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- Letter from J. Corkran to T. Duncan, "EPA Conditional Concurrence: Remedial Action Work Plan for Optimization of the Northeast Plume Interim Remedial Action at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, KY (DOE/LX/07-1280&D2/R1, August 2015), Submitted August 31, 2015 (PPPO-02-3100686-15), EPA ID KY8890008982, McCracken County, KY," dated November 2, 2015
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Please find enclosed the certified *Remedial Action Work Plan for Optimization of the Northeast Plume Interim Remedial Action at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant*, DOE/LX/07-1280&D2/R2, (RAWP) for your approval. This version of the RAWP has been revised to address conditions received from the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KDEP) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on October 30, 2015, and November 2, 2015, respectively, as well as agreements reached by the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) parties during the December 14-15, 2015, project scoping meetings. In addition, minor changes were made to correct a reference to an appendix and to update procedure references. A redlined version of the document and comment response summaries have been

included to assist with your review. Consistent with the FFA, DOE requests your review and approval within 30 days of receipt of this document.

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PREFACE

This *Remedial Action Work Plan for Optimization of the Northeast Plume Interim Remedial Action at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky,* DOE/LX/07-1280&D2/R1, was prepared in accordance with requirements under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. The objectives of this plan are to (1) describe the purpose and scope of the changes to the interim remedial action and the planned optimizations, (2) identify the project organization, (3) present the project working schedule, and (4) identify other key project documents and plans.

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ACRONYMS

ARAR	applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement
CERCLA	
CERCLA CFR	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
	Code of Federal Regulations
CQCP	construction quality control plan
DMIP	data management implementation plan
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DOECAP	DOE Consolidated Audit Program
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ER	environmental restoration
ESD	explanation of significant differences
EW	extraction well
FFA	Federal Facility Agreement
H&S	health and safety
IRA	interim remedial action
KAR	Kentucky Administrative Regulations
KEEC	Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet
KPDES	Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
KRS	Kentucky Revised Statues
LDR	land disposal restriction
LLW	low-level waste
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
NE Plume	Northeast Plume
NEPCS	Northeast Plume Containment System
O&M	operation and maintenance
PGDP	Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant
PPE	personal protective equipment
PZ	piezometer
QA	quality assurance
QAPP	Quality Assurance Project Plan
QC	quality control
RAWP	remedial action work plan
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RFD	Request for Disposal
RGA	Regional Gravel Aquifer
ROD	record of decision
RWP	radiological work permit
TCLP	Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure
TRU	transuranic waste
TSCA	Toxic Substance Control Act
TSDF	treatment, storage, and disposal facility
TU	treatment unit
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority
USEC	United States Enrichment Corporation
VOC	volatile organic compound
VOHAP	volatile organic hazardous air pollutants
WAC	waste acceptance criteria
WKWMA	West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area
WMC	waste management coordinator
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WMP waste management plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) is an inactive uranium enrichment facility owned by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and formerly operated by the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) until 2014. DOE is conducting environmental restoration (ER) activities at PGDP in compliance with the requirements of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). PGDP was placed on the National Priorities List in 1994 and DOE, EPA, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky entered into a Federal Facility Agreement in 1998 (EPA 1998).

The Northeast Plume Interim Remedial Action (IRA) is a CERCLA action documented in a record of decision located in the Administrative Record at http://www.paducaheic.com/media/41288/i-00213-0004-ARI34.pdf. The post-decision Administrative Record is located at the Environmental Information Center may be reviewed electronically by pressing control and clicking: or http://www.paducaheic.com/search.aspx?i=PDI09& and selecting (PD) (GW3-PD) Post-decision NE Plume in the index dropdown box. Since initiation, the scope of the Northeast Plume IRA has been the following:

- 1. Extract groundwater from the Northeast Plume using two extraction wells (EWs) located approximately 3,000 ft (914 m) east of the PGDP industrial facility near Ogden Landing Road (Kentucky Highway 358) (see Figure 1);
- 2. Convey the contaminated groundwater to water cooling towers at the PGDP industrial facility operated by USEC through August 2013 and via a treatment unit (TU) since August 2013 to remove trichloroethene (TCE) contaminant by air stripping; and
- 3. Convey the treated water via pipeline to an outfall that releases the water to the Bayou Creek. A Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System outfall was used with the PGDP water cooling towers. Since August 2013, and start-up of the alternative TU, a CERCLA outfall is being used.

This Northeast Plume IRA optimization project is intended to increase volatile organic compound mass removal and enhance capture of contaminants migrating in the Northeast Groundwater Plume at the eastern edge of the PGDP industrial facility (see Figure 1). This optimization action was initiated in response to deactivation of PGDP and the recommendations documented in the following:

- 2003 CERCLA Five-Year Review (DOE 2003) and approval letters (EPA 2003; KDEP 2003);
- Sitewide Remedy Review (DOE 2006);
- *Review Report: Groundwater Remedial System Performance Optimization at PGDP, Paducah, Kentucky* (DOE 2007);
- 2008 CERCLA Five-Year Review (DOE 2009) and approval letters (EPA 2009; KEEC 2009);
- 2013 CERCLA Five-Year Review (DOE 2014);
- Site Management Plan (DOE 2012); and

• Negotiations among the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) parties, which resulted in the Memorandum of Agreement for Resolution of Formal Dispute of the Explanation of Significant Differences to the Record of Decision for the Interim Remedial Action of the Northeast Plume at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky (DOE/LX/07-1291&D2), and Remedial Action Work Plan for Optimization of the Northeast Plume Interim Remedial Action at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plan, Rentucky (DOE/LX/07-1280&D2) (DOE 2015a) (MOA for Resolution).

The wellfield optimization effort was undertaken using the updated PGDP groundwater flow model documented in *2008 Update of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Sitewide Groundwater Flow Model* (DOE 2008a). The updated PGDP groundwater flow model was coupled with Brute Force, a particle tracking optimization code based on sequential MODFLOW-2000 (Harbaugh et al. 2000) and MODPATH (Pollack 1994) modeling software. Simulation runs for multiple well scenarios were executed for typical, minimal, and maximum recharge conditions (with and without anthropogenic recharge) to determine the dissolved mass capture efficiency of contaminants migrating in both the Northeast and Northwest Plumes. Groundwater modeling predicts that mass capture will be in excess of 90% using existing Northwest Plume EW, EW232, pumping at 220 gpm; an EW located in the vicinity of C-400 pumping at 80 gpm; two Northeast Plume optimized EWs located in the high-concentration portion of the Northeast Plume along the eastern edge of the PGDP industrial facility; and when the wells have a combined extraction rate of 300 gpm (150 gpm each). (Note: No EW at C-400 is planned as part of this optimization project.) The target pumping rate for each new EW will be 150 gpm, for a total production of 300 gpm for the optimized IRA.

As a result of the cessation of uranium enrichment operations at PGDP, the use of the C-637 Cooling Towers as an air stripper facility for TCE-contaminated groundwater was discontinued. One objective of the optimization process is to provide an alternate means of treating the contaminated groundwater from the original EWs (EW331 and EW332) until the new optimized EWs are installed. To support continued operation of the IRA until the optimization project is complete, one of the TUs, which was planned to be installed as part of extraction system optimization, was installed in 2013 and is located near the planned location for EW234. This TU was plumbed temporarily to the pipeline that conveys groundwater from the existing EWs (EW331 and EW332, located approximately 3,000 ft northeast of the plant site near Ogden Landing Road) and is being used temporarily to continue treatment of groundwater from the two existing Northeast Plume EWs (EW331 and EW332). This arrangement will continue until the optimization project is completed and the use of the new EWs is initiated. The MOA for Resolution states the following:

If FFA parties decide to implement a modification to the Interim Remedial Action to address the NE Plume contamination (including the expansion), then depending on the scope of the modifications it is possible that the FFA parties will decide to shut-down the optimized pump and treat system in part or in its entirety. If a determination is made to shut down the optimized pump and treat system either before a modification to the Interim Remedial Action or as part of a modification to the Interim Action, then DOE shall reinstate implementation of the NE Plume Interim Remedial Action (Interim ROD 1995). DOE shall keep the extraction wells associated with the NE Plume Interim Remedial Action in good working condition until the FFA parties agree the maintenance is no longer necessary (DOE 2015a).

The optimization project includes installation of two new EWs—EW234 and EW235—in optimized locations and two associated TUs, including the TU that was installed in 2013 near the planned location of EW234. As part of the optimization project, this TU will be replumbed to allow it to treat groundwater from EW234. The TU then will become part of the optimized system servicing EW234. One additional

TU will be installed and plumbed to allow treatment of groundwater extracted from the planned optimization extraction well, EW235.

The two TU systems will include, but not be limited to, a skid-mounted treatment system consisting of a high efficiency air stripper, air blower, effluent pump, influent bag filters, and process control system. The equipment will be enclosed in a heated weatherproof enclosure. In addition, the EW234 TU will include a tie-in point to the existing Northeast Plume IRA EWs. Separate TUs will be used to treat extracted water from each new optimized EW (EW234 and EW235) and will be located in the same general area as the new optimized EWs. Following removal of the TCE contamination by each TU associated with EW234 and EW235, the water will be released through CERCLA outfalls to tributaries of Little Bayou Creek.

The optimized Northeast Plume IRA will include installation of 14 monitoring wells with single screens and 8 piezometers to evaluate performance and effectiveness of the optimized EWs. Seven of these monitoring wells will be located in a north-south transect located approximately 600 ft east of the C-400 Building. Samples from these transect monitoring wells will be used to establish baseline TCE and technetium-99 concentrations before the EWs begin operation and to assess the impact of groundwater EWs on contamination migration from source areas, including impacts to the groundwater divide east of C-400 Building.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In August 1988, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and radionuclides were detected in private water wells north of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP). The principal contaminants of concern discovered in off-site groundwater in this area were trichloroethene (TCE) and technetium-99 (Tc-99). Contaminated groundwater emanating from the eastern portion of PGDP industrial facility is referred to as the Northeast Plume, and an interim remedial action (IRA) was identified in the early 1990s in response to contaminants associated with the Northeast Plume. The *Record of Decision for Interim Remedial Action at the Northeast Plume, Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky* (ROD) (DOE 1995), was signed in June 1995 (DOE 1995). As stated in the Declaration for the ROD, "the primary objective of this interim remedial action is to implement a first-phase remedial action as an interim action to initiate hydraulic control of the high concentration within the Northeast Plume that extends outside the plant security fence." Also, stated in the ROD in the Summary of Site Risks Section is, "The principal goal of this interim remedial action is to implement control measures which will mitigate migration of the contaminants."

The Northeast Plume Containment System (NEPCS) construction was completed in 1997. Specifically, integrated system testing and start-up operations were conducted in February 1997. Normal operations began on February 28, 1997, and the system has been running in normal operation and maintenance (O&M) phase since that time.

Two extraction wells (EWs) currently comprise the NEPCS. Each of these EWs is equipped with a submersible pump, riser pipe, and electrical service. After extraction, the groundwater is pumped through a transfer line to an underground equalization tank. A transfer pump moves the groundwater from the EW tank through approximately 5,500 linear ft of transfer piping to the PGDP C-637 cooling tower system. The contaminated water was discharged into the top of either cooling tower C-637-2A or C-637-2B. After treatment, the water flowed through the gaseous diffusion plant recirculated cooling water system before ultimately being discharged to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) permitted Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination (KPDES) Outfall 001. Since cessation of PGDP enrichment operations in 2013, the contaminated water has entered a treatment unit (TU) and undergone air stripping before being released to a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) outfall, located downstream of DOE's permitted KPDES Outfall 002.

This remedial action work plan (RAWP) is intended to provide background information, identify scope optimization elements, define the project organization, identify project plans and procedures, and present a project planning schedule for optimization of the Northeast Plume IRA.

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE INTERIM REMEDIAL ACTION OPTIMIZATION

The Northeast Plume IRA optimization project is to serve as an interim measure to increase TCE mass removal, to enhance control of the Northeast Plume migration at the eastern edge of the PGDP industrial facility, and to reduce further migration off-site. This action was initiated in response to recommendations documented in the following documents:

- 2003 CERCLA Five-Year Review (DOE 2003) and approval letters (EPA 2003; KDEP 2003)
- Sitewide Remedy Review (DOE 2006)

- Review Report: Groundwater Remedial System Performance Optimization at PGDP, Paducah, Kentucky (DOE 2007)
- 2008 CERCLA Five-Year Review (DOE 2009) and approval letters (EPA 2009; KEEC 2009)
- Site Management Plan (DOE 2012)
- 2013 CERCLA Five-Year Review (DOE 2014)
- Memorandum of Agreement for Resolution of Formal Dispute of the Explanation of Significant Differences to the Record of Decision for the Interim Remedial Action of the Northeast Plume at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky (DOE/LX/07-1291&D2), and Remedial Action Work Plan for Optimization of the Northeast Plume Interim Remedial Action at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky (DOE/LX/07-1280&D2) (DOE 2015a) (MOA for Resolution), signed by the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) parties on July 31, 2015

The planned implementation of the optimized IRA was evaluated along with other Groundwater Operable Unit projects relative to site priorities. The prioritization was performed by the FFA managers, with consideration given to the sitewide strategy that includes a series of sequenced activities consisting of source actions and control of off-site groundwater migration followed by a final action for the overall dissolved-phased plume. This evaluation resulted in the optimization of the Northeast Plume IRA being prioritized above the dissolved-phase plume decision documents. The results of this prioritization were documented in an April 2011 Modification to the Paducah Federal Facility Agreement (Knerr 2011).

The Site Management Plan for fiscal year 2012 identified an evaluation of the Northeast Plume extraction system similar to the Northwest Plume IRA system optimization in the DOE planning assumptions for the Life Cycle Baseline.

1.2 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR RESOLUTION

The MOA for Resolution states the following:

The resolution documents the Parties' agreement that an optimization of the existing Northeast (NE) Plume Interim Action (namely relocation of the two extraction wells upgradient and operation of two treatment units) is warranted to increase trichloroethylene (TCE) mass removal and to enhance control of NE Plume migration at the eastern edge of the PGDP industrial facility. The Parties have reached consensus that the optimized extraction wells installed under the NE Plume Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) should not cause or contribute to the undesired migration of Technetium-99 (Tc-99) contamination from the source area(s) (e.g., C-400 Building and Northwest (NW) Plume) and that actions (as further described below) may be undertaken to prevent any undesirable expansion of Tc-99 and TCE within the NE Plume.

1. The NE Plume ESD and Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) will be revised to include language similar to that found in the 1995 IROD and Draft Final (D2) RAWP for the NE Plume stating that pumping at the optimized extraction wells may result in changes to groundwater flow direction that may impact contaminant (i.e. TCE and/or Tc-99) migration from source areas (e.g. C-400 Building). The NE Plume ESD and RAWP will state that the modified NE Plume interim remedial action will include installation (at a minimum) of five new RGA monitoring wells in a north-south transect

approximately 600 feet east of C-400 Building (exact locations to be determined by the FFA parties as part of the finalization of the RAWP). These transect monitoring wells will be used to assess the impact of groundwater extraction wells on contaminant migration from source areas, including impacts to the groundwater divide east of C-400 Building.

2. The transect monitoring wells will be monitored for 4 consecutive quarters to establish baseline contaminant concentrations before the two newly relocated extraction wells begin operation. The anticipated contaminant concentrations of Tc-99 and TCE in the transect monitoring wells are expected to be no higher than 200 pCi/L and 600 ug/L, respectively. If baseline contaminant concentrations in any of the transect monitoring wells during the initial quarterly sampling are detected at twice the anticipated contaminant concentrations, then the FFA parties agree to temporarily suspend start-up of the extraction wells until the parties meet to evaluate the identified discrepancy, its potential impact on the NW Plume source actions and the planned NE Plume optimization project. The FFA parties will conduct an evaluation of the planned action and develop recommendations and a schedule for modifications of the optimized action to address the unanticipated contaminant concentrations. In the event the FFA parties decide that significant changes to the scope of the action under the ESD are necessary to continue with the optimization, then DOE shall continue implementing the current NE Plume Interim Remedial Action (Interim ROD 1995) and shall propose modification to the Interim Remedial Action through another ESD and RAWP Addendum. The PGDP Site Management Plan will be updated to reflect establishment of any enforceable milestones under the FFA such as due dates for the aforementioned Primary documents.

3. Once the two optimized extraction wells are online, contaminant concentrations in samples from the transect wells will be collected on a quarterly basis and reported to EPA and KDEP. If contaminant concentrations in any transect well's quarterly samples are determined to be increasing and may double above the established baseline within a year of the quarterly samples showing an increase, then potential changes in groundwater flow or source impacts (e.g. rising contaminant concentrations in the NE Plume, source migration, etc.) will be further examined and the FFA parties will consider adjustments (e.g. adjusting extraction well pumping rates) for the optimized NE Plume interim action to minimize these potential impacts. These adjustments are considered within the scope of the optimization under the ESD.

4. If the measures taken by the FFA parties (e.g. adjusting extraction well pumping rates) do not result in decreased or stabilized concentrations at the transect monitoring wells, or if such adjustments reduce the effectiveness of the optimized extraction wells or if Tc-99 concentrations continue to increase and are detected at twice their baseline concentration in any one (or more) of the transect wells for two consecutive quarters, then DOE must notify EPA and KDEP within 30 days of receiving sampling results or one of the other aforementioned conditions occurring. After EPA and KDEP have been notified, the FFA parties will discuss and evaluate options to address continued increase of groundwater concentrations and plume expansion. Within 1 year from the notification, DOE shall submit an ESD and RAWP Addendum as the Primary documents to undertake modification to the existing CERCLA Interim Remedial Action pursuant to the FFA to address the contaminated groundwater plume expansion and to prevent Tc-99 at levels above the MCL from further being pulled within the NE Plume.

The FFA parties will discuss whether to temporarily suspend operation of one or both of the extraction wells while determining the modifications to the CERCLA Interim Remedial Action to prevent further plume expansion. If FFA parties decide to implement a modification to the Interim Remedial Action to address the NE Plume contamination (including the expansion), then depending on the scope of the modifications it is possible that the FFA parties will decide to shut-down the optimized pump and treat system in part or in its entirety. If a determination is made to shut down the optimized pump and treat system either before a modification to the Interim Remedial Action or as part of a modification to the Interim Action, then DOE shall reinstate implementation of the NE Plume Interim Remedial Action (Interim ROD 1995). DOE shall keep the extraction wells associated with the NE Plume Interim Remedial Action in good working condition until the FFA parties agree the maintenance is no longer necessary.

5. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulation [10 CFR Part 20, Appendix B, 902 KAR 100:019 Section 44(7)(a)] specifying a facility-wide annual effluent limit of 60,000 pCi/L for discharges of Tc-99 into surface water that was included in the D2 NE Plume ESD ARARs table will not be included as an ARAR in the D2 (Rev.1) NE Plume ESD.

6. This dispute resolution agreement by the SEC (including the terms and conditions described above) resolves the formal dispute invoked by DOE and the EPA and Kentucky Conditions for approval of the NE Plume ESD and RAWP (Reference November 12, 2013, letter and November 13, 2013, letter respectively) are superseded by this dispute resolution agreement's terms and conditions. A D2 (Rev.1) NE Plume ESD and RAWP incorporating the terms and conditions of this SEC dispute resolution agreement will be submitted to EPA and KY for review/approval within 30 days of the date of the last FFA party signature on this agreement (DOE 2015a).

1.3 SCOPE OF THE INTERIM REMEDIAL ACTION OPTIMIZATION

Cessation of enrichment operations at PGDP by the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) in June 2013 resulted in the loss of the cooling tower that acted as the air stripper and provided further need to optimize the system with the use of a TU that could air strip the contamination.

Once the cooling towers no longer were available, it became necessary to provide an alternate means of treating the contaminated groundwater until the IRA is optimized completely with two new EWs and associated TUs (two modular units are planned to address the capacity needs of the new wells). To support the continued operation of the IRA until the optimization project is complete, one of the TUs was installed in 2013 and located near the planned location for EW234. This TU was plumbed temporarily to the pipeline that conveys groundwater from the existing EWs (EW331 and EW332, located approximately 3,000 ft northeast of the plant site near Ogden Landing Road) and is being used temporarily to continue treatment of groundwater from the two existing Northeast Plume EWs (EW331 and EW332). This arrangement will continue until the optimization project is completed and the use of the existing EWs is discontinued. As required by Section 4 of the MOA for Resolution, DOE must keep the EWs associated with the Northeast Plume IRA in good working condition until the FFA parties agree the maintenance no longer is necessary.

The optimization project will include installation of two new EWs—EW234 and EW235—in optimized locations and two associated TUs. As part of the optimization project, the TU, located near planned EW234, will be plumbed to allow it to treat groundwater from EW234. The TU then will become part of

the optimized system servicing EW234. One additional TU will be installed and plumbed to allow treatment of groundwater extracted from the planned optimization extraction well, EW235.

The two TU systems each will include a skid-mounted treatment system consisting of a high efficiency air stripper, air blower, effluent pump, influent bag filters, and process control system. The equipment will be enclosed in a heated weatherproof enclosure. In addition, the EW234 TU will include a tie-in point to the original Northeast Plume IRA EWs. Separate TUs will be used to treat extracted water from each new optimized EW (EW234 and EW235) and will be located in the same general area as the new optimized EWs. Following removal of the TCE contamination by each treatment unit associated with EW234 and EW235, the water will be released through CERCLA outfalls to tributaries of Little Bayou Creek.

The Northeast Plume IRA System optimization will include the following:

- (1) Design and installation of two new EWs along with necessary subsurface equipment;
- (2) Design and installation of 14 monitoring wells and 8 piezometers to evaluate performance and effectiveness of the optimized EWs. Included in this system of 14 monitoring wells with single screens will be 7 new Regional Gravel Aquifer (RGA) monitoring wells in a north-south transect located approximately 600 ft east of the C-400 Building. Sampling results from the transect monitoring wells will be used to establish baseline TCE and Tc-99 concentrations in the area of their installation and assess impacts of the EWs on contaminant migration from source areas, including impacts to the groundwater divide east of C-400 Building. The MOA requires quarterly sampling of the transect monitoring wells prior to and after installation of the EWs. The MOA for Resolution requires four consecutive quarters of baseline sampling of the north-south transect monitoring wells during the first year and requires specific actions based on the sampling analytical results;
- (3) Design and installation of new pipelines with monitoring and process control systems for conveying the extracted RGA water to the new alternative treatment systems;
- (4) Design and installation of process controllers, and electrical service for transferring the water to the treatment systems;
- (5) Design and installation of new treatment equipment and/or associated equipment for EW234 and EW235;
- (6) Interface with other stake holders including West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area (WKWMA), EPA, Commonwealth of Kentucky (KY), and the public, as necessary;
- (7) Placement of existing EWs, pipelines, and facilities into a stand-by condition; original wells EW331 and EW332 will be kept in good working condition until the FFA parties agree the maintenance no longer is necessary; and
- (8) Performance of integrated system testing and startup of systems and facilities. Training of operations staff is included as a part of this project. Changes to the system operation will be documented in a revision to the O&M plan.

Operation of the optimized IRA system will be initiated upon completion of construction and start-up testing and contingent upon the results of baseline and ongoing monitoring activities described in Sections 2 and 4 of the MOA for Resolution (DOE 2015a). The optimization of the Northeast Plume IRA

is intended to increase TCE and 1,1-dichloroethene (DCE) mass removal and enhance control of Northeast Plume migration at the eastern edge of the PGDP industrial facility and to reduce further migration off-site (see Figure 1). The optimization of the IRA is expected to assist PGDP in attaining positive environmental indicators.

2. REMEDIAL ACTION APPROACH

The DOE deactivation contractor has overall contractor responsibility for the planning, design, procurement, construction, and testing and then the follow-on O&M, waste management, and waste disposal associated with the remedy. The major activities for this remedial action are outlined in this section.

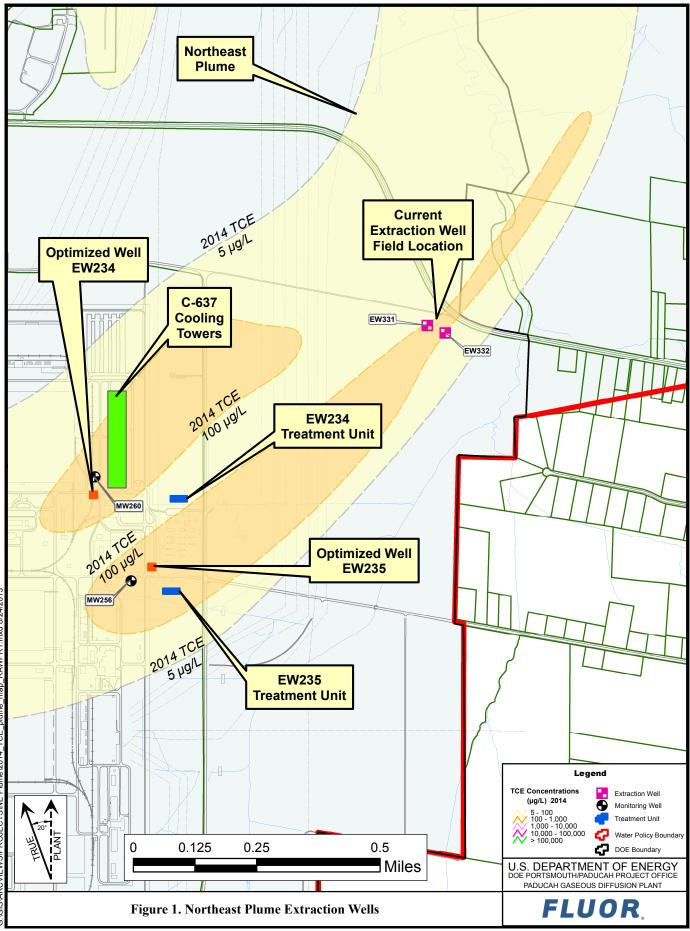
Table 1 is a general list of activities governed by procedures. Procedures referenced in the table are those followed by the current DOE prime contractor. The most current versions of all contractor procedures are to be used. This RAWP, plans referenced by this RAWP, and applicable procedures will be readily available in the field to project personnel, including subcontractors, either in hard copy or electronic format. If electronic files are provided, a computer will be available for assessing the documents.

2.1 WELLFIELD OPTIMIZATION MODELING

The wellfield optimization effort was undertaken using the 2008 updated PGDP groundwater flow model (DOE 2008a). The 2008 updated PGDP groundwater flow model was developed through group consensus and accepted for use by the Groundwater Modeling Discussion Group. The Groundwater Modeling Discussion Group included representation of the FFA parties and supporting subcontractors. The 2008 updated groundwater flow model is coupled with Brute Force, a particle tracking optimization code based on sequential MODFLOW2000 (Harbaugh et al. 2000) and MODPATH (Pollack 1994) modeling software. The updated model initially was recalibrated taking into account present and historical locations of both the Northwest and Northeast Plumes, which provided three specific model variations. The 3 models then were recalibrated to 17 different historical time periods back to 1995. The time periods each had specific measured plume conditions/characteristics to which the model was calibrated against. Seven of the time periods were used to calculate specific anthropogenic recharge to the RGA system from PGDP industrial operations for the model calibration. Of the 3 variations, the model variation with the best contaminant particle flow paths was selected for further use in selecting extraction well locations.

Specific constraints were placed on the analysis for determining optimized extraction well locations. Those constraints included these:

- Minimize contaminant migration to Northeast Plume from C-400 source area,
- Balance Northeast Plume extraction with extraction from Northwest Plume,
- Avoid major infrastructure such as major building locations and potential future location of CERCLA cell landfill, and
- Design well locations for both continued anthropogenic and no anthropogenic recharge conditions (uncertainty of future PGDP operations).



Activity	Applicable Procedure		
Accident/Incident Reporting	CP3-OP-2024, Initial Incident/Event Reporting		
Analytical Laboratory Interface			
Calibration of Measuring and	d CP4-ER-0020, Control and Use of Measuring Test Equipment for NW		
Test Equipment	NE Plume Operations		
Chain-of-Custody	CP4-ES-2708, Chain-of-Custody Forms, Field Sample Logs, Sample Labels,		
	and Custody Seals		
Collection of Samples	CP4-ES-0040, Composite Sampling		
	CP4-ES-2101, Groundwater Sampling		
	CP4-ES-2300, Collection of Soil Samples		
	CP4-ES-2704, Trip, Equipment, and Field Blank Preparation		
	CP4-HS-2000 Industrial Hygiene Sampling		
Conducting Assessments	CP3-QA-1003, Management and Self Assessments		
Control of Sample Temperature	CP4-ES-0043, Temperature Control for Sample Storage		
Data Verification and Validation	CP2-ES-0026, Wet Chemistry and Miscellaneous Analyses Data Verification		
	and Validation		
	CP2-ES-0811, Pesticide and PCB Analyses Data Verification and Validation		
	CP2-ES-5102, Radiochemical Analyses Data Verification and Validation		
	CP4-ES-5103, Polychlorinated Dibenzodioxins/Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans		
	Verification and Validation		
	CP2-ES-5105, Volatile and Semivolatile Analyses Data Verification and		
	Validation		
	CP2-ES-5107, Inorganic Analyses Data Verification and Validation		
Decontamination of Sampling	CP4-ES-2702, Decontamination of Sampling Equipment and Devices		
Equipment	CP4-ER-2701, Large Equipment Decontamination		
Document Control	CP3-OP-002, Developing and Maintaining FPDP Performance Documents		
Evaluations for	CP3-QA-1006, Suspect/Counterfeit Items		
Suspect/Counterfeit Items			
Fall Prevention	CP3-HS-2014, Fall Prevention and Protection		
Field Logbooks	CP4-ES-2700, Logbooks and Data Forms		
Graded Approach	CP3-QA-1001, Graded Approach		
Handling, Transporting, and	CP2-WM-0661, Fluor Federal Services, Inc., Paducah Deactivation Project,		
Relocating Waste Containers	Transportation Safety Document for On-site Transport within the Paducah		
	Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky		
Health and Safety Plan	CP2-ER-0140, Health and Safety Plan for the Southwest Plume Remedial		
	Actions at the Fluor Paducah Deactivation Project, Paducah, Kentucky		
Hoisting and Rigging Operations	CP3-SM-0051, Hoisting and Rigging		
Issue Management (includes	CP3-QA-3001, Issues Management		
corrective action)			
Lithologic Logging CP4-ES-2303, Borehole Logging			
Powered Industrial Trucks	CP2-SM-0020, Administrative Controls for Powered Industrial Trucks		
Quality Assured Data			
Quality Assurance Program	CP2-QA-1000, Quality Assurance Program Description for FPDP		
Radiation Protection	CP2-RP-0001, Radiation Protection Program Paducah Gaseous Diffusion		
	Plant Deactivation Project, with Approval Letter		
Records Management	CP2-RD-0001, Records Management and Document Control Program		
	CP3-RA-4002, Administrative Record Process		
	CP1-OP-0002, Document Control Requirements Document		
	CP3-RD-0020, Document Control Process		

Table 1. General Activities Governed by Procedures

Activity	Applicable Procedure		
Revisions to Procedures or Work	CP3-OP-0002, Developing and Maintaining FPDP Performance Documents		
Packages	CP2-SM-1000, Activity Level Work Planning and Control Program		
Shipping Samples	CP3-WM-3028, Off-Site Shipping		
Suspend/Stop Work	CP3-HS-2009, Stop/Suspend Work		
Temperature Extremes	CP3-HS-2000, Temperature Extremes		
Training	CP2-TR-0100, Training Program		
-	CP3-TR-0102, Conduct of Training		
	CP2-TR-0102, Training Implementation Matrix		
	CP3-OP-0208, Required Reading/Crew Briefing		
Transmission of Data	CP4-ES-1001, Transmitting Data to the Paducah Oak Ridge Environmental		
	Information System (OREIS)		
Vendor/Supplier QA Program	CP3-QA-2001, Approved Supplier Selection, Evaluation, ASL Maintenance		
Waste Acceptance Criteria	CP2-WM-0011, Waste Acceptance Criteria for the Treatment, Storage, and		
	Disposal Facilities at the Paducah U.S. Department of Energy Site		
Waste Management and	CP3-WM-0016, Waste Handling and Storage in DOE Waste Storage Facilities		
Disposition	CP3-WM-0437, Waste Characterization and Profiling		
-	CP3-WM-1037, Generation and Temporary Storage of Waste Materials		
	CP3-WM-3010, Waste Generator Responsibilities for Temporary On-Site		
	Staging of Waste Materials at Paducah		

Table 1. General Activities Governed by Procedures (Continued)

Utilizing these constraints, 18 potential new EW locations were loaded into the model and were provided minimum, maximum, and initial testing extraction rates. The Brute Force particle tracking optimization algorithm was utilized with the pumping rates to determine the optimal wellfield configuration based on which well location(s) captures the most dissolved-phase contaminant particles (representing dissolved contaminant mass only, not nonaqueous-phase liquid or sorbed-phase mass). The well location and extract rates resulted in numerous combinations of systems to evaluate. A number of additional issues and challenges were identified from the initial modeling and they are as follows:

- Need to prevent change in Northwest Plume migration pathway,
- Need to minimize number of EWs,
- Need to minimize extraction rates of wells, and
- Need to prevent dissolved-phase contamination from migrating into now uncontaminated areas.

In order to minimize these additional issues and challenges to the Northeast Plume, an evaluation was performed to determine the effect of the EW(s) at C-400. (Note: An EW at C-400 is not being installed as part of this current activity, but would be considered in the future as an option to address unfavorable TCE or Tc-99 migration from the source term at C-400 under Section 4 of the MOA for Resolution). The results indicated maximum effectiveness was encountered at extraction rates nearing 50 gpm from a C-400 EW. Simulation runs for multiple well scenarios were executed for one Northwest Plume well and typical, minimal, and maximum recharge conditions (with and without anthropogenic recharge) to determine the dissolved mass capture efficiency of contaminants migrating in both the Northeast and Northwest Plumes. Groundwater modeling predicts that mass capture will be in excess of 90% using existing Northwest Plume EW, EW232, pumping at 220 gpm; an extraction well located in the vicinity of C-400 pumping at 80 gpm; and the two Northeast Plume EWs located in the high-concentration portion of the Northeast Plume along the eastern edge of the PGDP industrial facility with a minimal combined extraction rate of 300 gpm (150 gpm each). (Note: The production goal for each new EW will be 150 gpm, for a total production of 300 gpm for the optimized IRA.)

The flow model recalibration and the process and results of the modeling to select the optimized extraction well locations were reviewed with remedial project managers for EPA and KY, as well as subject matter experts from EPA, KY, and DOE via Web-assisted teleconference meeting held July 26, 2012. The presentation information package for the work was provided at that time. EPA provided comments on the presentation and the presentation information package October 22, 2012. A comment response summary for the comments received on that modeling was developed and submitted to EPA and provided to Kentucky on December 12, 2012. Further discussions on the modeling were held among the FFA parties at the December 17, 2012, monthly meeting. No additional comments have been received on the modeling work.

2.2 WELLFIELD AND SYSTEM DESIGN

2.2.1 Key Design Changes

The Northeast Plume IRA optimization will implement the following design changes:

- The EW234 area TU will be used temporarily for treating groundwater from EW331 and EW332 due to the cessation of uranium enrichment operations at PGDP, which made the C-637 Cooling Towers unavailable.
- The new EW, EW234, will utilize the treatment capacity of the TU.
- The current EWs, EW331 and EW332, will be kept in good working condition until the FFA parties agree the maintenance no longer is necessary.
- The current EWs, existing associated tanks, pipelines, electronic controls, and power distribution system will not be abandoned at this time, but will be placed in a standby mode.
- The new EW, EW235, will utilize a similar skid-mounted treatment system, like the TU installed in 2013.
- Treated VOC-contaminated groundwater discharge will be through a maximum of two CERCLA designated outfalls. The receiving water body is Little Bayou Creek, which carries a Kentucky use classification of Recreational.
- New electrical power connections will be installed for the treatment units and EWs (EW234 and EW235).

2.2.2 Key Design Assumptions

The Northeast Plume IRA optimization will be designed based on the following key assumptions.

• The EW field volumetric flow rate is not limited by the treatment plant capacity, but will be limited by the EW well yield. The minimum flowrate is expected to be approximately 100 gpm, which may be adjusted in accordance with Section 4 of the MOA for Resolution. The optimized design will include an air stripping capability to remove the necessary volatile contaminant mass from the planned extraction volume.

- The two new EWs to be installed during the optimization process are identified as EW234 and EW235.
- EW234 and EW235 will be located near the eastern edge of the PGDP industrial facility and in the high-concentration TCE lobes of the Northeast Plume (see Figure 1), which have monitoring wells MW256 and MW260, respectively, nearby with RGA TCE contaminant average concentrations for the period 2000 to 2013 of 450 μ g/L and 517 μ g/L, respectively. Maximum TCE contamination levels experienced in these monitoring wells since 2000 are 870 μ g/L (2/2009) and 680 μ g/L (11/2005) for MW256 and MW260, respectively.
- The design parameters of both treatment systems will be an extracted groundwater flow rate of 200 gpm and capable of reducing an influent TCE concentration of 1,000 ppb to meet the effluent discharge requirements. The treatment systems will be skid mounted and include a high efficiency air stripper, air blower, effluent pump, influent bag filters, and process control system enclosed in a heated weather proof enclosure.

The planned treatment process accommodates the treatment of volatile organic compounds (primarily TCE and associated breakdown products) using air stripping, which essentially mimics the process previously provided by the C-637 Cooling Towers.

- Following treatment, the groundwater effluent from EW234 and EW235 will be released into tributaries to Little Bayou Creek through CERCLA outfall(s).
- New electrical power lines, pipelines, treatment equipment, and process controls will be constructed in support of the new EW fields.
- Wellfield design will be based on modeling results (Appendix C) and on geotechnical data (grain size analyses and lithologic logs) gathered from boreholes installed in close proximity to the proposed well locations.
- Pumping tests will not be performed as a basis for design of the new EWs. Pumping test data from historical tests performed at PGDP in the RGA and existing operational monitoring of the Northwest Plume Groundwater System and the Northeast Plume Containment System are available and have been used for groundwater flow model design and used for EW field placement.
- Electrical power will be provided by a public utility, from existing feeder lines supplying power in the area with additional lines and poles added as needed. No backup generator will be included since power interruptions are expected to be reasonable in frequency and duration such that contaminant mass not captured during the interruption will be minimal.
- No wetlands will be permanently impacted as a result of proposed locations for new extractions wells.
- The Northeast Plume IRA optimization activities will be constructed and performed in accordance with Northeast Plume IRA ROD applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) as modified and contained in the explanation of significant differences (ESD) (DOE 2016).
- The optimized Northeast Plume IRA will include installation of 14 monitoring wells with single screens to and 8 piezometers to evaluate performance and effectiveness of the optimized EWs. Seven of these monitoring wells will be located in a north-south transect located approximately 600 ft east of the C-400 Building. Samples from these transect monitoring wells will be used to establish

baseline TCE and Tc-99 concentrations before the EWs begin operation and to assess the impact of groundwater EWs on contaminant migration from source areas, including impacts to the groundwater divide east of C-400 Building. The transect monitoring wells will be sampled quarterly, both before and after EW extraction begins.

2.2.3 North-South Monitoring Well Transect

The MOA for Resolution requires that the optimization project address the concern that pumping in the optimized EWs may result in changes to groundwater flow direction impacting contaminant migration from source areas in the vicinity of C-400 (Figure 2.) This will be addressed through construction and monitoring of a transect of monitoring wells to the east of C-400 that will be used to assess potential changes in groundwater flow or source impacts (e.g., rising contaminant concentrations in the Northeast Plume, source migration, etc.). As appropriate, the FFA parties will consider adjustments (e.g., adjusting EW pumping rates) for the optimized Northeast Plume interim action to minimize these potential impacts. The MOA for Resolution requires the consecutive quarterly sampling of the north-south transect monitoring wells and also specific actions based on sampling analytical results.

The transect will consist of seven new RGA monitoring wells in a north-south alignment located approximately 600 ft east of the C-400 Building (Figure 3). The actual well locations will be field-located prior to construction to avoid nearby infrastructure. The field geologist will utilize soil cores from the RGA at the monitoring well location to determine the actual screen depth.

Transect Monitoring Well Locations

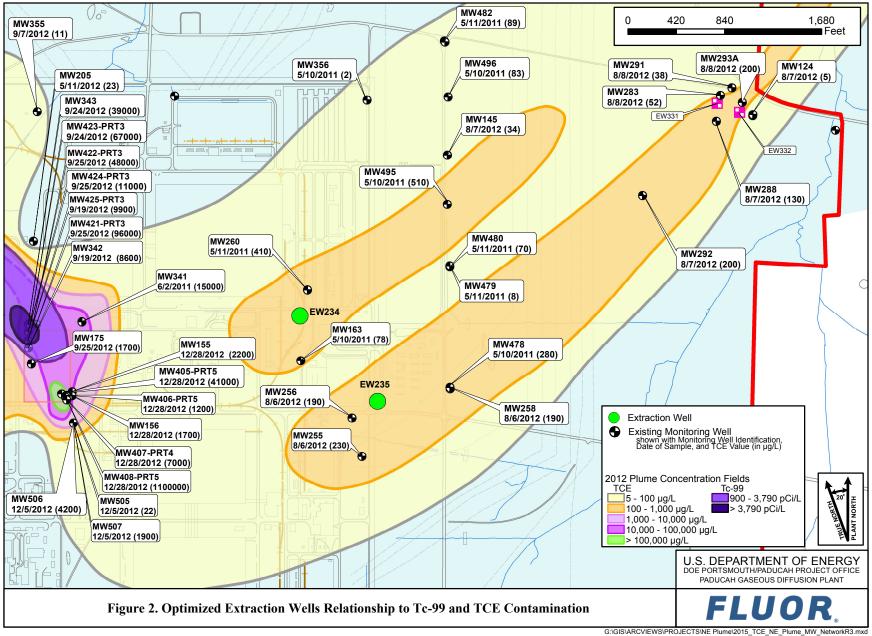
A robust dataset identifies TCE and Tc-99 as the primary dissolved contaminants associated with C-400. Both TCE and Tc-99 are good indicator parameters for dissolved contamination that may be derived from C-400.

The four primary known sources and influences of dissolved TCE and Tc-99 in the C-400 area are the following:

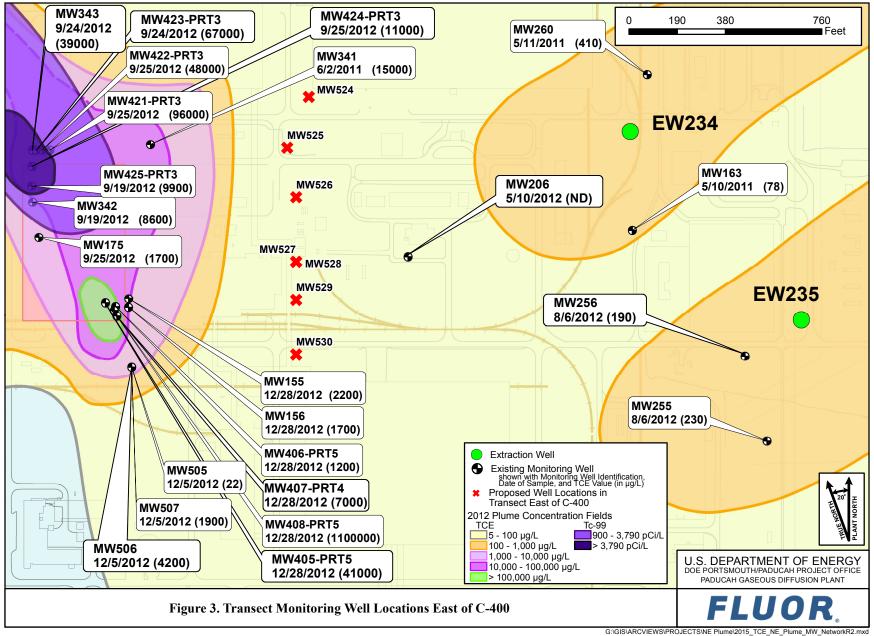
- A dissolved Tc-99 plume in the RGA migrating into the C-400 area from the south
- The southeast C-400 TCE source zone in the RGA
- North C-400 Tc-99 source zone(s) in the UCRS
- The Northwest Plume at C-400

Holistically, these four sources require focused monitoring of two areas, with TCE and Tc-99 common to both a south C-400 area and a north C-400 area. Groundwater monitoring in the proposed transect of monitoring wells that focuses on these two areas is appropriate to assess the potential for induced eastward migration of contamination related to operation of the optimized EWs.

To address the uncertainty of contaminant flow paths related to seasonal variations and the future development of the area of influence of the EWs, the transect includes seven monitoring wells in six locations (see Table 2 and Figure 3). These monitoring well locations are dictated largely by site infrastructure, but the locations and spacing between monitoring wells are consistent with the expected nature of potential, derived contaminant plumes, controlled in part by the operation of the EWs. Inter-well spacings are approximately 200 and 220 ft in the north end of the transect and 150 and 215 ft in the south end of the transect.



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Well	Plant Coordinates		Well Screen
	Easting	Northing	Interval
MW524 (north end)	-3,315	-875	middle RGA
MW525	-3,400	-1,075	middle RGA
MW526	-3,365	-1,270	middle RGA
MW527	-3,365	-1,525	middle RGA
MW528	-3,365	-1,525	lower RGA
MW529	-3,365	-1,675	lower RGA
MW530 (south end)	-3,365	-1,890	lower RGA

Table 2. Approximate Location of Transect Monitoring Wells

In the north C-400 source zone, available data and the conceptual site model indicate the highest levels of TCE are found in the lower RGA and highest levels of Tc-99 are found in the upper RGA.

In the area of the northern-most transect wells (600 ft or more east of the source zone), however, previous investigation analyses document that the highest Tc-99 levels occur within the middle RGA interval. The monitoring transect will consist of wells screened from 70 to 80 ft depth (middle RGA) in the 4 locations in the middle and northern end of the transect: MW524 through MW527. (The base of the RGA is approximately 90 ft below ground surface.) MW527 is included to provide monitoring of southern migration of the plume of contamination should future pump rates be reduced preferentially in EW234 (the north EW).

For the southeast C-400 source zone, it is anticipated that highest contaminant levels of both TCE and Tc-99 will occur in the lower RGA. (Recent remedial actions have remediated contaminant source zones in the UCRS and upper RGA.) Consequently, the transect will consist of wells screened across the lower 10 ft of the RGA in the three southern-most transect locations: MW528 through MW530. (The base of the RGA is expected to be at a depth of approximately 95 ft.)

2.2.4 Wellfield Design

Wellfield optimization modeling indicates that a two well configuration is optimal. The new wells, EW234 and EW235, will be located near the eastern edge of the PGDP industrial facility. Refer to Appendix A, Figure A.1, for the overall site plan and proposed well locations. EWs 234 and 235 will have a design capacity each of 150 gpm and will have treatment units capable of reducing an influent TCE concentration of 1,000 ppb to meet an effluent discharge requirement. The planned treatment process accommodates the treatment of volatile organic compounds (primarily TCE and associated breakdown products) using air stripping, which essentially mimics the process provided by the C-637 Cooling Towers. Because pumping at the optimized EWs may result in changes to groundwater flow direction that may impact contaminant migration from source areas, Sections 3 and 4 of the MOA for Resolution (DOE 2015a) allow the FFA Parties to consider adjustments to EW pumping rates and other actions to minimize these potential impacts, if necessary, for the optimized Northeast Plume interim action.

No additional treatment equipment is included in the planned TUs beyond what is currently require to replace the current air stripping capacity mechanism (see Appendix B, Air Dispersion Modeling). Refer to Appendix A, Figure A.2, for the treatment systems general arrangement drawing. Appendix C, Northeast Plume Extraction System Design and Evaluation, provides additional detail on the groundwater modeling process used to determine the optimum locations for the new EWs.

Each of the EWs will be designed similar to the Northwest Plume EWs. The EWs will penetrate fully the RGA and will be screened across an RGA thickness (estimated at a minimum of 60%) necessary to capture the full thickness of the plume at 150 gpm. Appendix A contains general engineering drawings that contain design details for the EW construction. Specific details such as the depths for screen locations, bentonite seals, pump depths, etc., will be determined following the drilling and lithologic logging of the wellbore.

Boreholes will be installed at designated distances from each of the EWs to further characterize the geologic settings. These boreholes will be converted to monitoring wells to support the performance monitoring of the IRA and chemical monitoring of the EW field. Detailed lithologic logs will be generated for these borings to support the geologic understanding of the areas and to complete the required Commonwealth of Kentucky's Uniform Well Construction Record. The well screen and filter pack designs for the EWs and supporting monitoring wells will be based on the existing available grain size results and additional grain size analyses to be obtained from drilling of associated monitoring wells.

2.2.5 Baseline Monitoring

Baseline monitoring for optimization will be established for the action by using a transect of seven monitoring wells (Section 2.2.2, Key Design Assumptions) constructed as part of the system of monitoring wells. The MOA for Resolution states the following:

The transect monitoring wells will be monitored for 4 consecutive quarters to establish baseline contaminant concentrations before the two newly relocated extraction wells begin operation. The anticipated contaminant concentrations of Tc-99 and TCE in the transect monitoring wells are expected to be no higher than 200 pCi/L and 600 ug/L, respectively. If baseline contaminant concentrations in any of the transect monitoring wells during the initial quarterly sampling are detected at twice the anticipated contaminant concentrations, then the FFA parties agree to temporarily suspend start-up of the extraction wells until the parties meet to evaluate the identified discrepancy, its potential impact on the NW Plume source actions and the planned NE Plume optimization project. The FFA parties will conduct an evaluation of the planned action and develop recommendations and a schedule for modifications of the optimized action to address the unanticipated contaminant concentrations. In the event the FFA parties decide that significant changes to the scope of the action under the ESD are necessary to continue with the optimization, then DOE shall continue implementing the current NE Plume Interim Remedial Action (Interim ROD 1995) and shall propose modification to the Interim Remedial Action through another ESD and RAWP Addendum. The PGDP Site Management Plan will be updated to reflect establishment of any enforceable milestones under the FFA such as due dates for the aforementioned Primary documents (DOE 2015a).

2.3 START-UP AND INTEGRATED TESTING

The Northeast Plume IRA System that is currently in place generally will continue to operate during construction of the optimization system components using the TU system that will be associated with EW234 upon completion of optimization. There will be short periods of downtime during tie-in of utilities and operating equipment to the existing system. These short periods of downtime for the existing system will be tracked and reported in the FFA semiannual report. After construction is complete, each equipment unit will be operationally tested, calibrated, and incorporated into the logic control system as part of construction acceptance activities. The C-614 Northeast Pump-and-Treat System and associated

EWs that currently are in place will be shut down following this construction acceptance testing to prevent interference with the optimized equipment during the remaining testing. An integrated system test will be performed on the optimized system to test the logic control system interlocks and effectiveness prior to restarting routine operations. The details of the start-up and testing plan will be documented in a revision to the O&M plan. EW234 and EW235 and the associated treatment systems each will undergo the same start-up, integrated testing, and construction acceptance testing prior to initiation of continuous operation. Using this approach, it is expected that the existing Northeast Plume IRA System will experience short, intermittent downtimes due to tie-ins, programming, and testing prior to the switchover to the optimized system.

2.4 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Upon successful completion of the integrated testing and baseline monitoring consistent with the requirements of the MOA for Resolution, the new wells are expected to be routinely operated at a combined rate of approximately 300 gpm. Ongoing O&M will be performed in accordance with the revised O&M plan and operating procedures. The revised O&M Plan will document sampling and analysis requirements. Routine sampling, analysis, and data collection efforts as part of O&M are identified in Table 3. EPA and KY will have an opportunity to review revisions to the O&M plan prior to start-up of the new wells for routine operations. The MOA for Resolution states the following:

Once the two optimized extraction wells are online, contaminant concentrations in samples from the transect wells will be collected on a quarterly basis and reported to EPA and KDEP. If contaminant concentrations in any transect well's quarterly samples are determined to be increasing and may double above the established baseline within a year of the quarterly samples showing an increase, then potential changes in groundwater flow or source impacts (e.g. rising contaminant concentrations in the NE Plume, source migration, etc.) will be further examined and the FFA parties will consider adjustments (e.g. adjusting extraction well pumping rates) for the optimized NE Plume interim action to minimize these potential impacts. These adjustments are considered within the scope of the optimization under the ESD.

If the measures taken by the FFA parties (e.g. adjusting extraction well pumping rates) do not result in decreased or stabilized concentrations at the transect monitoring wells, or if such adjustments reduce the effectiveness of the optimized extraction wells or if Tc-99 concentrations continue to increase and are detected at twice their baseline concentration in any one (or more) of the transect wells for two consecutive quarters, then DOE must notify EPA and KDEP within 30 days of receiving sampling results or one of the other aforementioned conditions occurring. After EPA and KDEP have been notified, the FFA parties will discuss and evaluate options to address continued increase of groundwater concentrations and plume expansion. Within 1 year from the notification, DOE shall submit an ESD and RAWP Addendum as the Primary documents to undertake modification to the existing CERCLA Interim Remedial Action pursuant to the FFA to address the contaminated groundwater plume expansion and to prevent Tc-99 at levels above the MCL from further being pulled within the NE Plume.

The FFA parties will discuss whether to temporarily suspend operation of one or both of the extraction wells while determining the modifications to the CERCLA Interim Remedial Action to prevent further plume expansion. If FFA parties decide to implement a modification to the Interim Remedial Action to address the NE Plume contamination (including the expansion), then depending on the scope of the modifications it is possible that the FFA parties will decide to shut-down the optimized pump and treat system in part or in its entirety. If a determination is made to shut down the optimized pump and treat system either before a modification to the Interim Remedial Action or as part of a modification to the Interim Action, then DOE shall reinstate implementation of the NE Plume Interim Remedial Action (Interim ROD 1995). DOE shall keep the extraction wells associated with the NE Plume Interim Remedial Action in good working condition until the FFA parties agree the maintenance is no longer necessary (DOE 2015a).

Sample point (s)	Parameters	Frequency ^a
	Pump rates	Daily
EW234, EW235	Water levels	Weekly
	TCE, Tc-99	Monthly
Monitoring Wells ^b	TCE; 1,1-DCE; Tc-99; depth to water; dissolved oxygen;	Quarterly
Wolltoning wens	pH; specific conductance; temperature; redox; and turbidity	
Piezometer Wells	Water levels	Quarterly
Air Stripper Liquid Effluent	TCE	Weekly
	Flow, Total suspended solids, oil and grease, Total residual chlorine, temperature, TCE	Weekly
CERCLA Outfall	Chronic toxicity, Tc-99	Quarterly
	pH	Weekly
	1,1-DCE	Weekly

Table 3. Summary	of Sampling,	Analysis, and Da	ta Collection
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Note: Sampling may be increased temporarily to support operational troubleshooting. Sampling will be suspended temporarily when the facility is shut down or if other operational conditions exist that would make sampling impractical.

^a Daily samples—Daily refers to normally manned operations, excluding weekends, holidays, or days when the facility is shut down.

Monthly—One sample per calendar month.

Quarterly—One sample every three months not to exceed four months/sample.

^b Samples for monitoring as an engineering control to ensure protection of human health and environment are collected and analyzed by the Environmental Monitoring Plan.

The optimized Northeast Plume system will continue operating until one the following occurs:

- The FFA parties mutually agree to cease operations.
- A CERCLA Five-Year Review determination supports ceasing operations, or
- The ROD associated with the Dissolved-Phase Plume supports ceasing operations.

2.5 MONITORING

As part of the optimization of the IRA, a groundwater monitoring program will be included in addition to baseline monitoring as discussed in Section 2.2.5. The intent of the program is to provide data to support an ongoing analysis of the contaminant types and levels and operational performance of the treatment unit and associated equipment. This data also will monitor any impact the optimized EWs have on groundwater flow or contaminant sources, as well as support the development of the CERCLA-required five-year reviews.

The network of new monitoring and piezometer wells when combined with existing monitoring wells will provide both hydraulic and chemical performance information such as the following:

• Contaminant concentration gradients within the RGA;

- Potential contaminant migration impacts to the Northwest Plume by the optimized Northeast Plume IRA extraction;
- Early warning of increases or decreases in target contaminants or presence of non-target contaminants such as Tc-99; and
- Effectiveness of capturing Northeast Plume contamination by the optimized EW locations.

Table 4 summarizes the goals for the Northeast Plume Optimization monitoring program during the operational period taken from the ROD (DOE 1995) and MOA for Resolution (DOE 2015a); the monitoring approach (hydraulic or chemical monitoring); and identification of the wells and piezometers that will be included.

Hydraulic Monitoring Network. Hydraulic monitoring is conducted to verify performance of the EW system and the impact of external hydraulic stresses with regard to capture zone development within the Northeast Plume and to measure potential areal impacts on contaminant source zones and adjacent plumes. Measurements of water level and gradients provide a basis, along with chemical monitoring, for refinement and optimization of system operation. Hydraulic monitoring results are immediately available after measurement for timely evaluation of adjustments to EW pumping rates. The Northeast Plume Optimization project will install eight new piezometers to provide hydraulic monitoring in the vicinity of the EWs. Figure 4 presents the locations of monitoring wells and piezometers included in the hydraulic monitoring well network.

Strategies for hydraulic monitoring consist of quarterly synoptic measurements of water levels, assessing the extent of the capture zone resulting from operation of the optimized Northeast Plume EWs, and a onetime, focused pumping test to measure aquifer properties. Revisions to the O&M Plan to support the optimization EWs will include the plan for the pumping test. The spatial distribution of the hydraulic monitoring well network provides sufficient water level and drawdown information to assess capture using analytical methods. This assessment may be used to support groundwater flow model refinement and recalibration.

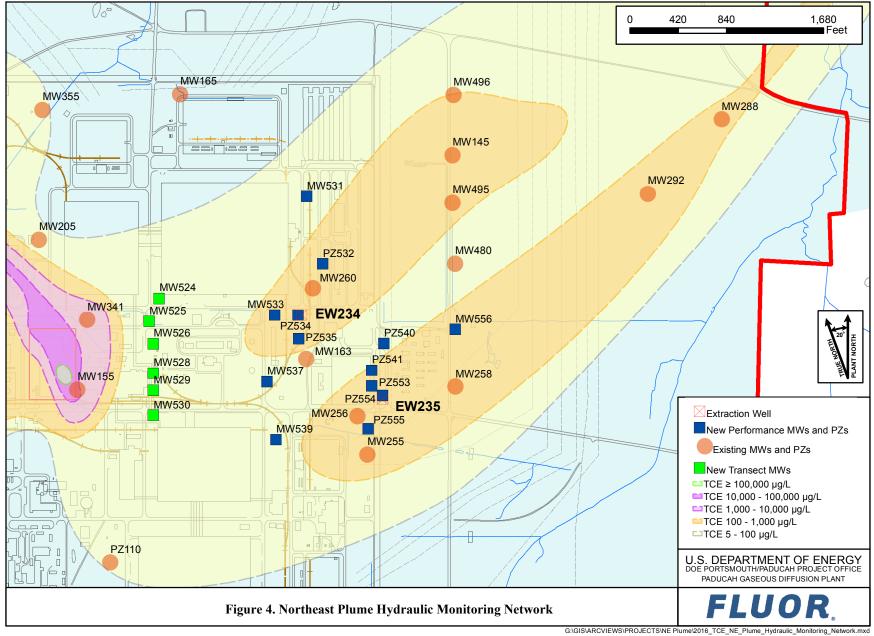
With the cessation of uranium enrichment activities at PGDP and the associated reduction of water use, the magnitude of anthropogenic recharge upon the RGA is expected to decline. Model predictions indicate that lower rates of anthropogenic recharge will lessen the hydraulic gradient in the vicinity of the EW system and result in a larger capture zone. While the optimized EWs are expected to maintain the approximate current flow trajectories in the majority of the on-site Northeast Plume, significant changes in flow trajectories may occur in other areas. Hydraulic monitoring in the area north of the current extent of the Northeast Plume is warranted to assess the potential for developing a northward trajectory of a portion of the Northeast Plume.

Chemical Monitoring Network. Chemical monitoring will focus on several areas within and near the plume to achieve the monitoring objectives. Figure 5 shows the location of monitoring wells included in the chemical monitoring network. The MOA for Resolution (DOE 2015a) requires a north-to-south transect of monitoring wells located approximately 600 ft east of the C-400 Building to establish baseline contaminant concentrations before the two newly relocated EWs begin operation and later to assess the impact of the operation of the EWs on contaminant migration from source areas, including impacts to the groundwater divide east of C-400 Building. The Northeast Plume Optimization project will install seven RGA monitoring wells to create the monitoring transect, which are subject to the action limits established in the MOA for Resolution (DOE 2015a). In addition, the project will install five other monitoring wells upgradient of the EWs, screened in the middle and lower RGA, to monitor for the undesirable expansion of Tc-99 and TCE within the on-site Northeast Plume. This area of monitoring provides

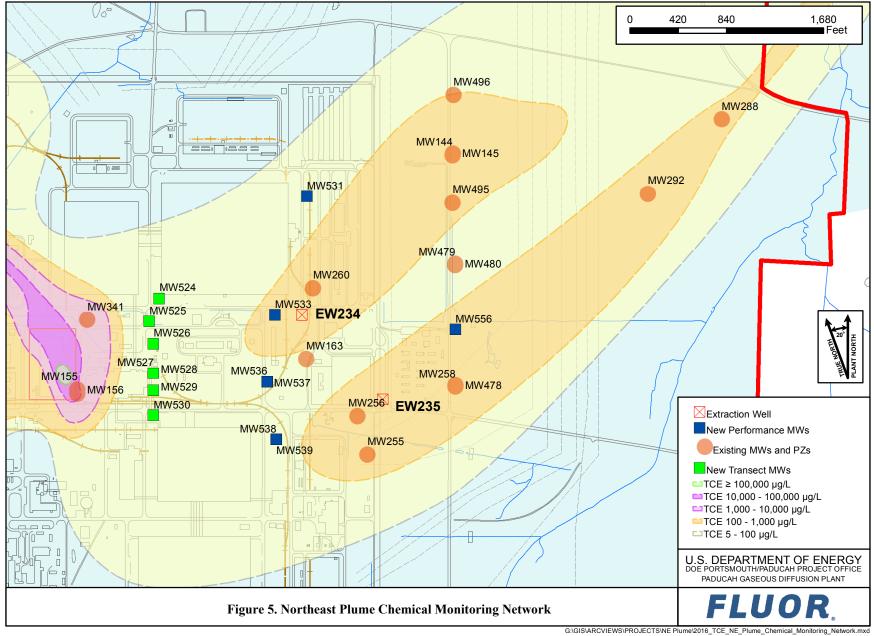
Goals	Monitoring Approach		Monitoring Wells (MW) and Piezometers (PZ)	
) Assessment of system performa			l .	
TCE mass removal (2015 MOA	Chemical		EW234	Screened across RGA
for Resolution)	Monitoring	EWs	EW235	Screened across RGA
	U		MW144	LRGA
			MW145	URGA
	Chemical		MW258	LRGA
		Downgradient	MW478	URGA
		transect of	MW479	URGA
	Monitoring	monitoring	MW480	LRGA
		wells	MW495	LRGA
			MW496	LRGA
			MW556*	LRGA
			MW163	LRGA
Control of NE Plume migration			MW260	LRGA
at the eastern edge of the PGDP			PZ532*	LRGA
industrial facility (2015 MOA for			MW533*	Assessment of
Resolution)			PZ534*	LRGA EW234
			PZ535*	LRGA
	Hydraulic	Monitoring	MW556*	LRGA
	Monitoring	wells and	MW255	LRGA
	Womtornig	piezometers	MW256	LRGA
			PZ540*	LRGA A C
			PZ541*	LRGA Assessment of
			PZ553*	LRGA EW235
			PZ554*	LRGA
			PZ555*	LRGA
2) Engineering control to ensur	o protoction of	human haalth an		
2) Engineering control to ensur	e protection of	Downgradient		(1995 KOD)
	Chemical	monitoring	Northeast Plun	ne wells identified in Environmental
	Monitoring	wells	Monitoring Pla	an (Tables C.8 and C.9)
3) Notification for institution of	corrective mes		ificant concent	rations of Tc-99 be detected (1995 ROD)
5) Notification for institution of		sures snouid sign	MW524*	MRGA
			MW525*	MRGA
		Transect	MW526*	MRGA
		monitoring	MW526* MW527*	MRGA MRGA
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		wells		LRGA LRGA
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Undesirable expansion of	Chamical			
Tc-99 and TCE within the NE	Chemical		MW155	LRGA–upgradient to EW235
Plume (2015 MOA for	Monitoring		MW156	URGA-upgradient to EW235
Resolution)		T T 1' (MW341	MRGA-upgradient to EW234
		Upgradient	MW531*	LRGA–north migration of plume
		monitoring	MW533*	LRGA–upgradient to EW234
		wells	MW536*	MRGA-upgradient to EW235
			MW537*	LRGA–upgradient to EW235
			MW538*	MRGA-upgradient to EW235
			MW539*	LRGA-upgradient to EW235
Changes to groundwater flow				
direction that may impact	TT 1 1.	Monitoring	TT 1 1 1. 1.	
contaminant migration (i.e., TCE	Hydraulic	wells and		nitoring wells and piezometers identified for
and/or Tc-99) from source areas	Monitoring	piezometers	Northeast Plun	ne (Figure 4)
(e.g., C-400 Building)		* ****		
(2015 MOA for Resolution)				

Table 4. Northeast Plume Optimization Monitoring Network

*Identifies monitoring wells and piezometers to be installed for the Northeast Plume optimization project.



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notification for institution of corrective measures should significant concentrations of Tc-99 and/or TCE be detected.

The assessment of system performance includes monitoring to evaluate TCE mass removal and control of Northeast Plume migration at the eastern edge of the PGDP industrial facility. To achieve this goal, chemical monitoring will include both monthly sampling in the EWs to measure contaminant mass removal and sampling from a line of mostly existing monitoring wells located downgradient of the EWs to document the control of the plume. One new lower RGA well will be added to the downgradient line of monitoring wells as part of the Northeast Plume Optimization project. An additional, new lower RGA well will be installed north of the EWs to monitor for potential northward migration of the Northeast Plume.

Chemical monitoring also addresses monitoring as an engineering control to ensure protection of human health and environment. The site Environmental Monitoring Plan (DOE 2015b) includes a program of sampling in existing monitoring wells in the downgradient portion (within DOE property boundaries) of the Northeast Plume to address this goal.

2.6 WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSITION

Waste generated during drilling and construction activities will be managed and dispositioned in accordance with the waste management plan (WMP) and ARARs. Waste characterization will be performed using analytical results from waste sample analysis described in Section 7 and from process knowledge where applicable. Please refer to the WMP for additional detail concerning waste management and disposition.

3. PROJECT ORGANIZATION

The roles and responsibilities of the project team members are described below.

<u>DOE Project Manager</u>—Serves as the point of contact with regulatory agencies, and directs the overall completion of the remedial action in accordance with the approved RAWP.

<u>**Prime Contractor Project Manager**</u>—Serves as the primary point of contact with DOE to implement the remedial action. Performs work in accordance with the baseline scope and schedule and directs the day-to-day activities of Contractor personnel.

Quality Assurance Manager—Verifies all work is completed in accordance with the Quality Assurance Plan. Supports the development, implementation, and maintenance of the Quality Assurance (QA) Program. Verifies implementation of work is consistent with QA Rule; 10 *CFR* 830, Subpart A; DOE Order 414.1C; and applicable NQA-1 Consensus Standard.

<u>Field Superintendent</u>—Oversees all field activities and verifies field operations follow established plans and procedures.

<u>Health and Safety Representative</u>—Assists in the development of the health and safety (H&S) plan and activity hazard assessment, and verifies implementation of Worker Safety and Health Program and Integrated Safety Management Systems. The H&S specialist provides oversight for safety and health compliance performance.

Environmental Compliance Representative—Oversees implementation of the Environmental Management Systems. The environmental compliance representative provides direct support to the prime contractor project manager.

<u>Waste Management Coordinator</u>—The waste management coordinator (WMC) will manage all waste according to PGDP facility requirements and the WMP. WMC responsibilities include coordinating daily activities with field personnel, overseeing daily waste management operations and maintaining a waste management logbook.

<u>Field Technical Staff</u>—Provides direct support to the field superintendent concerning technical aspects of the project.

<u>Subcontractors</u>—Provide equipment and expertise during drilling, EW installation, treatment facility, and pipeline construction.

Training of project personnel will be in accordance with training matrices developed for this project as part of the PGDP work control process.

4. PROJECT SCHEDULE

The project schedule includes activities through initiation of quarterly sampling. Additional optimization activities (installation of EWs, a second TU, and installation of the remaining monitoring well system) will follow completion of the required four quarters of sampling data for baseline determination and completion of the assessment by the FFA parties. A generalized project planning schedule is shown in Table $5.^{1}$

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

The Northeast Plume IRA optimization project will incorporate by reference the H&S plan requirements from CP2-ER-0140, Health and Safety Plan for the Southwest Plume Remedial Action at FPDP for performance of this optimization effort. The CP2-ER-0140 Southwest Plume Remedial Action H&S plan will be applicable, as written, with the following exception: replace references to the Southwest Plume with Northeast Plume IRA optimization project.

¹ Projected schedules for completion of activities set forth herein are estimates provided for informational purposes only and are not considered to be enforceable elements of the remedial action or this document. The enforceable milestones for performance of activities included as part of the remedial action are set forth in accordance with requirements of the FFA (EPA 1998). Any additional milestones, timetables, or deadlines for activities included as part of the remedial action will be identified and established independent of this RAWP, in accordance with existing FFA protocols.

Table 5. Project Planning Schedule

Activity	Target Date	Comments
Signed MOA for Resolution	7/31/2015	
Explanation of Significant Differences		
Submittal of D2/R1 to EPA/KY	8/31/2015	
Submittal of D2/R2 to EPA/KY	11/16/2015	
Regulatory Approval of D2/R2	1/13/2016	
Issue Public Notice of Availability		15 days after regulatory approval of D2/R2
		ESD
Remedial Action Work Plan		
Submittal of D2/R1 to EPA/KY	8/31/2015	
Submittal of D2/R2 to EPA/KY	2/16/2016	It should be noted that because the regulatory
		due date of 2/13/2016, falls on Saturday, in
		accordance with Section II.L of the FFA, the
		deliverable is due to EPA and Kentucky on
		the following business day or 2/16/2016
Regulatory Approval of D2/R2	3/17/2016	30 days after submittal of D2/R2 RAWP to
		EPA/KY
Transect Wells Installation		
Field Work Start	7/25/2016	Approximately 130 days after regulatory
		approval of D2/R2 RAWP and ESD
Field Work End	9/29/2016	Approximately 70 days after field work start
Quarterly Sampling	-	
Quarter #1 Sampling	1Q/FY 2017	10 days after transect well installation
		(Approximately October 2016)
Quarter #2 Sampling	2Q/FY 2017	Approximately January 2017
*Finalize location of extraction and	February	*Trigger Date—Approximately 2 months
remaining well network after 2nd quarter	2017	after Quarter #2 sampling is completed
sampling, data validated, and FFA parties		
review/consensus		
Quarter #3 Sampling	3Q/FY 2017	Approximately April 2017
Quarter #4 Sampling	4Q/FY 2017	Approximately July 2017
Extraction and Remaining Wells Installation		
Field Work Start	3/24/2017	Approximately 35 days after FFA consensus
		to finalize location of extraction and
	< 100 /001 F	remaining well network
Field Work End	6/29/2017	Approximately 100 days after field work start
Operation and Maintenance Plan	20/EX 2017	Annual 1 March 2017
Submittal of D3/R5 to EPA/KY	2Q/FY 2017	Approximately March 2017
Submittal of D3/R6 to EPA/KY	4Q/FY 2017	Approximately August 2017
Regulatory Approval of D3/R6	4Q/FY 2017	Approximately September 2017
Mech., Elect., and I/C Construction	4/2/2017	Anonecimetals 40 days of the EDA
Field Work Start	4/3/2017	Approximately 40 days after FFA consensus to finalize location of extraction and
Field Work End	9/6/2017	remaining well network Approximately 155 days after field work start
System Start up and Testing Complete	9/0/2017	Approximately 155 days and field work start
System Start up and Testing Complete System Turnover to O&M Personnel	10/11/2017	Approximately 55 days and netu work ends
Post Construction Report	10/12/2017	
Submittal of D1 to EPA/KY	1/11/2018	Approximately 95 days after system is fully
Subilitial of D1 to EFA/K1	1/11/2010	operational
Submittal of D2 to EPA/KY	5/29/2018	
Regulatory Approval of D2	6/27/2018	
Regulatory Approval of D2	0/2//2010	

6. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

Environmental regulatory compliance will be facilitated during the implementation of this optimization project by adhering to ARARs. The modified interim remedy, which continues to capture and remove TCE and 1,1-DCE from within the high concentration area of the Northeast Plume, meets the threshold criteria of CERCLA Section 121 and the National Contingency Plan. The remedy continues to be protective of human health and the environment and complies with ARARs. As part of optimization of this IRA, ARARs included in the ROD pertaining to discharge through a KPDES-permitted outfall are being supplemented with ARARs to allow the utilization of up to two CERCLA outfalls for treated water discharge, as defined by the approved ESD (DOE 2016). The ARARs address requirements necessary to ensure the protection of the waters of the Commonwealth for the discharge of effluent through up to two CERCLA outfalls, as necessary. Figure 6 differentiates between the sample collection point at the CERCLA outfall, as the effluent compliance monitoring point subject to ARARs (e.g., TCE) and will occur prior to comingling with other waters and the performance monitoring sampling point for air stripper liquid effluent (for both TUs) to monitor TCE removal efficiency. Figure 7 shows the proposed path of a drop of treated wastewater effluent from the TUs as it flows to Little Bayou Creek, showing the location of the Northeast Plume wastewater discharge compliance monitoring point, specific CERCLA and KPDES Outfalls, and the point of entry for all other wastewater discharges along the route.

6.1 WITHDRAWAL OF PUBLIC WATERS

In accordance with Section XXI of the FFA, which requires that DOE identify permits that otherwise would have been required in the absence of CERCLA Section 121(e) (1) and the National Contingency Plan, this section identifies the Commonwealth of Kentucky requirement for a permit to withdraw water from a public groundwater source (*KRS* Chapter 151.150 and 401 *KAR* 4:010). Such a permit is not needed for this CERCLA action.

The Northeast Plume IRA optimization project, a CERCLA action, includes the installation of two new EWs for the purpose of extracting contaminated groundwater from the Northeast Plume. The wells will be installed in accordance with ARARs identified in the approved ESD, as well as those identified in the original ROD signed June 15, 1995, for the IRA.

The proposed locations of the new EWs, EW234 and EW235, are shown on Figure 1. Refer to Figure A.3 for design details for the EWs. Installation of the new wells and commencement of water withdrawal will be in accordance with the planning schedule shown in Section 4 and will be consistent with baseline monitoring requirements and stipulations contained in the MOA for Resolution. Withdrawal rates will be measured by flow meters installed at each EW. Combined groundwater extraction from EW234 and EW235 is not expected to exceed 300 gpm (or 432,000 gpd).

6.2 AIR EMISSIONS

Volatile organic compounds (VOC) will be emitted to the atmosphere by the air stripper component of the optimized Northeast Plume Treatment System. The emissions of VOC must comply with identified ARARs in Table 2 of the ESD (DOE 2016). Compliance with these ARARs is demonstrated by air dispersion modeling and by analysis of the groundwater to be treated. Any determination of the volatile organic hazardous air pollutants (VOHAP) concentration of the remediation material can be based on knowledge of the material. Based on existing data, it is expected that the VOHAP concentration of the

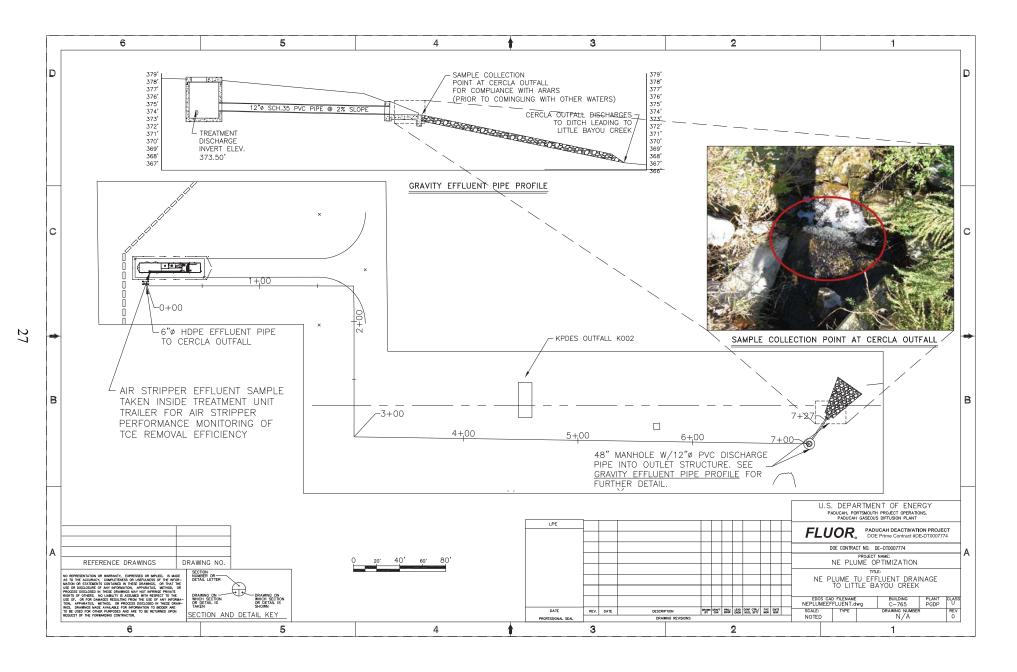
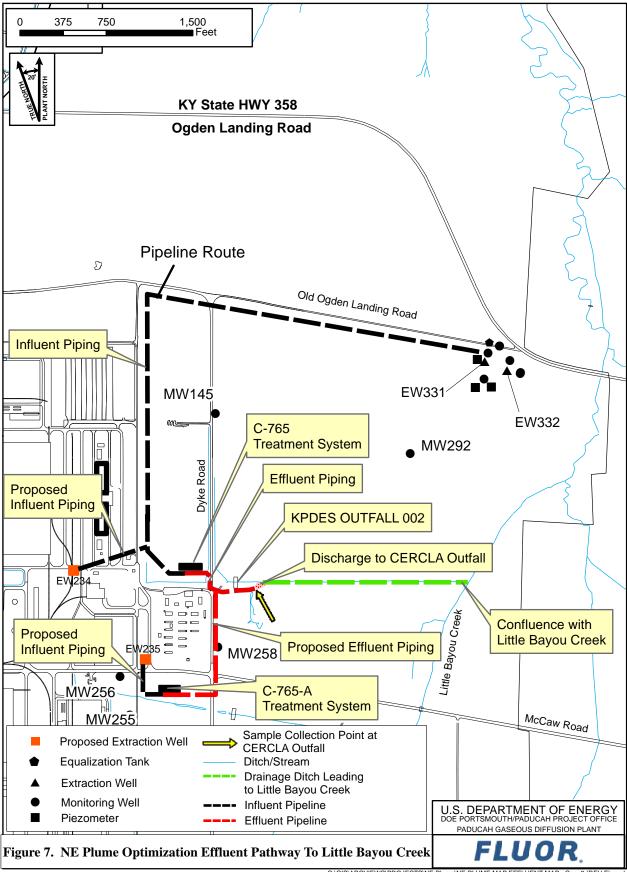


Figure 6. Northeast Plume TU Effluent Drainage to Little Bayou Creek



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Northeast Plume groundwater is less than 10 ppmw. Historical data from the locations near the proposed new well locations show the highest anticipated concentration of TCE in the groundwater is less than 1 ppmw.

Air dispersion modeling was performed for the modular TUs that are to receive influent groundwater from the new EWs. The expected contaminant concentrations resulting from treatment of the influent groundwater were estimated based upon maximum equipment process treatment capacity. The results of these air dispersion modeling analyses show the estimated maximum annual average concentration for both modeling scenarios will be below the corresponding maximum allowable off-site concentrations of respective pollutants. Additionally, the allowable off-site concentration limit for TCE was developed using a lifetime (i.e., 70-year exposure period) per EPA's Regional Screening Level User's Guide. The duration of potential exposure associated with the operation of the associated TUs will be less than 70 years; therefore, emissions associated with this project are not expected to be harmful to the health and welfare of humans, animals, or plants. The results of the air dispersion modeling are contained in Appendix B.

As discussed in Section B.1.4., the removal efficiency of the air stripping units, as provided by the manufacturer, is 99% for VOCs. Additionally, nearby existing monitoring wells provide an estimate of the VOC concentration expected in the extracted groundwater that is below the maximum design loading of 1,000 ppb TCE. Once operations of the optimized system are initiated, the extracted groundwater will be sampled periodically and analyzed to provide the contaminant concentration to be stripped and released to the atmosphere. The specifics associated with the extraction water sampling will be included in the revised operations and maintenance plan for the optimized system. The combination of the periodic water sampling (pre- and post-air stripping) and the 99% removal efficiency provides the information on the contaminants released to the atmosphere. Based on the information above, there is no need for air emissions testing of the optimized IRA system at this time.

6.3 POST-RECORD OF DECISION DOCUMENTATION

The treated groundwater will be discharged through a newly created CERCLA outfall(s); therefore, an ESD will serve as the appropriate post-ROD documentation.

6.3.1 Explanation of Significant Differences

The treated groundwater will be discharged through a new CERCLA outfall(s). Supplemental ARARs were developed and are set forth in the associated ESD (DOE 2016).

6.3.2 Memorandum of Agreement for Resolution of Formal Dispute (July 2015)

During the development of this optimization project for the Northeast Plume IRA, the MOA for Resolution was agreed to and executed by the FFA parties July 31, 2015. The MOA for Resolution (DOE 2015a) acknowledges the concern that pumping in the optimized EWs may result in changes to groundwater flow direction that may impact contaminant migration from source areas.

6.3.3 Interim Remedial Action Metrics and Performance Monitoring

The Declaration of the ROD for the IRA for the Northeast Plume states the following as the primary objective:

...to implement a first phase remedial action as an interim action to initiate hydraulic control of the high concentration area within the Northeast Plume that extends outside the plant security fence.

In Section 2.6 of the ROD (Summary of Site Risks), the principal goal is stated as follows:

The principal goal of this remedial action is to implement control measures which will mitigate migration of the contaminants.

Plume mapping performed subsequent to expansion of the sitewide groundwater environmental monitoring system in 2009 and 2010, resulted in the identification of two sublobes of TCE that exceed 100 μ g/L of TCE, which are migrating beyond the eastern plant security fence. Optimization of the Northeast Plume extraction system addresses the objective and goal, as stated above, by refocusing extraction at locations within a few hundred feet of the eastern plant security fence and within sublobes of the Northeast Plume that exceed 100 μ g/L of TCE.

In addition to the goal and objective provided in the ROD, the design of the optimized extraction system for the Northeast Plume identified the following design objectives.

• Minimize impacts to groundwater flow trajectory and associated dissolved-phase mass in the C-400 area. Pumping at the optimized EWs may result in changes to groundwater flow direction that may impact contaminant migration from source areas. To meet this objective, the wellfield design process evaluated EW locations and pumping rate impacts to dissolved-phase mass in the RGA emanating from the C-400 source area. Dissolved-phase mass emanating from the C-400 source area represents the upgradient extent of the Northwest Plume; imposing extraction-based gradients that alter the trajectory of this mass by pulling it to the east is undesirable. The design process determined that pumping at the proposed EWs near the eastern security fence at the design rates would, over time, potentially redirect the trajectory of dissolved-phase mass at C-400. To mitigate potential trajectory impacts in the C-400 area, the optimization project will install 14 monitoring wells with single screens and 8 piezometers to evaluate performance and effectiveness of the optimized EWs. Seven of these monitoring wells will be located in a north-south transect located approximately 600 ft east of the C-400 Building. The MOA for Resolution states the following:

The Parties have reached consensus that the optimized extraction wells installed under the NE Plume Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) should not cause or contribute to the undesired migration of Technetium-99 (Tc-99) contamination from the source area(s) (e.g., C-400 Building and Northwest (NW) Plume) and that actions (as further described below) may be undertaken to prevent any undesirable expansion of Tc-99 and TCE within the NE Plume....

....Once the two optimized extraction wells are online, contaminant concentrations in samples from the transect wells will be collected on a quarterly basis and reported to EPA and KDEP. If contaminant concentrations in any transect well's quarterly samples are determined to be increasing and may double above the established baseline within a year of the quarterly samples showing an increase, then potential changes in groundwater flow or source impacts (e.g. rising contaminant concentrations in the NE Plume, source migration, etc.) will be further examined and the FFA parties will consider adjustments (e.g. adjusting extraction well pumping rates) for the optimized NE Plume interim action to minimize these potential impacts. These adjustments are considered within the scope of the optimization under the ESD.

If the measures taken by the FFA parties (e.g. adjusting extraction well pumping rates) do not result in decreased or stabilized concentrations at the transect monitoring wells, or if such adjustments reduce the effectiveness of the optimized extraction wells or if Tc-99 concentrations continue to increase and are detected at twice their baseline concentration in any one (or more) of the transect wells for two consecutive quarters, then DOE must notify EPA and KDEP within 30 days of receiving sampling results or one of the other aforementioned conditions occurring. After EPA and KDEP have been notified, the FFA parties will discuss and evaluate options to address continued increase of groundwater concentrations and plume expansion. Within 1 year from the notification, DOE shall submit an ESD and RAWP Addendum as the Primary documents to undertake modification to the existing CERCLA Interim Remedial Action pursuant to the FFA to address the contaminated groundwater plume expansion and to prevent Tc-99 at levels above the MCL from further being pulled within the NE Plume.

The FFA parties will discuss whether to temporarily suspend operation of one or both of the extraction wells while determining the modifications to the CERCLA Interim Remedial Action to prevent further plume expansion. If FFA parties decide to implement a modification to the Interim Remedial Action to address the NE Plume contamination (including the expansion), then depending on the scope of the modifications it is possible that the FFA parties will decide to shut-down the optimized pump and treat system in part or in its entirety. If a determination is made to shut down the optimized pump and treat system either before a modification to the Interim Remedial Action or as part of a modification to the Interim Action, then DOE shall reinstate implementation of the NE Plume Interim Remedial Action (Interim ROD 1995). DOE shall keep the extraction wells associated with the NE Plume Interim Remedial Action in good working condition until the FFA parties agree the maintenance is no longer necessary (DOE 2015a).

- **Complement Northwest Plume extraction well capture zones.** This objective was met by **assessing** the balance between extraction rate, the number of extraction wells, and extraction well locations. The proposed configuration was found to attain the best balance of mass removal, extraction well configuration, and overall pumping rate.
- Avoid locations potentially under consideration for waste disposal alternative evaluation. This objective was attained by avoiding locations under consideration as part of waste disposal options evaluation (see slide 21 in Appendix C).
- Manage anthropogenic recharge variability. To address this objective, model recalibration was performed using multiple steady state and transient stress periods representing a range of anthropogenic recharge conditions. Model predicted capture zone dimensions are less during periods of relatively high anthropogenic recharge. With this in mind, and in an effort to reduce the potential for underestimating capture zone dimensions, post-calibration wellfield design development and testing used the October 2011 stress period to understand how capture zones for design configurations under consideration developed under periods of high anthropogenic recharge. Capture zone development under periods of comparatively lower anthropogenic recharge are predicted to be larger, encompassing a larger portion of the plume volume.
- Develop a design that is effective to the extent practicable under conditions where PGDP operations are active (high anthropogenic recharge) and conditions reflective of a post-PGDP status (reduced anthropogenic recharge). Wellfield design modeling tested conditions that were considered to be reflective of both active PGDP and post-PGDP status. Post-PGDP conditions are expected to include a substantial reduction in anthropogenic recharge, potential trends in plume

trajectory, and a corresponding increase in capture zone dimension, as the hydraulic flux from the site decreases. Plume trajectory monitoring will be required to assess potential changes in groundwater flow direction as anthropogenic recharge is reduced; however, under this scenario the combined pumping of the Northwest and Northeast Plumes extraction systems are expected to continue to effectively address the objectives of the interim remedial action.

Metrics for the optimized extraction system will be detailed in the optimization O&M Plan. Performance assessment metrics will be evaluated through the collection of key system performance data and will focus on determining if the extraction system is functioning as intended and is effective in addressing the goals and objectives of the interim remedial action. Performance assessment data collection will be used to (1) determine if the system is meeting the design objective and to identify if operational improvements are needed; (2) monitor changes in plume chemistry to determine if design objectives are being met with respect to plume capture, and avoidance of impacts to dissolved phase mass associated with the C-400 source area; and (3) assess extraction system hydraulic performance and potential changes in ambient hydrologic conditions that may influence system hydraulic performance.

The general approach to wellfield performance monitoring will utilize a combination of contaminant and hydraulic monitoring to assess system performance.

Contaminant monitoring will be performed by sampling a defined array of monitoring wells prior to system start-up to assess baseline conditions and subsequent monitoring at regular intervals during system operations. It is anticipated that the array of contaminant monitoring locations will include the following:

- The MOA for Resolution states, "the modified NE Plume interim remedial action will include installation (at a minimum) of five new RGA monitoring wells in a north-south transect approximately 600 feet east of C-400 Building ... These transect monitoring wells will be used to assess the impact of groundwater extraction wells on contaminant migration from source areas, including impacts to the groundwater divide east of C-400 Building."
- Upgradient locations to assess contaminant concentrations east of the C-400 source area and associated dissolved phase mass in the RGA;
- Crossgradient locations to assess contaminant concentrations at locations potentially outside the lateral extent of the EW capture zones; and
- Downgradient monitoring wells located outside the downgradient extent of the EW capture zones to assess changes in contaminant concentrations as a result of groundwater extraction.

Hydraulic monitoring will be conducted to determine if the optimized EW system is performing as designed relative to capture zone development. Hydraulic monitoring will include the following:

- Baseline sitewide synoptic groundwater elevation surveys to assess conditions prior to extraction operations at the new optimized extraction well locations;
- System shutdown and restart testing to evaluate how capture zone development compares with model predicted capture zone dimensions; and
- Periodic sitewide synoptic groundwater elevation surveys to assess potential trends in ambient groundwater flow conditions due to changes in PGDP operations, optimization, or hydrologic trends.

6.3.4 Semiannual Progress Reports

Semiannual reports are prepared and issued to DOE within 30 days of the end of each six-month period, summarizing the data generated by activities associated with the NECPS. DOE submits progress reports to the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection and EPA. For this project, effluent discharge and other information will be summarized in this report, which may include, but will not be limited to, TCE concentrations, maintenance performed, down time, TCE removed, effluent discharges, etc.

7. WASTE MANAGEMENT

This WMP provides information for the management and final disposition of waste material that will be generated as a result of the Northeast Plume IRA optimization project. The project includes the installation of two EWs and monitoring well system, construction of a treatment system to remove the TCE contamination, and construction of pipelines to transfer the groundwater to and from associated treatment equipment and to release locations.

This WMP addresses the management of waste from the point of generation through final disposition. The Northeast Plume IRA optimization project is part of the DOE prime contractor's ER program, and the DOE prime contractor shall be responsible for all waste management activities. Standard practices and procedures outlined in this WMP pertaining to the generation, handling, transportation, and storage of waste will comply with all DOE Orders, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) requirements.

Copies of this WMP will be available during fieldwork. The DOE prime contractor's ER WMC will be responsible for implementing procedures and requirements of this WMP.

The WMP for the Northeast Plume IRA optimization project underscores the following objectives:

- Management of project waste in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment;
- Minimization of waste generation;
- Compliance with federal, state, and DOE requirements; and
- Selection of storage and disposal alternatives.

Waste generated will be stored in CERCLA on-site waste storage areas (e.g., C-745-C, C-752-C, C-760, C-761, or other CERCLA storage facility) or within the RCRA area of contamination during the characterization period prior to disposal, when practical. CERCLA on-site waste storage areas will be operated in compliance with applicable or relevant and appropriate waste storage requirements. Wastewater will be transferred to storage pending characterization and treatment. All waste management activities must comply with this WMP; applicable procedures; the C-746-U Landfill waste acceptance criteria (WAC) (*Waste Acceptance Criteria for the Department of Energy Treatment, Storage and Disposal Units at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky*, CP2-WM-0011); *Hazardous Waste Facility Operating Permit*—Permit No. KY8-890-008-982; and the WAC for off-site treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDFs) designated to receive waste. The decision has not been made as to the final TSDF that will be used. Potential off-site TSDFs that may be used include, but are not limited to, Energy*Solutions*, Nevada National Security Site, Perma-Fix, and Waste Control Specialists.

During the course of this optimization project, additional PGDP and DOE waste management requirements may be identified. Necessary revisions to the WMP will ensure the inclusion of these

additional requirements into the daily activities of waste management personnel. DOE will inform the FFA parties of any substantive changes to the WMP. The criteria for document changes will be those found in the *Federal Facility Agreement for the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant* (EPA 1998).

7.1 WASTE GENERATION AND PLANNING

7.1.1 Waste Generation

A variety of waste may be generated during this project, including soil cuttings and water from drilling activities in the Upper Continental Recharge System and RGA; dewatered soil and water from waste water filtration activities; personal protective equipment (PPE); sample residual (used sample bottles, etc.); grout; and construction and sanitary trash. The waste generated from field-related activities has the potential to contain contaminants related to known or suspected past operations; therefore, this waste must be stored and disposed of in accordance with ARARs. Waste that is likely to have either hazardous or radiological contamination typically will be stored on-site in containers in CERCLA waste storage areas in accordance with CP3-WM-1037, Generation and Temporary Storage of Waste Materials, during the characterization period and prior to treatment/disposal. Consistent with EPA Policy, the generation, storage, and movement of waste during a CERCLA project and storing it on-site does not trigger the administrative RCRA storage or disposal requirements. On-site waste storage areas will be managed in accordance with the substantive RCRA hazardous waste storage standards and in accordance with ARARs. Among the substantive requirements are compatible containers in good condition, regular inspections, containment to control spills or leaks, and characterization of run-on and run-off, either by process knowledge or by sampling. Final disposition of the materials will depend on final characterization. Table 6 summarizes estimated quantities and container types estimated to be generated in performing this project.

Waste generated during field activities will require a comprehensive waste-tracking system capable of maintaining an accurate inventory of waste. To prevent inappropriate disposal of waste, all generation, storage, and characterization information must be included in the tracking system. Specifically, the waste inventory must include the following information:

- Generation date
- Request for Disposal (RFD) number
- Waste origination location
- Waste matrix (solid, liquid)
- Waste description (soil, PPE, etc.)
- Quantity
- Storage location
- Sampling status
- Sampling results status
- Date of disposal

7.1.2 Soil from Drilling and Construction Activities

Solid waste drilling cuttings and excavated soil will be generated from installation of the new EWs, monitoring wells, and pipeline construction. Drill cuttings from the RGA, drill cuttings from boreholes in the industrial facility of PGDP, and soils excavated in the industrial facility of PGDP will be containerized as they are generated, labeled, and managed on-site according to the substantive requirements of RCRA, until they either are determined not to be RCRA waste, as provided in Section 7.9.1, or dispositioned to an appropriate disposal facility in accordance with ARARs. Waste

Table 6. Estimation of Waste

Waste Stream	Volume	Container Type and Quantity	Disposition Facility	Treatment Required⁺
Soil and Other Solid Media	105 yd^3	6 roll-off/intermodal	C-746-U or	None or off-site
(Cuttings, Drill Tool		boxes	off-site	LDR treatment [*]
Decontamination Solids,			facility	
Lithologic Core, Dewatered Soils)				
Well Installation Water	26,000 gal	Mobile, Portable	C-612 or	C-752-C solids
		Containers	C-765	removal
Decontamination Water	10,000 gal	Mobile, Portable	C-612 or	C-752-C solids
		Containers	C-765	removal
Well Development Water	100,000 gal	Mobile, Portable	C-612 or	C-752-C solids
		Containers	C-765	removal
Personal Protective Equipment	6 yd	25 1A2X Drums	C-746-U or	None or off-site
			off-site	LDR treatment
			facility	
Grout/Concrete	2 yd	8 1A2X Drums	C-746-U or	None or off-site
			off-site	LDR treatment
			facility	

*Waste not meeting the definition of hazardous waste at the point of generation and meeting the requirements of the WAC may be disposed of in the C-746-U Landfill with no further treatment. Waste meeting the definition of hazardous waste at the point of generation must be treated to LDR standards prior to landfill.

⁺Wastewater will undergo further treatment, as necessary, at C-612 Northwest Plume or C-765 Northeast Plume treatment facilities or it also may be treated at C-752-A Waste Management facility prior to release.

minimization also will be facilitated by not containerizing material known to originate from clean area (e.g., above the RGA or outside the industrial facility of PGDP). Wastes will be stored at CERCLA storage areas and will be managed according to the substantive requirements of RCRA and in accordance with ARARs. The solid waste will be sampled and analyzed as described in Section 7.9 for proper waste determination.

7.1.3 Personal Protective Equipment

PPE will be worn as specified in the H&S plan by personnel performing the field tasks. While site personnel use procedures and best management practices to minimize opportunities for contacting contaminated media and equipment, it is likely that some PPE or related debris (e.g., plastic sheeting) will come into contact with contaminated materials during the remediation process. Process knowledge, visual inspections, or direct sampling will be used to characterize PPE and any related debris. Based on the results of the characterization, any PPE or the related debris determined by site personnel to be contaminated waste or exhibiting a RCRA characteristic will be managed as hazardous waste, decontaminated, or a no longer contaminated-with determination will be made pursuant to Section 7.9. In cases where site personnel conclude, based on the above characterization process, that the PPE or related debris has not been contaminated by a listed waste or does not exhibit a characteristic, then the materials will not be considered a RCRA hazardous waste.

7.1.4 Grout

Bentonite grout is used to hold new well casing in place. There is a potential for grout to become waste due to test pours, spillage, or leftover material in a batch following a pour. Grout will be packaged separately from other waste streams and managed as non-hazardous material.

7.1.5 Well Installation/Development/Decontamination/Sample Residual Water

Dual rotary drilling technology will be used to drill the EWs and monitoring wells. With dual rotary drilling, the bit is advanced slightly behind the bottom of the outer casing. Compressed air is used to force soil cuttings and groundwater up the annulus between the drill pipe and casing. These cuttings and water are diverted through a discharge swivel and directed via flexible hose to a cyclone separator. Soil cuttings and water fall out of the bottom of the separator into a container while air is released from the top of the separator.

Newly installed EWs, piezometers, and monitoring wells will be developed to remove fine material from the formation around the well screen. This process will generate water with high suspended solids content. Well development water will be processed at the drill site for suspended solids and may be stored in dual wall holding tanks until verified that it meets the appropriate acceptance/discharge criteria for suspended solids before transfer to the C-765 treatment trailer and discharged through CERCLA Outfall 001 or transported to C-612 and discharged through C-612 and KPDES Outfall 001. Prior to discharge, additional treatment, as necessary, will be treated at C-752-A Waste Management facility. Additional waste water with suspended solids will be generated as a result of drilling equipment decontamination activities.

Wastewater generated during drilling, well development, and decontamination activities will be processed through particulate filters at the drill site or accumulated and stored on-site until it can be processed for removal of suspended solids, as necessary. The solids will be classified according to the results of water and soil analyses. The filtered water will be pumped to dual wall holding tanks until verification that it meets the appropriate acceptance criteria for suspended solids before transfer to the on-site C-612 Northwest Plume Groundwater System, C-765 Northeast Treatment trailer, or the C-752-C Decontamination Facility. Potential contaminants of concern in this filtered waste water will be assumed to be consistent with those in the Northeast Plume groundwater.

Wastewater generated during drilling, well development, and decontamination activities that has undergone wastewater treatment and meets the KPDES discharge limits shall be considered to "no longer contain" listed hazardous waste (e.g., TCE), as discussed in Section 7.9.1. This treated wastewater may be directly discharged to permitted KPDES Outfall 001 or on-site ditches that flow to permitted KPDES Outfall 001 or transferred to C-765 Northeast Treatment trailer.

7.1.6 Miscellaneous Noncontaminated/Clean Trash

DOE has implemented waste management activities for the segregation of clean trash (i.e., trash that is not chemically or radiologically contaminated). Examples of clean trash are office paper, aluminum cans, packaging materials, glass bottles not used to store potentially hazardous chemicals, aluminum foil, and food items. During implementation of this WMP, clean trash will be segregated according to those guidelines and then collected and recycled/disposed of by the WMC when it has been approved for removal.

7.2 WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

Waste characterization will be performed based on sample analyses, evaluation of existing data, or process knowledge. Refer to Section 7.9 of this document for more information on waste characterization sampling.

7.3 CONTAINERS, ABSORBENT, AND DRUM LINERS

WAC approved absorbent will be used if necessary to ensure there are no free liquids in the waste being disposed of in the C-746-U Landfill. Table 6 summarizes container types and estimated quantities of containers.

7.4 WASTE MANAGEMENT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

7.4.1 Waste Management Tracking Responsibilities

Waste generated during remediation activities at PGDP is tracked using a system capable of maintaining an up-to-date inventory of waste. The inventory database is used to store data that will facilitate determination of management, storage, treatment, and disposal requirements for the waste.

7.4.2 Waste Management Coordinator

The WMC will ensure that all waste activities are conducted in accordance with PGDP facility requirements and this WMP. Responsibilities of the WMC also include coordinating activities with field personnel, overseeing daily waste management operations, and maintaining a waste management logbook that contains a complete history of generated waste and the current status of individual waste containers. Designated waste operators also may complete the waste management logbook.

The WMC will ensure that procurement and inspection of equipment, material, or services critical for shipments of waste to off-site TSDFs are conducted in accordance with appropriate procedures. In addition, the WMC will ensure that wastes are packaged and managed in accordance with applicable requirements (e.g., the WAC for the landfill).

Additional responsibilities of the WMC include the following:

- Maintaining an adequate supply of labels;
- Maintaining drum inventories at sites;
- Interfacing with all necessary personnel;
- Preparing RFDs;
- Tracking generated waste;
- Ensuring that drums are properly labeled;
- Coordinating waste recycling, disposal, or transfers;
- Sampling waste containers to characterize wastes;
- Coordinating pollution prevention and waste minimization activities;
- Transferring characterization data to DOE prime contractor's data manager; and
- Ensuring that temporary project waste storage areas are properly established, maintained, and closed.

Waste item container logs will be used to document each addition of waste to containers.

The WMC and waste operators will perform the majority of waste handling activities. These activities will involve coordination with the DOE prime contractor IRA project manager or designee who will perform periodic inspections to verify that drums are labeled in accordance with the WMP guidelines.

The WMC will be responsible for ensuring characterization sampling of the waste in accordance with the procedures outlined in this plan. When sampling is complete, the WMC will transfer the waste into the waste holding area established for this project, if necessary.

The WMC or designee will complete all chain-of-custody forms relating to the shipment of waste characterization samples. The chain-of-custody forms, along with the associated samples, will be transferred to the personnel responsible for packaging and delivery of the samples.

The WMC or designee will inspect the decontamination facility to ensure that waste generation is minimized to the extent possible and that the transfer of liquids to the waste holding area is arranged such that the work schedule is not delayed. If improper waste-handling activities are observed, the WMC will notify the DOE prime contractor project manager and temporarily stop decontamination activities. All activities not in compliance with the WMP will be identified and corrected before decontamination activities continue.

7.4.3 Coordination with Field Crews

The WMC will be responsible for daily coordination with project field crews involved in activities that generate waste. The WMC will inspect work sites to oversee the waste collection and will verify that procedures used by the field crews comply with the WMP guidelines. Deficiencies will be documented in the waste management logbook, and appropriate direction will be given to the field crews. Site visits will be documented in the field logbook.

7.4.4 Coordination with Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities

The waste streams generated on the Northeast Plume IRA optimization project may be managed and disposed of in a variety of ways depending on characterization and classification. Waste will be temporarily stored on-site as previously discussed. Waste that is to be shipped to an off-site TSDF must be done so in accordance with applicable DOE contractor procedures and U.S. Department of Transportation requirements.

7.4.5 Waste Management Training

The WMC and other project personnel with assigned waste management responsibilities will be trained and qualified in accordance with the approved project training matrix.

7.5 TRANSPORTATION OF WASTE

The areas where the Northeast Plume IRA optimization activities will be conducted are on DOE property. Transportation of waste on DOE property will be conducted in accordance with applicable DOE, PGDP, and DOE Contractor policies and procedures. In the event that it becomes necessary to transport known or suspected hazardous waste over public roads, coordination will be initiated with PGDP Security, as necessary, which may result in the temporary closing of roads. Off-site transportation/disposal of waste will be made in accordance with the substantive and administrative requisites of applicable regulations.

7.6 SAMPLE SCREENING

7.6.1 Screening of Analytical Samples

During the course of the Northeast Plume IRA optimization field activities, screening of waste samples will be performed to protect the health and safety of on-site personnel and to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

7.6.2 Field Screening

Field screening for health and safety will be conducted during project field activities and sample collection. The field screening to be performed will incorporate the use of instrumentation to monitor for organic vapors, as well as radiation meters capable of detecting alpha and beta/gamma radioactivity. An elevated reading from field monitoring may be cause for reevaluation of current waste classification, labeling, and handling activities.

7.6.3 On-Site Laboratory Radiation Screening

A fixed-base laboratory will analyze all waste characterization samples. All samples to be shipped off-site for laboratory analysis will be screened for radiation at an on-site laboratory before shipment and will receive approval for off-site shipment.

7.7 WASTE MINIMIZATION

Waste minimization requirements that will be implemented, as appropriate, including those established by the 1984 Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of RCRA; DOE Orders 5400.1, 5400.3, 435.1, and 458.1; and requirements specified in the project waste management plan and procedures concerning waste generation, tracking, and reduction techniques will be followed.

To support the DOE contractor's commitment to waste reduction, an effort will be made during field activities to minimize waste generation, largely through ensuring that potentially contaminated waste material is localized and is not allowed to come into contact with clean material. Such an event could create more contaminated waste. Waste minimization also will be facilitated by not containerizing material known to originate from clean areas, such as above the RGA or outside the industrial facility of PGDP.

Solid wastes such as Tyvek[®] coveralls and packaging materials will be segregated. An attempt will be made to separate visibly soiled coveralls from clean coveralls. In some instances, partially soiled coveralls can be cut up and segregated. Other solid waste will not be allowed to contact potentially contaminated soil waste. Efforts will be made to keep Tyvek[®] coveralls clean, reuse clean coveralls, and use coveralls only when necessary. Proper waste handling and spill control techniques will help minimize waste, particularly around decontamination areas where water must be containerized.

7.8 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES RELATED TO WASTE ACTIVITIES

Waste management activities will be conducted in compliance with health and safety procedures documented in the H&S plan.

7.9 WASTE SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN

This plan describes sampling to support analysis of waste generated from the installation of 2 EWs, 8 piezometers, and 14 monitoring wells. Solid waste will be generated from drill cuttings, while aqueous liquids (groundwater, well purge and development water, and sample residuals water) also will be generated during drilling. The project team will perform sampling work in accordance with contractor-approved procedures and work instructions. Procedures related to the sample collection and additional procedures are referenced in Section 2, Table 1.

Wastes generated from sites designated as potentially contaminated will be characterized to classify the waste for proper handling, record keeping, transfer, storage, and disposal. Waste analyses will be performed using the EPA approved procedures, as applicable. Analyses required for hazardous waste classification will reference EPA SW-846 or other EPA-approved methods, as required. Wastewater analyses will reference the applicable analytical requirements in PGDP's KPDES permit, Clean Water Act, or Safe Drinking Water Act. QA/quality control (QC) requirements and data management requirements, as specified in Sections 7.9 and 7.10 of this document, will be followed for waste characterization sampling activities.

Characterization requirements and guidance are provided in the site WAC, CP3-WM-0437, *Waste Characterization and Profiling*, and CP3-WM-1037, *Generation and Temporary Storage of Waste Materials*. Section 7.9.2 lists the analytical testing methods that will be used for analysis. The WMC will coordinate with the DOE contractor Northeast Plume IRA optimization project manager and DOE contractor sample and data management group for required analyses and guidance on collection and transfer of characterization samples to a Sample Management Office-approved fixed-base laboratory that has been audited under DOE Consolidated Audit Program (DOECAP).

7.9.1 Contained-In/Contaminated-With Determinations

The Northeast Plume groundwater is contaminated with certain VOCs that originated from disposal of spent solvents. As a result, the TCE contamination in the Northeast Plume has been declared a RCRA listed hazardous waste (code F001, F002, U228). Additionally, 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA), also a RCRA hazardous waste constituent associated with F001 and F002, has been detected at low levels in the Northeast Plume. Under the EPA "contained-in" policy, environmental media, such as groundwater, must be managed as hazardous waste if they "contain" listed hazardous waste. EPA guidance, Management of Remediation Waste under RCRA, recommends that "contained-in" determinations use conservative, health-based standards to develop site-specific health-based levels of hazardous constituents below which contaminated environmental media would be considered to no longer contain hazardous waste (EPA 1998). Consequently, per the EPA's contained-in policy, the Northeast Plume groundwater is considered to contain the RCRA listed hazardous waste. Management of such groundwater must comply with the RCRA ARARs for hazardous waste identified in the original ROD (DOE 1995) and the ESD (DOE 2016), unless the groundwater is determined to contain TCE below the health-based level. The sitespecific health-based level for TCE in groundwater at PGDP has been established at 30 ppb, which is based on Kentucky ambient water quality criteria for protection of human health for consumption of fish [401 KAR 10:031 § 6(1)]. Groundwater contaminated with TCE generated from the Northeast Plume project at or below 30 ppb will be considered to no longer contain the RCRA listed hazardous waste (F001, F002, U228). Groundwater that meets the health-based level for TCE also shall be deemed to no longer contain 1,1,1-TCA. Degradation products (cis-1,2-DCE; trans-1,2-DCE; or vinyl chloride) associated with TCE may be present in groundwater, and any treatment process used for the TCE-contaminated groundwater also would be effective in treating/reducing the concentrations of the degradation products.

Most of the contaminated groundwater extracted for treatment exceeds this site-specific health-based level; thus, it must be managed as RCRA listed hazardous waste. Consequently, certain solid wastes generated from treatment units that treat groundwater containing TCE above 30 ppb are considered RCRA hazardous waste due to the derived-from rule at 40 *CFR* § 261.3(c) and (d) (401 *KAR* 31:010 § 3). The treated groundwater that is discharged into the receiving surface water body (e.g., Little Bayou Creek) through the CERCLA outfall(s) will comply with identified Clean Water Act and Kentucky water quality standards identified as ARARs and will be below the 30 ppb TCE. Pursuant to 40 *CFR* § 261.4(a)(2) (401 *KAR* 31:010 § 4), point source discharges are excluded from regulation as a hazardous wastes. The exclusion applies only to the actual point source discharge and does not exclude industrial wastewaters while they are collected, stored, treated before the discharge, nor does it exclude sludge that is generated by industrial wastewater treatment.

Some of the waste debris, other than PPE, and environmental media such as drill cuttings generated during this project will be characterized and the results compared to health-based standards to determine whether or not any concentrations of TCE and 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA) are above health-based levels listed in Table 7. If the concentrations are below the levels contained in Table 7, then the waste will be deemed not to contain or not to be contaminated with a (RCRA) listed waste (based on TCE/TCA content) for the purposes of management at the site.

Constituent	Concentration in solids (ppm)
TCE	39.2
1,1,1-TCA	2,080

Because data from previous sampling events indicate that conditions for C-746-U Landfill disposal potentially will be met, characterization for C-746-U Landfill disposal will be undertaken. Land disposal restrictions (LDRs) generally apply to media and debris generated from this project that no longer contain or no longer are contaminated with RCRA hazardous waste. The LDR treatment standard for TCE is 6 mg/kg, which is more restrictive than the PGDP contained-in level of 39.2 mg/kg; therefore, the LDR treatment standard also must be satisfied in addition to the contained-in determination in order to place the material in a landfill.

Health-based standards of 39.2 ppm TCE and 2,080 ppm 1,1,1-TCA in solids will be used as the criteria for making contained-in/contaminated-with determinations for environmental media and debris designated for disposal at the C-746-U Landfill. Solid waste disposal at landfills other than C-746-U will be subject to a contained-in/contaminated-with determination that will be approved by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the state in which the receiving landfill is located. The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (KEEC) has agreed to consult with DOE and the state where the off-site facility is located to reach agreement upon the appropriate health based standard for making such determinations for waste that is be shipped to such a facility.

Aqueous liquids (groundwater, well purge and development water, and sample residuals water) contaminated with TCE will be treated to the wastewater effluent limit of 0.030 mg/L or less in an on-site permitted wastewater treatment facility. Treated effluent meeting the discharge limit of 0.030 mg/L also shall be below the health-based level and considered to "no longer contain" listed hazardous water (i.e., TCE). Based on the process knowledge of the C-612 treatment facility's performance in achieving effluent levels for TCE that are significantly below health-based levels, this treated wastewater may be directly discharged to KPDES Outfall 001 or to on-site ditches that flow to KPDES Outfall 001 without providing KEEC supporting analytical data or contained-in/contaminated-with determinations.

Soil and debris wastes shall be sampled and analyzed in accordance with Section 7.9.2. For soil and debris waste meeting the health-based standards above, DOE shall submit its contained-in determinations and supporting analytical data to the KEEC. The KEEC will review DOE's determination and supporting analytical data and provide DOE with notification of any concerns the Cabinet has within 30 days. After 30 days, if the Cabinet has not notified DOE of any concerns, DOE may dispose of soil and debris waste at the C-746-U Landfill if it meets WAC. Soil and debris wastes from this project not meeting the WAC for the C-746-U Landfill will be shipped off-site for disposal at an appropriate facility meeting the necessary regulatory criteria.

7.9.2 Waste Characterization

Waste characterization sampling will be performed in accordance with procedure CP3-WM-0437, *Waste Characterization and Profiling*. Based on sample analyses, existing data, or process knowledge, the waste may be classified into one of the following categories:

- RCRA-listed hazardous waste
- RCRA characteristic hazardous waste
- Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) waste
- Transuranic waste (TRU)
- Low-level waste (LLW)
- Mixed waste or
- Nonhazardous solid waste

Tables 8, 9, 10, and 11 list the analytical testing methods that will be used for analysis.

Constituent	Method	TCLP Regulatory Limit (mg/L)	20 Times TCLP Regulatory Limit (mg/kg)
1,1-Dichloroethene	8260	0.7	14
1,2-Dichloroethane	8260	0.5	10
Arsenic	6010/6020	5.0	100
Barium	6010/6020	100.0	2,000
Benzene	8260	0.5	10
Cadmium	6010/6020	1.0	20
Carbon tetrachloride	8260	0.5	10
Chlordane	8081	0.03	0.6
Chlorobenzene	8260	100.0	2,000
Chloroform	8260	6.0	120
Chromium	6010/6020	5.0	100
Lead	6010/6020	5.0	100
Mercury	7470	0.2	4
Methylethylketone	8260	200.0	4,000
Selenium	6010/6020	1.0	20
Silver	6010/6020	5.0	100
Tetrachloroethene	8260	0.7	14
Trichloroethene	8260	0.5	10
Vinyl chloride	8260	0.2	4

Table 8. TCLP Parameters for Analysis of Solid Waste

Constituent	Method
Total uranium	Mass Spec
Neptunium-237	Alpha Spec
Plutonium-239/240	Alpha Spec
Plutonium-238	Alpha Spec
Thorium-230/232	Alpha Spec
Technetium-99	Liquid Scintillation
Cesium-137	Gamma Spec
PCB	8082

Table 9. Analytical Parameters for Radiological and PCB Characterization

Table 10. Waste Characterization Requirements for Solid Waste

Constituent	Method	
TCLP VOCs	SW-846 1311, 8260	
TCLP metals	SW-846 1311, 6010/6020/7470	
Acetone	8260	
Toluene	8260	

Table 11. Waste Characterization Requirements for Decontamination, Development, and Purge Water

Parameter	Method	Detection Limit
TCE	EPA 624	0.001 mg/L
1,1,1-TCA	EPA 624	0.001 mg/L
PCBs	EPA 608	varies by Aroclor
Total recoverable metals*	EPA 200.8/245.2	varies by metal
Total suspended solids	EPA 160.2	30 mg/L

*Total recoverable metals: antimony, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, nickel, calcium, silver, tantalum, uranium, zinc, and mercury.

Wastes generated from sites designated as potentially contaminated will be characterized to classify the waste for proper handling, record keeping, transfer, storage, and disposal. Waste analyses will be performed using the EPA approved procedures, as applicable. Analyses required for hazardous waste classification will reference EPA SW-846 or other EPA-approved methods, as required. Wastewater analyses will reference the applicable analytical requirements in the PGDP KPDES permit, the Clean Water Act, or Safe Drinking Water Act. QA/QC requirements and data management requirements will be followed for waste characterization sampling activities. Characterization requirements and guidance are provided in the site WAC and CP3-WM-0437, *Waste Characterization and Profiling*. The WMC will coordinate with the DOE contractor project manager and DOE contractor sample and data management group for required analyses and guidance on collection and transfer of characterization samples to a Sample Management Office-approved fixed-base laboratory that has been audited under DOECAP.

7.9.2.1 RCRA-listed hazardous waste

Based on process knowledge and existing historical sample data, the generation of RCRA-listed hazardous waste is expected on this project. The waste is listed-hazardous due to the presence of TCE in the RGA underlying the majority of the area in which the soil borings, EWs and monitoring wells are to be installed. Waste generated during soil borings (i.e., drilling cuttings, purge water, sample residuals) will be classified as RCRA-listed hazardous wastes with waste codes F001, F002, and U228 if the boring locations are inside the PGDP industrial facility or from the RGA and if analytical results for the associated soil samples and water samples are above the health-based levels discussed in Table 7. If the

concentrations are below the levels contained in Table 7, then the waste will be deemed not to contain or not to be contaminated-with a RCRA listed waste (based on TCE/TCA content) for the purposes of onsite management. If the WAC is met, the waste will be properly disposed of in the C-746-U Landfill.

Aqueous liquids that have undergone wastewater treatment and meet the KPDES discharge limits shall be considered to "no longer contain" listed hazardous waste (i.e., TCE). This treated wastewater may be discharged directly to permitted KPDES Outfall 001 or on-site ditches that flow to permitted KPDES Outfall 001 or to C-765 Northeast Plume treatment system and associated CERCLA outfall.

7.9.2.2 RCRA-characteristic hazardous waste

Based on process knowledge and existing historical sample data, the generation of RCRA characteristichazardous waste is possible during this action. Any waste determined to be RCRA characteristichazardous waste will be treated in the same manner as RCRA listed-hazardous waste for handling, storage, and disposal requirements.

7.9.2.3 PCB wastes

Based on process knowledge and existing historical sample data, the generation of PCB-contaminated waste is not expected to be generated on this project.

7.9.2.4 TRU wastes

TRU wastes are those that are contaminated with elements that have an atomic number greater than 92, including neptunium, plutonium, americium, and curium that are in concentrations greater than 100 nCi/g. Although it is possible that TRU elements may be detected in characterization samples collected on this project, it is unlikely that any of the waste generated will be at or above the TRU threshold limit. If TRU waste is generated in performing the optimization work, the waste will be managed as specified in DOE Orders 435.1, 458.1 and 40 *CFR* Part 191.

7.9.2.5 Low-level waste

LLWs are described as any nonhazardous, non-PCB, or non-TRU waste containing radioactivity or other radionuclides in a concentration greater than authorized limits or the latest off-site release criteria and are not classified as high-level waste, TRU waste, spent nuclear fuel, or by-product material. LLW may be generated from materials removed from the radiological areas. All wastes from this project have the potential to be classified as LLW. The potential radiological contaminant of concern is Tc-99. Due to varying levels of Tc-99, some work may be performed under a radiological work permit (RWP).

7.9.2.6 Mixed wastes

Mixed waste contains both hazardous waste and source, special nuclear, or byproduct material subject to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. The generation of mixed waste is possible on this project.

7.9.2.7 Nonhazardous wastes

Waste that does not meet the classification requirements of RCRA hazardous wastes, PCB wastes, LLW, TRU waste, or mixed wastes will be classified as nonhazardous solid waste. Nonhazardous waste will be generated as part of this project. The types of materials expected to be nonhazardous wastes are construction debris, waste concrete, grout, shipping materials, and containers (e.g., boxes, bags).

7.10 SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF WASTE

The WMC will be responsible for coordinating the sampling of solid and liquid waste in accordance with this section. During sampling, all appropriate health and safety concerns will be addressed in accordance with Section 5. All samples will be screened for radioactivity based on the RWP and appropriate actions taken to prevent the spread of contamination. Sample materials from different containers will not be mixed unless they are from the same waste stream, and only containers requiring further characterization will be sampled. Samples will be assigned a unique identifier. The following text summarizes the waste characterization requirements and describes the sampling procedures.

7.10.1 Solid Waste

For solid wastes, the "20 times" rule will be used to determine if the waste is characteristically hazardous. That is, if the total concentrations of RCRA constituents are less than 20 times Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) limits in 40 *CFR* § 261.24, then the waste will be considered not to be characteristically hazardous. Where the total concentrations of RCRA constituents are greater than 20 times the TCLP limits, TCLP analyses will be performed to confirm the result.

For listed waste determinations for media or debris, the total concentrations of TCE and 1,1,1-TCA will be compared to the approved health-based levels of 39.2 ppm for TCE and 2,080 ppm for 1,1,1-TCA. If total concentrations are detected, but less than 39.2 ppm TCE and 2,080 ppm 1,1,1-TCA, the waste will be determined to "no longer contain" listed constituents. (The detection limit for TCE and 1,1,1-TCA is 5 ppb.) If the results exceed the health-based levels, the waste will be considered a RCRA-listed hazardous waste and must be managed and disposed of as such.

Solid waste may be containerized in drums, ST-90 boxes, intermodals, or 25-yd³ roll-off containers during generation. Specific sampling event plans (including parameters, required detection limits, and QC requirements) will be identified when the proposed final waste containers have been presented to the waste characterization organization. Physical sampling will be performed in accordance with approved standard operating procedures.

Additional analyses to meet off-site disposal WAC also may be required and will be specified upon selection of the disposal site.

7.10.2 Aqueous Liquids

Liquid waste generated during drilling, well development, and decontamination activities will be characterized using process knowledge and/or sampling data as appropriate. These liquid wastes will be managed in accordance with ARARs prior to being processed through particulate filters at the drill site or accumulated and stored on-site until they can be processed at C-752-C for separation of groundwater and soils, as necessary. If filtered, the filtered water will be pumped to dual-wall holding tanks until it is verified that the filtered water meets the appropriate acceptance criteria for suspended solids and then is transferred to the on-site C-612 Northwest Plume Groundwater System. Potential contaminants of concern in this filtered water will be assumed to be consistent with those in the Northeast Plume groundwater currently treated by a TU. No additional sampling and analysis is planned prior to treatment by the C-612 Northwest Plume Groundwater System.

Groundwater generated during drilling, well development, and decontamination activities that has undergone wastewater treatment, and meets the KPDES discharge limits shall be considered to "no longer contain" listed hazardous waste. This treated wastewater may be discharged directly to permitted KPDES Outfall 001 or on-site ditches that flow to permitted KPDES Outfall 001 or an authorized CERCLA outfall, as appropriate.

Debris (e.g., particulate filters) and media (e.g., soils) separated from the groundwater will be managed as outlined in Section 7.10.1. Any carbon media or other wastewater treatment sludge will be managed based upon the process knowledge and/or analytical data for the influent waste stream in accordance with ARARs.

8. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL PLAN

Environmental media sampling will be conducted under a project-specific Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for this optimization effort. The QAPP is being developed as an addendum to the RAWP and once approved will be considered as part of this document. The remaining general optimization efforts are aligned with construction activities; the following construction quality control plan (CQCP) will be used for ensuring a quality implementation.

8.1 INTRODUCTION

The CQCP which is presented in the following subsections provides a means to maintain effective quality control (QC) of the construction activities associated with the optimization of the IRA. The quality control measures as presented herein include quality control organization; methods of performing, documenting, and enforcing QC operations of both the primary contractor and its subcontractors (including inspection and testing); inspections to be performed; and protocol describing corrective actions.

Overall management of the CQCP will be the responsibility of the DOE prime contractor project manager. The project manager will have the authority to act in all construction quality control matters and will be responsible for ensuring that all materials and work comply with the contract specifications. All inspection and testing will be at the disposal of the project manager and his/her representatives to ensure that all aspects of work are compliant with the work control and design documentation. The project manager will report any deviations from the CQCP independently to the manager or projects.

8.2 SITE DESCRIPTION

The background of the Northeast Plume IRA optimization project is contained in Section 1.

8.3 PROJECT ORGANIZATION

The prime contractor's key personnel assigned to this project will possess a broad range of remedial action experience and skills and PGDP site knowledge. All will have had experience dealing with the handling of contaminated waste and should be familiar with requirements of day-to-day work at PGDP.

The project organization for this optimization project, along with project roles and responsibilities, is provided in Section 3, Project Organization.

8.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE METHODS

This CQCP will be implemented in order to ensure compliance with the specifications for remedial action construction as detailed in specifications and drawings located in other applicable section of this RAWP. The basis of the CQCP is nationally recognized codes and standards included in the certified for construction package and procedures as followed by the DOE prime contractor as discussed in Section 2.

QA measures will extend to staffing; types of construction materials and construction equipment to be used; and methods of performing, documenting, and enforcing quality operations of the DOE prime contractor and subcontractors (including inspection and testing).

8.4.1 Implementation

As previously stated, maintenance of the CQCP will be the responsibility of the project manager. The project manager or assigned representatives will be responsible for ensuring that all materials and work comply with the governing documents, specifications and drawings. The project manager will have the field superintendent, QA manager, and the field technical staff available to assist in performing on-site inspections and testing of the materials and equipment used in implementing the optimization of the IRA. The field superintendent or the project manager designee will report directly to the project manager and will complete site inspections to ensure compliance with the QC specifications. The field superintendent also may delegate the responsibility of performing and inspection on an as-needed basis.

8.4.2 Documenting

The inspection reports will be completed listing all field testing and material sampling activities. The reports will be submitted to the project manager. The project manager or designee will be responsible for resolving issues identified in the quality inspection and testing reports and for ensuring that all materials and work comply with the work control, specification and drawings, and that all performance standards are met. The field superintendent will record project activities in a daily log for the optimization project that will be maintained on-site at all times. All site activities, site inspections, and field testing of materials will be recorded in the log, along with any unacceptable site occurrences or deficiencies and their associated corrective actions. Each entry into the log will be signed by the field superintendent.

8.5 INSPECTIONS

To ensure that all construction and remedial activities comply with the project specifications, the project manager or designee will complete, in conjunction with the Field Technical Staff, three phases of site inspections for each feature of work. The following are the types of inspections to be used.

Phase I—Preparatory Inspection

Preparatory inspections will be performed prior to beginning work on any definable feature of the project and will include these:

- Review submittal requirements for the performance of the work;
- Check to assure that provisions have been made to provide required field QC testing;
- Examine the work area to ascertain that all preliminary work has been completed;

- Verify all field dimensions and advise project manager of any discrepancies;
- Perform a physical examination of materials and equipment to assure that they conform to approved drawings, specification, or approved submittal data.

Phase II—Initial Inspections

Initial phase inspections will be performed as soon as a representative portion of the particular feature of the optimization work has been accomplished. Initial inspections include, but are not limited to, examination of the quality of workmanship; review of control testing for compliance with control requirements; and identification of defective or damaged materials, omissions, and dimensional requirements.

Phase III—Follow-Up Inspections

Follow-up inspections will be performed daily as work progresses to ensure continuing compliance with construction requirements, including control testing, until completion of the particular feature of work. The follow-up inspections also will evaluate the repair or corrective measures taken to correct previously identified issues. Final follow-up inspections will be conducted and deficiencies corrected prior to beginning new work.

8.6 FIELD TESTING PROCEDURES

The contractor will conduct field-testing to verify that control measures are adequate to provide a product that conforms to the construction requirements.

Field testing will be conducted under the auspices of the field superintendent or designee who will complete the following tasks:

- Arrange for or conduct field testing in accordance with applicable test codes and standards parameters (American Society for Testing and Materials, etc.).
- Verify that facilities and testing equipment are available and comply with testing standards and ensure that testing facilities are Fluor Federal Services, Inc., Paducah Deactivation Project-approved suppliers or part of the Sample Management Office Contract Laboratory Program.
- Check test equipment calibration data against certified standards.
- Verify that all tests are documented and submitted as part of QC system reporting.
- Review all test documentation prior to submittal.

8.7 SUBMITTALS

The subcontractors responsible for providing the materials, equipment, and performing the construction will follow standard procedures concerning submittals. Each submittal form may contain more than one submittal specific to that specification section. A submittal register listing major submittals will be prepared by the field superintendent or designee from the field technical staff. The field superintendent will be responsible for the review and approval of submittals prior to the use of the subject materials or

equipment. This includes reviews of materials and suppliers' catalog cuts, and subcontractor submittals. The field superintendent or designee will review the submittal for completeness and compliance with the construction specifications.

8.8 DOCUMENTATION

All testing results will be recorded in the field superintendent's daily log. Any concerns or deviations from the required material specifications and the actions taken to correct the problems will be noted in the log and will be reported back to the appropriate subcontractor. Information recorded from the testing and reported back to the subcontractor by the field superintendent or designee may include any of the following:

- Definable features of work that was addressed
- Description of trades working on the project
- Numbers of personnel
- Weather conditions
- Construction requirements reference numbers and sections
- Types and numbers of tests performed
- Results of testing
- Nature of defects or cause for rejection
- Suggested corrective action(s)

8.9 REVISIONS TO WORK

Revisions/corrections/repairs resulting from the inspections and testing under this CQCP for work associated with implementing this optimization to the Northeast Plume IRA may require corrective actions to be implemented by subcontractor or the DOE prime contractor. The DOE prime contractor may be required to revise the construction specifications to allow subcontractor work to be completed. The subcontractor shall submit a corrective action plan. The plan should contain information similar to the following:

- Deficiency identified
- Corrective action to be taken and date
- Schedule delays encountered
- Information and/or directions received from the DOE prime contractor staff
- Health and safety issues or deficiencies and how they were resolved
- Expected cost impacts

The DOE prime contractor project manager will be responsible for ensuring total compliance of fieldwork to the project specifications. Should modifications or revisions to the specifications become necessary, the DOE prime contractor will make the request, in writing, to the subcontractor contract representative.

8.10 DEFINABLE FEATURES OF WORK

Listed below are the general categories and types of work that will be performed as part of this optimization project. These items, known as Definable Features of Work, have been grouped into the various categories in which work will be performed. Suitable QC methods and procedures will be used in

order to ensure that all work is performed to the standards and quality required by the construction specifications. The following are the definable features of work that will be performed under this contract:

- Preconstruction preparation activities
- Mobilization
- Site preparation
- Drilling
- EW and monitoring well installation
- Electrical service construction
- Pipeline construction
- Mechanical system construction and piping
- Electrical system wiring
- Programmable logic controller programming
- Demobilization

9. DATA MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Northeast Plume IRA optimization project will incorporate by reference the data management and implementation plan (DMIP) requirements from the Southwest Plume RAWP. The Southwest Plume RAWP DMIP, Sections 10.2 through 10.8 (http://paducaheic.com/Search.aspx?accession=ENV 1.A-00588), will be implemented as written for scope elements associated with the Northeast Plume IRA optimization project. References to the Southwest Plume project should be replaced with Northeast Plume IRA optimization project.

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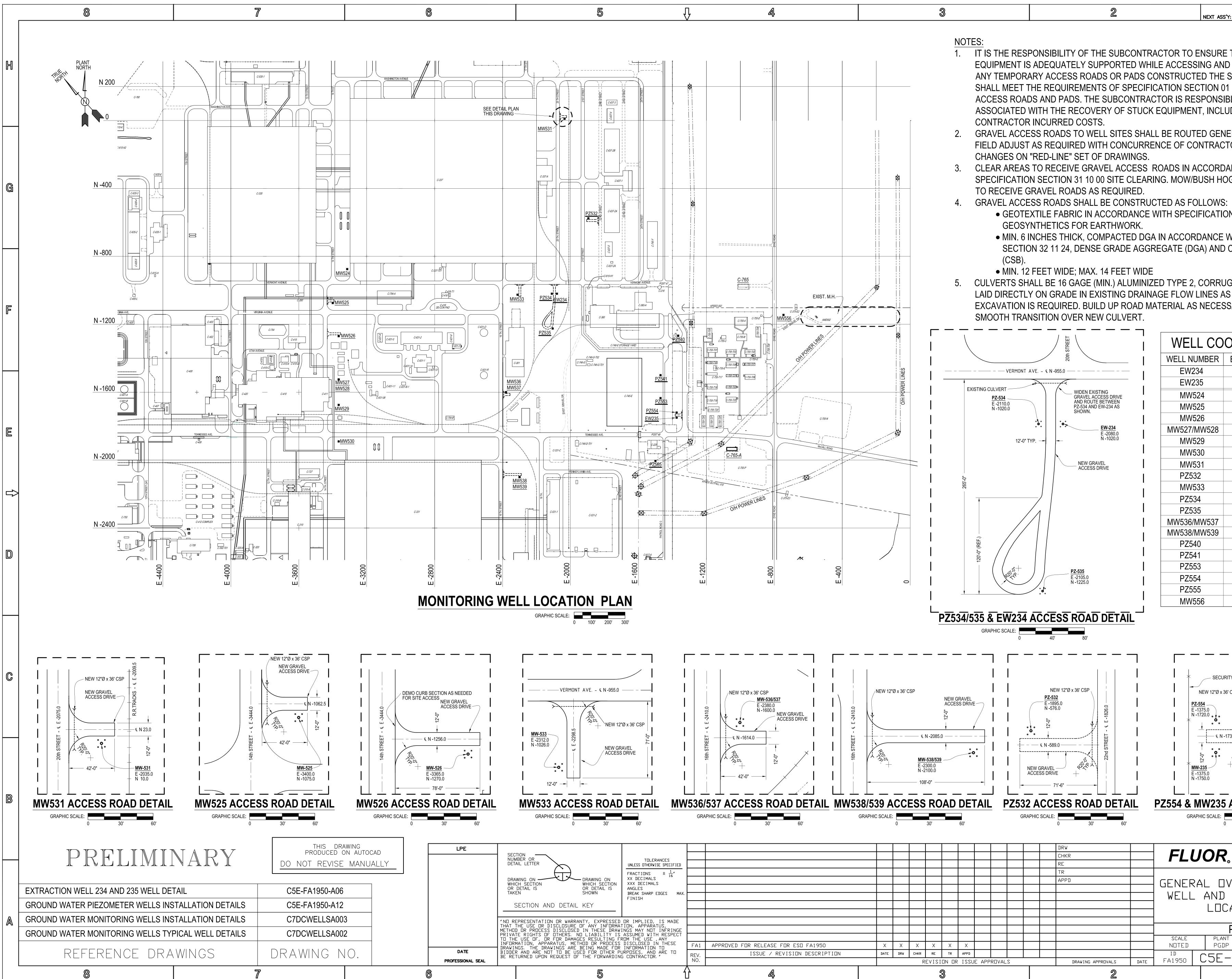
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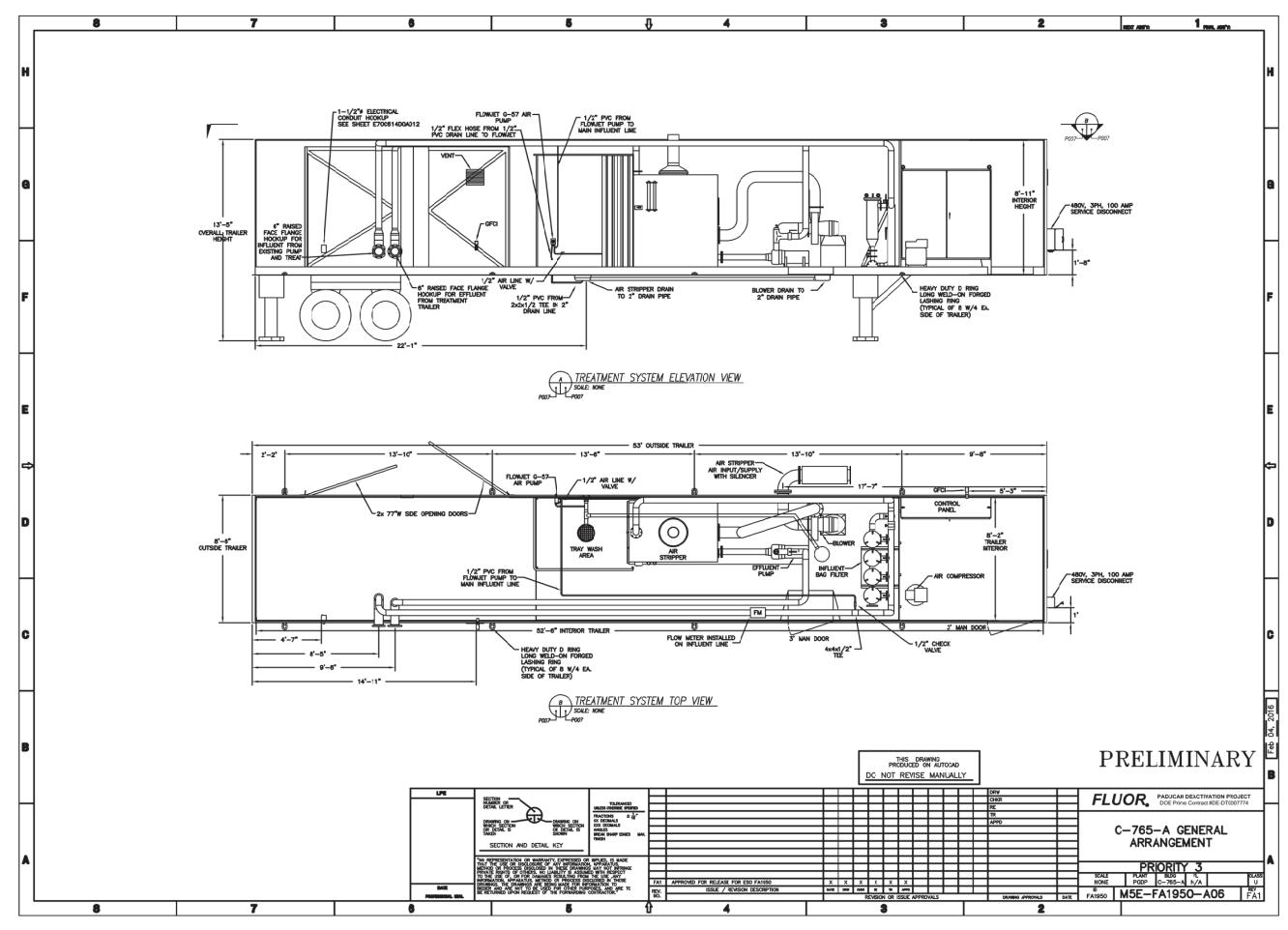
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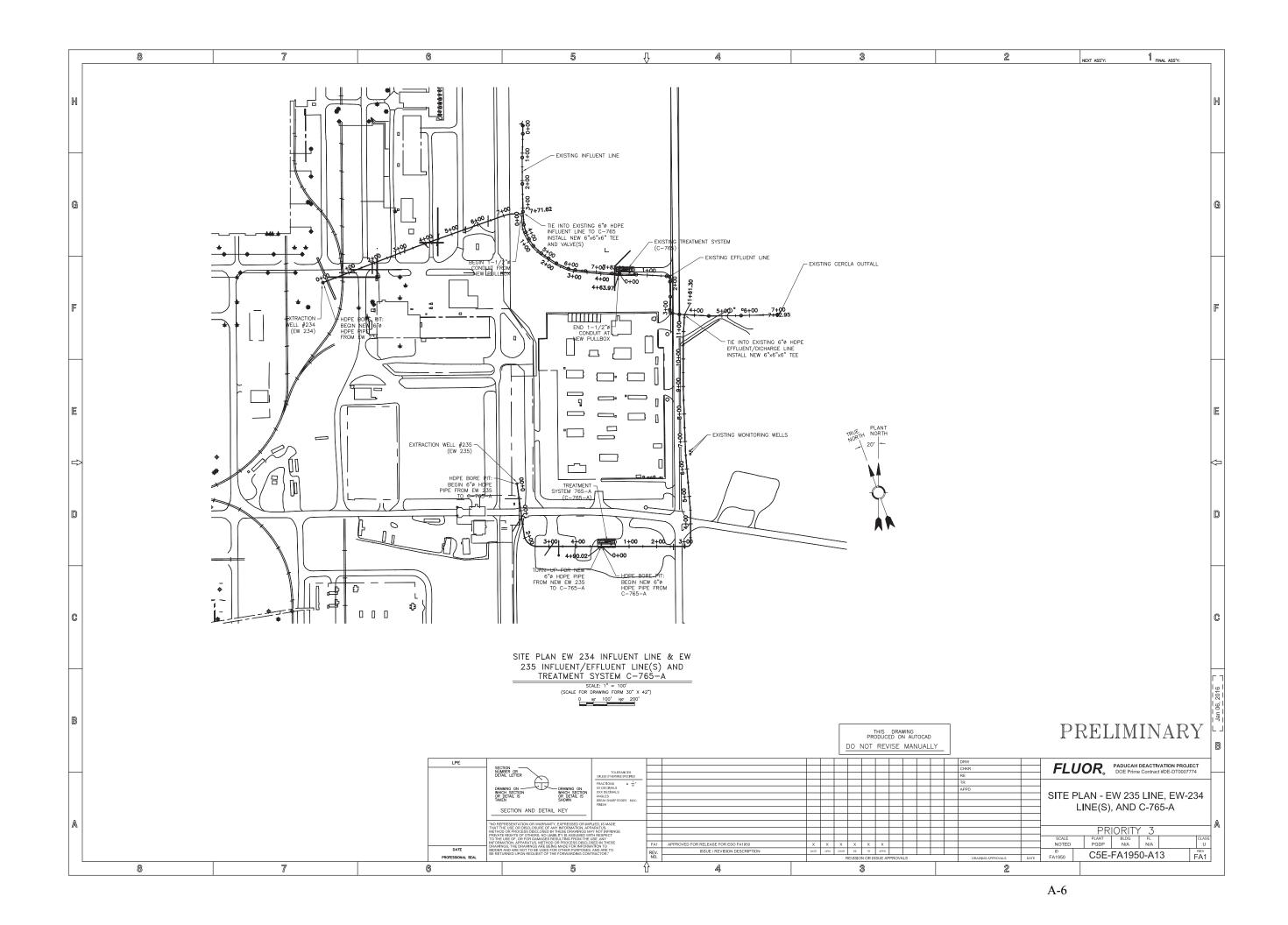
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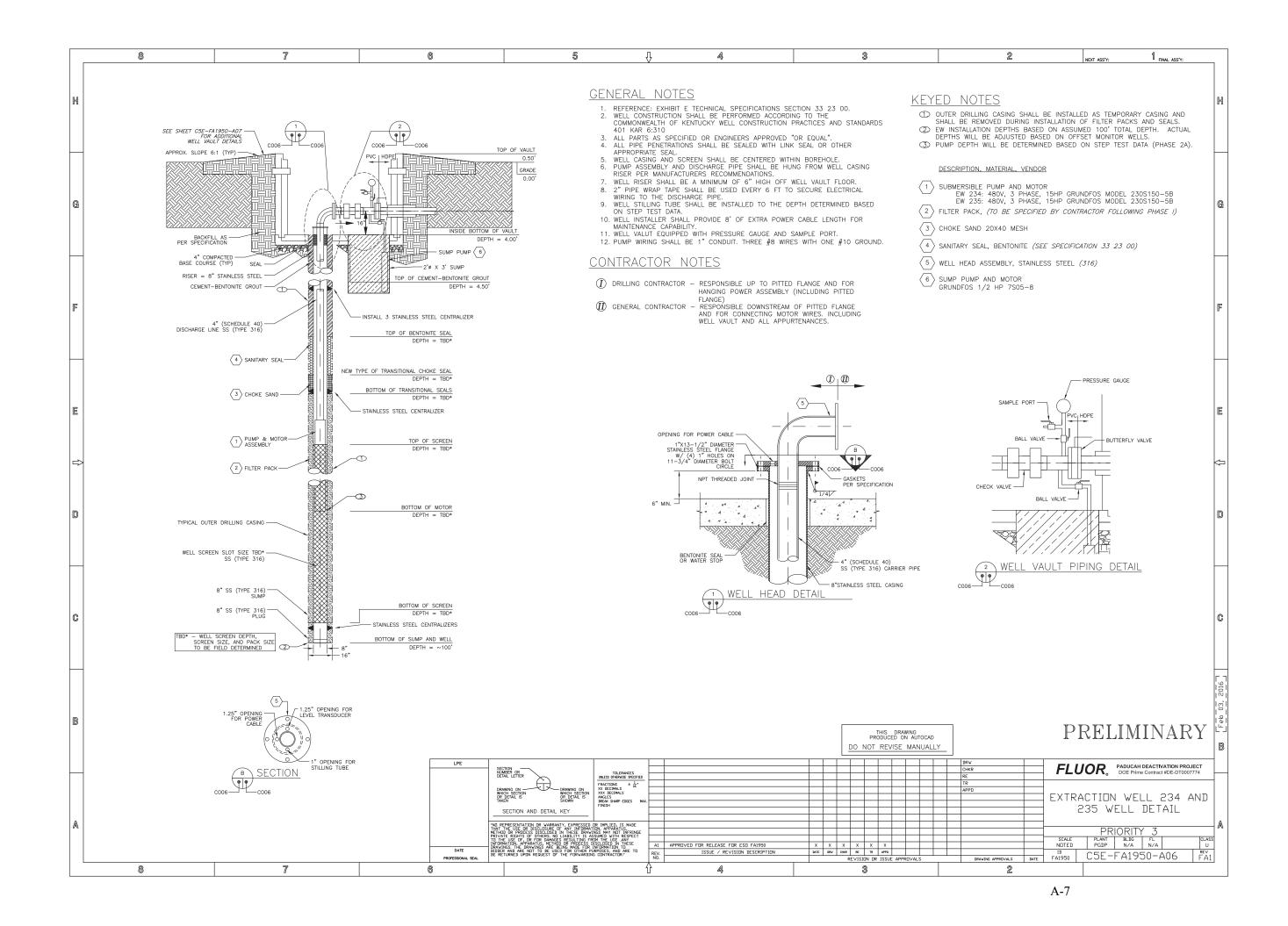
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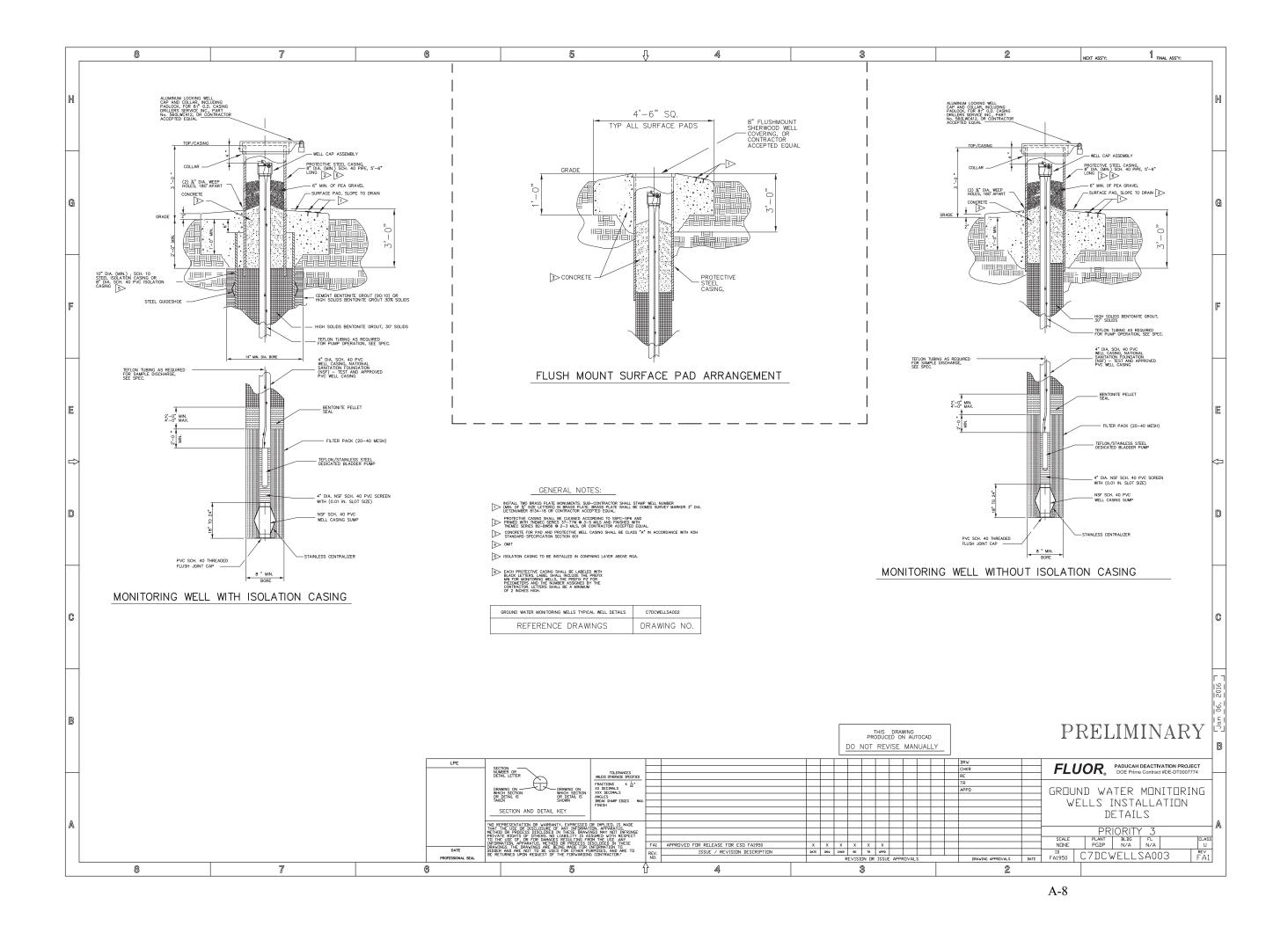


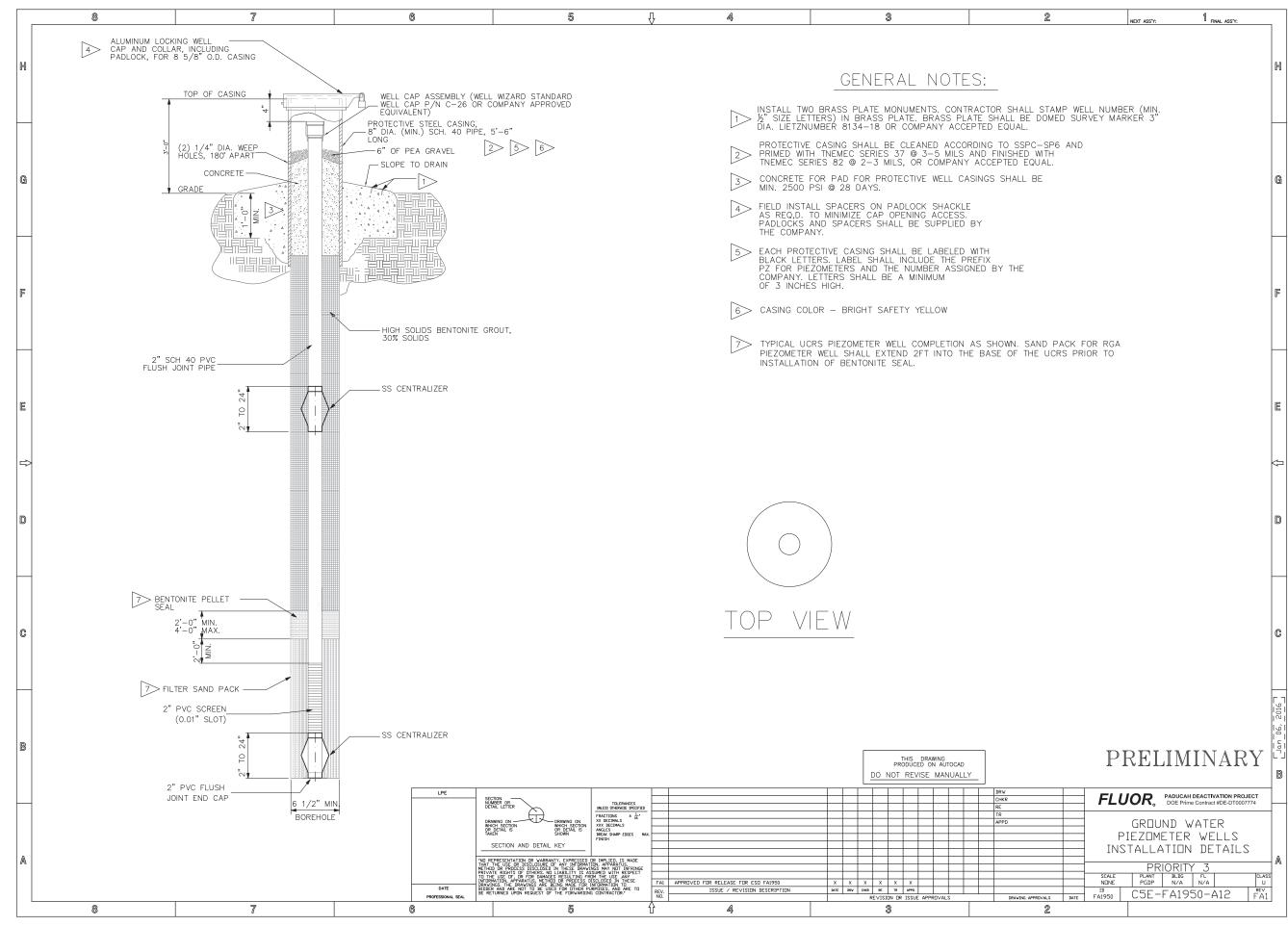
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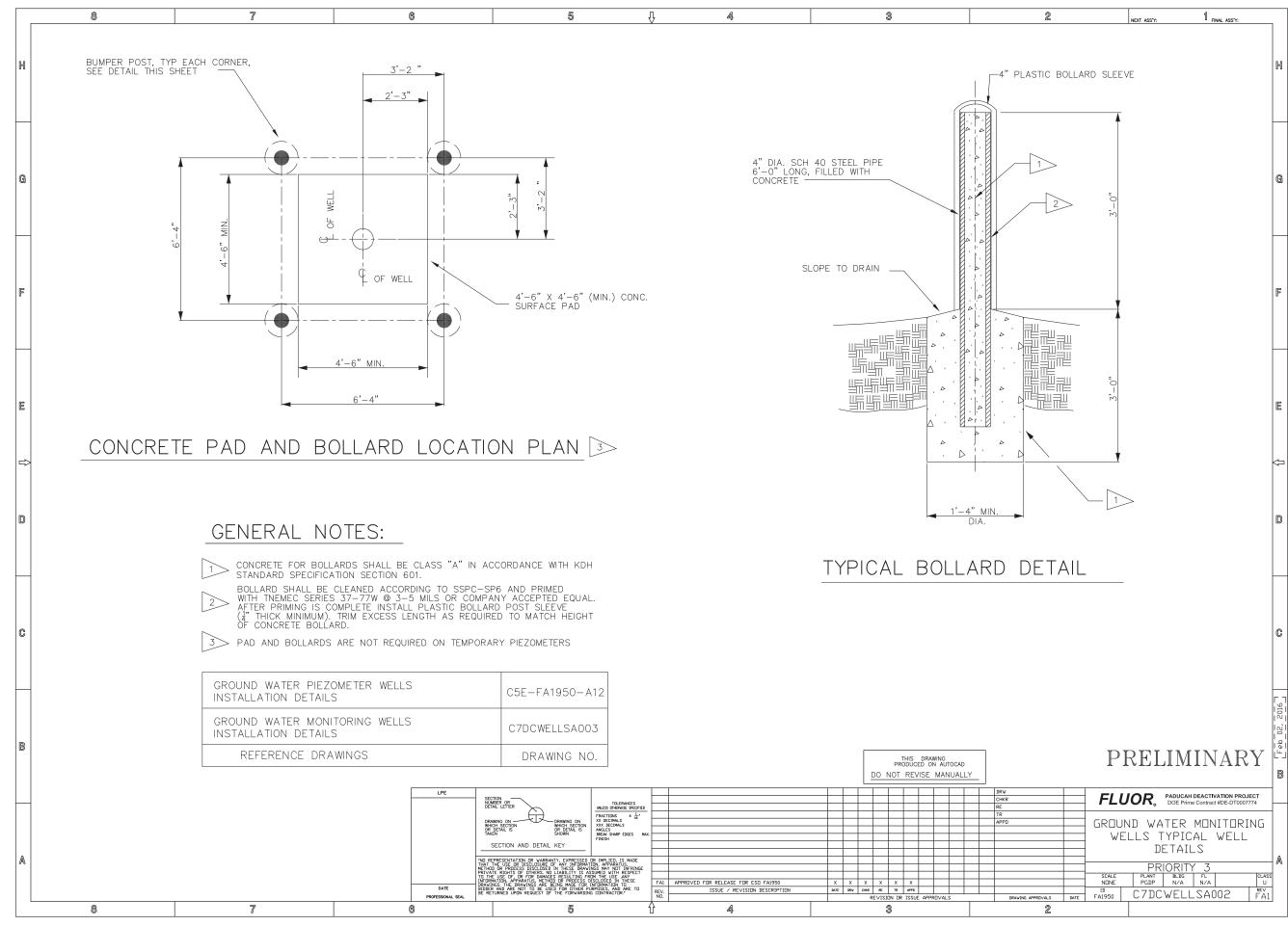


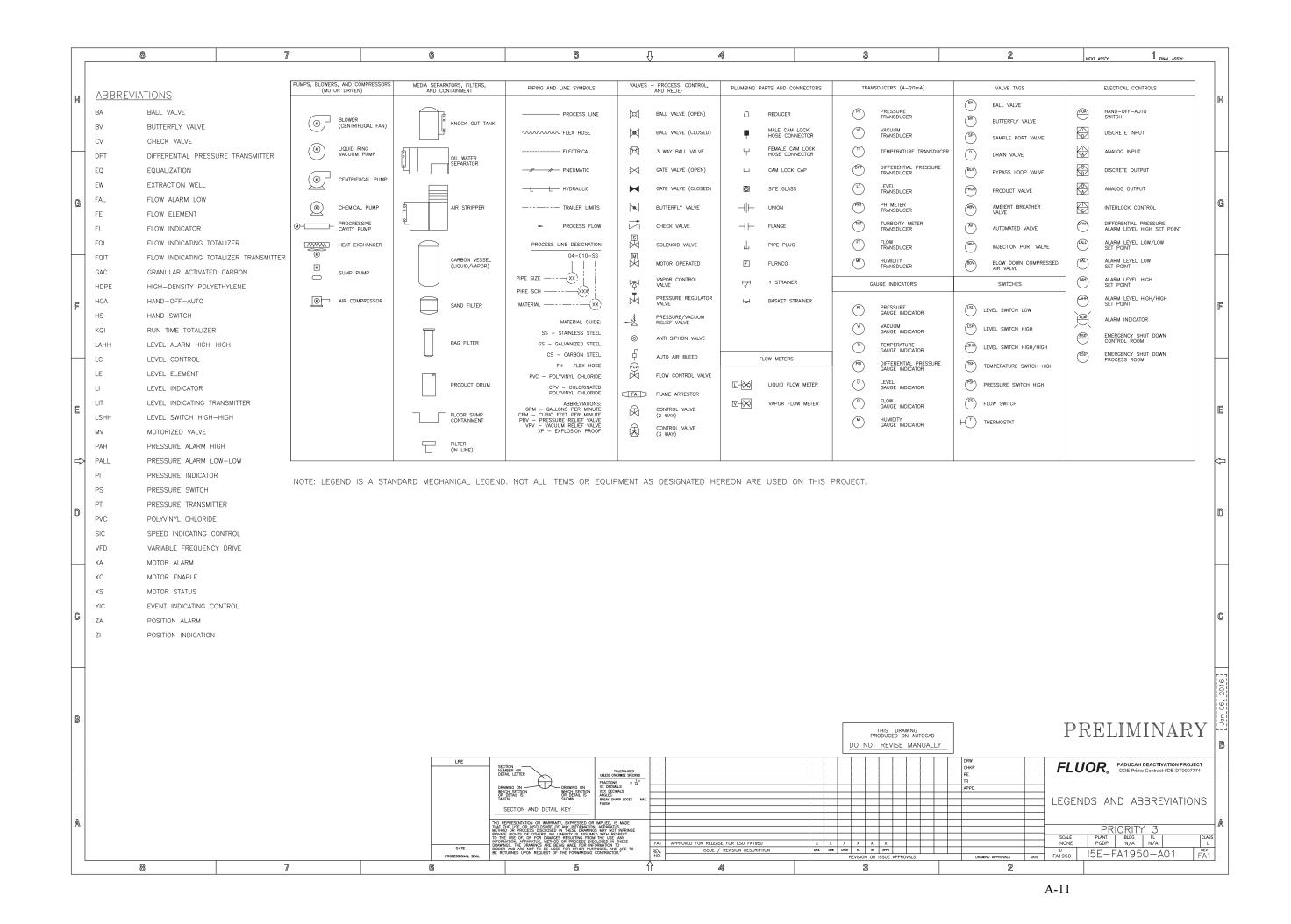


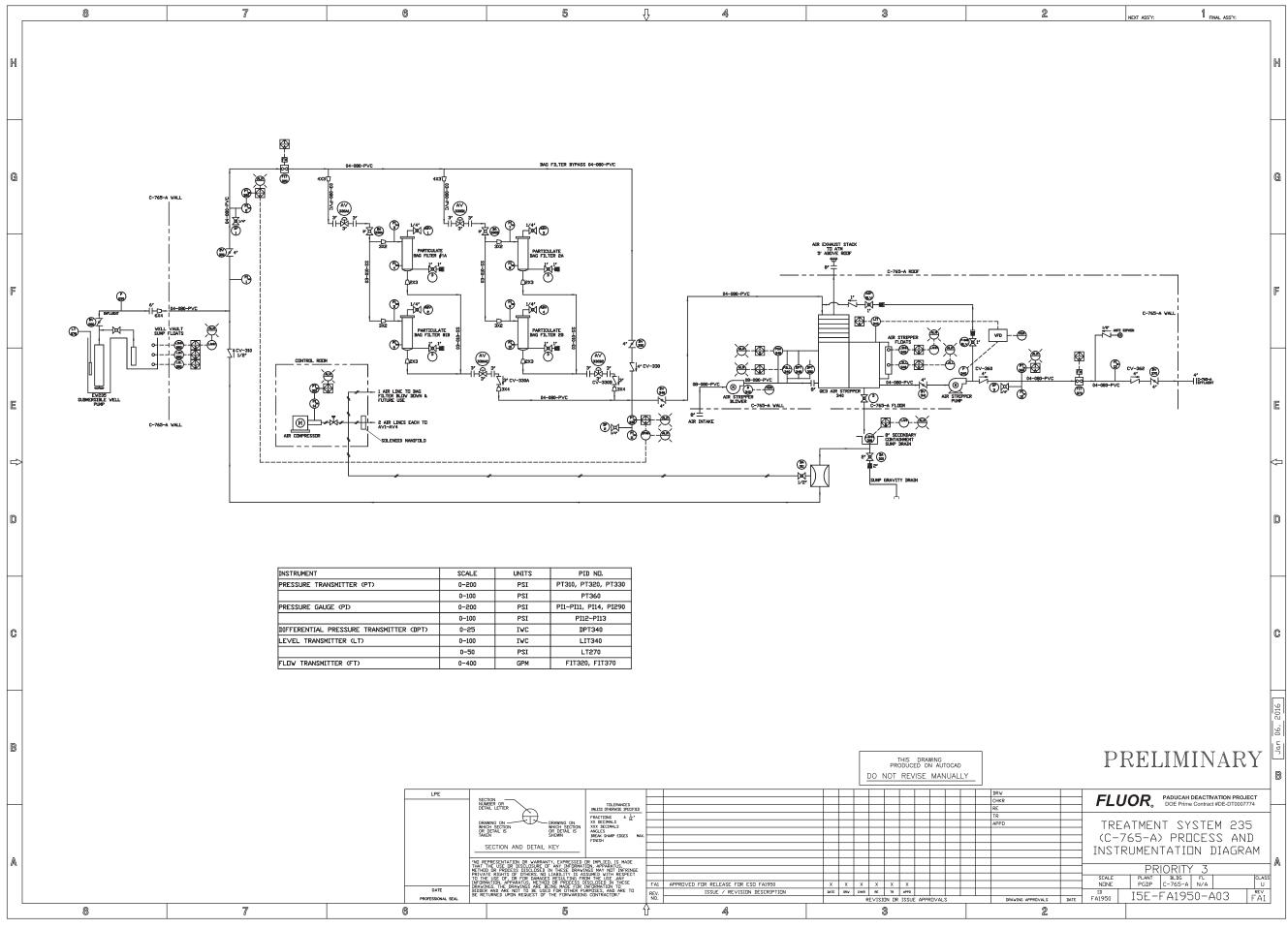












APPENDIX B

AIR DISPERSION ANALYSIS

B.1. AIR DISPERSION ANALYSIS

B.1.1 INTRODUCTION

As a result of the cessation of uranium enrichment operations at Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP), the use of the C-637 Cooling Towers as an air stripper facility for trichloroethene (TCE)-contaminated groundwater was discontinued for this Interim Remedial Action (IRA). After PGDP ceased operations and prior to completion of the Northeast Plume IRA Optimization project, one Northeast Plume treatment unit (TU), located near the planned location for EW234, is being used temporarily to continue treatment of groundwater from the two existing Northeast Plume extraction wells (EW331 and EW332) until EW234 and EW235 begin operation. The TU systems include, at minimum, a skid-mounted treatment system consisting of a high efficiency air stripper, air blower, effluent pump, influent bag filters, and process control system all enclosed in a heated weatherproof enclosure. In addition, the EW234 TU includes a tie-in point to the existing Northeast Plume IRA extraction wells. Two separate TUs will be used to treat extracted water from each new extraction well, one TU for EW234 and one TU for EW235, and will be located in the same general area as the new extraction wells.

This appendix describes the air dispersion analysis of potential hazardous air pollutant (HAP) and/or toxic air pollutant (TAP) emissions after implementation of the Northeast Plume IRA Optimization project is complete, and EW234 and EW235 have begun operation. The property boundary concentrations for potential HAP/TAP emissions were estimated using BREEZE AERMOD Version 7.7.1. Report printouts and electronic model-ready input files are included in the attachment to this appendix. The results of the dispersion analysis are summarized herein.

Air Dispersion Model Selection

The BREEZE AERMOD Version 7.7.1 program was used to conduct air dispersion modeling using the latest version (12345) of the American Meteorological Society/Environmental Protection Agency Regulatory Model (AERMOD) to estimate maximum ground-level concentrations. AERMOD is a steady-state plume model that incorporates air dispersion based on planetary boundary layer turbulence structure and scaling concepts, including treatment of both surface and elevated sources, and both simple and complex terrain.

Modeling Receptor Grids

Ground-level concentrations were calculated within one Cartesian receptor grid and at receptors placed along the property line (property line). The property line grid receptors were spaced at a maximum of approximately 50 m apart. The Cartesian receptor grid extending out a minimum of 600 m beyond the property line was spaced at 200-m intervals in all directions. The Cartesian receptor grid was generated to ensure concentrations were decreasing away from the property line. All resultant maximum concentrations occur well within this distance.

Terrain

AERMOD uses advanced terrain characterization to account for the effects of terrain features on plume dispersion and travel. AERMOD's terrain preprocessor, AERMAP (latest version 11103), imports digital terrain data and computes a height scale for each receptor from National Elevation Dataset (NED) data files. A height scale is assigned to each individual receptor and is used by AERMOD to determine whether the plume will go over or around a hill.

The modeled receptor terrain elevations input into AERMAP are the highest elevations extracted from United States Geological Survey 1:24,000 scale (7.5-minute series) NED data for the area surrounding PGDP. For each modeled receptor, the maximum possible elevation within a box centered on the receptor of concern and extending halfway to each adjacent modeled receptor was chosen. This is a conservative technique for estimating terrain elevations by ensuring that the highest terrain elevations are accounted for in the analysis. HAP/TAP emission concentrations were calculated at all receptors.

Building Downwash Analysis

The emission units were evaluated in terms of their proximity to nearby structures.¹ The purpose of this evaluation was to determine if stack discharge might become caught in the turbulent wakes of these structures leading to downwash of the plume. Wind blowing around a building creates zones of turbulence that are greater than if the building were absent. The current version of the AERMOD dispersion model treats building wake effects following the algorithms developed by Schulman and Scire.² This approach requires the use of wind direction-specific building dimensions for structures located within 5L of a stack, where L is the lesser of the height or projected width of a nearby structure. Stacks taller than the structure height plus 1.5L are not subject to the effects of downwash in the AERMOD model.

The current version of the AERMOD dispersion model considers the trajectory of the plume near a building and uses the position of the plume relative to the building to calculate interaction with the building wake. The direction-specific building dimensions used as inputs to the AERMOD model were calculated using the **B**uilding **P**rofile Input **P**rogram **P**lume **Rise** Model Enhancement (BPIP PRIME), version 04274.³ BPIP PRIME calculates fields of turbulence intensity, wind speed, and the slopes of the mean streamlines as a function of the projected building dimensions. BPIP PRIME is authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is designed to incorporate the concepts and procedures expressed in the Good Engineering Practice (GEP) Technical Support document,⁴ the Building Downwash Guidance document, and other related documents.

BPIP PRIME results indicate the stack height of each emission unit is greater than the GEP stack height; therefore, building downwash is not a concern. The input and output files used in the BPIP PRIME downwash analysis are included in the attachment to this appendix. The output file lists: the names and dimensions of the structures considered; the emissions unit locations and heights; a summary of the dominant structure for each emissions unit (considering all wind directions); and the actual building height and projected widths for all wind directions. Each building processed using BPIP PRIME was assigned a unique numerical identification, which correspond to BPIP PRIME files, and are illustrated in Figure B.1.

¹ Buildings located farther than 800 m or 2,625 ft of a stack were not considered in the building downwash analysis, http://www.epa.state.oh.us/portals/27/aqmp/eiu/attach2.pdf.

² Earth Tech, Inc., *Addendum to the ISC3 User's Guide, The PRIME Plume Rise and Building Downwash Model*, Concord, MA. ³ EPA, *User's Guide to the Building Profile Input Program*, (Research Triangle Park, NC: U.S. EPA), EPA-454/R-93-038.

⁴ EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, *Guidelines for Determination of Good Engineering Practice Stack Height*

⁽*Technical Support Document for the Stack Height Regulations*) (Revised), (Research Triangle Park, NC: U.S. EPA), EPA 450/4-80-023R, June 1985.

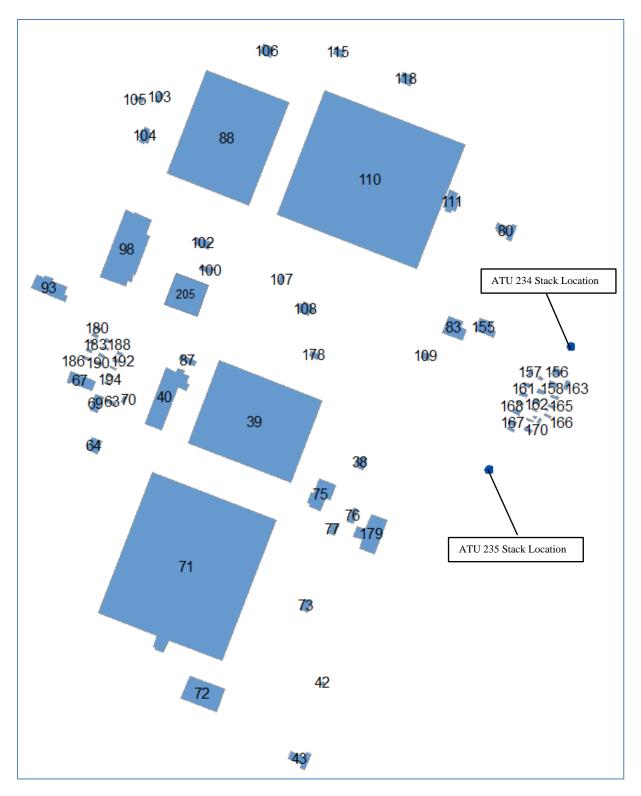


Figure B.1. Buildings Processed Using BPIP PRIME

B.1.2 IDENTIFICATION OF AIR POLLUTANTS

The potential HAPs/TAPs that could be emitted by the Northeast Plume IRA Optimization project have been identified based on groundwater characterization. The potential HAPs/TAPs that could be emitted are TCE and 1,1-dichloroethene (1,1-DCE).

B.1.3. ALLOWABLE OFF-SITE CONCENTRATIONS CALCULATIONS

The emitted vapor/gases must comply with the contaminant concentration requirements of 401 *KAR* 63:020. This states that no owner or operator shall allow any affected facility to emit potentially hazardous matter or toxic substances in such quantities or duration as to be harmful to the health and welfare of humans, animals, and plants.

B.1.3.1 TCE Allowable Off-site Concentrations

The maximum allowable air concentration for TCE was estimated using the EPA Region 9 Regional Screening Levels (RSLs), formerly referred to as Preliminary Remediation Goals, which are available from the EPA's Web site at: http://www.epa.gov/region9/superfund//prg/index.html. The TCE value is based on the carcinogenic risk posed by lifetime⁵ exposure to TCE. The health effects of exposure to TCE are measured by a target risk of one in one million (1×10^{-6}) . The residential RSL was used to develop an allowable off-site concentration limit.

The ambient air allowable off-site concentration for TCE is 0.43 μ g/m³. The allowable off-site concentration for TCE was selected from the EPA publication of RSLs (May 2013). (Note: The air dispersion analysis was performed in May 2013.)

B.1.3.2 1,1-DCE Allowable Off-Site Concentrations

The maximum allowable air concentration for 1,1-DCE also was estimated using the EPA RSL. The 1,1-DCE value is based on the noncancer risks posed by long-term exposure to 1,1-DCE. The health effects of exposure to 1,1-DCE are measured by a hazardous index, with a hazard index of 1 being an indication of the nearest off-site receptor having detrimental health effects from exposure to 1,1-DCE. The residential RSL was used to develop an allowable off-site concentration limit.

The ambient air allowable off-site concentration for 1,1-DCE is 210 μ g/m³. The allowable off-site concentration for 1,1-DCE was selected from the EPA publication of RSLs (May 2013). (Note: The air dispersion analysis was performed in May 2013.)

The allowable off-site concentrations for TCE and 1,1-DCE are shown in Table B.1.

⁵ Lifetime exposure is assumed to be 70 years by convention for this air toxics risk assessment. http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/risk/human/rb-concentration_table/usersguide.htm. In such assessments, if exposure duration is less than 70 years, inhalation exposure estimates and/or allowable off-site concentrations limits may be adjusted accordingly. http://epa.gov/ttn/fera/risk_atra_vol2.html. For simplicity in this report, allowable off-site concentration limits were not adjusted although exposure duration is expected to be less than 70 years for this project.

Table B.1. Allowable Off-site Concentration Limits

Pollutant	Allowable Off-Site Concentration (µg/m ³)	Reference Source
TCE	0.43	Degional Semaning Levels May 2012*
1,1-DCE	210	Regional Screening Levels, May 2013*

*Air dispersion analysis performed May 2013.

B.1.3.3 Update of RSLs

EPA last updated the RSL table in June 2015. The carcinogenic screening level for TCE (RSL used for modeling) has increased from 0.43 μ g/m³ in May 2013 to 0.48 μ g/m³ in June 2015 while the current noncarcinogenic screening level for 1,1-DCE (RSL used for modeling) remains the same as in May 2013 (210 μ g/m³). As such, decisions based on the May 2013 modeling results remain protective. Off-site impacts will be less than the current RSLs.

B.1.4 ESTIMATED EMISSION RATES

B.1.4.1 Emissions

During operation of the project, hazardous constituents in extracted groundwater will be volatilized using two identical TUs including, but limited to, a skid-mounted treatment system consisting of a high efficiency 4-tray air stripper (QED EZ-Tray P/N EZ-24.4SS),⁶ air blower, effluent pump, influent bag filters, and process control system all enclosed in a heated weatherproof enclosure. The current design criteria for the TUs are for each air stripper to have a removal efficiency of up to 99% for volatile organic compounds.⁷ No vapor phase controls to capture or destroy contaminants prior to release to the atmosphere following stripping are included in the TUs at this time.

The following preliminary design parameters⁸ for the stack were used in the model to estimate the dispersion of the hazardous constituents:

- 8-inch diameter
- 19.5-ft high (approximate)
- 1,300 standard cubic feet per minute (scfm) flow rate (approximate)
- 55°F exhaust gas temperature
- The stack will not be equipped with a rain cap

In order to assess the potential impacts on ambient TCE and 1,1-DCE concentrations from the project, modeling was performed using estimated maximum potential emissions based on the system's maximum TCE input of 1,000 parts per billion (ppb); information was provided from the manufacturer.

The average expected TCE concentrations in groundwater prior to treatment are 517 parts per billion (ppb) and 450 ppb for ATU 234 and ATU 235, respectively. Based on average expected TCE concentration in untreated groundwater, the TCE emissions to air are estimated as 5.167×10^{-2} pound per

⁶ Air stripper model information based on as-built equipment.

⁷ http://www.qedenv.com/products/air_s.html

⁸ Design parameters received in e-mail to Geosyntec on January 24, 2013, and January 28, 2013.

hour (lb/hr) and 4.498×10^{-2} lb/hr for ATU 234 and ATU 235, respectively. The maximum observed TCE mass concentration based on sampling data from existing extraction wells was 870 ppb.⁹ As such, 9.994×10^{-2} lb/hr based on 1,000 ppb provides a conservative basis for modeling potential emissions.

The maximum emission rates during operation for each model scenario are listed in Table B.2 in both lb/hr and g/s.

Model ID	Scenario Description	TU 234 Mass Emissions (lb/hr)	TU 234 Mass Emissions (g/s)	Untreated Water Concentration (ppb)	TU 235 Mass Emissions (lb/hr)	TU 235 Mass Emissions (g/s)	Untreated Water Concentration (ppb)
Max_TCE	Maximum TCE	9.994x10 ⁻²	1.259×10^{-2}	1,000	9.994x10 ⁻²	1.259×10^{-2}	1,000
Max_1,1-DCE	Maximum 1,1-DCE ¹⁰	9.994x10 ⁻²	1.259x10 ⁻²	1,000	9.994x10 ⁻²	1.259x10 ⁻²	1,000

Table B.2. Estimated Emission Rates

B.1.4.2 Maximum Off-Site Concentrations

The property boundary ambient concentration for each HAP/TAP was estimated using the air dispersion model BREEZE AERMOD Version 7.7.1.

Surface meteorology data from station number 3816 (Paducah, KY) and the nearest available upper air meteorology data from station 00013897 (Nashville, TN) were used. Dispersion analysis was performed using meteorological data from these stations for calendar years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 (January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2012). The AERMOD-ready meteorological files were purchased from Trinity Consultants, Inc.

The air dispersion modeling analysis was performed using the pollutant-specific controlled emission rates discussed in Section B.1.4.1 to estimate the off-site concentration for each pollutant.

The results of the air dispersion modeling analysis suggest that the maximum annual concentration occurs at a receptor (341114.10, 4109112.90) along the property boundary northeast of the proposed stack locations, illustrated in Figure B.2.

⁹ Sampling data received in e-mail to Geosyntec on January 24, 2013. See May 8, 2013, e-mail to Todd Mullins, Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection, from Stan Knaus, LATA Environmental Services of Kentucky, LLC.

¹⁰ 1,1-DCE is a volatile similar to TCE; therefore, mass emission rates of 1,1-DCE conservatively were assumed to equal TCE.

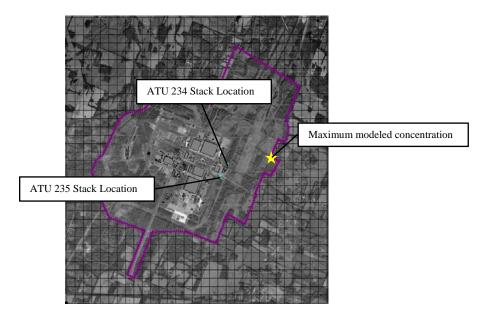


Figure B.2. Modeling Results

The estimated off-site pollutant concentrations for each modeling scenario are shown in Table B.3.

Model ID	Off-Site Concentration Limit (µg/m3)	Annual Off-site Concentration (µg/m3)	Below Limit? (Yes/No)
Max_TCE	0.43	0.084	Yes
Max_1,1-DCE	210	0.084	Yes

The results of these air dispersion modeling analyses show the estimated maximum annual average concentration for both modeling scenarios will be below the corresponding maximum allowable off-site concentrations of respective pollutants. Additionally, the allowable off-site concentration limit for TCE was developed using a lifetime (i.e., 70-year exposure period) per EPA's RSL User's Guide.¹¹ The duration of potential exposure associated with the operation of the TUs will be less than 70 years. Therefore, emissions associated with this project are not expected to be harmful to the health and welfare of humans, animals, or plants.

¹¹ http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/risk/human/rb-concentration_table/usersguide.htm

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APPENDIX C

NORTHEAST PLUME EXTRACTION SYSTEM DESIGN AND EVALUATION

NE Plume Extraction System Design and Evaluation

July 26, 2012

Outline

Model Re-Calibration

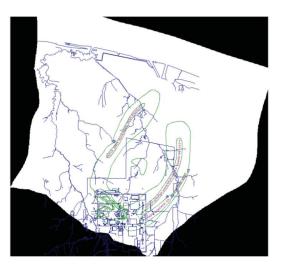
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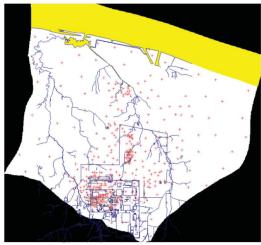
- Evaluation of NW Plume Extraction System
 Using Updated Model
- Design and Evaluation of NE Plume Extraction System

Model-Recalibration

Recalibration

- Calibrated 3 model variants
 - NW Plume centroid migrated eastward with time, KRCEE lithologic pilot point constraints
 - NW Plume centroid remained constant, KRCEE lithologic pilot point constraints
 - NW Plume centroid remained constant, didn't use KRCEE lithologic pilot point constraints
- Model consists of 7 steady-state stress periods and 10 transient stress periods





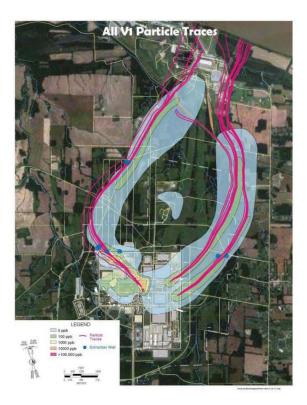
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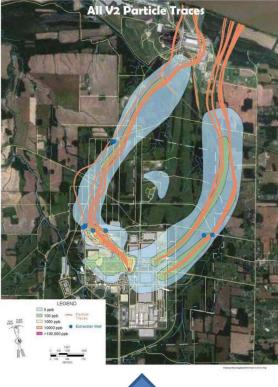
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February 1995	1	Steady-State	1	1	76	Head, Trajectory, Flux	297.4
3 rd Quarter 2005	2	Steady-State	1	2	110	Head, Trajectory, Flux	301.3
1 st Quarter 2007	3	Steady-State	1	3	110	Head, Trajectory, Flux	313.0
April 2010	4	Steady-State	1	4	38	Head, Trajectory, Flux	327.2
October 11, 2010	5	Steady-State	1	5	13	Head, Trajectory, Flux	294.8
October 12, 2010	6	Transient	1	6	13	Drawdown, Flux	295.5
October 13, 2010	7	Transient	1	7	13	Drawdown, Flux	295.5
October 14, 2010	8	Transient	1	8	13	Drawdown, Flux	294.9
October 15, 2010	9	Transient	1	9	13	Drawdown, Flux	294.5
October 16, 2010	10	Transient	1	10	13	Drawdown, Flux	294.3
October 17, 2010	11	Transient	1	11	13	Drawdown, Flux	293.8
October 18, 2010	12	Transient	1	12	13	Drawdown, Flux	293.5
October 19, 2010	13	Transient	1	13	13	Drawdown, Flux	293.1
October 20, 2010	14	Transient	1	14	13	Drawdown, Flux	292.8
October 21, 2010	15	Transient	1	15	13	Drawdown, Flux	292.7
April 2011	16	Steady-State	1	16	212	Head, Trajectory, Flux	320.6
October 2011	17	Steady-State	1	17	202	Head, Trajectory, Flux	292.5

Recalibration

- Outcome
 - Hydraulic conductivity field that is "best" for the 7 stead-state and 10 transient stress periods
 - 7 unique recharge regimes corresponding to the 7 steady-state stress periods
 - The 10 transient stress periods use the same recharge distribution as stress period 5

Model-Predicted Ambient Particle Traces

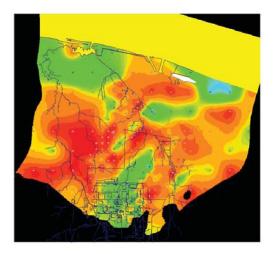




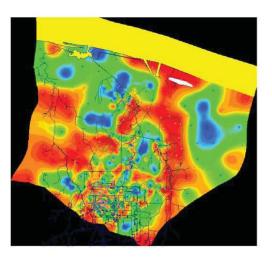


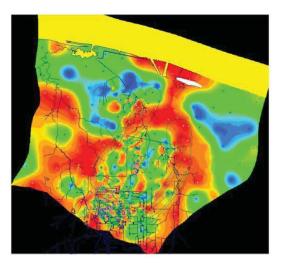


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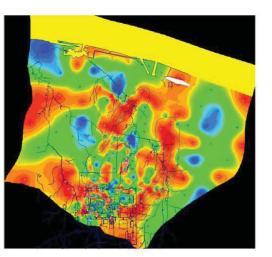


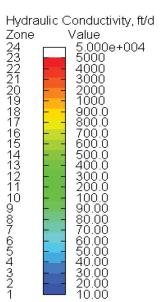
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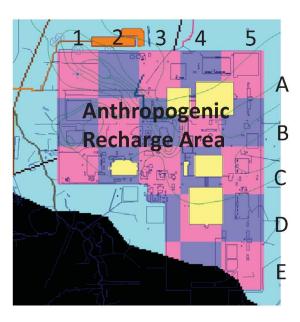
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Model Predicted Anthropogenic Recharge

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Feb 1995	884	1,152	1,442			
3Q 2005	1,204	1,337	1,525			
1Q 2007	931	1,042	1,048			
April 2010	1,065	678	978			
Oct 2010	977	1,317	1,725			
April 2011	831	599	491			
Oct 2011	1,148	1,420	1,758			
Mean	1,006	1,078	1,281			
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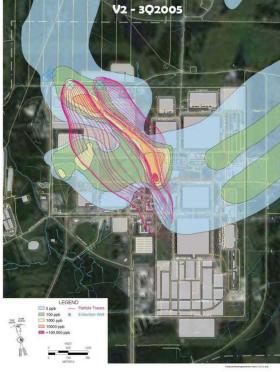


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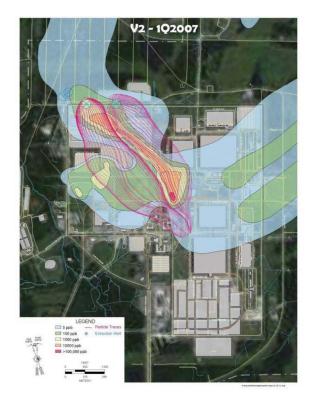
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- Perform evaluation to characterize performance of the system under "new" model recharge and hydraulic conductivity regimes
- Are system adjustments required?

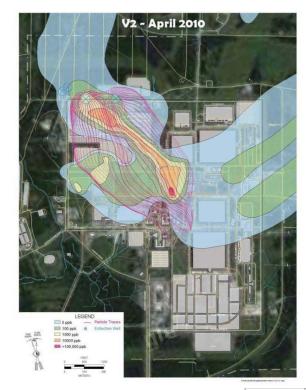


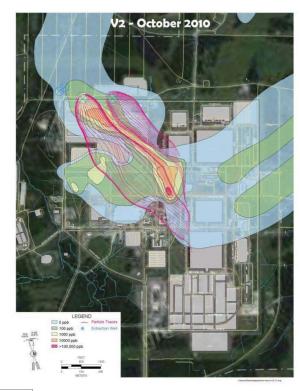


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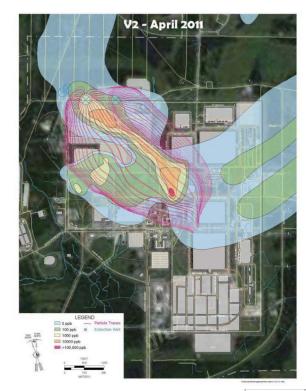
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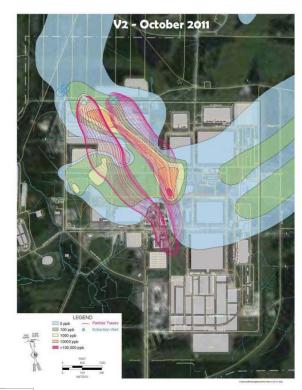




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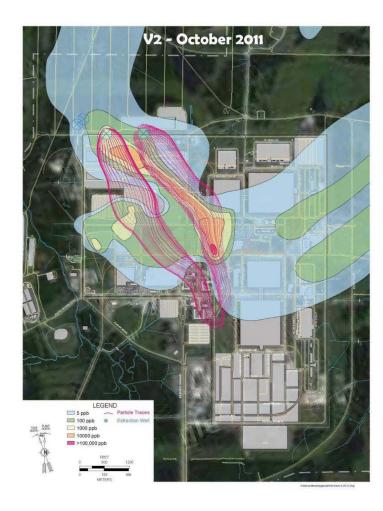


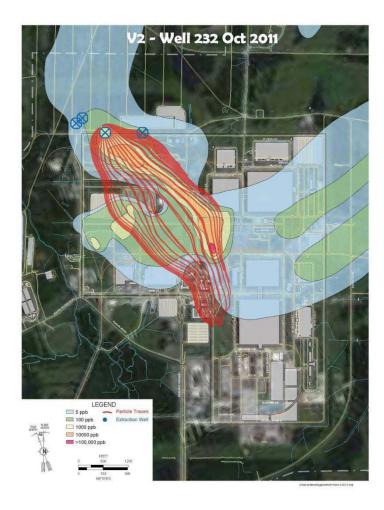
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New NW Plume Extraction Well Capture Zone Evaluation Summary

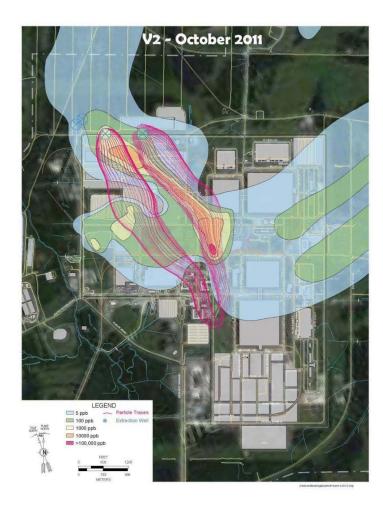
- Capture zone width and orientation is a function of the volume and location of anthropogenic recharge
- Each of the 7 modeled periods represents a snap shot in time of anthropogenic recharge conditions
- Reality is anthropogenic recharge is constantly changing between these realizations and possibly beyond the simulated values
- There is no way to know which of the anthropogenic recharge scenarios is dominant
- The challenge is to design a robust extraction system that accounts for anthropogenic recharge variability

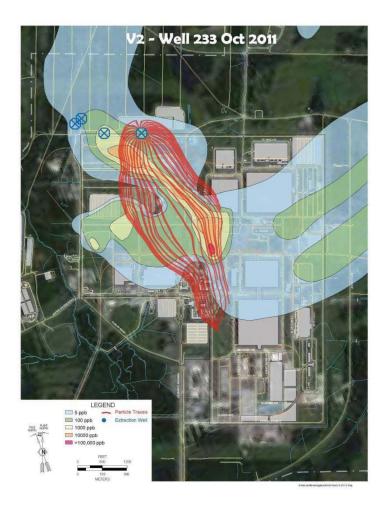
EW 232 Capture at 220 gpm





EW 233 Capture at 220 gpm





- Operate individually either EW232 or EW233 at 220 gpm
- Individual capture zones envelope C400, the primary source of NW Plume dissolved contamination
- NE Plume designs will assume either EW232 or EW233 will be operational, but not both
- 220 gpm is the Current Treatment Capacity

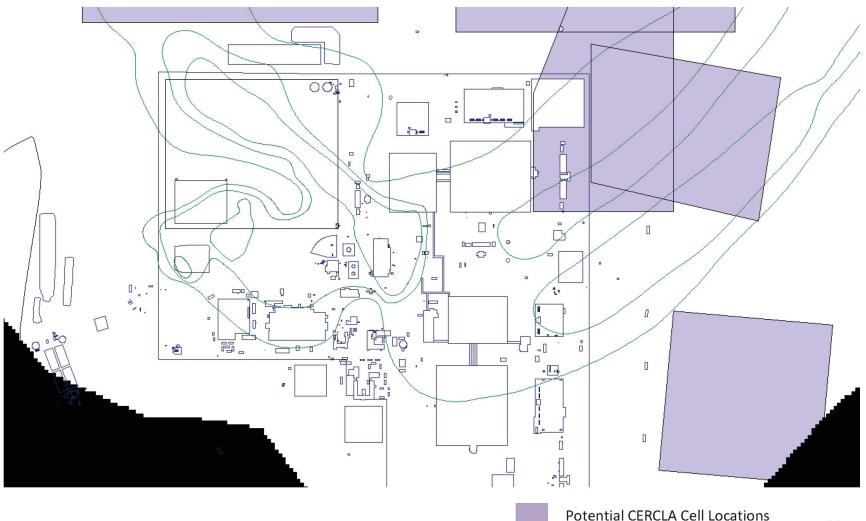
Design and Evaluation of NE Plume Extraction System

NE Plume Extraction System Design Constraints

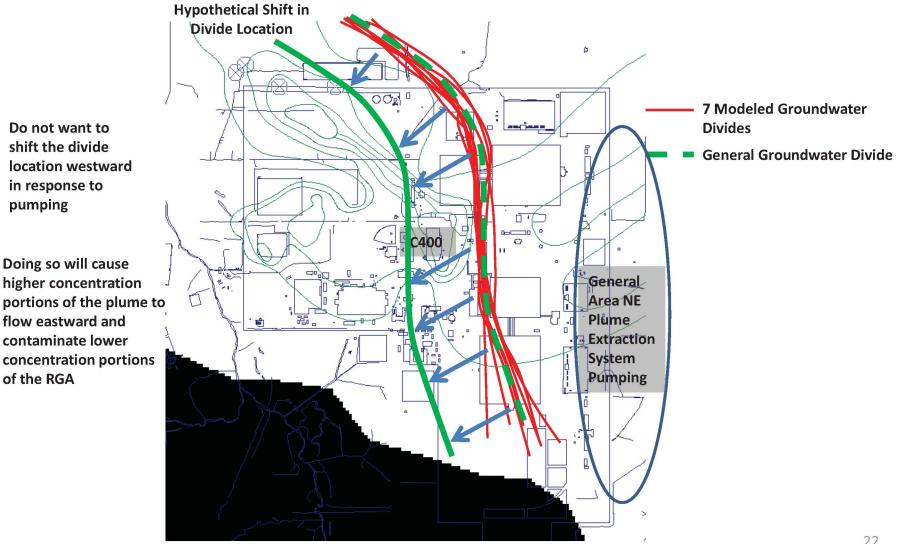
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- Complement NW Extraction Well capture zones
- Avoid potential CERCLA Cell locations
- Manage anthropogenic recharge variability
- Design for both anthropogenic and no anthropogenic recharge conditions to the extent possible (PGDP vs Post-PGDP)

NOTE: There is uncertainty associated with Post-PGDP conditions

Potential CERCLA Cell Locations



Maintain NW Plume Trajectory



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Design and Evaluation of NE Plume Extraction System

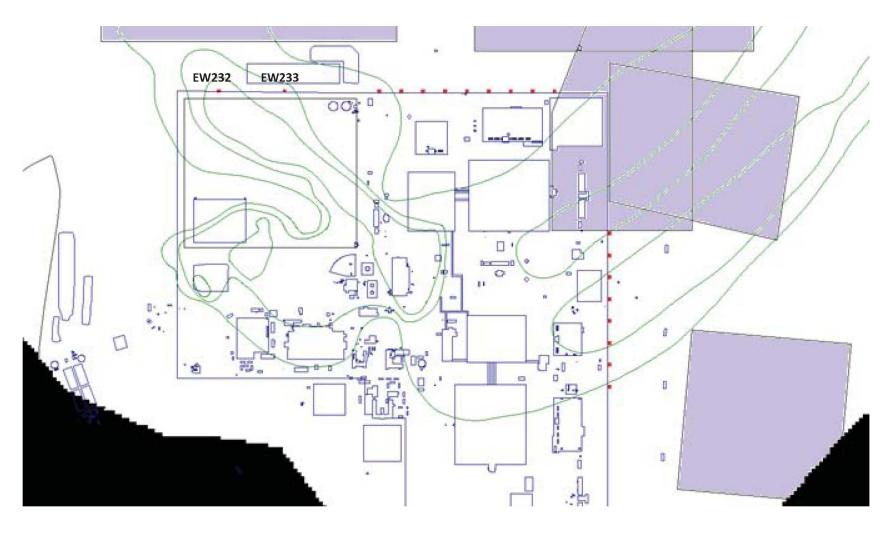
- Use Version 2 Calibrated Model, October 2011 Recharge Regime for Design and Evaluation
- October 2011 Represents Maximum
 Anthropogenic Recharge
- Use Brute Force Particle Tracking Optimization Algorithm, Same as was Used for NW Plume Extraction System Design

Design and Evaluation of NE Plume Extraction System

- After Developing a NE Plume Well Field Configuration and Pumping Schedule Using Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge Conditions, Evaluate the Design using Minimum and Average Anthropogenic Recharge Regimes and Post-PGDP Recharge Regimes
- NOTE: Dozens of Extraction Well Configurations Were Evaluated, Only a Few Relevant Designs Will Be Presented Today

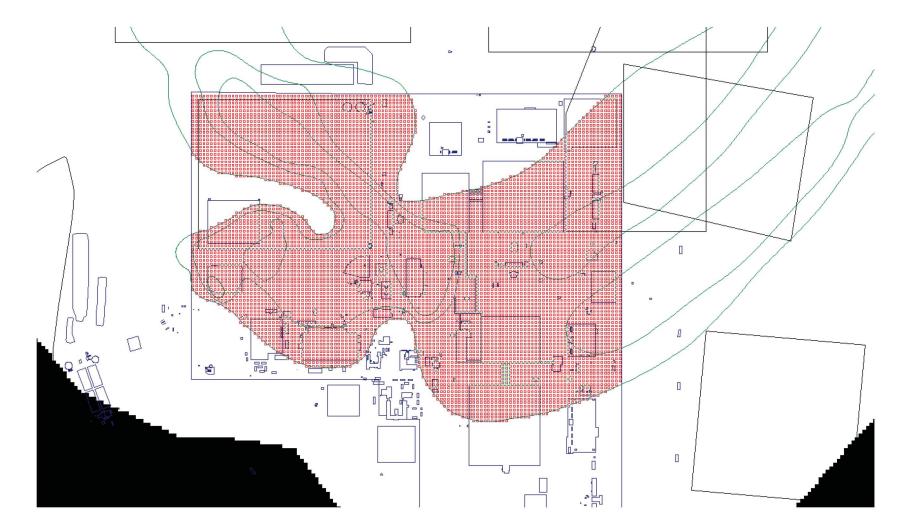
NE Extraction Wells Along Fence Line

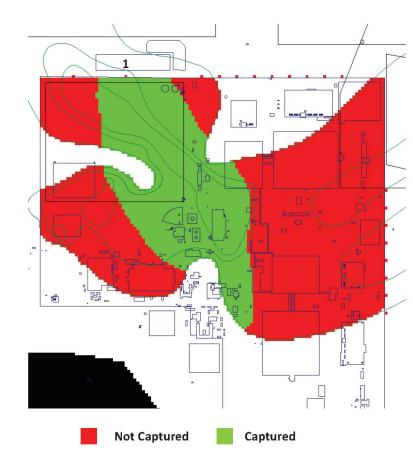
Candidate Well Locations



Proposed CERCLA Cell Locations Candidate Well Locations

Particles Representing Dissolved Mass





Pumping Rate, gpm										
	Iteration									
Well										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
1	220	220	220	220	220	220	220			
2		250	250	250	250	250	250			
3			250	250	250	250	250			
4				250	250	250	250			
5					250	250	250			
6						250	250			
7							250			
TOTAL	220	470	720	970	1,220	1,470	1,720			
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Mass Captured

		Iteration									
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1	88.2%	83.4%	51.4%	32.4%	29.0%	27.3%	24.6%				
2		0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%				
3			42.2%	5.9%	0.9%	0.5%	0.5%				
4				44.9%	42.3%	32.9%	30.1%				
5					20.7%	0.3%	0.5%				
6						37.9%	43.7%				
7							0.2%				
TOTAL	88.2%	83.8%	94.0%	83.6%	93.3%	99.3%	99.9%				

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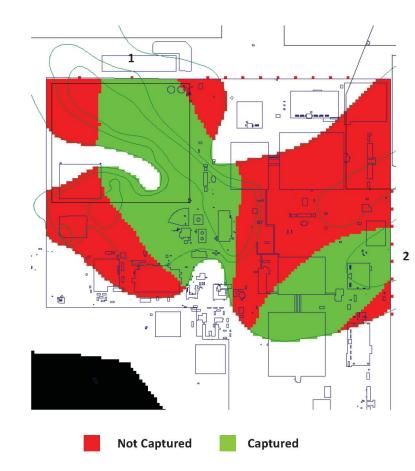
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TOTAL

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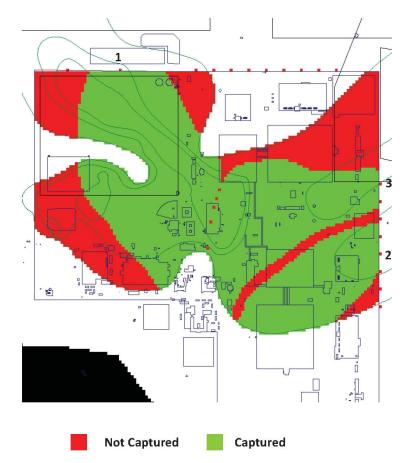
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Violated Design Tenant: Maintain NW Plume Trajectory

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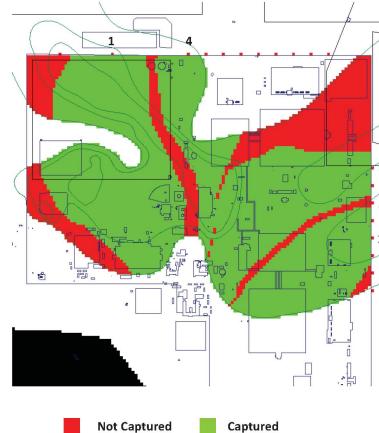
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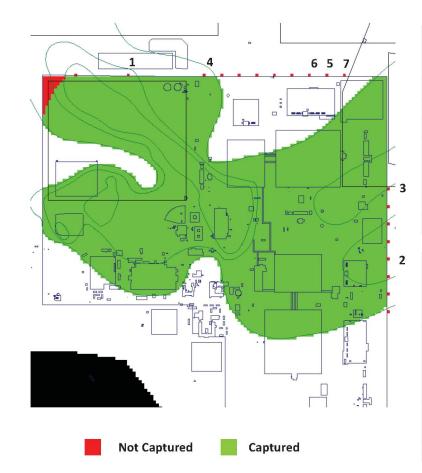
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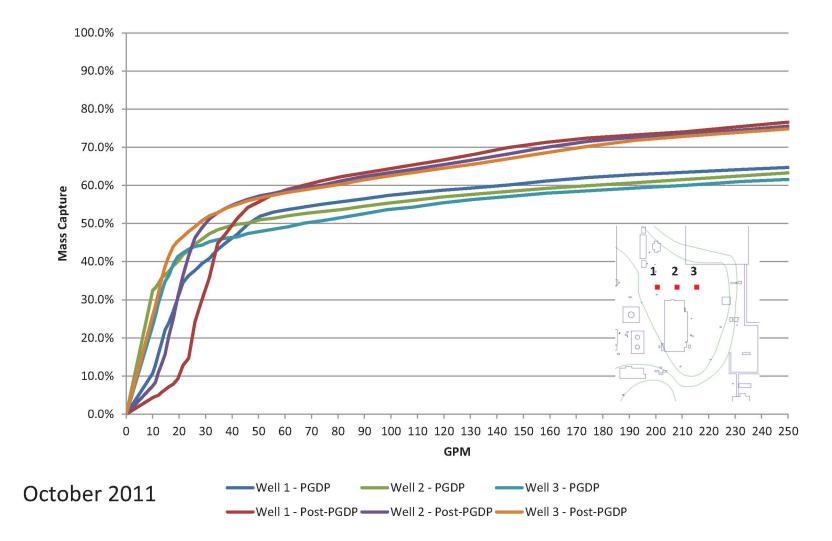
Summary NE Extraction Wells Along Fence Line

- Issues:
 - Change NW Plume Trajectory
 - Lots of Wells
 - High Extraction Rates
- Challenges:
 - How to keep from spreading dissolved contamination?

C400 Extraction Well Coupled with NE Extraction Wells Along Fence Line

- Is an Extraction Well Located at C400 Capable of "Pinning" Contamination at That Location?
- In Other Words, Will Use of a C400 Extraction Well Halt Unintended Spreading of Dissolved Contamination?
- How Much Should the Extraction Well be Pumped And Where Should It be Located?

C400 Mass Capture Performance



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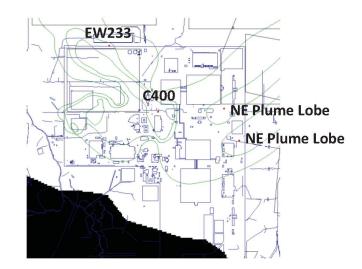
- After 60 gpm There isn't Much Difference in Mass Capture Performance Between the Three C400 Extraction Well Locations
- Evaluate Designs Which Have the C400
 Extraction Well Operating at 80 gpm Because
 That is the Existing Treatment Capability

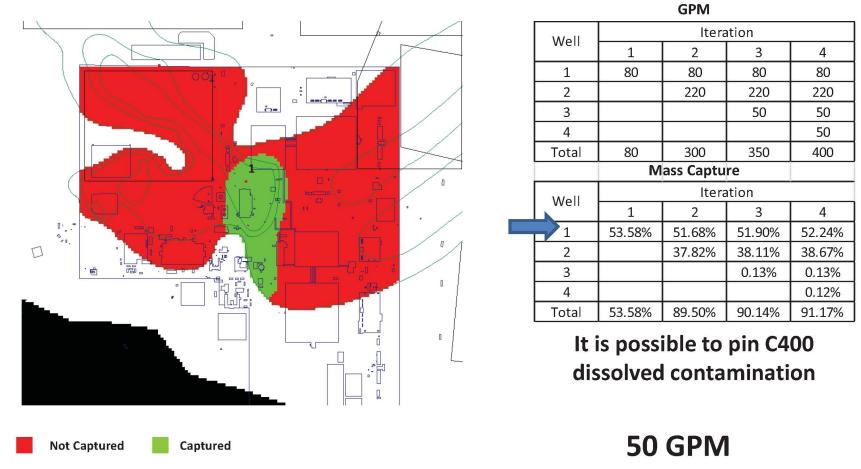
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PGDP Four Extraction Wells EW233, C400 and 2 NE Extraction Wells at NE Plume Lobes

- Locate NE Plume Extraction Wells Immediately Down Gradient of the Higher Concentration Lobes
- Evaluate Mass Capture Performance for 50, 100, 150, 200 and 250 gpm/Well Rates





October 2011 – Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge



Not Captured

GPM						
Well	lteration					
	1	2	3	4		
1	80	80	80	80		
2		220	220	220		
3			50	50		
4				50		
Total	80	300	350	400		
	Mass Capture					
Well						
	1	2	3	4		
1	53.58%	51.68%	51.90%	52.24%		
2		37.82%	38.11%	38.67%		
3			0.13%	0.13%		
4				0.12%		
Total	53.58%	89.50%	90.14%	91.17%		





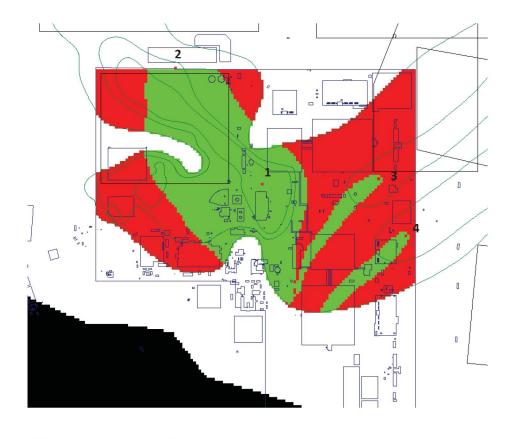
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GPM					
Well	Iteration				
wen	1	2	3	4	
1	80	80	80	80	
2		220	220	220	
3			50	50	
4				50	
Total	80	300	350	400	
Mass Capture					
Well	Iteration				
wen	1	2	3	4	
1	53.58%	51.68%	51.90%	52.24%	
2		37.82%	38.11%	38.67%	
3			0.13%	0.13%	
4				0.12%	
Total	53.58%	89.50%	90.14%	91.17%	

50 GPM

October 2011 – Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge



Well	Iteration				
wen	1	2	3	4	
1	80	80	80	80	
2		220	220	220	
3			50	50	
4				50	
Total	80	300	350	400	
Mass Capture					
Well	Iteration				
	1	2	3	4	
1	53.58%	51.68%	51.90%	52.24%	
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GPM

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October 2011 – Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge



GPM						
Well	Iteration					
wen	1	2	3	4		
1	80	80	80	80		
2		220	220	220		
3			100	100		
4				100		
Total	80	300	400	500		
Mass Capture						
Well	Iteration					
	1	2	3	4		
1	53.58%	51.68%	52.17%	53.18%		
2		37.82%	38.80%	38.65%		
3			0.23%	0.25%		
4				0.22%		
Total	53.58%	89.50%	91.20%	92.30%		

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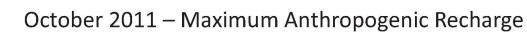


October 2011 – Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge



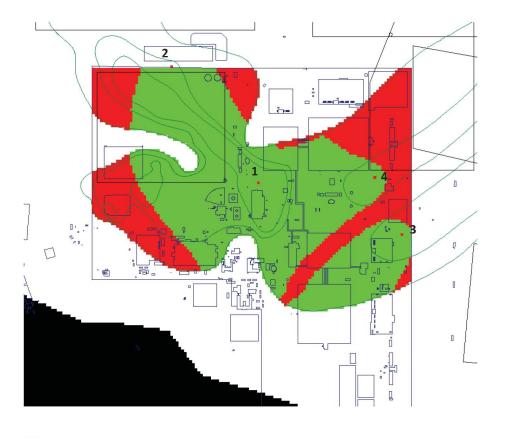
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Well	Iteration				
wen	1	2	3	4	
1	80	80	80	80	
2		220	220	220	
3			150	150	
4				150	
Total	80	300	450	600	
Mass Capture					
Well	Iteration				
wen	1	2	3	4	
1	53.58%	51.68%	52.83%	54.34%	
2		37.82%	38.30%	38.67%	
3			0.31%	0.31%	
4				0.33%	
Total	53.58%	89.50%	91.44%	93.65%	

GPM



150 GPM

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October 2011 – Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge

Well	Iteration					
wen	1	2	3	4		
1	80	80	80	80		
2		220	220	220		
3			200	200		
4				200		
Total	80	300	500	700		
Mass Capture						
Well	Iteration					
wen	1	2	3	4		
1	53.58%	51.68%	53.29%	55.91%		
2		37.82%	38.51%	38.18%		
3	0.36%		0.37%			
4				0.52%		
Total	53.58%	89.50%	92.16%	94.98%		

GPM





200 GPM



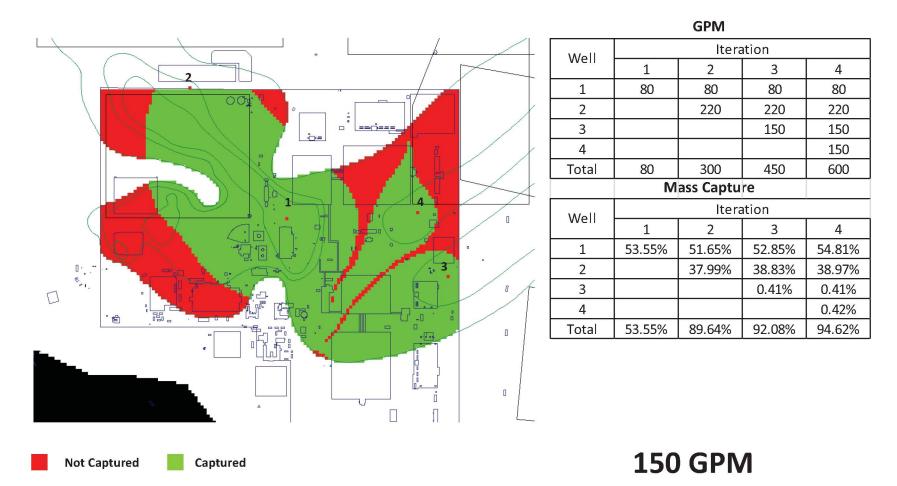
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Well	Iteration				
wen	1	2	3	4	
1	80	80	80	80	
2		220	220	220	
3			250	250	
4		250			
Total	80	300	550	800	
Mass Capture					
Well	Iteration				
vven	1	2	3	4	
1	53.58%	51.68%	53.77%	57.34%	
2		37.82%	38.48%	37.35%	
3			0.40%	0.40%	
4				1.09%	
Total	53.58%	89.50%	92.65%	96.18%	

GPM

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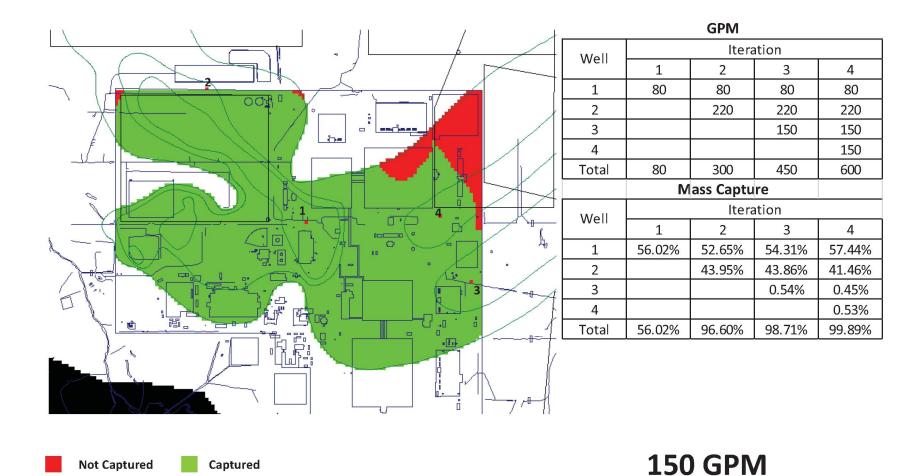


October 2011 – Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge

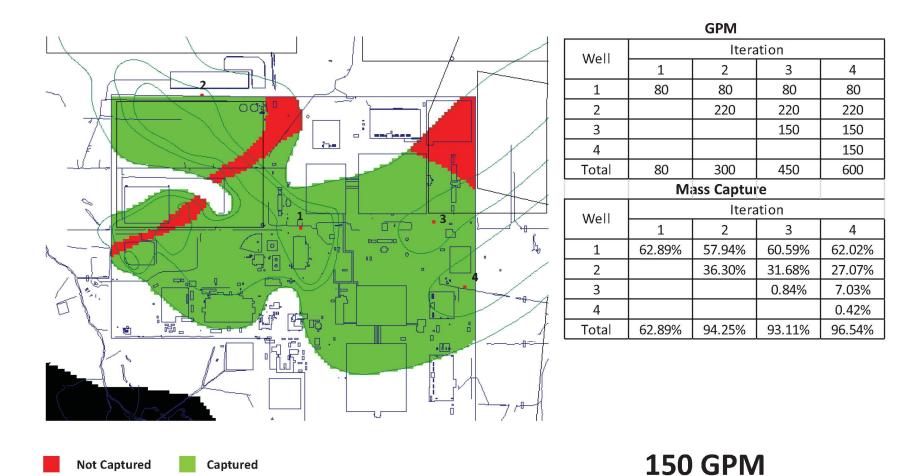


1Q 2007 – Average Anthropogenic Recharge

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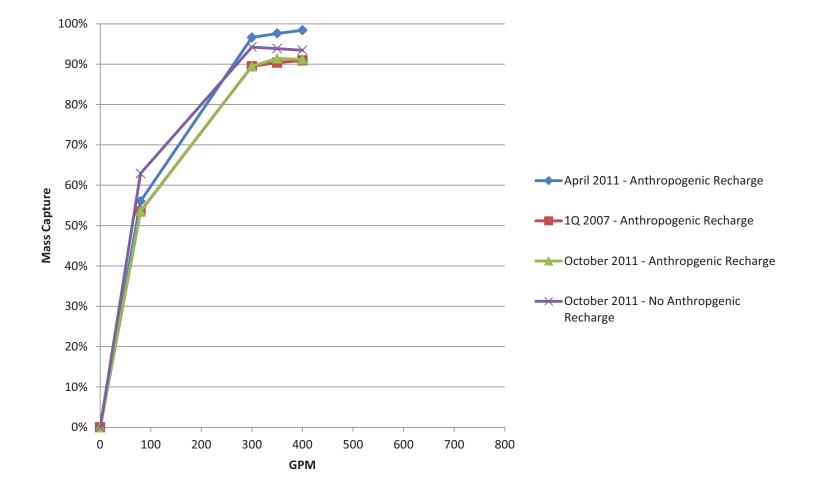
April 2012 – Minimum Anthropogenic Recharge Conditions



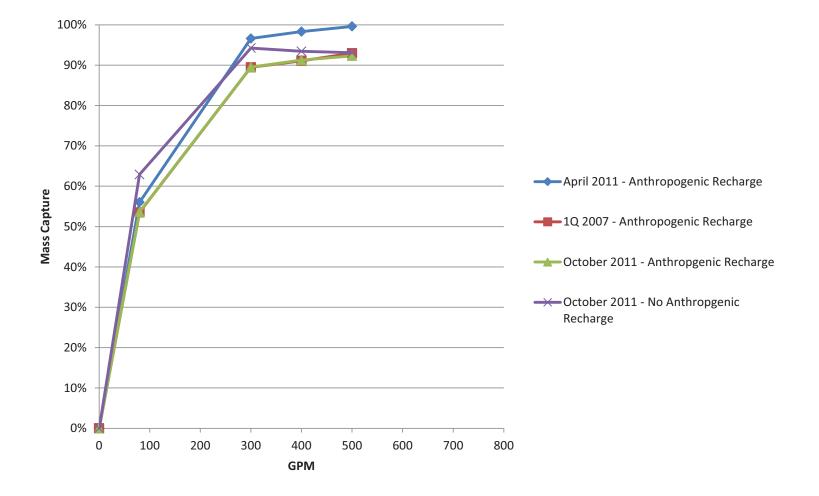
October 2012 – No Anthropogenic Recharge

Graphical Summary

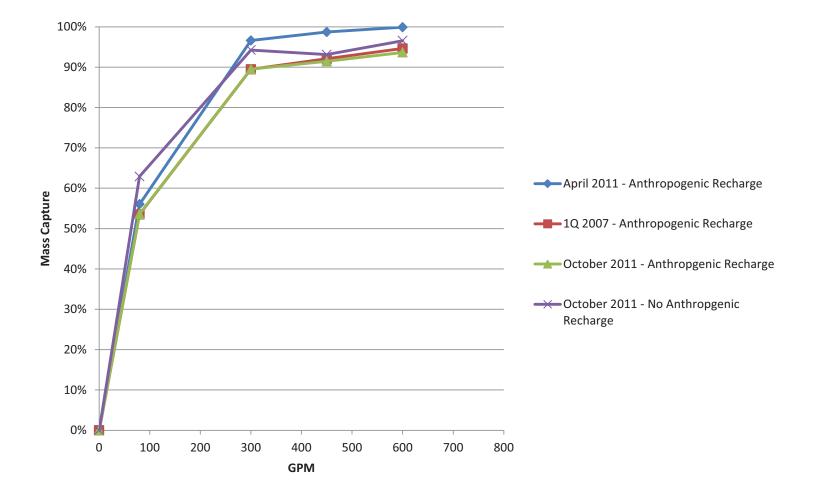
NE Lobe Extraction Wells – 50 gpm/each



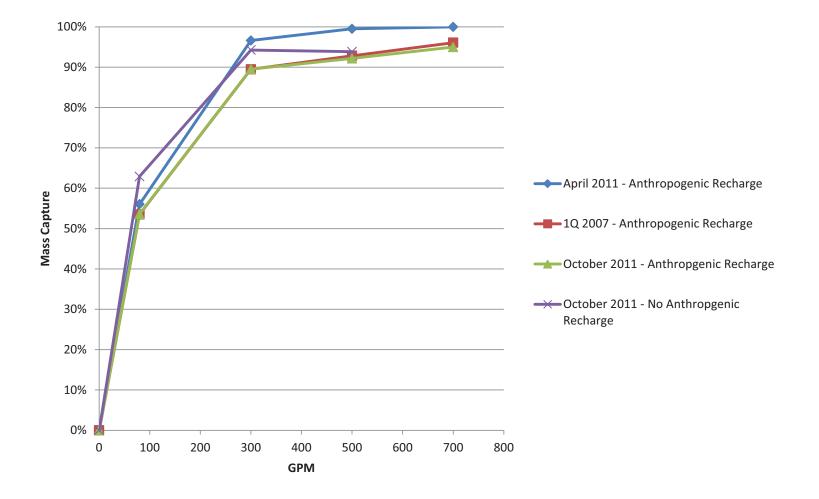
NE Lobe Extraction Wells – 100 gpm/each



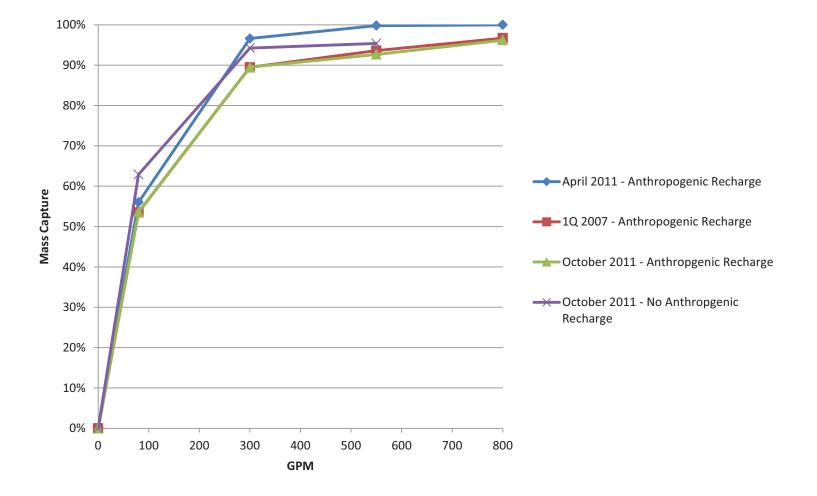
NE Lobe Extraction Wells – 150 gpm/each



NE Lobe Extraction Wells – 200 gpm/each



NE Lobe Extraction Wells – 250 gpm/each



Performance Comparison Tables

50				No
GPM/Lobe	April 2011	1Q 2007	Oct 2011	Anthropogenic
Well				Rechage
0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
80	56.02%	53.50%	53.58%	62.89%
300	96.60%	89.47%	89.50%	94.25%
350	97.61%	90.38%	91.40%	93.85%
400	98.41%	90.92%	91.17%	93.44%
100				No
GPM/Lobe	April 2011	1Q 2007	Oct 2011	Anthropogenic
Well				Recharge
0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
80	56.02%	53.50%	53.58%	62.89%
300	96.60%	89.47%	89.50%	94.25%
400	98.30%	91.07%	91.25%	93.42%
500	99.59%	92.96%	92.30%	93.08%
150				No
GPM/Lobe	April 2011	1Q 2007	Oct 2011	Anthropogenic
Well				Recharge
0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
80	56.02%	53.50%	53.58%	62.89%
300	96.60%	89.47%	89.50%	94.25%
450	98.71%	92.08%	91.44%	93.11%
600	99.89%	94.62%	93.65%	96.54%

200				No
GPM/Lobe	April 2011	1Q 2007	Oct 2011	Anthropogenic
Well				Recharge
0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
80	56.02%	53.50%	53.58%	62.89%
300	96.60%	89.47%	89.50%	94.25%
500	99.49%	92.82%	92.16%	93.82%
700	99.98%	96.06%	94.98%	
250				No
GPM/Lobe	April 2011	1Q 2007	Oct 2011	Anthropogenic
Well				Recharge
0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
80	56.02%	53.50%	53.58%	62.89%
300	96.60%	89.47%	89.50%	94.25%
550	99.79%	93.58%	92.65%	95.38%
800	99.99%	96.70%	96.18%	

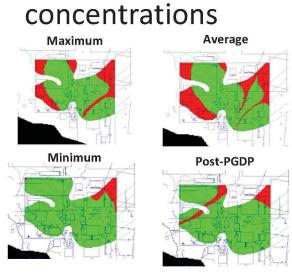
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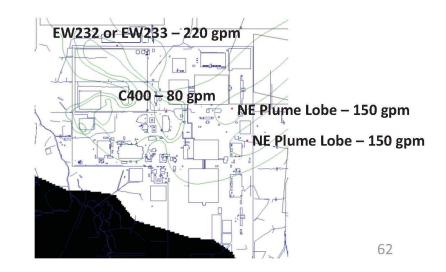
Satisfying Design Constraints

- Minimize trajectory impacts at C400 (YES)
- Complement NW Extraction Well capture zones (YES)
- Avoid potential CERCLA Cell locations (YES)
 - Manage anthropogenic recharge variability (YES)
- Design for both anthropogenic and no anthropogenic recharge conditions to the extent possible (PGDP vs Post-PGDP) (YES)

Proposed Design

- EW 232 or EW233 Pumping at 220 gpm
 - Further evaluation planned
- C400 Extraction Well Pumping at 80 gpm
- Two NE Plume Higher Concentration Lobe Wells Pumping at 150 gpm/well
- Cumulative Extraction Rate is 600 gpm
- System performance monitoring, both water-levels and





Northeast Plume Optimization Evaluations

Project Meeting

August 15, 2012



Northeast Plume Optimization Evaluation

Status

- Provided model recalibration and design briefing to EPA and KY on 7/26/12
- Completed sequencing evaluation for installation of new NE Plume extraction wells and undesirable impacts to C-400 dissolved phase mass
- Completed evaluation of NW Plume extraction system operations relative to potential remedies under consideration for SWMU 7
- Received permission from Classification Officer to transmit executable code to EPA on 8/15/12

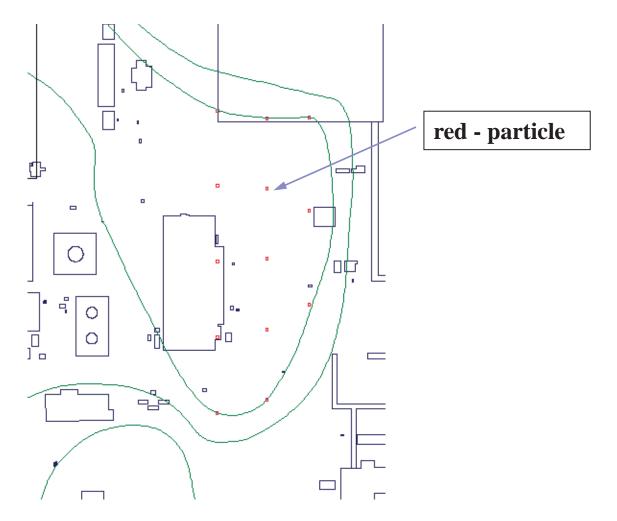


C-400 Contaminant Migration Evaluation

- Pumped EW233 at 220 gpm and the two NE extraction wells at 150 gpm/each
- C400 extraction well was not pumped
- Migrated particles located in the vicinity of C400 forward in time two years
- Imported the green C400 well capture zone from the optimization design effort to see if the two year particle traces were within the green area
- If the particles remain within the green capture zone then it is safe to leave the C400 well off line for two years while the other extraction wells are operated



C-400 Particle Locations





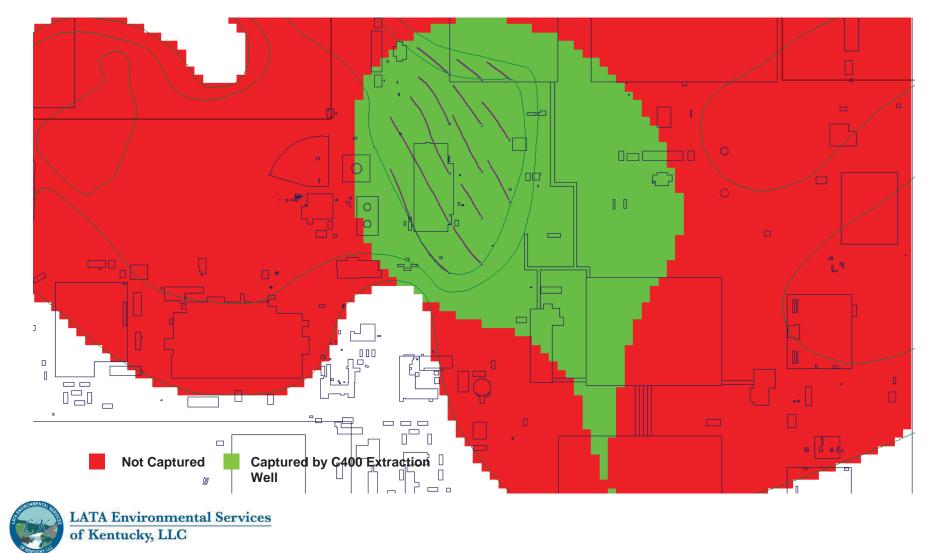
Minimum Anthropogenic Recharge - Two Year Particle Traces



Minimum Anthropogenic Recharge - Three Year Particle Traces



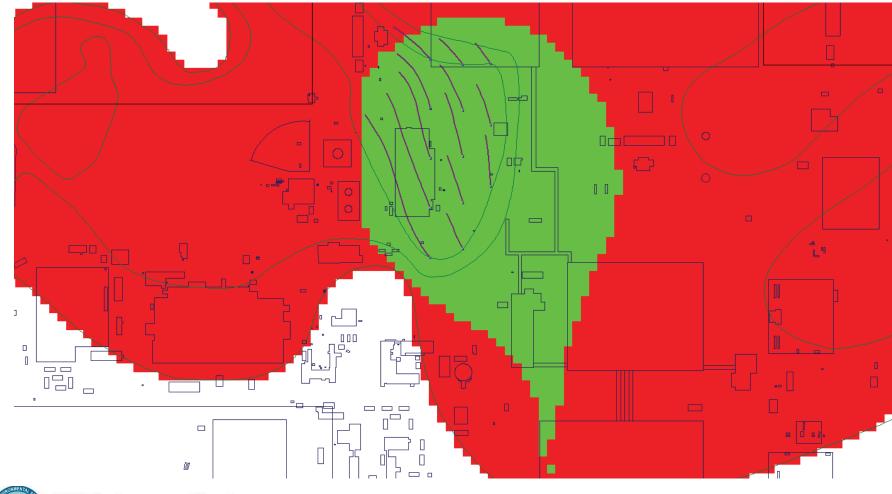
Minimum Anthropogenic Recharge - Four Year Particle Traces



Average Anthropogenic Recharge - Two Year Particle Traces



Average Anthropogenic Recharge - Three Year Particle Traces





Average Anthropogenic Recharge - Four Year Particle Traces



Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge - Two Year Particle Traces



Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge - Three Year Particle Traces



Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge - Four Year Particle Traces



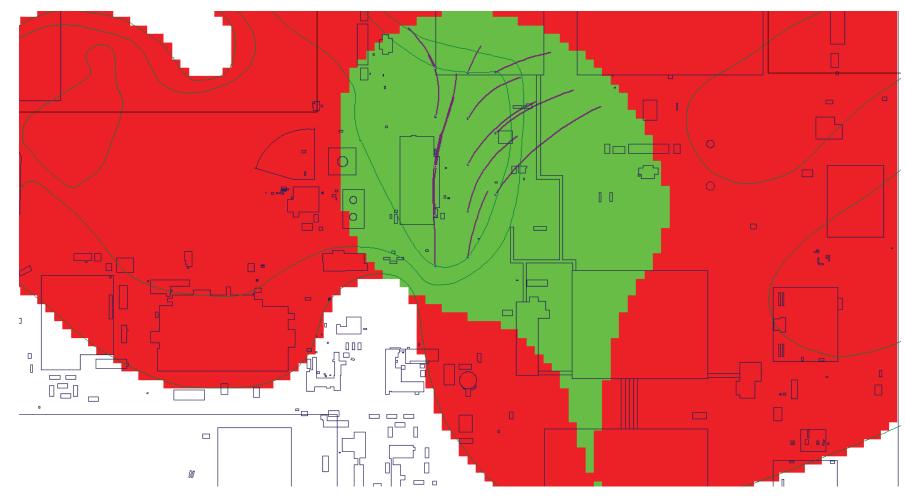
Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge - Four Year Particle Traces

Average Anthropogenic C400 Capture Zone





Minimum Anthropogenic C400 Capture Zone

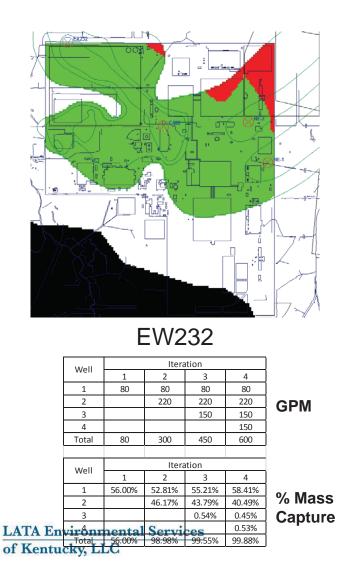


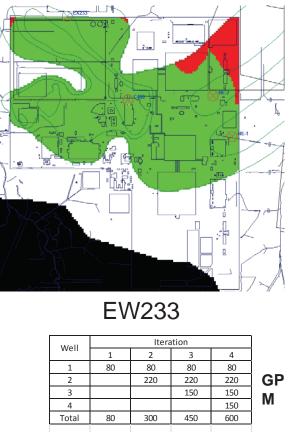


Comparison of EW232 and EW233 capture performance when combined with C400 and two new NE plume EWs



April 2011 – Minimum Anthropogenic Recharge



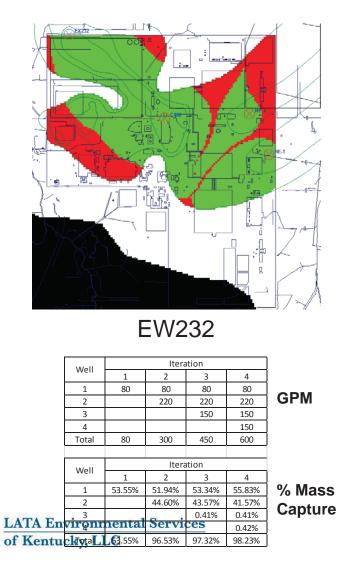


Well		Itera			
wen	1	2	3	4	
1	56.02%	52.65%	54.31%	57.44%	% Mass
2		43.95%	43.86%	41.46%	
3			0.54%	0.45%	Capture
4				0.53%	_
Total	56.02%	96.60%	98.71%	99.89%	

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Q1 2007 – Average Anthropogenic Recharge



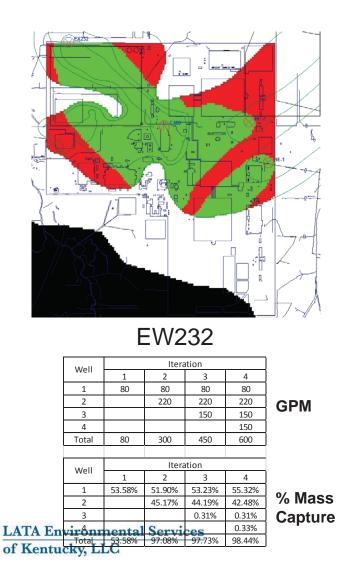


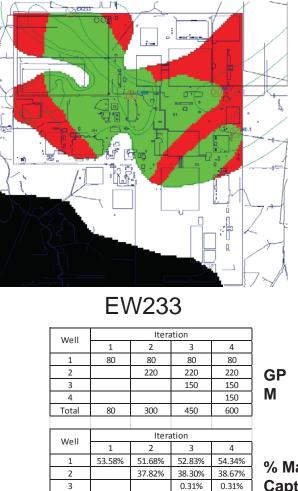
Well					
wen	1	2	3	4	
1	80	80	80	80	
2		220	220	220	GP
3			150	150	Μ
4				150	
Total	80	300	450	600	
Well					
wen	1	2	3	4	
1	53.55%	51.65%	52.85%	54.81%	% Ma s
2		37.99%	38.83%	38.97%	
3			0.41%	0.41%	Captu
4				0.42%	
Total	53.55%	89.64%	92.08%	94.62%	

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October 2011 – Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge





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Total

53.58%

89.50%

91.44%

0.33%

93.65%

Comparison of EW232 and EW233 capture performance when combined with two new NE plume Ews



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April 2011 – Minimum Anthropogenic Recharge - No C-400 EW



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		232	EW	
		Iteration		Well
	3	2	1	wen
	220	220	220	1
	150	150		2
GPM	150			3
				4
	520	370	220	Total
	Iteration		Well	
	3	2	1	wen
	98.86%	98.87%	98.37%	1
% Ma	0.45%	0.51%		2
	0.50%			3
Captu			10	4
	99.82%	199.38%	98.37%	ment
				LLC

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EW233

Well	Iteration				
wen	1	2	3		
1	220	220	220		
2		150	150		
3			150		
4					
Total	220	370	520		
Well	Iteration				
wen	1	2	3		
1	94.59%	96.85%	98.37%		
2		0.51%	0.45%		
3			0.50%		
4					
Total	94.59%	97.35%	99.33%		

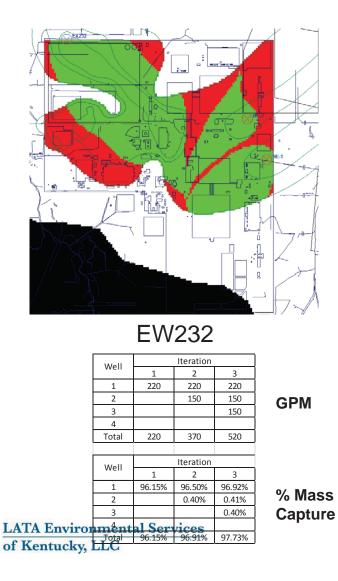
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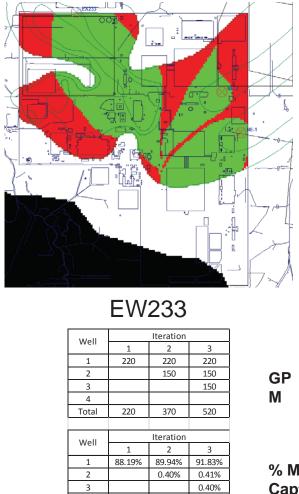
% Mass Capture



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Q1 2007 – Average Anthropogenic Recharge - No C-400 EW





90.34%

92.64%

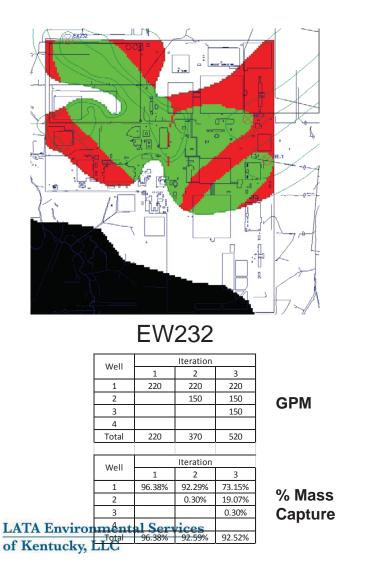
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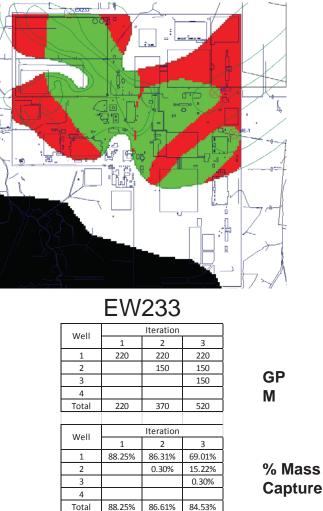
Total

88.19%

% Mass Capture

October 2011 – Maximum Anthropogenic Recharge - No C-400 EW





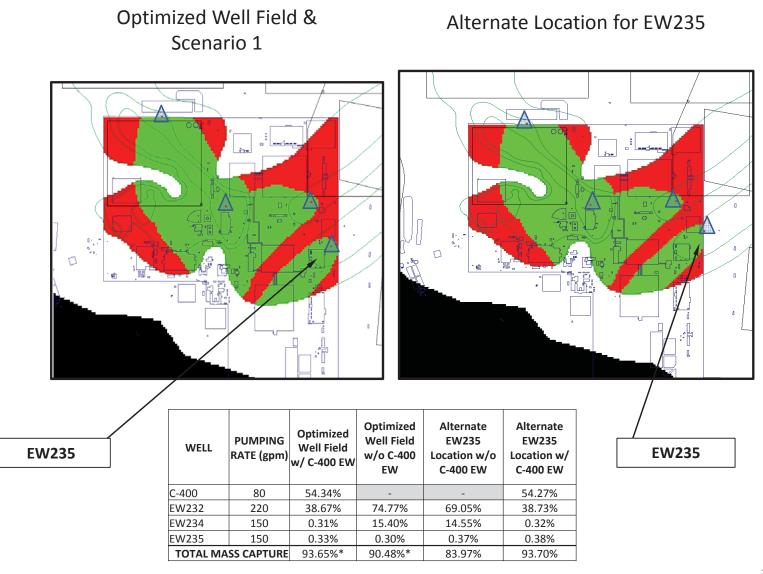
Capture

Northeast Plume System Optimization: EW235 Constructability Review

September 4, 2013

Issue Summary

- Modeling for NE Plume Optimization identified locations for two new extraction wells near the eastern plant site fence line.
- EW234 can be constructed at the modeled location.
- The modeled location for EW235 is in a ravine south USEC construction offices west of Post 48.
- An alternate location for EW235 was identified along the axis of the southern 100 μg/L TCE isopleth.
- The alternate meets criteria for construction and operations (i.e., is accessible and avoids interferences with utilities, security, and other infrastructure).
- This location was evaluated using the groundwater flow model.
- The alternate location aligns well with predicted performance for the modeled location.



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EW235 Alternate Location

Modeled Mass Capture

With C-400 Well	Without C-400 Well	
(Scenario 3)	(Scenario 2)	
93.70%	83.97%	

Difference between Alternate Location and Modeled Location

With C-400 Well	Without C-400 Well
(Scenario 3)	(Scenario 2)
+.05%	-6.51%



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