 The Permit Modification process for the remaining three sites in the Foothills Test Area is expected to be delayed to early in CY08. This includes SWMU 28-2 (Mine Shaft), SWMU 8 [Open Dump (Coyote Canyon Blast Area)] and SWMU 58 (Coyote Canyon Blast Area). These sites will be three of five sites included in the Permit Modification request. A Certificate for Corrective Action Complete must be received for SWMU 58 (Coyote Canyon Blast Area) before the Permit Modification process will be started for these sites.

#### 2.10 ADS 1334 Central Covote Test Area- This ADS has been closed

• Only regulatory and administrative closure activities remain. Those activities are being tracked and managed under the Project Management ADS 1326

## 2.11 ADS 1335 Southwest Test Area- This ADS has been closed

• Only regulatory and administrative closure activities remain. Those activities are being tracked and managed under the Project Management ADS 1326

## 2.12 ADS 1345 Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU)

## CAMU Post-Closure Care Operations

Vadose-zone monitoring, leachate removal, and post-closure inspections continued as required in the permit. Activities included the following:

- Weekly pumping of leachate from the leachate collection and removal system.
- Weekly inspection of the less-than-90-day area.
- Quarterly inspection of the site, (March 2007), including containment cell cover, storm water diversion structures, security fences, gates, and signs.
- Quarterly monitoring of the VZMS was conducted in March 2007.
- Waste management associated with the leachate collection was conducted.
- Composite leachate sampling conducted on 3/20/2007.

## CAMU Waste Management Activities

## For this quarter (February - April 2007),

- Waste stored on site at the beginning of this period:
  - 82 gallons of leachate.
  - 5 lbs PPE.
- Waste generated on-site during the period:
  - 270 gallons of leachate.
  - 5 lbs PPE, paper wipes, plastic drum pump.
- Waste removed from site by the Hazardous Waste Management Facility:
  - 237 gallons of leachate on March 28, 2007.
  - 5 lbs PPE, paper wipes and plastic drum pump on March 28, 2007.
- Waste remaining on site at the end of this period:
  - 115 gallons of leachate.
  - 5 lbs PPE.

Regulatory Activities

• There were no regulatory activities during this reporting period.

## 3.0 Estimate of the percentage of work completed

• See discussions under each ADS.

### 4.0 Projected Work for the Next Quarter

• Work will continue on the following tasks: groundwater monitoring; waste management; data management; administrative closure; CWL activities; MWL CMI-related activities; and documentation (primarily RSI/NOD responses).

## 5.0 Summaries of Contacts Pertaining to Corrective Action

#### February 2007

• None.

### March 2007

• None.

### April 2007

• None.

## 6.0 Summary of Changes to Project Implementation

• No significant changes have been made to project implementation during this reporting period.

## SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY REPORT

February – April 2007 Fiscal Year 2007

### 1. General.

The Quarterly Report is a deliverable requirement stated in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments Act (HWSA) Permit, Section F.1. The Quarterly Report discusses the technical status of each ongoing activity in the Environmental Restoration (ER) Project.

The progress for the past quarter is reported by Activity Data Sheet (ADS), which correspond to Operable Units (OUs) for assessment and remediation, or to a specific functional area of the project in the case of Project Management and Technical Support.

#### 2. Contents.

- a. The status for each ADS contains the following, if applicable:
  - description of work completed, and
  - summaries of all findings.
- b. The general status items for the ER Project, which follow ADS status, contain the following:
  - summaries of all problems or potential problems,
  - projected work for the next quarter, and
  - summaries of changes to project implementation.
- 3. Controversial Issues.

No potentially controversial issues are presented in this report that have not been identified previously to the regulatory agencies.



## Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico

## CHEMICAL WASTE LANDFILL QUARTERLY CLOSURE PROGRESS REPORT

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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CMS	corrective measures study
CWL	Chemical Waste Landfill
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
HWB	Hazardous Waste Bureau
LE	Landfill Excavation
NMAC	New Mexico Administrative Code
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
PA	Permit Application
PCCP	Post-Closure Care Plan
RAP	Remedial Action Proposal
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RSI	Request for Supplemental Information
Sandia	Sandia Corporation
SNL/NM	Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
VCM	voluntary corrective measure

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#### SECTION II. CHEMICAL WASTE LANDFILL

This Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico (SNL/NM) Chemical Waste Landfill (CWL) Quarterly Closure Progress Report has been prepared pursuant to the CWL Final Closure Plan and Postclosure Permit Application (Closure Plan) (SNL/NM December 1992). This section documents activities at the CWL for the time period of February through April 2007.

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

All voluntary corrective measures (VCMs) activities for the CWL have been completed. The CWL LE VCM Final Report was submitted to the NMED in April 2003 (SNL/NM April 2003) and approved by the NMED in December 2003 (Moats December 2003). The Site Operational Boundary Closure Addendum to the LE VC Final Report was submitted to the NMED in August 2005 (SNL/NM August 2005a) and approved by the NMED on October 25, 2005 (Bearzi October 2005). With the submittal of the Waste Management Addendum to the LE VCM Final Report in the February 22, 2006 CWL Quarterly Closure Progress Report (SNL/NM February 2006), as Appendix B, all LE VCM regulatory deliverables have been submitted. With the completion of the VCMs, technical meetings will be held on an as-needed basis. The public will continue to be informed of significant events through the Environmental Restoration (ER) Project public meeting process.

Installation of the cover as an interim measure was requested in April 2004 (SNL/NM April 2004) and approved with conditions in September 2004 (Kieling September 2004); the cover was completed in September 2005 in accordance with the conditions of approval. All field activities, with the exception of long-term monitoring, have been completed at the CWL.

Chapter 2.0 addresses closure progress and regulatory deliverables. Chapter 3.0 discusses monitoring activities, and Chapter 4.0 outlines the activities to be conducted during the next quarterly reporting period (May 2007 through July 2007).

#### 2.0 CLOSURE PLAN PROGRESS AND DELIVERABLES

The Final Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Closure Report documents the completion of all closure activities specified in the "Risk-Based Approval Request, 40 CFR 761.61(c) Risk-Based Method for Management of PCB [Polychlorinated Biphenyl] Materials" (SNL/NM October 2001), approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in June 2002 (Cooke June 2002). The Final TSCA Closure Report was submitted to the EPA and NMED on November 2, 2006 (SNL/NM November 2006).

Upcoming CWL Closure Plan reporting activities include preparing and submitting the Final Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Closure Report, expected to be submitted in 2007 after NMED approval of the CMS Report has been received. The Final RCRA Closure Report will document both the backfilling of the former CWL and installation of the cover.

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### 3.0 WATER MONITORING ASSESSMENT

No groundwater or soil-gas sampling was performed at the CWL during this reporting period. Groundwater monitoring is currently conducted on a semi-annual basis per the requirements of the Closure Plan. Soil-gas sampling is not required under the Closure Plan but is expected to be a requirement for post-closure care (Kieling December 2003). Groundwater monitoring is planned at the CWL for May 2007. Additional post-closure requirements will be implemented upon approval of the CWL Post-Closure Permit and Final RCRA Closure Report by the NMED.

#### 4.0 PROJECTED ACTIVITIES FOR THE UPCOMING QUARTER

NMED has indicated the draft permit for post-closure care at the CWL is expected to be issued in late May 2007. There will be a public comment period for this permit process, which also includes the revised CMS Report and a revision to Chapter 12 of the CWL Closure Plan.

A groundwater monitoring sampling event is anticipated to take place during May of 2007.

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## Perchlorate Screening Quarterly Monitoring Report

## First Quarter of Calendar Year 2007 (January, February, and March 2007)

Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico

**Environmental Restoration Project, Department 6765** 

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## Perchlorate Screening Quarterly Monitoring Report First Quarter of Calendar Year 2007 (January, February, and March 2007)

#### **Executive Summary**

Section IV.B of the Compliance Order on Consent (the Order), between the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and Sandia Corporation (Sandia) for Sandia National Laboratories (SNL/NM), effective on April 29, 2004, stipulates that a select group of groundwater monitoring wells be sampled for perchlorate at SNL/NM (NMED April 2004). This report summarizes the perchlorate screening monitoring completed during the first quarter of Calendar Year 2007 (CY2007) in response to the requirements of the Order.

During the first quarter of CY2007, a groundwater sample was collected from the only well currently in the perchlorate-screening monitoring-well network. CYN-MW6 was sampled on March 14, 2007, and the sample was submitted to General Engineering Laboratories (GEL) for perchlorate analysis using U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 314.0 (EPA November 1999).

The environmental sample from CYN-MW6 revealed perchlorate at a concentration of 8.12 micrograms per liter ( $\mu$ g/L). As discussed in the previous quarterly reports, the source for the perchlorate in the groundwater at CYN-MW6 is unknown. Because perchlorate concentrations in monitoring well CYN-MW6 have exceeded the screening level, DOE/Sandia have initiated a negotiation process with the NMED to determine the frequency of continued monitoring. DOE/Sandia recommended the continuation of monitoring perchlorate concentrations in CYN-MW6 through at least the fourth quarter of CY2007 (SNL/NM March 2007).

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## Perchlorate Screening Quarterly Monitoring Report First Quarter of Calendar Year 2007 (January, February, and March 2007)

#### 1.0 Introduction

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In November 2005 DOE/Sandia submitted a letter report on the status of perchlorate screening in groundwater at SNL/NM monitoring wells (SNL/NM November 2005). The purpose of that letter report was to summarize previous correspondence and sampling results, and to outline proposed future work to comply with NMED requirements for perchlorate screening in groundwater. Quarterly reports will be submitted for wells actively in the perchlorate-screening monitoring-well network. Based on NMED response (NMED January 2006), DOE/Sandia will submit each quarterly report within 90 days following the quarter that the data represent. This quarterly report is the sixth to be submitted since the November 2005 letter report; the previous quarterly reports were submitted in:

- 1. Fourth Quarter of Calendar Year 2005 (SNL/NM February 2006),
- 2. First Quarter of Calendar Year 2006 (SNL/NM June 2006),
- 3. Second Quarter of Calendar Year 2006 (SNL/NM September 2006),
- 4. Third Quarter of Calendar Year 2006 (SNL/NM December 2006), and
- 5. Fourth Quarter of Calendar Year 2006 (SNL/NM March 2007).

DOE/Sandia recommended the continuation of this monitoring and quarterly reporting for CYN-MW6 through at least the fourth quarter of CY2007 (SNL/NM March 2007).

#### 2.0 Scope of Activities

This report provides perchlorate screening results from the first quarter of CY2007 (January, February, and March 2007) for the one well currently active in the perchlorate screening program as shown on Figure 1 and listed in Table 1. Per the requirements of Table XI-1 of the Order, a well with four consecutive quarters of non-detect results at the screening level/method detection limit (MDL) of 4 micrograms per liter (µg/L) is removed from the requirement of continued monitoring for perchlorate. Data from several wells identified in the Order have satisfied this requirement and, therefore, the wells have been removed from the perchlorate screening program. Data for these wells were provided in previous reports, and are not discussed in this current report or subsequent quarterly reports. Wells discussed in previous perchlorate screening reports include: CYN-MW1D, CYN-MW5, CYN-MW7, CYN-MW8, MRN-2, MRN-3D, MWL-BW1, MWL-MW1, NWTA3-MW2, and SWTA3-MW4.



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## Table 1

## Current Perchlorate-Screening Monitoring-Well Network First Quarter of CY2007 (January, February, and March)

Well	Date Sampled	Number of Consecutive Sampling Events <sup>a</sup>	Remaining Number of Sampling Events <sup>b</sup>	Sampling Method	
CYN-MW6	14-MAR-07	5	3 <sup>c</sup>	Bennett <sup>™</sup> Pump	

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> Includes this sampling event.

<sup>b</sup> Per the requirements of Table XI-1 of the Order (NMED April 2004) a well will be removed from the perchlorate-screening monitoring-well network after four quarters unless perchlorate is detected above the screening level/MDL of 4 μg/L. If perchlorate is detected above the screening level/MDL in a specific well, monitoring will continue at that well at a frequency negotiated with the NMED.

<sup>c</sup> This well has been sampled for the required initial four quarters. Because perchlorate concentrations in this well have exceeded the screening level, DOE/Sandia have initiated the negotiation process with the NMED to determine the frequency of continued monitoring. DOE/Sandia recommended the continuation of monitoring perchlorate concentrations in CYN-MW6 for three more quarters.

DOE/Sandia performed groundwater sampling at CYN-MW6 on March 14, 2007. This well was installed after the Order was finalized and is required to be sampled for perchlorate as a "new" well. Groundwater sampling activities were conducted in conformance with procedures outlined in the investigation-specific sampling and analysis plan (SAP) entitled, "Canyons Groundwater Monitoring, Mini-Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2007" (SNL/NM January 2007).

As described in the SAP, groundwater sampling was performed in conformance with current Sandia Environmental Restoration (ER) Project field operating procedures (FOPs). A portable Bennett<sup>TM</sup> groundwater sampling system was used to collect the groundwater sample. The sampling pump and tubing bundle were decontaminated prior to installation into monitoring wells according to procedures described in FOP 94-26, "General Equipment Decontamination" (SNL/NM February 1997). The well was purged a minimum of one saturated screen volume before sampling.

Field water-quality measurements for turbidity, potential of hydrogen (pH), temperature, specific conductance (SC), oxidation-reduction potential (ORP), and dissolved oxygen (DO) were obtained from the well prior to collecting groundwater samples. Ground-water temperature, SC, ORP, DO, and pH were measured using with an YSI<sup>TM</sup> Model 620 Water Quality Meter. Turbidity was measured with a HACH<sup>TM</sup> Model 2100P turbidity meter. Purging continued until four stable measurements for turbidity, pH, temperature, and SC were obtained. Groundwater stability was considered acceptable when measurements were within 10 percent nephelometric turbidity units for turbidity, 0.1 pH units, 1.0 degree Celsius, and SC within 5 percent. Field Measurement Logs documenting details of well purging and water quality measurements were submitted to the Sandia Customer-Funded Records Center.

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The groundwater sample was submitted to General Engineering Laboratories (GEL) for chemical analysis for perchlorate analysis using U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 314.0 (EPA November 1999). The sample identification, Analysis Request/Chain-of-Custody (AR/COC) form number, and the sample shipment date are provided in Table 2. The analytical report from GEL, including certificates of analyses, analytical methods, MDLs, practical quantitation limits (PQLs), dates of analyses, results of QC analyses, and data validation findings have been submitted to the Sandia Customer-Funded Records Center.

Table 2
Sample Details for First Quarter of CY2007 Perchlorate Sampling

Well	Sample Identification	AR/COC Number	Date Shipped
CYN-MW6	084237-020	611200	14-MAR-07

Notes:

AR/COC = Analysis request/chain of custody.

## 3.0 Regulatory Criteria

In a given monitoring well, four consecutive non-detects (NDs) using the screening level/MDL of 4  $\mu$ g/L are considered by the NMED to be evidence of the absence of perchlorate, such that additional monitoring for perchlorate in that well is not required. If perchlorate is detected above the screening level/MDL in a specific well, monitoring will continue at that well at a frequency negotiated with the NMED. The Order (NMED April 2004) also requires that the DOE/Sandia evaluate the nature and extent of perchlorate contamination based on a screening level/MDL of 4  $\mu$ g/L, and requires that the results of this evaluation be incorporated into a Corrective Measures Evaluation (CME). Section VII.C of the Order clarifies that the CME process will be initiated where there was a release to the environment and where corrective measures are necessary to protect human health or the environment.

In March 2007, DOE/Sandia received a letter from the NMED stating the requirement that DOE/Sandia "determine the nature and extent of the contamination and complete a Corrective Measures Evaluation for the perchlorate-impacted groundwater in the vicinity of CYN-MW6" (NMED March 2007). As this was based solely on the four quarters of monitoring results, DOE/Sandia submitted a letter to the NMED in April 2007 (SNL/NM April 2007) which recommended further characterization through continued quarterly monitoring of CYN-MW6 for four additional quarters, including for perchlorate, ending in December 2007, to assure appropriate characterization of this new well. DOE/Sandia further indicated the plan to continue reporting perchlorate results on a quarterly basis, formatted as Periodic Monitoring Reports under Section X.D of the Consent Order. At that time, DOE/Sandia would propose revisiting the need for continued monitoring or additional characterization work, and, potentially, a CME.

## 4.0 Monitoring Results

Table 3 summarizes current and historical perchlorate results for CYN-MW6 (the only well currently in the perchlorate-screening monitoring-well network). The analytical laboratory certificate of analysis for the first CY2007 perchlorate data is included as Appendix A. Consistent with historical analytical results, perchlorate was detected above the screening level/MDL in the first quarter of CY2007 in CYN-MW6.

As shown in Figure 2, the concentration of perchlorate found in CYN-MW6 in March 2007 (8.12  $\mu$ g/L) is slightly lower than concentrations reported for last quarter (SNL/NM March 2007), but overall consistent with concentrations from previous quarters (SNL/NM May 2006, SNL/NM June 2006, SNL/NM September 2006, and SNL/NM December 2006).

Table 4 summarizes field water quality measurements collected immediately before the analytical sample was collected. Field water quality measurements include turbidity, pH, temperature, SC, ORP, and DO.

The analytical data were reviewed and qualified in accordance with AOP 00-03, "Data Validation Procedure for Chemical and Radiochemical Data." (SNL/NM December 2003). No problems were identified with the analytical data that resulted in the qualification of the data as unusable. The data are acceptable and reported quality control measures are adequate. The data validation sample findings summary sheets for the perchlorate data are included as Appendix B. No variances or nonconformances in field activities or field conditions from requirements in the Canyons Groundwater Monitoring mini-SAP (SNL/NM January 2007) were identified during the First Quarter CY2007 sampling activities.

## **5.0 Summary and Conclusions**

Based on the analytical data presented in Table 3 and in previous reports, the following statements can be made:

- Since June 2004 (the start of sampling required by the Order), perchlorate has only been detected above the screening level/MDL in one of the wells (CYN-MW6) in the perchlorate-screening monitoring-well network. Due to the detection of perchlorate in the samples from CYN-MW6 in March 2006, DOE/Sandia submitted the "Notification of Release, Perchlorate at Well CYN-MW6, May 2006" (SNL/NM May 2006) to the NMED. DOE and Sandia were required to notify the NMED of the discovery of a previously unknown release under Section V of the Order (NMED April 2004).
- The concentration from this sampling event (8.12 μg/L) is consistent with the concentrations presented in the previous quarterly reports (Figure 2) (SNL/NM June 2006, SNL/NM September 2006, SNL/NM December 2006, and SNL/NM March 2007).
- As discussed in the previous quarterly reports (SNL/NM June 2006, SNL/NM September 2006), the source for the perchlorate in the groundwater at CYN-MW6 is unknown. Soil sampling completed in 2001 at Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 65—Lurance Canyon Explosives Test Site, or SWMU 94—Lurance Canyon Burn Site did not reveal detectable concentrations of perchlorate in site soils (NMED January 2001; Skelly and Griffith January 2003; and SNL/NM June 2006).

#### Table 3

## Summary of Perchlorate Screening Analytical Results for the Current Monitoring-Well Network, as of First Quarter CY2007.

Well ID	Sample Date	ARCOC No.	Sample No.	Perchlorate Result <sup>a</sup> (μg/L)	MDL <sup>b</sup> (µg/L)	PQL <sup>c</sup> (µg/L)	MCL <sup>d</sup> (µg/L)	Laboratory Qualifier	Validation Qualifier <sup>f</sup>	Analytical Method <sup>9</sup>	Comments
CYN-MW6			075985-020	6.92	4.0	12	NE	J		EPA 314.0	
	00 Mar 06	600579	075986-020	7.44	4.0	12	NE	J		EPA 314.0	Duplicate sample
	23-Mar-00	609578	075985-R20	6.39	0.50	2.0	NE	Hh	HT, J	EPA 6850M	Verification/Re-analysis
			075986-R20	6.48	0.50	2.0	NE	Hh	HT, J	EPA 6850M	Verification/Re-analysis
	1	609929	078687-020	6.63	4.0	12	NE	J		EPA 314.0	
	22-Jun-06		078688-020	6.45	4.0	12	NE	J		EPA 314.0	Duplicate sample
			078687-021	6.99	1.0	4.0	NE			EPA 6850M	Verification
			078688-021	6.92	1.0	4.0	NE			EPA 6850M	Verification/Duplicate Sample
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	20-Sep-06		081626-R20	6.96	1.0	4.0	NE		P2	EPA 6850M	Verification/Re-analysis
		611057	083858-020	8.46	4.0	12	NE	J		EPA 314.0	
	15-Dec-06	611057	083859-020	8.93	4.0	12	NE	J		EPA 314.0	Duplicate sample
	14-Mar-07	611200	084237-020	8.12	4.0	12	NE	J		EPA 314.0	

#### Notes-

CYN-MW6 was installed in January 2006; this table presents all quarterly data collected at this well.

<sup>a</sup>Result

Values in **bold** exceed the screening level/MDL.

μg/L = micrograms per liter.

<sup>6</sup>MDL

Method detection limit. The minimum concentration that can be measured and reported with 99% confidence that the analyte is greater than zero, analyte is matrix specific. **PQL** 

Practical quantitation limit. The lowest concentration of analytes in a sample that can be reliably determined within specified limits of precision and accuracy by that indicated method under routine laboratory operating conditions.

#### dMCL

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Maximum contaminant level. Established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Primary Water Regulations (40 CFR 141.11(b)), and subsequent amendments or the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board in Title 20, Chapter 7, Part 1 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (20MAC 7.1).

#### <sup>°</sup>Lab Qualifier

H = Analytical holding time was exceeded.

= Prep holding time was exceeded.

= Amount detected is below the practical quantitation limit.

#### <sup>f</sup>Validation Qualifier

If cell is blank, then all quality control samples meet acceptance criteria with respect to submitted samples and no qualifier was assigned.

HT = The holding time was exceeded for the associated sample analysis.

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J = The associated value is an estimated quantity.

P2 = Insufficient quality control data to determine laboratory precision.

<sup>9</sup>Analytical Method

EPA 314.0: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, November 1999, "Perchlorate in Drinking Water Using Ion Chromatography," EPA 815/R-00-014.

- EPA 6850M: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, April 2005, "Perchlorate in Water, Soils, and Solids Using High Performance Liquid
  - Chromatography/Electrospray Ionization/Mass Spectrometry (HPLC/ESI/MS)," draft, Method 6850.

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Figure 2 Perchlorate Results for CYN-MW6

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## Table 4 Perchlorate Screening Groundwater Monitoring Field Water Quality Measurements<sup>a</sup>, First Quarter of CY2007

Well ID	Sample Date	Temperature (°C)	Specific Conductivity (µmho/cm)	Oxidation Reduction Potential (mV)	рН	Turbidity (NTU)	Dissolved Oxygen (% Sat)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)
CYN-MW6	14-Mar-07	16.00	1053	240.6	7.03	0.48	25.4	2.49

#### Notes:

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<sup>a</sup>Field measurements made immediately before the groundwater sample was collected. <sup>o</sup>C = degrees Celsius.

% Sat = percent saturation.

= micromhos per centimeter. μmho/cm

= milligrams per liter.

mg/L = millivolts. mV NTU

= nephelometric turbidity units.

= potential of hydrogen (negative logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration).

Because perchlorate concentrations in monitoring well CYN-MW6 have exceeded the screening level, DOE/Sandia have initiated the negotiation process with the NMED to determine the frequency of continued monitoring. DOE/Sandia have proposed to continue to monitor perchlorate concentrations in CYN-MW6 through at least the fourth quarter of CY2007 before changing the frequency.

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Appendix A

## Analytical Laboratory Certificate of Analysis for the Perchlorate Data

Note: The AR/COC and the Certificate of Analysis for the perchlorate data in this Appendix identify the well as "CYN-MW3", whereas the correct well identification is "CYN-MW6". This correction has been made in the Environmental Restoration Data Management System, as well as files submitted to the Sandia Customer-Funded Records Center.

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Appendix B

## Data Validation Sample Findings Summary Sheets for the Perchlorate Data

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#### Memorandum

Date:	April 27, 2007
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See the attached Data Validation Worksheets for supporting documentation on the data review and validation. Data are evaluated using SNL/NM SMO AOP 00-03 Rev 1.

#### Summary

One sample was prepared and analyzed with accepted procedures using method EPA 6020 (ICP-MS metals). One sample was prepared and analyzed with accepted procedures using method EPA 353.2 (nitrate/nitrite). One sample was prepared and analyzed with accepted procedures using method EPA 300.0.0 (anions by Ion Chromatography). One sample was prepared and analyzed with accepted procedures using method EPA 314.0 (perchlorate). It should be noted that after receipt of the samples the client requested anions analysis by method EPA 300.0 be added to sample 182443-004. Problems were identified with the data package that result in the qualification of data.

#### 1. Ion Chromatography (IC):

Nitrate-N was analyzed within the holding time but required dilution and was reanalyzed out of holding time. The reanalysis sample result was provided along with QC data. The reanalysis sample result was a detect and will be qualified "J, HT."

Data are acceptable and reported QC measures appear to be adequate. The following sections discuss the data review and validation.

#### **Holding Times/Preservation**

The samples were analyzed within the prescribed holding times and properly preserved except as noted above in the summary section.

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#### **Calibration**

The initial and continuing calibration data met QC acceptance criteria.

#### **Blanks**

No target analytes were detected in the blanks except as follows.

Nitrate/Nitrite:

The target analyte was detected  $(\geq DL)$  in one or more of the blanks (ICB, CCB, MB) at a negative concentration with an absolute value > the DL but < the RL. The associated sample result was a detect >5X the DL; no data should be qualified as a result.

<u>IC:</u>

Bromide was detected ( $\geq$  DL) in one or more of the blanks (ICB, CCB, MB). The associated sample result was a detect >5X the blank concentration; no data should be qualified as a result.

#### Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)/ Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate (LCSD)

The LCS/LCSD met QC acceptance criteria except as follows.

All Analyses:

It should be noted that no LCSD was provided with the SDG. Laboratory precision was assessed using the replicate. No data should be qualified as a result.

#### Matrix Spike (MS)

The MS met QC acceptance criteria except as follows.

ICP-MS metals:

It should be noted the MS recovery limits do not apply for the target analytes with sample concentrations >4X the spike concentrations (see Data Validation Worksheets). No data should be qualified as a result.

#### **Replicate**

The replicate met QC acceptance criteria.

#### ICP Serial Dilution

The serial dilution met QC acceptance criteria.

#### **ICP Interference Check Sample (ICS)**

The ICS data met QC acceptance criteria.

#### **Detection Limits/Dilutions**

All detection limits were properly reported. No dilutions were required except as follows.

#### ICP-MS metals:

Sample 1802443-007 was diluted 5X for calcium due to high concentration for this analysis.

IC:

Sample 182443-004 was diluted 10X for chloride, Nitrate-N, and sulfate due to high concentrations for this analysis.

<u>Nitrate/Nitrite</u>: Sample 182443-003 was diluted 50X for nitrate/nitrite due to high concentration for this analysis.

#### Other QC

No trip blank (TB), equipment blank (EB), field blank (FB), or field duplicate pair was submitted on the AR/COC(s).

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No other specific issues were identified which affect data quality.

## Sample Findings Summary

Site: Canyons Assessment GWM			AR/COC: 611200						Data Type: Organic & Inorganic												
-	VOC	67-64-1 (acetone)	71-43-2 (benzene)	SVOC	129-00-0 (pyrene)	56-55-3 (benzo[a]anthracene)	91-20-3 (naphthalene)	91-57-6 (2-methylnaphthalene)	218-01-9 (chrysene)	Diesel Range Organics	394878-87-0 (DRO)	General Chemistry	INO2NASN (Nitrate-N)								
084237-001 CYN-MW6		5.0 U,B1	R																		
084238-001 CYN-MW6			R																		
084237-002 CYN-MW6					R	R	R	R	R												
084237-005 CYN-MW6											55.6U,B										
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	G	GRO, Metals, Nitrate/Nitrite and Perchlorate analyses met QC acceptance criteria. No data will be qualified.																			
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