


# Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment (U)

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document presents the results of a technical evaluation of eleven environmental remedies implemented using operating equipment at Savannah River Site (SRS). The remedies are evaluated to determine whether they are functioning as designed, meeting their remedial action objectives, and whether they are protective of human health and the environment. This evaluation is required under Section 121 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. CERCLA requires that remedial actions that result in any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminant remaining at the site be subject to a remedy review every five years.

Previous five-year remedy review reports combined all SRS operable units (OUs) that had implemented a remedial action into a single document. The Fourth Five-Year Remedy Review Report, issued in February 2014, reviewed 52 SRS remedy decision documents. A recommendation was made by SRS in the Fourth Five-Year Remedy Review Report that future reviews should be conducted in phases based on OU groupings with similar remedies. This phased approach not only reduces the volume of future remedy reports, but also is more effective in identifying and resolving issues for similar remedies. For this reason, the Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review Report was conducted in five phases with OUs grouped by the following remedy types: (1) native soil covers and/or land use controls (LUCs); (2) groundwater; (3) engineered cover systems; (4) geosynthetic or stabilization/ solidification systems; and (5) operating equipment. The Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report will be conducted in five phases based on remedy type with this phase evaluating selected remedial actions with operating equipment as the final remedy.

According to the data reviewed and the site inspections, the remedies evaluated in this report are functioning as intended. The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives used at the time of remedy selection are still valid. No new information has come to light that calls into question the protectiveness of any of the remedies evaluated. The remedies have been determined to be protective of human health and the environment, while the remedy for the A/M Groundwater OU is determined to be protective in the short-term. For the remedy to be

protective in the long-term, final corrective actions to be proposed by SRS and approved by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control under the 2014 Permit Renewal will be implemented.

This report presents the issues and recommendations that have resulted from the remedy review. SRS identified the following recommendations:

- Soil confirmation sampling is recommended at A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A, 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) / Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) Operable Unit to evaluate the current soil concentrations against remedial goals (RGs) with the intent to justify shutting down the passive soil vapor extraction (SVE).
- Due to the D-Area Operable Unit Bubble Tower Subunit MicroBlower™ SVE system's minimal removals of contaminants for at least the last four years, SRS proposes to convert the MicroBlower™ SVE system to a passive BaroBall™ SVE system until confirmation soil samples can be collected to determine whether the tetrachloroethylene soil RG has been met (20 μg/kg). If the RG has been achieved, the results will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for consensus to justify discontinuing operation of the SVE and/or monitoring.
- Since the SVE system has been taken offline, SRS recommends moving the M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines Operable Unit from the Operating Equipment group to the Native Soil Cover and/or LUCs group. This recommendation would take effect during the Seventh Five-Year Remedy Review Report for the SRS OUs with Native Soil Covers and/or Land Use Controls.

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## LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| % | percent |
| +D | plus daughter |
| 1,1-DCE | 1,1-dichloroethene |
| ABRP | A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A) |
| $ABS_d$ | fraction of contaminant absorbed dermally from soil |
| AMRP | A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) |
| ARAR | applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement |
| ARW | airlift recirculation wells |
| AS | air sparging |
| bgs | below ground surface |
| BRA | Baseline Risk Assessment |
| CBRP | C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) |
| cDCE | cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene |
| CERCLA | Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| Ci | curies |
| cm | centimeter or centimeters |
| CM | contaminant migration |
| cm/s | centimeter per second |
| CMI/RAIP | Corrective Measures Implementation/Remedial Action Implementation Plan |
| CMS/FS | Corrective Measures Study/Feasibility Study |
| COC | constituent of concern |
| CPRB | D-Area Coal Pile Runoff Basin (489-D) |
| D&R | dismantle and removal |
| DAOU | D-Area Operable Unit |
| DCE | 1,1-dichloroethylene |
| DCM | dichloromethane (methylene chloride) |
| DHWF | D-Area Heavy Water Facility |
| DIPSL | D-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines |
| DNAPL | dense non-aqueous phase liquid |
| DNT | 2,4-dinitrotoluene |
| DUS | Dynamic Underground Stripping |
| DWPF | Defense Waste Processing Facility |
| EALUCIP | Early Action Land Use Control Implementation Plan |
| EAROD | Early Action Record of Decision |
| EC&ACP | Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Projects |
| ECO | ecological |
| EE/CA | Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis |
| EMR | Effectiveness Monitoring Report |
| ESD | Explanation of Significant Difference |

## LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS *(continued)*

| | |
|---|---|
| ESV | ecological screening value |
| FFA | Federal Facility Agreement |
| FML | flexible membrane liner |
| FRR | Final Remediation Report |
| ft | foot or feet |
| $ft^3$ | cubic foot or cubic feet |
| FY | fiscal year |
| g/L | grams per liter |
| gal | gallon or gallons |
| gpm | gallons per minute |
| GWPS | groundwater protection standards |
| HAZWOPER | hazardous waste operations |
| HGCA | Hybrid Groundwater Corrective Action |
| HH | human health |
| HpCDD | 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-Heptachlordibenozo-p-dioxin |
| HWMF | Hazardous Waste Management Facility |
| in | inch or inches |
| IOU | Integrator Operable Unit |
| IPSL | Inactive Process Sewer Line |
| IROD | Interim Record of Decision |
| ISCO | In-situ chemical oxidation |
| KBRP | K-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-K) |
| kg | kilogram or kilograms |
| kg/yr | kilogram per year |
| km | kilometer or kilometers |
| $km^2$ | square kilometer or square kilometers |
| L | liter or liters |
| L/min | liters per minute |
| LBRP | L-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-L) |
| lbs | pounds |
| lbs/yr | pounds per year |
| LDG | Lower Discharge Gully |
| LLC | Limited Liability Company |
| LUC | land use control |
| LUCIP | Land Use Controls Implementation Plan |
| m | meter or meters |
| m3 | cubic meter or cubic meters |
| MAOU | M-Area Operable Unit |
| MCB | Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) |
| MBP | Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) |
| MCL | maximum contaminant level |
| Met Lab | Metallurgical Laboratory |

## LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS *(continued)*

| | |
|---|---|
| µg/g | microgram per gram |
| µg/kg | microgram per kilogram |
| µg/L | microgram per Liter |
| mg/kg | milligram per kilogram |
| MH | manhole |
| mi | mile or miles |
| $mi^2$ | square mile or square miles |
| MIPS | M-Area Inactive Process Sewer |
| MIPSL | M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines to Manhole 1 (081-M) |
| MNA | monitored natural attenuation |
| MZ | mixing zone |
| N/A | not applicable |
| N/A | not available |
| NBN | no building number |
| NCP | National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan |
| ND | non-detect |
| NDMA | N-nitroso-dimethylamine |
| NDPES | National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System |
| NPL | National Priorities List |
| NRDC | National Resources Defense Council |
| NTSB | New TNX Seepage Basin (904-102G) |
| O&M | operation and maintenance |
| OCDD | octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin |
| ODA | Overflow Discharge Area |
| OTSB | Old TNX Seepage Basin (904-076G) |
| OU | operable unit |
| PAH | polyaromatic hydrocarbons |
| PBDE | polybrominated diphenyl ethers |
| PBRP | P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P) |
| PCB | polychlorinated biphenyl |
| PCE | tetrachloroethylene |
| ρCi/g | picoCuries per gram |
| ρCi/L | picoCuries per liter |
| ρCi/mL | picoCuries per milliliter |
| PCR | Post Construction Report |
| PER | Performance Evaluation Report |
| PFAS | per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances |
| PFOS | Perflurorooctane sulfonic acid |
| ppb | parts per billion |
| ppmv | parts per million vapor |
| PRG | Preliminary Remediation Goal |

## LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS *(continued)*

| | |
|---|---|
| PTSM | principal threat source material |
| PW | production well |
| RAO | remedial action objective |
| RAR | Removal Action Report |
| RBC | risk-based concentrations |
| RCOC | refined constituent of concern |
| RCRA | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act |
| RDX | Hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine |
| RFI | RCRA Facility Investigation |
| RG | remedial goal |
| RI | Remedial Investigation |
| ROD | Record of Decision |
| RSER | Removal Site Evaluation Report |
| RSL | regional screening level |
| S/S | Stabilization/Solidification |
| SARA | Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 |
| SCDHEC | South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control |
| SE | secular equilibrium |
| SEMS | Superfund Enterprise Management System |
| SRA | Soil Removal Area |
| SRS | Savannah River Site |
| SRNL | Savannah River National Laboratory |
| SRNS | Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC |
| SSHASP | site-specific health and safety plan |
| SVE | soil vapor extraction |
| SVEU | soil vapor extraction unit |
| TAOU | T-Area Operable Unit |
| TA | Temporary authorization |
| TBC | to-be-considered |
| TBG | TNX Burying Ground (643-5G) |
| TCE | trichloroethylene |
| TCP | 1,2,3-trichloropropane |
| TSCA | Toxic Substances Control Act, 1976 |
| TNT | 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene |
| TNXGW | TNX Groundwater (082-G) |
| TNXOD | TNX Outfall Delta |
| UDG | Upper Discharge Gully |
| USFS-SR | U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service – Savannah River |
| USDOE | U.S. Department of Energy |
| USEPA | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| UE | unlimited exposure |
| UU | unlimited use |

## LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS *(continued/end)*

| | |
|---|---|
| VC | vinyl chloride |
| VOC | volatile organic compound |
| WADB | Wetland Area at Dunbarton Bay |
| WOF | D-Area Waste Oil Facility (484-10D) |
| WSTS | Western Sector Treatment System |
| WTU | water treatment unit |
| WSRC | Washington Savannah River Company |
| WSRC | Westinghouse Savannah River Company |
| yd | yard or yards |
| $yd^3$ | cubic yard or cubic yards |
| ZOI | zone of influence |

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## SAVANNAH RIVER SITE SUMMARY

## I. INTRODUCTION

Section 121 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), requires that remedial actions which result in any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminant remaining at the site be subject to a five-year remedy review. The National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) further provides that remedial actions which result in any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at the site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure be reviewed every five years to ensure protection of human health and the environment. The purpose of five-year remedy reviews is to evaluate the implementation and performance of the selected remedy at an operable unit (OU) to determine if the remedy is and will continue to be protective of human health and the environment. The evaluation of the remedy and the determination of protectiveness should be based on and sufficiently supported by data and visual inspections. The methods, findings, and conclusions of remedy reviews are documented in Five-Year Remedy Review Reports. The reports also identify any issues found during the review and provides recommendations to address the issues.

The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) prepared this sixth five-year remedy review for Savannah River Site (SRS) OUs having selected remedies with operating equipment as the remedial action pursuant to CERCLA Section 121 and as amended by SARA and the NCP. During implementation of the five-year remedy review process at the SRS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), and the USDOE recognized that remedial action decision document(s) would be issued for multiple OUs. Rather than generate individual five-year remedy review reports for each OU, the USDOE and regulatory agencies determined that it would be more cost effective to conduct a remedy review for all applicable OUs on the same five-year cycle. The First Five-Year Remedy Review was

issued in August 1997 (WSRC 1997); the Second Five-Year Remedy Review was issued in February 2004 (WSRC 2003); the Third Five-Year Remedy Review was issued in January 2009 (WSRC 2008); the Fourth Five-Year Remedy Review was issued in February 2014 (SRNS 2014); and the Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review was issued in December 2018 (SRNS 2015, SRNS 2017, SRNS 2018a, SRNS 2018b, and SRNS 2018c). The issuance of the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review in progress: Phase 1 (Native Soil Covers and/or Land Use Controls) was issued in November 2019 (SRNS 2019); Phase 2 (Groundwater Remedies) was issued in December 2020 (SRNS 2020b); Phase 3 (Engineered Cover Systems) was issued in December 2021 (SRNS 2021); Phase 4 (Geosynthetic or Stabilization/Solidification) will be issued two weeks after receipt of the signed report from USEPA.

The size of each report has grown considerably since 1997 due to the increasing number of OU remedies evaluated, and the level of detail required for data reviews, site inspection reporting, and document formatting based on USEPA guidance. To allow for a more even distribution of resources, a recommendation was made by SRS in the Fourth Five-Year Remedy Review Report (SRNS 2014) that future reviews should be conducted in phases based on OU groupings with similar remedies. In addition to a reduction in the total volume for future remedy review reports, evaluating similar remedies in the same review period would support easier identification and resolution of similar issues and allow for more efficient implementation of similar initiatives. Beginning with the Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review Report, the USDOE, USEPA, and SCDHEC agreed to segregate the five-year remedy review report into five OU groupings (grouped by remedy similarity) with a different group submitted annually on a five-year cycle. The SRS OUs are grouped by the following remedy types:

(1) Native Soil Covers and/or Land Use Controls (LUCs);

(2) Groundwater;

(3) Engineered Cover Systems;

(4) Geosynthetic or Stabilization/Solidification Cover Systems; and

(5) Operating Equipment.

The trigger date for submittal of the next five-year remedy review report to the regulatory agencies is based on the USEPA signature date of the previous report. The final signature for the last grouping of Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report is due no later than January 21, 2024. A more detailed discussion of the phased reviews and transition schedule are provided in Appendix A.

This report documents the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review for the fifth OU grouping, OUs with operating equipment selected as the final remedy and includes a review of remedy decision documents for twelve USEPA Superfund Enterprise Management System (SEMS) units at the SRS. SEMS is a database maintained by the USEPA as part of the Superfund program that assigns a unique tracking number to hazardous waste sites considered for cleanup under CERCLA. Remedy decision documents may include more than one SEMS unit and/or SRS OU (e.g., two SEMS units are reported in the TNX Area OU Record of Decision).

The SRS OUs evaluated in this document were grouped together because of similar remedies. Figure 1 identifies the location of the SRS OUs evaluated in this document. The data evaluation and visual inspections for the SRS OUs remedies with operating equipment were conducted from August 2022 through November 2022.

This report was prepared using the Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance (USEPA 2001) and is supplemented by the Recommended Evaluation of Institutional Controls: Supplement to the "Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance" (USEPA 2011a) and Clarifying the Use of Protectiveness Determinations for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Five-Year Reviews (USEPA 2012). The updated USEPA Five-Year Review Summary Form was implemented (USEPA 2011b). This report summarizes common elements for the entire SRS. The remedy reviews are included as Appendix C through Appendix M.

***Site Chronology***

A summary of the regulatory history of the SRS is provided below with the 1988 National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) Consent Decree (Civil Action No. 1:85-2583-6). The

Consent Decree was an agreement between the NRDC and other interested parties, SCDHEC, and USDOE to amend Parts A and B of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit Application to include the Metallurgical Laboratory Basin (904-11G) and associated Carolina Bay, the Acid/Caustic Basin (904-74G, 904-75G, 904-78G, and 904-80G), and the Mixed Waste Management Facility (904-28G) to include closure, groundwater monitoring and post-closure activities. The Savannah River Laboratory Seepage Basins (904-53G, 904-54G, and 904-55G) and New TNX Basin (904-120G) were also included in the Consent Decree for closure in a RCRA-like manner. The Consent Decree was signed on May 26, 1988. On December 21, 1989, SRS was included on the National Priorities List (NPL). The inclusion created a need to integrate the established RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) program with CERCLA requirements to provide for a focused environmental program. In accordance with Section 120 of CERCLA 42 U.S. Code Section 9620, the USDOE has negotiated a Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) (FFA 1993) with the USEPA and the SCDHEC to coordinate remedial activities at SRS into one comprehensive program which fulfills these dual regulatory requirements. USDOE functions as the lead agency for remedial activities at SRS, with concurrence by the USEPA-Region 4 and the SCDHEC.

A chronology of site events including the effective dates for the Consent Decree, the FFA, and the NPL Listing is provided in Appendix A. Table 1 is the Five-Year Summary Review Form, which is a summary status of SRS. Table 2 provides a chronology of the decision documents for the SRS OUs with operating equipment evaluated in this report. Chronologies of significant activities and regulatory milestones for individual OUs are included in the site-specific remedy review reports (Appendix C through Appendix M).

***Background***

The SRS was constructed during the 1950s to produce materials used in the fabrication of nuclear weapons, primarily tritium and plutonium, in support of our nation's defense programs. Production of nuclear materials for the defense program was discontinued in 1988. SRS has provided nuclear materials for the space program, as well as for medical, industrial, and research efforts up to the present. Chemical and radioactive wastes are by-

products of nuclear material production processes. These wastes have been treated, stored, and in some cases, disposed of at SRS. Past disposal practices (e.g., seepage basins, pits and piles, landfills, etc.) have resulted in soil and groundwater contamination.

Hazardous waste materials handled at SRS are managed under RCRA, a comprehensive law requiring responsible management of hazardous waste. Certain SRS activities require SCDHEC operating or post-closure permits under RCRA. SRS received a RCRA hazardous waste permit from the SCDHEC, which was most recently renewed on February 11, 2014. Module VIII of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments portion of the RCRA permit mandates corrective action requirements for non-regulated solid waste management units subject to RCRA 3004(u).

**Physical Characteristics**

SRS occupies approximately 802.9 $km^2$ (310 $mi^2$) of land adjacent to the Savannah River, principally in Aiken and Barnwell counties of South Carolina (Figure 1). SRS is located approximately 40 km (25 mi) southeast of Augusta, Georgia, and 32 km (20 mi) south of Aiken, South Carolina. Approximately 90 percent of SRS land consists of natural and managed forests. The locations at SRS where nuclear materials were produced, stored, and disposed of are clustered into distinct industrial areas that are separated by large areas of forest. OUs are generally contained within or adjacent to these industrial areas.

SRS is located on the Atlantic Coastal Plain. Subsurface and groundwater contamination associated with OUs is in unconsolidated sands and clays. The depth to the water table at SRS varies from just below the surface in wetlands and near streams to approximately 39 m (130 ft) below ground surface. Recharge to the aquifers underlying the SRS is primarily through rainfall. Groundwater flows toward and discharges into site streams and the floodplain of the Savannah River.

**Land and Resource Use**

For nearly 40 years, USDOE and its predecessor agencies produced nuclear materials at SRS for the nation's defense programs. Today, the focus of the USDOE has shifted to environmental stewardship, clean energy initiatives, and national security.

The future land use for all OUs at SRS is anticipated to be industrial with the USDOE maintaining control of the land. According to the *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report* (USDOE 1996), residential uses of SRS land should be prohibited. LUCs selected as part of a remedial action will prohibit residential use of the area.

SRS obtains its own drinking and process water supply from groundwater located beneath the SRS. SRS domestic and process water systems are supplied from a network of approximately 40 wells in widely scattered locations across the site, of which eight wells supply the primary drinking water system. Wells serving site process and drinking water in larger Site areas are typically 180 to 270 m (600 to 900 ft) in depth and pump water from the deeper Crouch Branch and McQueen Branch aquifers. Wells serving smaller Site facilities, such as barricades, pumphouses, and field laboratories, are shallower in depth (30 to 90 m [100 to 300 ft]) and are similar to large household type wells. The SRS domestic water systems meet state and federal drinking water standards.

**History of Contamination**

During the early 1950s, SRS began to produce materials used in nuclear weapons, primarily tritium, plutonium-239, and other special nuclear materials for national defense and the space program. Chemical and radioactive wastes are by-products of nuclear material production processes. These wastes have been treated, stored, and in some cases disposed of at SRS. Hazardous substances, as defined by the CERCLA, are currently present in the environment at SRS, with past disposal practices resulting in soil and groundwater contamination.

## II. RESPONSE ACTION SUMMARY

### *Initial Response*

After SRS was placed on the NPL in 1989, the SRS Site Evaluation program was initiated to identify potential release sites present at SRS that would require investigation and potential remediation under CERCLA. Five hundred fifteen (515) potential release sites have been identified. The FFA includes a schedule for the investigation and remedial action (if needed) for each potential release site.

A core team process for sharing and interpreting information and working together to reach agreement on key remedial decisions among USDOE, USEPA, and SCDHEC was implemented at SRS in 2000. The core team process has made environmental cleanup at SRS efficient and has allowed remediation at many OUs to be accomplished on an accelerated schedule.

The collaborative efforts of the USDOE, USEPA, and SCDHEC support a consistent approach to site characterization, human health and ecological risk analysis, remedy selection, establishment of remedial goals (RGs) (i.e., cleanup levels), and remedy implementation for individual OUs at SRS. Technical and administrative protocols have been established to promote the consistent implementation of USEPA guidance at OUs across SRS. An internal SRS environmental database is used to track sampling, analysis, and results of environmental characterization and monitoring. An SRS Area Completion Strategy (WSRC 2006) was developed which allowed for the simultaneous characterization and cleanup of multiple OUs and potential sources of contamination collocated in congested industrial areas.

### *Basis for Taking Action*

The most prevalent soil contaminants at SRS are cesium-137 and organic chemicals (volatile or semi-volatile). Other radionuclides, metals, polychlorinated biphenyls, and pesticides are present, but less common, at levels that exceed human health risk-based standards at a variety of units.

Based on remedial investigations and technical evaluations, the OUs addressed in this remedy review have hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining on-site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. They are reviewed every five years to ensure protection of human health and the environment. The specific contaminants and remedial actions for each OU are described in greater detail in the OU-specific appendices (Appendix C through Appendix M).

***Remedial Actions***

Remedial actions may target source areas, soil, vadose zone, and/or groundwater. Cleanup levels, formerly referred to as RGs in SRS decision documents, are defined for individual OUs, but in general, remedial action objectives (RAOs) at SRS are:

- Prevent exposure of human receptors to soils, surface water, or groundwater containing unacceptable levels of contaminants.
- Prevent exposure of ecological receptors to soils, surface water, or groundwater containing unacceptable levels of contaminants.
- Prevent or minimize the migration of contaminants to groundwater at levels that exceed maximum contaminant levels (MCLs)/RGs.
- Prevent or minimize the discharge of contaminated groundwater to surface water at levels that exceed MCLs/RGs.

Additionally, LUCs are part of all remedial actions where hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain on-site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The type of LUCs and their implementation, and reference to the OU-specific land use control implementation plan (LUCIP) are described in Section VII of the OU-specific appendices. LUCs are defined for individual OUs, but in general, LUC objectives at SRS are:

- Prevent exposure to, or ingestion of, contaminated media.
- Prohibit residential use.

- Prevent authorized access
- Prevent unauthorized intrusive activity.
- Maintain the integrity of the cover systems.

Table 2 lists the remedial actions for each of the OUs in this five-year remedy review report. The remedial actions are described in greater detail in the OU-specific appendices (Appendix C through Appendix M). Table 3 provides a summary of the LUC objectives for the OUs with operating equipment.

***Status of Implementation***

The remedial actions listed in Table 2 have been implemented. LUCs are ongoing at all OUs discussed in this five-year remedy review. The status of all response actions or remedial actions for each of the OUs with operating equipment is discussed in greater detail in the OU-specific appendices (Appendix C through Appendix M).

***Systems Operation and Maintenance***

A site-wide maintenance program is in place to care for cover systems, signs, monitoring wells, and other infrastructure associated with environmental remediation. The operation and maintenance (O&M) of cover systems consist of growing grass, mowing, managing surface stormwater drainage, inspections, and repair of erosion or subsidence as necessary. Identifying signs must remain legible.

The costs of the O&M activities for the individual OUs have been compiled as part of this five-year remedy review. As part of the process of selecting the most appropriate action for each OU, the cost of implementing each of the remedies was estimated and reported in the respective remedy evaluation and decision documents. Table 4 compares the actual costs incurred at SRS OUs with operating equipment over the period from fiscal year (FY) 2018 to FY2022 to the estimated costs from the remedy decision documents projected for the same period. The review for the actual costs incurred (i.e., 2018 to FY2022) is based on the time-period since the last review for these OUs was conducted in the Fifth Five-

Year Remedy Review Report (SRNS 2018c). Specific details concerning costs incurred are included for each OU in Appendix C through Appendix M.

In support of the beneficial reuse of brownfield locations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service – Savannah River (USFS-SR) began establishing pollinator habitats in 2019 within the boundaries of previously closed waste units located in M-Area, P-Area, R-Area, and T-Area where they will not interfere with existing cover systems or LUCs. Additionally, the USFS-SR also plants 100 acres of pollinator habitat annually at SRS, primarily along powerline rights-of-way. Other USFS-SR practices include adjusted planning practices to encourage a more diverse plant population, and thinning of 3,500 acres of forest annually, which creates conditions more conducive to pollinator habitat.

## III. PROGRESS SINCE LAST REVIEW

For the OUs evaluated in this review, the previous protectiveness statements from the Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review Report (SRNS 2018c) concluded that the remedies for these OUs were found to be protective (Table 5).

Recommendations from the Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review Report that impact the OUs with operating equipment evaluated in this report are as follows:

- The passive system at A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) OU has been successful in treating volatile organic carbon (VOC) contamination. Soil RGs have likely been achieved and operation of the passive soil vapor extraction (SVE) system may no longer be needed for future protection of groundwater.

- The D-Area Operable Unit (DAOU) Bubble Tower MicroBlower™ SVE has been successful in treating VOC contamination. Contaminant removal by the MicroBlower™ SVE system has greatly diminished or ceased since 2012 and operation of the SVE system may no longer be needed for future protection of groundwater if the soil RG has been achieved.

## IV. FIVE-YEAR REMEDY REVIEW PROCESS

USDOE has implemented the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review for SRS OUs with operating equipment. The review specifically evaluated remedies by comparing them to the OU-specific decision documents. The following actions were taken to perform the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review for this category:

- Submitted a scoping summary to the USDOE, USEPA and SCDHEC on August 9, 2022 and conducted a scoping meeting on August 30, 2022. The USDOE, USEPA and SCDHEC agreed to the scope and schedule of the remedy review report, which is discussed in the scoping summary;

- Published an announcement on October 12, 2022 that the USDOE is conducting the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review in phases. The announcement stated that the fifth phased submittal will focus on the OUs with operating equipment. The public was notified through mailings of *The Savannah River Site Environmental Bulletin*, a newsletter sent to citizens in South Carolina and Georgia on an extensive mailing list, including landowners adjacent to SRS, which is updated annually in July, and through notices in the *Aiken Standard* (Aiken, SC), *The Augusta Chronicle* (Augusta, GA), *The People Sentinel* (Allendale and Barnwell, SC), and *The State* (Columbia, SC) newspapers. The Environmental Bulletin and newspaper affidavits of publication are available in the Administrative Record File;

- Reviewed appropriate data, documentation (i.e., including RODs, Early Action RODs [EARODs], Interim RODs [IRODs], Explanation of Significant Differences [ESD]), and LUCIP-required field inspection checklists, etc. The specific data and document references used to review each remedy decision are listed in the OU-specific reports located in Appendix C through Appendix M;

- Confirmed protectiveness of the remedial actions through inspections and interviews. Cognizant personnel were interviewed as to the status and success of the current remedial systems. The results of the inspections and interviews are documented in the

Site Inspection Checklist included with the OU-specific reports located in Appendix C through Appendix M;

- Reviewed changes in standards and to-be-considered guidance including federal and state promulgated standards (i.e., chemical specific applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements [ARARs]) that would call into question whether the prescribed remedy was meeting the newer standards or guidance. Any problems or discrepancies are reported in the Section V (Technical Assessment), Section VI (Issues/Recommendations) of the OU-specific appendices; and

- Submitted a draft Fact Sheet to USEPA and SCDHEC for review with Revision 0 of the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment.

***Community Notification and Involvement***

USDOE will address any comments received from USEPA and SCDHEC and provide a Revision 1 report, if necessary, for USEPA and SCDHEC approval. After the USEPA and SCDHEC approve this report and USDOE, USEPA, and SCDHEC sign this report, a notice of availability will be published in the *Aiken Standard* (Aiken, SC), *The Augusta Chronicle* (Augusta, GA), *The People Sentinel* (Allendale and Barnwell, SC), and *The State* (Columbia, SC) newspapers. Additionally, the availability of the report will be announced in *The Savannah River Site Environmental Bulletin*, which will be sent to the SRS mailing list. The report will be made available to the public at four information repositories listed in the *Environmental Bulletin*.

***Data Review, Site Inspections, and Interviews***

According to the data review, the site inspections, and interviews, the remedies selected for the SRS OUs included in this report are functioning as intended by the decision documents. The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and RAOs used at the time of the remedy selection are still valid for all OUs included in this report. No new information has come to light that calls into question the protectiveness of the remedies.

The Revision 0 report will be submitted by December 21, 2022. USEPA and SCDHEC are expected to perform site inspections of OUs with operating equipment prior to submittal of the Revision 1 report.

## V. TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

The technical assessment of the environmental cleanup program at SRS in general and each of the OU-specific remedies evaluated in this report (Appendices C through M) is described by answers to the following three questions posed by the USEPA.

- Question A: Is the remedy functioning as intended by the decision documents?
- Question B: Are the exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and RAOs still valid?
- Question C: Has any other information come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy?

***Question A: Is the remedy functioning as intended by the decision documents?***

Answer: Yes. SRS remedial systems with operating equipment are functioning as intended as demonstrated below.

- Air stripping and SVE units associated with the A/M-Area Groundwater plume continue to operate reliably and remove VOCs from the groundwater and vadose zone.
- Passive and Low Energy SVE systems, solar powered MicroBlowers™ and barometric pressure-operated BaroBalls™ continue to remove contaminants from subsurface soils contaminated by low concentrations of VOCs
- Thermal treatment of tritium-contaminated soil and debris has been successfully implemented in D-Area.
- Edible oil injection to enhance bioremediation has successfully decreased the size and concentration of the VOC plume in T Area.

- Groundwater data at Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) remedy plumes indicates that groundwater concentrations are generally decreasing and plumes are not expanding.

- Contaminated material has been excavated and consolidated or left in place under protective cover systems, breaking the pathway for worker exposure and for the migration of contaminants to groundwater.

- The cover system maintenance program and LUCs have been effective in maintaining the integrity of the cover systems at SRS OUs. The inspection reports indicate no significant deficiencies.

***Question B: Are the exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and RAOs still valid?***

Answer: Yes. The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and RAOs used at the time of remedy selection are still valid for all OUs included in this report. An evaluation of changes in chemical and radiological standards that were in place when the last five-year remedy review was initiated in 2017 to the standards applicable in 2022 was conducted to determine if there were any changes that would affect the protectiveness of the selected remedies. There were no changes in chemical and radiological specific standards that would affect the protectiveness of the remedies. There were no changes in action-specific or location-specific requirements that would impact any remedy. This evaluation is included in Appendix B and described in the OU-specific appendices.

***Question C: Has any other information come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy?***

Answer: No. No other information that could call into question the protectiveness of the selected remedies and no outstanding issues have been identified in this Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review.

For all OUs, current and reasonably anticipated future land use at SRS remains consistent with assumptions in the respective decision documents.

## VI. ISSUES/RECOMMENDATIONS

Remedial actions evaluated in this Five-Year Remedy Review for SRS remain protective of human health and the environment and are functioning as intended. The OUs without issues and recommendations are listed in Table 6.

The OUs with issues and recommendation are listed in Table 7 and summarized below.

- Soil confirmation sampling is recommended at A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) OU to evaluate the current soil concentrations against remedial goals with the intent to justify shutting down the passive SVE if the RG has been attained.

- Due to the DAOU Bubble Tower Subunit MicroBlower™ SVE system's minimal removals of contaminants for at least the last four years, SRS proposes to convert the MicroBlower™ SVE system to a passive BaroBall™ SVE system until confirmation soil samples can be collected to determine whether the tetrachloroethylene soil RG has been met (20 µg/kg). If the RG has been achieved, the results will be submitted to the Core Team for consensus to justify discontinuing operation of the SVE and/or monitoring.

- Since the SVE system has been taken offline, SRS recommends moving the M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines OU from the Operating Equipment group to the Native Soil Cover and/or LUCs group. This recommendation would take effect during the Seventh Five-Year Remedy Review Report for the SRS OUs with Native Soil Covers and/or Land Use Controls.

## VII. PROTECTIVENESS STATEMENT(S)

The protectiveness statements for each remedy are based on the recommended language from the *Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance* (USEPA 2001), *Clarifying the Use of Protectiveness Determinations for Comprehensive Environmental Response,*

*Compensation, and Liability Act Five-Year Reviews* (USEPA 2012), and *Five-Year Review Recommended Template* (USEPA 2016).

For the OUs evaluated in this Five-Year Remedy Review, the remedies with operating equipment have been determined to be protective of human health and the environment (Table 8). However, the remedy for the A/M-Area Groundwater has been determined to be protective in the short-term. To establish long-term protectiveness, final corrective actions to be proposed by SRS and approved by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control under the 2014 Permit Renewal will be implemented.

LUCs are part of all final remedial actions where hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain on-site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. For the OUs evaluated in this report, pathways for contaminants to reach human and ecological receptors have been successfully broken by the selected remedies including LUCs.

For the A/M Area Groundwater OU, F-Area Groundwater OU, and H-Area Groundwater OU, the LUC requirements are discussed and approved as part of the closure/post-closure/permit application process and are governed by the RCRA Permit Renewal for the SRS (SCDHEC 2014). Therefore, a LUCIP is not required for these three groundwater OUs.

A protectiveness statement for each of the OUs evaluated in this report is included in the OU-specific remedy review located in Appendix C through Appendix M.

## VIII. NEXT REVIEW

As established in Section 121 of CERCLA, as amended by the SARA and the NCP, periodic reviews are required at least every five years for sites where hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure following the completion of the remedial action. Barring a change in the governing laws, another review of the remedies in this report should be completed within five years from the signature date of this document. The final signature date for the

last grouping of the Seventh Five-Year Remedy Review Report is due no later than January 21, 2029.

## IX. OU-SPECIFIC FIVE-YEAR REMEDY REVIEW REPORTS

The OU-specific Five-Year Remedy Reviews for the remedies evaluated in this document are included in Appendix C through Appendix M.

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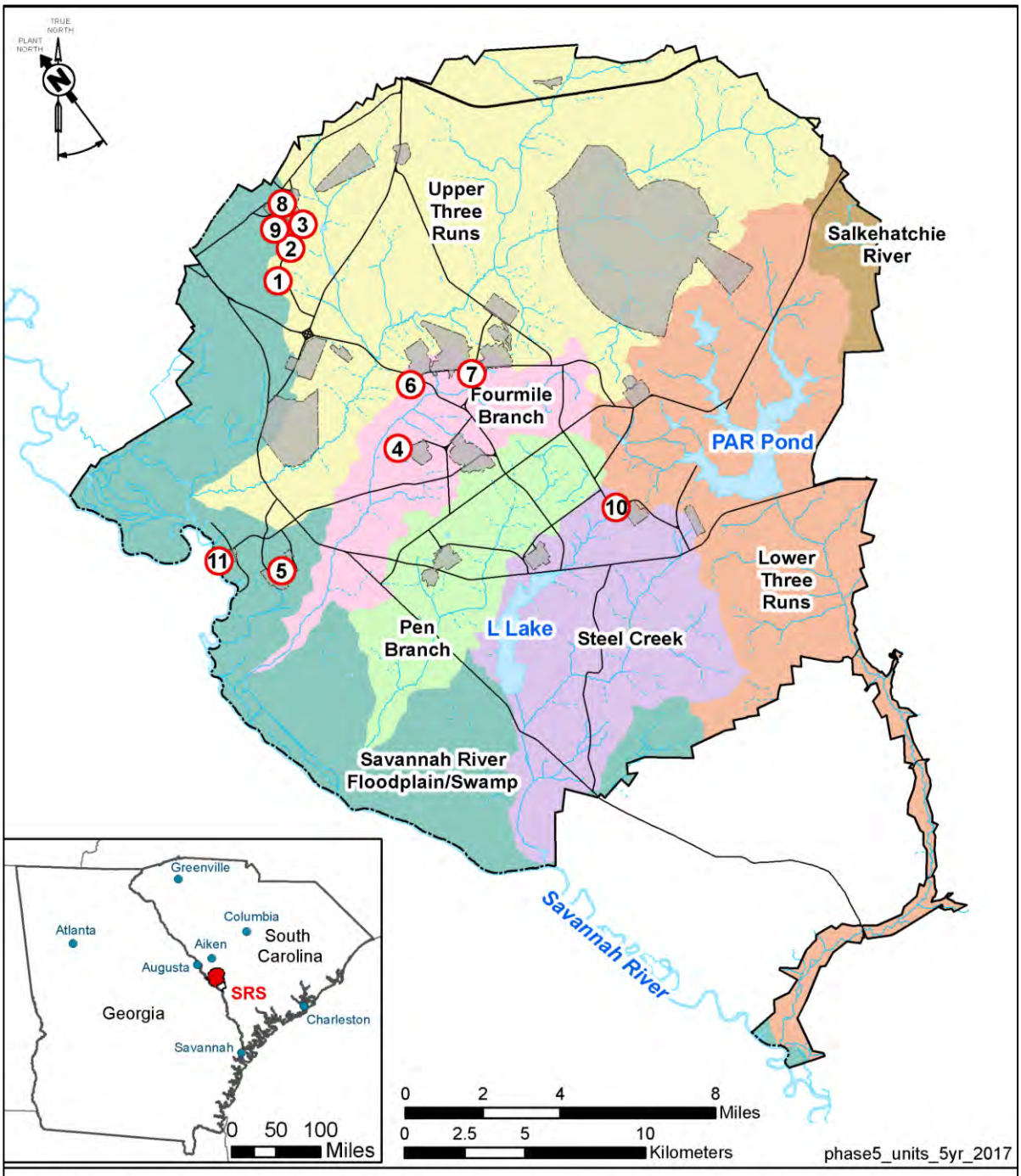
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1. A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A)
2. A/M-Area Groundwater
3. A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A)
4. C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN)
5. D-Area Operable Unit
6. F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit
7. H-Area Groundwater Operable Unit
8. M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines to Manhole 1 (081-M)
9. M-Area Operable Unit
10. P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P)
11. TNX Area Operable Unit

**Figure 1. Location Map for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment**

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**Table 1. Five Year Review Summary Form**

| **SITE IDENTIFICATION** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Site Name:** Savannah River Site | | | |
| **EPA ID:** SC1890008989 | | | |
| **Region:** 4 | **State:** SC | **City/County:** Aiken/Aiken | |
| **SITE STATUS** | | | |
| **NPL Status:** Final | | | |
| **Multiple OUs?:** Yes | **Has the Site achieved Construction Completion?:** No | | |
| **REVIEW STATUS** | | | |
| **Lead Agency:** Other Federal Agency<br>**If "Other Federal Agency" was selected above, enter Agency Name:**<br>U.S. Department of Energy | | | |
| **Author Name (Federal or State Project Manager:** N/A | | | |
| **Author Affiliation:** Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC | | | |
| **Review Period:** July 15, 2022 – January 26, 2024 (Phase 5: SRS OUs with Operating Equipment) | | | |
| **Date of Site Inspections:** July 2022 - November 2022 (Phase 5: SRS OUs with Operating Equipment) | | | |
| **Type of Review:** Statutory | | | |
| **Review Number:** 6 | | | |
| **Triggering Action Date:** January 21, 2019 | | | |
| **Due Date (Five Years after Triggering Action Date):** January 21, 2024 (includes all 5 Phases) | | | |

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**Table 2. SRS OUs with Operating Equipment**

| # | Appendix | Operable Unit | SEMS No. | Remedy Decision Document | Decision Document Issuance Year[a] | Remedial Action[b] | Area Covered (acres) | LUCs (acres) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | C | A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) OU | 28 | IRODs<br>ESD<br>ROD | 2001<br>2003<br>2007 | SVE (Active and Passive), Air Sparging, Soil Cover, LUCs | 10.1 | 10.1 |
| 2 | D | A/M-Area Groundwater OU | 36 | IROD | 1992 | SVE (Active and Passive), Pump-and-Treat with Air Stripping, Humate Amendment, Recirculation Wells (Dynamic Underground Stripping previously implemented) (RCRA Permit Renewal) | 2,500 | N/A |
| 3 | E | A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) OU | 30 | ROD | 2003 | Excavation, SVE, Soil Cover, LUCs | 1.2 | 4.9 |
| 4 | F | C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) OU | 31 | IROD<br>ROD | 1999<br>2008 | SVE, Air Sparging, Soil Cover, MNA | 0.6 | 141.2 |
| 5 | G | D-Area OU | 63 | EAROD | 2011 | Removal Action (Excavation, Thermal Treatment, SVE), LUCs | 210 | 162.5 |
| 6 | H | F-Area Groundwater OU | 8 | IROD | 1995 | Barrier Wall Funnel and Gate System with Base Injection (Pump-and-Treat Groundwater previously implemented), LUCs (RCRA Permit Renewal) | 267.1 | N/A |
| 7 | I | H-Area Groundwater OU | 9 | IROD | 1995 | Barrier Wall Funnel and Gate System with Base Injection (Pump-and-Treat Groundwater previously implemented), LUCs (RCRA Permit Renewal) | 303.2 | N/A |
| 8 | J | M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines to Manhole 1 (081-M) OU | 19 | ROD | 2007 | SVE, Soil Fracturing, LUCs | 1.6 | 5.3 |

**Table 2. SRS OUs with Operating Equipment *(continued/end)***

| # | Appendix | Operable Unit | SEMS No. | Remedy Decision Document | Decision Document Issuance Year[a] | Remedial Action[b] | Area Covered (acres) | LUCs (acres) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | K | M-Area OU | 92 | ROD<br>ESD | 2009<br>2009 | Removal Actions (Excavation, Backfill), Passive SVE, LUCs | 72.6 | 72.6 |
| 10 | L | P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P) OU | 59 | ROD | 2003 | Soil Cover, Passive SVE, Groundwater Monitoring | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| 11 | M | TNX Area OU | 21, 29 | IROD<br>ESD<br>ROD<br>ESD<br>ESD | 1994<br>2003<br>2004<br>2005<br>2013 | Excavation, In Situ Solidification/ Stabilization, SVE (Pump-and-Treat with Air Stripping, Recirculation Wells, Air Sparging previously implemented), Treatability Study (Enhanced Bioremediation with Edible Oil), Cover, Groundwater Monitoring, LUCs | 1.84 | 2.24 |

a Reflects the year the decision document (i.e., RODs, EARODs, IRODs, and ROD Amendments) was issued or the year of the last signature on the decision document.
b OUs may include subunits with contaminants in building material or groundwater that are also addressed by the remedy decision document.

EAROD – Early Action Record of Decision
ESD – Explanation of Significant Difference
IROD – Interim Action Record of Decision
N/A – Not Available
NBN – No Building Number
ROD – Record of Decision

## Table 3. LUC Summary Table

| Operable Unit | Media, Engineered Controls, and Areas that do not support UU/UE based on current conditions | LUCs Needed | LUCs Called for in the Decision Documents | Impacted Parcel(s)[a] | LUC Objectives | Title of LUC Instrument Implemented and Date (or Planned) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) OU | Surface Soils, Vadose Zone Soils, Groundwater | Yes | Yes | 28 | • Restrict worker access and prevent unauthorized contact, removal or excavation of contaminated media (i.e., vadose zone soils)<br>• Prohibit the development and use of property for residential housing, elementary schools, childcare facilities, and playgrounds<br>• Maintain the integrity of any current or future remedial or monitoring systems such as soil vapor extraction (SVE) systems, soil cover, or groundwater wells<br>• Prevent access to or use of groundwater until cleanup levels are met (under the RCRA program)<br>• Prevent construction of inhabitable buildings without an evaluation of indoor air quality to address vapor intrusion | WSRC 2007a |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU | Groundwater | Deferred | Deferred | 36 | • The LUCIP will be deferred until the final response action is completed for the A/M-Area Groundwater OU. | Not Applicable |
| A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) (AMRP) OU | Surface Soil | Yes | Yes | 30 | • Maintain the use of the Ash and Trenches Areas for industrial activities only in order to prevent residential exposure<br>• Prevent unauthorized access to the closed CERCLA unit as long as the waste remains a threat to human health and the environment in order to protect the industrial worker<br>• Provide public notices for disclosing former waste management and disposal activities and remedial actions taken on the site in order to protect the future residents, trespassers, and industrial workers | WSRC 2004a |

**Table 3. LUC Summary Table *(continued)***

| Operable Unit | Media, Engineered Controls, and Areas that do not support UU/UE based on current conditions | LUCs Needed | LUCs Called for in the Decision Documents | Impacted Parcel(s)[a] | LUC Objectives | Title of LUC Instrument Implemented and Date (or Planned) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) OU | Surface Soils, Vadose Zone Soils, Surface Water, Groundwater | Yes | Yes | 31 | • Restrict worker access and prevent unauthorized contact, removal or excavation of contaminated media<br>• Maintain the integrity of any current or future remedial or monitoring systems (i.e., soil cover, soil vapor extraction (SVE) systems, and groundwater wells)<br>• Prevent access to or use of groundwater and surface water until remedial goal options (RGOs) are attained<br>• Prohibit the development and use of property for residential housing, elementary schools, childcare facilities, and playgrounds<br>• Prevent construction of inhabitable buildings without an evaluation of indoor air quality to address vapor intrusion | SRNS 2009a |
| D-Area Operable Unit | | Yes | Yes | 63 | • Controlled physical access into D Area. A single primary road leads into D Area with access to the area controlled (i.e., fence, guard house) and monitored by SRS security personnel.<br>• Signage and monuments will be located at the boundaries to alert on-site workers to the presence of hazardous substances and to prevent unknowing entry and unrestricted use.<br>• Administrative controls as managed through the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program to require authorization before beginning any excavation activity.<br>• Maintenance of the existing soil cover for the D-Area Asbestos Pit to ensure that there is no erosion damage and to present unauthorized excavation or construction activities.<br>• Maintenance of newly installed soil cover at the northern section of the 489-D CPRB to ensure that there is no erosion damage and to prevent unauthorized excavation or construction activities. | SRNS 2011<br>SRNS 2020a |

**Table 3. LUC Summary Table *(continued)***

| Operable Unit | Media, Engineered Controls, and Areas that do not support UU/UE based on current conditions | LUCs Needed | LUCs Called for in the Decision Documents | Impacted Parcel(s)[a] | LUC Objectives | Title of LUC Instrument Implemented and Date (or Planned) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| F-Area Groundwater OU | Groundwater | Deferred | Deferred | 8 | • Prevent exposure to or ingestion of contaminated groundwater including physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the F-Area Groundwater OU for industrial use only (SRS is a secured government facility with land use restrictions) and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program. No activities were observed that would have violated the institutional controls (i.e., LUCs). | SCDHEC 2014 |
| H-Area Groundwater OU | Groundwater | Deferred | Deferred | 9 | • Prevent exposure to or ingestion of contaminated groundwater including physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the H-Area Groundwater OU for industrial use only (SRS is a secured government facility with land use restrictions) and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program. No activities were observed that would have violated the institutional controls (i.e., LUCs). | SCDHEC 2014 |
| M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines to Manhole 1 (081-M) OU | Vadose Zone Soils, Pipeline | Yes | Yes | 19 | • Prevent unauthorized contact, removal, or excavation of contaminated media (i.e., vadose zone soils and pipelines) in the OU areas<br>• Maintain the use of the site for industrial activities only<br>• Prevent unauthorized access to the close RCRA/CERCLA unit as long as the waste remains a threat to human health or the environment<br>• Prevent unauthorized residential or agricultural access to groundwater until cleanup levels (i.e., MCLs are met) | WSRC 2007b |

**Table 3. LUC Summary Table *(continued/end)***

| Operable Unit | Media, Engineered Controls, and Areas that do not support UU/UE based on current conditions | LUCs Needed | LUCs Called for in the Decision Documents | Impacted Parcel(s)[a] | LUC Objectives | Title of LUC Instrument Implemented and Date (or Planned) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M-Area Operable Unit (MAOU) | Concrete, Vadose Zone Soil, Groundwater | Yes | Yes | 92 | • Restrict worker access and prevent unauthorized contact, removal, or excavation of contaminated media<br>• Prevent access through manholes and pipelines<br>• Prohibit the development and use of property for residential housing, elementary schools, childcare facilities and playgrounds<br>• Maintain the integrity of any current or future remedial or monitoring systems such as SVE systems or groundwater monitoring wells<br>• Prevent access to or use of the groundwater until cleanup levels are met | SRNS 2009b |
| P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P) (PBRP) OU | Soil, Groundwater | Yes | Yes | 59 | • Prevent contact, removal, or excavation of buried waste in the OU areas designated in the LUCIP and preclude future residential or agricultural use of the area.<br>• Maintain the use of the site for industrial activities only. | WSRC 2004b |
| TNX Area OU | Sediment, Surface Water, Soil, Groundwater | Yes | Yes | 21,29 | • Maintain the use of the site for industrial activities only<br>• Prevent unauthorized access to the unit as long as the waste remains a threat to human health or the environment<br>• Provide public notices for disclosing former waste management and disposal activities and remedial actions taken on the site<br>• Prevent unauthorized residential or agricultural access to groundwater | WSRC 2004c |

a The Impacted Parcel(s) identification is represented by the SEMS number.
b The LUC objective statements were obtained directly from the referenced LUC document. LUC objectives statements vary in complexity due to the age of the document and guidance in place at the time the remedial decision was selected.
c The LUC requirements are discussed and approved as part of the closure/post-closure/permit application process and are governed by the RCRA Permit Renewal for SRS.

UU – unlimited use
UE – unrestricted exposure

## Table 4. Operation and Maintenance Cost Comparison for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment

| Operable Unit | Main Remedy | Remedy Decision Document Year[a] | FY2018-FY2022 O&M Estimated Cost | FY2018-FY2022 O&M Actual Cost | % of Estimate | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) OU | SVE | 2007 | $313,808 | $671,989 | 214% | Actual costs are higher than expected because the operational life of the active SVE system exceeded the ROD estimated three-year life. |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU | Air stripping, SVE | 1992 | 0 | $10,174,972 | N/A | RCRA documentation does not require estimated costs to be prepared. Therefore, a cost comparison cannot be provided in this remedy review. |
| A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) OU | SVE | 2003 | $216,000 | $274,856 | 127% | Actual costs were higher than expected because the operational life of the active SVE system exceeded the ROD estimated five-year life (anticipated end was FY2009). |
| C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) OU | SVE, MicroBlowers™ | 2008 | $162,000 | $549,995 | 340% | Actual costs are higher than expected due to the increased costs associated with MNA monitoring and reporting. No unexpected costs have been incurred. |
| D-Area OU | Soil Cover, LUCs | 2011 | $119,750 | $426,044 | 356% | Actual costs are higher than expected because D-Area Bubble Tower Subunit costs were not included in the EAROD cost estimate. |
| F-Area Groundwater OU | Base injection, LUCs | 1995 | 0 | $5,680,644 | N/A | RCRA documentation does not require estimated costs to be prepared. Therefore, a cost comparison cannot be provided in this remedy review. |
| H-Area Groundwater OU | Base injection, LUCs | 1995 | 0 | $5,950,785 | N/A | RCRA documentation does not require estimated costs to be prepared. Therefore, a cost comparison cannot be provided in this remedy review. |
| M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines to Manhole 1 (081-M) OU | SVE | 2007 | $217,500 | $336,648 | 155% | Actual O&M costs are as expected compared to the estimated O&M costs, until FY2015. Active SVE operations were supposed to end in FY2014 but are continuing to operate. Additional operating equipment repairs were incurred in FY2016/FY2017. |

**Table 4. Operation and Maintenance Cost Comparison for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment *(continued/end)***

| Operable Unit | Main Remedy | Remedy Decision Document Year[a] | FY2018-FY2022 O&M Estimated Cost | FY2018-FY2022 O&M Actual Cost | % of Estimate | Comments |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M-Area OU | Cap | 2009 | $186,000 | $810,315 | 436% | Actual costs are higher than expected because the estimated cost did not include maintenance for the entire MAOU (e.g., mowing). |
| P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P) OU | Groundwater Monitoring / Passive SVE | 2003 | $128,346 | $75,190 | 59% | The actual O&M costs are as expected, with the exception that the ROD estimated every five-year major soil cover repairs have not been necessary (FY2018 and FY2022) and inspections are performed annually instead of monthly as originally estimated. |
| TNX Area OU | SVE | 1994 | $1,234,149 | $788,860 | 64% | The actual O&M costs are as expected compared to the estimated O&M costs. |

**Table 5. Protectiveness Determination/Statements from the Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment**

| SEMS No. | Operable Unit | Protectiveness Determination | Protectiveness Statement |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) (ABRP/MCB/MBP) OU | Protective | The remedy at the ABRP/MCB/MBP is protective of human health and the environment. |
| 36 | A/M-Area Groundwater OU | Short-Term Protective | The remedy at the A/M-Area Groundwater currently protects human health and the environment because groundwater removal and treatment, in situ treatment, and contaminant source treatment have been successful in removing VOC contamination in groundwater and exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled through land use controls. For the remedy to be protective in the long-term, optimization of the M-1 recovery system and/or other remediation technologies must be implemented to treat the high concentration part of the plume located outside of the recovery well zone of capture. |
| 30 | A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) (AMRP) OU | Protective | The remedy at the AMRP is protective of human health and the environment. |
| 31 | C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) (CBRP) OU | Protective | The remedy at the CBRP is protective of human health and the environment. |
| 63 | D-Area Operable Unit (DAOU) | Protective | The remedy at the DAOU is protective of human health and the environment. |
| 8 | F-Area Groundwater OU | Protective | The remedy at the F-Area Groundwater is protective of human health and the environment. |

**Table 5. Protectiveness Determination/Statements from the Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment *(continued/end)***

| SEMS No. | Operable Unit | Protectiveness Determination | Protectiveness Statement |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | H-Area Groundwater OU | Protective | The remedy at the H-Area Groundwater is protective of human health and the environment. |
| 19 | M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines to manhole 1 (081-M) (MIPSL) OU | Protective | The remedy at the MIPSL OU is protective of human health and the environment. |
| 92 | M-Area Operable unit (MAOU) | Protective | The remedy at the MAOU is protective of human health and the environment. |
| 59 | P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P) (PBRP) OU | Protective | The remedy at the PBRP OU is protective of human health and the environment. |
| 21, 29 | TNX AREA OU | Protective | The remedy at the TNX AREA OU is protective of human health and the environment. |

**Table 6. Operable Units without Issues and Recommendations in the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report**

| **OU(s) without Issues/Recommendations Identified in the Five-Year Review** |
|---|
| SEMS #: 8, 9, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 36, 59, 92 |

**Table 7. Issues and Recommendations Identified in the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report**

| **Issues and Recommendations Identified in the Five-Year Review** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A-Area Burning/ Rubble Pits (731-A, 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) **SEMS #:** 28 | **Issue Category:** Monitoring | | | |
| | **Issue:** Confirmation sampling is needed to justify shutting down the passive SVE. | | | |
| | **Recommendation:** It is recommended that confirmation soil sampling be conducted at ABRP/MCB to evaluate the current soil concentrations against the RGs with the intent to justify shutting down the passive SVE. | | | |
| **Affect Current Protectiveness** | **Affect Future Protectiveness** | **Implementing Party** | **Oversight Party** | **Milestone Date** |
| No | No | USDOE | USEPA/ SCDHEC | 09/30/2024 |
| D-Area Operable Unit **SEMS #:** 63 | **Issue Category:** Monitoring | | | |
| | **Issue:** The passive SVE systems have been successful in treating VOC contamination | | | |
| | **Recommendation:** SRS recommends shutdown of the DAOU Bubble Tower MicroBlower™ SVE system if remedial goals have been achieved. | | | |
| **Affect Current Protectiveness** | **Affect Future Protectiveness** | **Implementing Party** | **Oversight Party** | **Milestone Date** |
| No | No | USDOE | USEPA/ SCDHEC | 06/30/2023 |
| M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines to manhole 1 (081-M) (MIPSL) OU **SEMS #:** 19 | **Issue Category:** Changed Site Conditions | | | |
| | **Issue:** The remediation system has been shut down. Only land use controls remain in place. | | | |
| | **Recommendation:** Move this remedy review to Phase 1 (Native Soil Covers and/or Land Use Controls [LUCs]) | | | |
| **Affect Current Protectiveness** | **Affect Future Protectiveness** | **Implementing Party** | **Oversight Party** | **Milestone Date** |
| No | No | USDOE | USEPA/ SCDHEC | 12/20/2023 |

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**Table 8. Protectiveness Statements for the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for the SRS OUs with Operating Equipment**

| **PROTECTIVENESS STATEMENT(S)** | | |
|---|---|---|
| ***Operable Unit:***<br>A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) (ABRP/MCB/MBP) OU,<br>SEMS #28 | ***Protectiveness Determination:***<br>Protective | ***Addendum Due Date (if applicable):***<br>N/A |
| ***Protectiveness Statement:***<br>The remedy at the ABRP/MCB/MBP is protective of human health and the environment. | | |
| ***Operable Unit:***<br>A/M-Area Groundwater OU,<br>SEMS #36 | ***Protectiveness Determination:***<br>Short-Term Protective | ***Addendum Due Date (if applicable):***<br>N/A |
| ***Protectiveness Statement:***<br>The remedy at the A/M-Area Groundwater currently protects human health and the environment because groundwater removal and treatment, in situ treatment, and contaminant source treatment have been successful in removing VOC contamination in groundwater and exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled through land use controls. For the remedy to be protective in the long-term, optimization of the M-1 recovery system and/or other remediation technologies must be implemented to treat the high concentration part of the plume located outside of the recovery well zone of capture. | | |
| ***Operable Unit:***<br>A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) (AMRP) OU,<br>SEMS #30 | ***Protectiveness Determination:***<br>Protective | ***Addendum Due Date (if applicable):***<br>N/A |
| ***Protectiveness Statement:***<br>The remedy at the AMRP is protective of human health and the environment. | | |
| ***Operable Unit:***<br>C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) (CBRP) OU,<br>SEMS #31 | ***Protectiveness Determination:***<br>Protective | ***Addendum Due Date (if applicable):***<br>N/A |
| ***Protectiveness Statement:***<br>The remedy at the CBRP is protective of human health and the environment. | | |
| ***Operable Unit:***<br>D-Area Operable Unit (DAOU),<br>SEMS #63 | ***Protectiveness Determination:***<br>Protective | ***Addendum Due Date (if applicable):***<br>N/A |
| ***Protectiveness Statement:***<br>The remedy at the DAOU is protective of human health and the environment. | | |
| ***Operable Unit:***<br>F-Area Groundwater OU,<br>SEMS #8 | ***Protectiveness Determination:***<br>Protective | ***Addendum Due Date (if applicable):***<br>N/A |
| ***Protectiveness Statement:***<br>The remedy at the F-Area Groundwater OU is protective of human health and the environment. | | |

**Table 8. Protectiveness Statements for the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for the SRS OUs with Operating Equipment *(continued/end)***

| **PROTECTIVENESS STATEMENT(S)** | | |
|---|---|---|
| ***Operable Unit:***<br>H-Area Groundwater OU,<br>SEMS #9 | ***Protectiveness Determination:***<br>Protective | ***Addendum Due Date (if applicable):***<br>N/A |
| ***Protectiveness Statement:***<br>The remedy at the H-Area Groundwater OU is protective of human health and the environment. | | |
| ***Operable Unit:***<br>M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines to Manhole 1 (081-M) (MIPSL) OU,<br>SEMS #19 | ***Protectiveness Determination:***<br>Protective | ***Addendum Due Date (if applicable):***<br>N/A |
| ***Protectiveness Statement:***<br>The remedy at the MIPSL OU is protective of human health and the environment. | | |
| ***Operable Unit:***<br>M-Area Operable Unit (MAOU),<br>SEMS #92 | ***Protectiveness Determination:***<br>Protective | ***Addendum Due Date (if applicable):***<br>N/A |
| ***Protectiveness Statement:***<br>The remedy at the MAOU is protective of human health and the environment. | | |
| ***Operable Unit:***<br>P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P) (PBRP) OU,<br>SEMS #59 | ***Protectiveness Determination:***<br>Protective | ***Addendum Due Date (if applicable):***<br>N/A |
| ***Protectiveness Statement:***<br>The remedy at the PBRP OU is protective of human health and the environment. | | |
| ***Operable Unit:***<br>TNX Area OU,<br>SEMS #21, 29 | ***Protectiveness Determination:***<br>Protective | ***Addendum Due Date (if applicable):***<br>N/A |
| ***Protectiveness Statement:***<br>The remedy at the TNX Area OU is protective of human health and the environment. | | |

# SIXTH FIVE-YEAR REMEDY REVIEW REPORT PHASED REVIEWS

## I. FIVE-YEAR REMEDY REVIEW PHASES

The size of the Savannah River Site (SRS) five-year remedy review reports has grown considerably since the first report was issued in 1997 with respect to the number of operable unit (OU) remedies evaluated and the level of detail required. Beginning with the Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review Report, the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) agreed to segregate the OUs into five groupings based on remedy similarity with a different group submitted annually on a five-year cycle. This phased approach not only reduces the volume of future remedy reports but is also more effective in identifying and resolving issues for similar remedies.

The SRS OUs are grouped by the following remedy types:

(1) Native Soil Covers and/or Land Use Controls (LUCs);
(2) Groundwater Remedies;
(3) Engineered Cover Systems;
(4) Geosynthetic or Stabilization/Solidification (S/S) Cover Systems; and
(5) Operating Equipment.

The trigger date for submittal of the next five-year remedy review report to the regulatory agencies is based on the USEPA signature date of the previous report. The final signature for the last grouping of the Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report is due no later than January 21, 2024. For the sixth five-year remedy review reports, Table A-1 provides a schedule for issuance of the remedy reviews for the five OU remedy groupings to ensure that the five-year limit between decision document reviews in compliance with Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan is not exceeded.

A list of the SRS OUs with remedy decision documents grouped into the five phased reviews is provided in Table A-2. Table A-2 will be updated in future remedy review

reports as additional remedy decision documents are approved and added. A general description of the five remedy types is provided below.

***Phase 1: Native Soil Covers and/or LUCs***

For purposes of the sixth five-year phased remedy review, SRS OUs with native soil covers and/or LUCs as the selected remedy are grouped under the Native Soil Covers and/or LUCs category.

Native soil covers are often implemented at SRS to protect against human and/or ecosystem exposure to waste or contaminated material left in place. Native soil covers are appropriate when water infiltration and leaching of contaminants to groundwater is not a concern. A typical soil cover is 0.30 m to 0.61 m (12 to 24 in) thick and is usually vegetated to minimize erosion. Native soil covers are usually low in cost and construction materials are readily available from SRS local sources. Native soil covers may be combined with other remedial actions but require LUCs as a component of the remedy. For these units, native soil covers were in place prior to selection of the remedial action. For this reason, only LUCs were required as the final remedial action for the nine OUs with existing soil covers discussed in the Native Soil Covers and/or LUCs report.

LUCs are maintained for all OUs where hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain on-site or have been left in place above levels that are acceptable for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. LUCs may be implemented as a stand-alone remedy or combined with other remedial actions. LUCs involve institutional controls (i.e., administrative controls) and engineering controls and can include monitoring, maintenance, reporting, access restrictions, signage, fencing, and land use restrictions. In older SRS remedy documents, the term "institutional controls" was often used in place of the broader LUC term.

***Phase 2: Groundwater Remedies***

For purposes of the sixth five-year phased remedy review, SRS OUs that have monitoring activities associated with Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) or a Mixing Zone (MZ) permit are grouped in the Groundwater Remedies category.

SRS uses a graded approach to groundwater remediation. The selection of groundwater remediation technologies for a specific contamination area is based on the size, contaminant type, contaminant concentration, and configuration of the plume. These attributes are the result of the nature and mass of the source of contamination and the subsurface characteristics in the area of the plume. Many large plumes consist of several zones that are most efficiently addressed with separate complementary corrective action/ remedial technologies. The highest concentrations of contaminants are found in the source zone. The most robust, high-mass-removal technologies are best suited for remediation of the source zone. In the primary plume zone, active remedies such as pump-and-treat may be necessary to remove contaminants and exert hydraulic control of the plume. In the dilute fringe zone, contaminants are generally low in concentration and can often be treated with passive techniques.

Enhanced-passive remedial systems are used extensively at SRS to remediate vadose zone soils for the purpose of preventing groundwater contamination. These systems are low-energy-consumption, low-carbon-emission systems that are not completely passive. These "green" technologies leverage natural systems to protect and remediate groundwater. Many existing soil vapor extraction (SVE) systems have been converted from active vacuum extraction powered by fossil fuel to enhanced-passive systems powered by natural non-fossil-fuel energy sources. BaroBall™ and MicroBlower™ systems are two types of enhanced-passive SVE systems currently in operation at SRS. BaroBalls™ rely on natural fluctuations in barometric pressure to pump volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from the subsurface to the atmosphere at individual SVE wells. SVE wells with MicroBlowers™ are designed to use solar power to generate a vacuum that exhausts VOC vapors from individual wells. Both MicroBlowers™ and BaroBalls™ are low-energy-consumption, low-carbon-emission devices that remove VOC contaminants from the subsurface.

MNA is a passive groundwater remedial action where the fringe and dilute areas of a plume degrade by natural biogeochemical or physical processes such as biodegradation, radioactive decay, dilution, and simple dispersion. MNA remedies must be accompanied by source control and a technical justification that conditions are favorable for natural

attenuation. In addition, the groundwater plume should not be expanding significantly, and surface water standards cannot be exceeded at the groundwater discharge point. MNA remedy justifications are supported by groundwater modeling and a commitment to continued monitoring and reporting. When only the uppermost aquifer is impacted, SCDHEC may issue a MZ permit that is essentially a permit for an MNA remedy. SRS has a mixture of CERCLA Records of Decision (RODs) that require MNA as the final action for groundwater under CERCLA, and RODs that require SCDHEC MZ permits to implement the MNA remedy.

***Phase 3: Engineered Cover Systems***

For purposes of the sixth five-year phased remedy review, SRS OUs that selected an engineered cover system or similar cover system as the remedy, are grouped in the Engineered Cover Systems category.

The function of an engineered cover system is similar to that of a native soil cover: to protect against human and/or ecosystem exposure to waste or contaminated material left in place. Although engineered covers do not completely prevent infiltration, they can achieve very low permeabilities if well compacted. Compaction is important to reduce damage from differential settlement and is often used at SRS to remediate OUs that contain diverse waste material such as rubble pits/piles. Another objective of using engineered cover systems is to promote more effective surface drainage and to minimize infiltration.

SRS OUs were placed in this grouping if the selected cover features/performance requirements exceeded those of a basic native soil cover. For example, an OU with a remedy that selected cover and/or fill material with a higher clay content to minimize infiltration or for drainage and slope contouring was included in this category even if the clay material did not have engineering compaction requirements.

***Phase 4: Geosynthetic or Stabilization/Solidification Cover Systems***

For purposes of the sixth five-year phased remedy review, SRS OUs that installed a geosynthetic or stabilization/solidification cover system are grouped in the Geosynthetic or S/S Cover Systems category.

Many cover systems are designed to protect groundwater by minimizing the infiltration of rainwater through the contaminated material left in place. Geosynthetic cover systems are constructed at SRS OUs when there is a concern that contamination left in place may leach to groundwater above acceptable levels. A typical cross section of a geosynthetic cover system consists of a vegetative/soil protective layer, a geosynthetic drainage layer, an impermeable geosynthetic liner, and compacted common fill placed over the contaminated material. A specific hydraulic conductivity to reduce stormwater infiltration, usually 1E-07 cm/s or less, is specified in the design. Low permeability covers are often paired with SVE units that remove VOCs from the subsurface to prevent migration of contaminants to groundwater.

In some cases, radioactively contaminated soils have been stabilized with in-situ grouting followed by installation of a low permeability cover (i.e., compacted clay, concrete, etc.) to deter migration of contaminants to the groundwater. Not only does a S/S technology stabilize waste left in place, the in-situ containment also provides another layer of protection to prevent intrusion and exposure to contaminated material.

***Phase 5: Operating Equipment***

For purposes of the sixth five-year phased remedy review, SRS OUs that have ongoing active remediation systems are grouped under the Operating Equipment category.

A range of active remediation systems are used at SRS. SVE systems are used to remove VOCs from vadose zone source areas before the contaminants can migrate to the water table. Air strippers are employed to remove VOC groundwater contaminants from the source zone while active recirculation well systems remove VOC contaminants from primary VOC plumes. Pump and treat systems are used to remove contaminant mass and exert hydraulic control over contaminated groundwater plumes. Thermal technologies have been employed in several areas to mobilize dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL) VOCs in the vadose zone and groundwater. Dynamic Underground Stripping is a technology employed at SRS that utilizes steam injection to enhance removal from large

DNAPL source zones. Electrical Resistance Heating has been used in smaller DNAPL source zones.

A more detailed discussion of active remediation systems will be provided during Phase 5 of the sixth five-year phased remedy review.

## II. SRS OUS WITH REMEDIAL DECISIONS

The following tables are included for information only and provide a tracking for all SRS OUs with approved remedial decisions, including No Action sites (i.e., RODs, Early Action RODs [EARODs], Interim RODs [IRODs], ROD Amendments, and Explanation of Significant Differences [ESDs]).

- Table A-3 provides a summary of SRS OUs for remedial actions without operating equipment;
- Table A-4 provides a summary for the SRS OUs for remedial actions with operating equipment;
- Table A-5 chronologically lists all SRS issued decision documents. Document numbers are provided for reference;
- Table A-6 provides a summary of the No Remedial Actions selected in the decision documents; and
- Table A-7 provides the OU subunits with issued remedial decision documents and their associated Superfund Enterprise Management System (SEMS) number.

**Table A-1. Phased Five-Year Remedy Review Report Schedule**

| Sixth Five-Year Review | | Seventh Five-Year Review | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Issuance Year** | **Years Between Reviews** | **Issuance Year** | **Remedy Type** |
| 2020 | 5 | 2025 | Phase 1: Native Soil Covers and/or LUCs |
| 2021 | 5 | 2026 | Phase 2: Groundwater |
| 2022 | 5 | 2027 | Phase 3: Engineered Cover Systems |
| 2023 | 5 | 2028 | Phase 4: Geosynthetic or Stabilization/ Solidification Cover Systems |
| 2024[a] | 5 | 2029 | Phase 5: Operating Equipment |

a Indicates the issue year for this report: Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment.

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**Table A-2. Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report Phases for SRS OUs**

| Native Soil Covers and/or LUCs | | Groundwater | | Engineered Cover Systems | | Geosynthetic or Stabilization/Solidification Cover Systems | | Operating Equipment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Submittal Date*[a] | *Issuance Year* | *Submittal Date*[a] | *Issuance Year* | *Submittal Date*[a] | *Issuance Year* | *Submittal Date*[a] | *Issuance Year* | *Submittal Date*[a] | *Issuance Year* |
| 2018 | 2020 | 2019 | 2021 | 2020 | 2022 | 2021 | 2023 | 2022 | 2024 |
| C-Area Operable Unit | | C-Area Groundwater | | Central Shops Burning/Rubble Pits (631-1G and 631-3G) | | B-Area Operable Unit | | A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A/731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) | |
| C-, K-, and L-Reactor Complexes | | Chemicals, Metals, and Pesticides Pit (080-170G, 080-171G, 080-180G, 080-181G, 080-182G, 080-183G, and 080-190G) | | D-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (431-D and 431-1D) | | C-Area Reactor Seepage Basins (904-66G and 904-68G) | | A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) | |
| Early Construction and Operational Disposal Site (ECODs) L-1, N-2, P-2, and R-1A, -1B, -1C | | D-Area Oil Seepage Basin (631-G) | | F-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (904-41G, 904-42G, and 904-43G) | | D-Area Expanded Operable Unit (Consisting of D-Area Ash Basin [488-D] and D-Area Rubble Pit [431-2D]) | | A/M-Area Groundwater | |
| F-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (231-F, 231-1F, and 231-2F) | | L-Area Southern Groundwater | | Ford Building Seepage Basin (904-91G) | | E-Area Low-Level Waste Facility (643-26E) | | C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) | |
| Gunsite 012 | | R-Area Operable Unit[c] | | H-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (904-44G, 904-45G, 904-46G, and 904-56G) | | F-Area Tank Farm | | D-Area Operable Unit | |
| Heavy Equipment Wash Basin (No Building Number [NBN]) | | R-Area Reactor Seepage Basins (904-57G, 904-58G, 904-59G, 904-60G, 904-103G, and 904-104G) and 108-4R Overflow Basin | | K-Area Burning/Rubble Pit and K-Area Rubble Pile (131-K and 631-20G) | | F-Area Retention Basin (281-3F) | | F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit | |
| K-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pit (643-1G) | | | | M-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (904-51G and 904-112G) | | General Separations Area Consolidation Unit | | H-Area Groundwater Operable Unit | |
| L-Area and P-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pits (643-2G, 643-3G, and 643-4G) | | | | Metallurgical Laboratory Hazardous Waste Management Facility (904-110G) | | H-Area Tank Farm | | M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines to Manhole 1 (081-M) | |

**Table A-2. Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Phases for SRS OUs (*continued/end*)**

| Native Soil Covers and/or LUCs | | Groundwater | | Engineered Cover Systems | | Geosynthetic or Stabilization/Solidification Cover Systems | | Operating Equipment | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Submittal Date*[a] | *Issuance Year* | *Submittal Date*[a] | *Issuance Year* | *Submittal Date*[a] | *Submittal Date*[a] | *Issuance Year* | *Submittal Date*[a] | *Issuance Year* | *Submittal Date*[a] |
| 2018 | 2020 | 2019 | 2021 | 2020 | 2018 | 2020 | 2019 | 2021 | 2020 |
| PAR Pond (685-G) (Including the Pre-Cooler Ponds and Canals) and Lower Three Runs Integrator Operable Unit (IOU) Tail Portion (Middle and Lower Subunits) | | | | Mixed Waste Management Facility (643-28E) | | K-Area Reactor Seepage Basin (904-65G) | | M-Area Operable Unit | |
| R-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pits (643-8G, 643-9G and 643-10G) and R-Area Unknown Pits #1, #2, and #3 | | | | SRL Seepage Basins (904-53G1, 904-53G2, 904-54G, and 904-55G) | | L-Area Oil and Chemical Basin (904-83G) | | P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P) | |
| Silverton Road Waste Unit (731-3A) | | | | | | L-Area Reactor Seepage Basin (904-64G) and C-Area Reactor Seepage Basin (904-67G) | | TNX Area Operable Unit | |
| Wetland Area at Dunbarton Bay in Support of Steel Creek IOU[b] | | | | | | Old F-Area Seepage Basin (904-49G) | | | |
| | | | | | | P-Area Operable Unit | | | |
| | | | | | | P-Area Reactor Seepage Basin (904-61G, 904-62G, and 904-63G) | | | |
| | | | | | | R-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (131-R and 131-1R) and R-Area Rubble Pile (631-25G) | | | |
| | | | | | | T-Area Operable Unit | | | |

a Represents December submittal date of the Revision 0 document for each five-year remedy review report.
b ROD was issued in June 2018. This OU was not included in the first phase of the sixth five-year review (i.e., native soil covers and/or LUCs) because the remedy had not been implemented.
c R-Reactor Complex will be discussed as part of R-Area Operable Unit.

## Table A-3. Summary of Remedial Actions without Operating Equipment at SRS

| Unit Name | FYR Phase | OU | Area Covered (acres) | Volume Covered ($yd^3$) | Volume Stabilized ($yd^3$) | Volume Consolidated ($yd^3$) | Volume Removed ($yd^3$) | LUC (acres) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***Compacted Native Soil*** | | | | | | | | |
| C-Reactor Complex | 1 | CKL Rx | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.4 |
| K-Reactor Complex | 1 | CKL Rx | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.8 |
| L-Reactor Complex | 1 | CKL Rx | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.5 |
| Early Construction and Operational Disposal Site (ECODS) C-1 | 1 | CAOU | 0.16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.27 |
| ECODs L-1 | 1 | ECODS | 0.40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.94 |
| ECODs N-2 | 1 | ECODS | 0.47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.31 |
| ECODs P-2 | 1 | ECODS | 0.18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.42 |
| ECODs R-1A, R-1B, R-1C | 1 | ECODS | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.76 |
| F-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (231-F, 231-1F, and 231-2F) | 1 | FBRP | 1.18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.8 |
| K-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pit (BPOP) (643-1G) | 1 | KBPOP | 0.55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.59 |
| L-Area BPOP (643-2G and 642-3G) | 1 | L/P-BPOP | 0.31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.73 |
| P-Area BPOP (643-4G) | 1 | L/P-BPOP | 0.28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.41 |
| R-Area BPOP (643-8G, 643-9G and 643-10G) and R-Area Unknown Pits #1, #2, and #3 | 1 | RBPOP | 0.88 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.1 |
| Silverton Road Waste Unit (731-3A) | 1 | SRWU | 1.36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.3 |
| Central Shops Burning/Rubble Pits (631-1G and 631-3G) | 3 | CSBRP | 0.43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.81 |
| D-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (431-D and 431-1D) | 3 | DBRP | 0.54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.73 |
| A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A), Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) | 5 | ABRP/RP MCB/MBP | 9.95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,200 | 10.1 |
| M-Area Operable Unit | 5 | MAOU | 0.84 | 3,600 | 0 | 4,350 | 0 | 70.9 |
| ***Land Use Controls Only*** | | | | | | | | |
| C-Area Operable Unit | 1 | CAOU | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56.5 |
| D-Area Operable Unit (488-2D and west end of 488-1D) | 5 | DAOU | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 315,821 | 245 |
| Gunsite 012 | 1 | Gunsite 012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8.9 |
| Heavy Equipment Wash Basin (NBN) | 1 | HEWB | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| Lower Three Runs IOU Tail Portion (Middle and Lower Subunits) | 1 | PAR Pond | 5535.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5535.2 |
| ***Water Cover*** | | | | | | | | |
| PAR Pond (685-G) (Including the Pre-Cooler Ponds and Canals) | 1 | PAR Pond | 1,340 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2556.1 |

**Table A-3. Summary of Remedial Actions without Operating Equipment at SRS *(continued)***

| Unit Name | FYR Phase | OU | Area Covered (acres) | Volume Covered ($yd^3$) | Volume Stabilized ($yd^3$) | Volume Consolidated ($yd^3$) | Volume Removed ($yd^3$) | LUC (acres) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***Geosynthetic Clay (hydraulic conductivity 1E-07 cm/sec, 1E-08 cm/sec)*** | | | | | | | | |
| General Separations Area Consolidation Unit | 4 | GSACU | 77.3 | 0 | 0 | 50,950 | 0 | 86 |
| D-Area Expanded Operable Unit consisting of D-Area Ash Basin (488-D) and D-Area Rubble Pit (431-2D) | 4 | DEXOU | 25 | 0 | 0 | 110,110 | 74 | 43.27 |
| D-Area Operable Unit (488-4D) | 5 | DAOU | 22 | 975,000 | 0 | 90,800 | 0 | 245 |
| D-Area Operable Unit (488-1D) | 5 | DAOU | 19.5 | 601,910 | 0 | 298,130 | 0 | 245 |
| E-Area Low-Level Waste Facility (643-26E) | 4 | E-Area LLWF | 13.6 | 123,072 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| T-Area Operable Unit | 4 | TAOU | 9.4 | 0 | 0 | 1,531 | 0 | 47.58 |
| P-Area Reactor Seepage Basin (904-61G, 904-62G, and 904-63G) | 4 | PRSB | 2.3 | 0 | 7,400 | 1,928 | 0 | 3.13 |
| R-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (131-R and 131-1R) and Rubble Pile (631-25G) | 4 | RBRP/RP | 0.32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 0.44 |
| ***Compacted Clay (hydraulic conductivity 1E-07 cm/sec)*** | | | | | | | | |
| F-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facilities (HWMFs) (904-41G, 904-42G, and 904-43G) | 3 | F-HWMF | 6.8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| H-Area HWMFs (904-44G, 904-45G, 904-46G, 904-56G) | 3 | H-HWMF | 22.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| M-Area HWMFs (904-51G and 904-112G) | 3 | M-HWMF | 2.4 | 0 | 37,800 | 39,700 | 0 | 4.5 |
| Metallurgical Laboratory HWMF (904-110G) | 3 | Met Lab HWMF | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.5 |
| Mixed Waste Management Facility (943-28E) | 3 | MWMF | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 |
| P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P) | 5 | PBRP | 0.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.89 |
| ***Compacted Clay w/Waste Solidification (hydraulic conductivity 1E-05 cm/sec)*** | | | | | | | | |
| C-Area Reactor Seepage Basins (904-66G, 904-67G, and 904-68G) | 4 | CRSB | 3.1 | 0 | 2,667 | 0 | 0 | 3.1 |
| F-Area Retention Basin (281-3F) | 4 | FRB | 0.59 | 0 | 1,150 | 42 | 0 | 1.07 |
| Old F-Area Seepage Basin (904-49G) | 4 | OFASB | 1.8 | 0 | 10,154 | 0 | 0 | 1.8 |
| L-Area Reactor Seepage Basin (904-64G) | 4 | LRSB | 1.73 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.73 |
| L-Area Oil and Chemical Basin (904-83G) | 4 | LAOCB | 0.45 | 0 | 2,170 | 200 | 0 | 1.32 |
| K-Area Reactor Seepage Basin (904-65G) | 4 | KRSB | 0.2 | 0 | 583 | 0 | 0 | 0.74 |
| ***Asphalt/Concrete*** | | | | | | | | |
| R-Area Operable Unit | 2 | RAOU | 1.55 | 0 | 123,091 | 0 | 13,404 | 450 |
| R-Area Reactor Seepage Basins (904-57G, 904-58G, 904-59G, 904-60G, 904-103G, and 904-104G) and 108-4R Overflow Basin | 2 | RRSB | 18.1 | 0 | 0 | 370 | 0 | 37.8 |
| Heavy Water Components Test Reactor | 4 | BAOU | 0.15 | 0 | 7,208 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 |

## Table A-3. Summary of Remedial Actions without Operating Equipment at SRS *(continued/end)*

| Unit Name | FYR Phase | OU | Area Covered (acres) | Volume Covered ($yd^3$) | Volume Stabilized ($yd^3$) | Volume Consolidated ($yd^3$) | Volume Removed ($yd^3$) | LUC (acres) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***Asphalt/Concrete (continued)*** | | | | | | | | |
| P-Area Operable Unit | 4 | PAOU | 0.86 | 0 | 117,981 | 0 | 10,905 | 85.32 |
| F-Area Tank Farm | 4 | FTF | 0.72 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | NA* |
| H-Area Tank Farm | 4 | HTF | 0.23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | NA* |
| ***Compacted Common Fill (no hydraulic conductivity requirement)*** | | | | | | | | |
| Chemical, Metals, and Pesticides Pits (080-170G, 080-171G, 080-180G, 080-181G, 080-182G, 080-183G, and 080-190G) | 2 | CMP Pits | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.1 |
| R-Area Ash Basin (188-R) | 2 | RAOU | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Ford Building Seepage Basin (904-91G) | 3 | FBSB | 0.22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.28 |
| K-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-K) and Rubble Pile (631-20G) | 3 | KBRP | 0.8 | 0 | 0 | 10,000 | 0 | 1.15 |
| SRL Seepage Basins (904-53G1, 904-53G2, 904-54G, and 904-55G) | 3 | SRLSB | 2.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,200 | 2.56 |
| P-007 Outfall | 4 | PAOU | 4.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,000 | 4.5 |
| P-Area Ash Basin (188-P) | 4 | PAOU | 13.7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13.7 |
| A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) | 5 | AMRP | 1.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23.7 | 3.08 |
| D-Area Operable Unit (Bubble Tower and Moderator Processing) | 5 | DAOU | 0.7 | 0 | 0 | 16,500 | 116.7 | 245 |
| C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) | 5 | CBRP | 0.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 141.2 |
| D-Area Coal Pile Runoff Basin (489-D) (25% northern portion) | 5 | DAOU | 4.8 | 0 | 0 | 5,720 | 0 | 4.96 |
| New TNX Seepage Basin (904-102G) | 5 | NTSB | 0.51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.24 |

ABRP/RP = A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits and Rubble Pit
AMRP = A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile
BAOU = B-Area Operable Unit
BPOP = Bingham Pump Outage Pits
CAOU = C-Area Operable Unit
CBRP = C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit
CKL Rx = C-, K-, and L-Reactor Complexes
CMP Pits = Chemicals, Metals, and Pesticides Pits
CSBRP = Central Shops Burning/Rubble Pit
CRSB = C-Area Reactor Seepage Basin
DAOU = D-Area Operable Unit
DBRP = D-Area Burning/Rubble Pit
DEXOU = D-Area Expanded Operable Unit
ECODS = Early Construction and Operational Disposal Site
FBRP = F-Area Burning/Rubble Pits
FBSB = Ford Building Seepage Basin
FRB = F-Area Retention Basin
GSACU = General Separations Area Consolidation Unit
HEWB = Heavy Equipment Wash Basin (NBN)
HWMF = Hazardous Waste Management Facility
KBRP = K-Area Burning/Rubble Pit
KRSB = K-Reactor Seepage Basin
LAOCB = L-Area Oil and Chemical Basin
LLWF = Low-Level Waste Facility
LRSB = L-Area Reactor Seepage Basin
MAOU = M-Area Operable Unit
MCB/MBP = Miscellaneous Chemical Basin / Metals Burning Pit
Met Lab = Metallurgical Laboratory
MWMF = Mixed Waste Management Facility
NBN = no building number
NTSB = New TNX Seepage Basin
OFASB = Old F-Area Seepage Basin
PAOU = P-Area Operable Unit
PAR Pond = PAR Pond (685-G) (Including the Pre-Cooler Ponds and Canals) and Lower Three Runs IOU Tail Portion (Middle and Lower Subunits)
PBRP = P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P)
PRSB = P-Reactor Seepage Basin
RAOU = R-Area Operable Unit
RBRP/RP = R-Area Burning/Rubble Pits and Rubble Pile
RRSB = R-Area Reactor Seepage Basin
SRLSB = SRL Seepage Basin
SRWU = Silverton Road Waste Unit
TAOU = T-Area Operable Unit
cm/sec = centimeter per second
FYR = Five-Year Remedy
$yd^3$ = cubic yards

*NA = Not Applicable. The LUCIP will be deferred until final closure of the entire OU. Therefore, the LUC area has not been established.

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## Table A-4. Summary of Remedial Actions with Operating Equipment at SRS

| Unit Name | FYR Phase | OU | Start | Finish | ZOI Area (acres) | Volume Treated | Volume Removed (as of 12/31/2021) | COCs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pump-and-Treat** | | | | | | | | |
| ***Water Treatment Units*** | | | | | | | | |
| F-Area Groundwater OU | 5 | FAGW | 1997 | 2003 | 250 | 345,718,674 gal | -- | -- |
| H-Area Groundwater OU | 5 | HAGW | 1997 | 2003 | 250 | 347,165,473 gal | -- | -- |
| ***Air Stripper*** | | | | | | | | |
| A-Area Groundwater OU (A2) | 5 | A/M GW | 1992 | 2022 | 1,600 | 1,914,506,457 gal | 7,341 lbs | PCE, TCE |
| M-Area Groundwater OU (M1) | 5 | A/M GW | 1983 | Ongoing | -- | 5,267,510,897 gal | 558,973 lbs | PCE, TCE |
| TNX-Area Groundwater OU | 5 | TNX GW | 1996 | 2007 | 80 | 275,070,482 gal | 125 lbs | VOC, $CCl_4$ |
| ***Airlift Recirculation Pumps*** | | | | | | | | |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU (Southern Sector) | 5 | A/M GW | 1997 | 2020 | 0.08 | 1,900,000,000 gal | 542 lbs | PCE, TCE |
| Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) | 5 | A/M GW | 2002 | 2011 | | | 46 Lbs | VOCs |
| **Thermal Treatments** | | | | | | | | |
| ***Dynamic Underground Stripping*** | | | | | | | | |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU (321-M SSTA) | 5 | A/M GW | 2000 | 2001 | 1.1 | 1,600,000 gal | 70,000 lbs | VOC |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU (Western Sector) | 5 | A/M GW | 2005 | 2010 | 3+ | 12,000,000 gal | 450,000 lbs | VOC |
| ***Electrical Resistance Heating with Soil Vapor Extraction*** | | | | | | | | |
| C-Area Groundwater OU | 5 | CAGW | 2006 | 2006 | 0.02 | 1,800 gal | 730 lbs | TCE |
| Chemical, Metals, and Pesticides Pits (080-170G, 080-171G, 080-180G, 080-181G, 080-182G, 080-183G, and 080-190G) | 2 | CMP Pits | 2008 | 2009 | 0.05 | 5,300 gal | 2,300 lbs | VOCs |
| ***Detritiation*** | | | | | | | | |
| D-Area Operable Unit (Moderator Processing) | 5 | DAOU | 2009 | 2011 | -- | 1,650 gal | 472 Ci | Tritium |
| **Soil Vapor Extraction** | | | | | | | | |
| ***Mechanical*** | | | | | | | | |
| A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A), Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) | 5 | ABRP/RP MCB/MBP | 2008 | 2017 | 0.34 | 55,000 $yd^3$ | 144 lbs | TCE |
| Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) | 5 | A/M GW | 2001 | 2002 | -- | 582 $yd^3$ | 170 lbs | TCE |
| A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) | 5 | AMRP | 2004 | 2017 | -- | 6,000 $yd^3$ | 146 lbs | VOCs |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU (WSTS) | 5 | A/M GW | 2012 | 2019 | -- | -- | 2,582 lbs | VOCs |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU (A014 - 782-3M) | 5 | A/M GW | 1995 | Ongoing | -- | -- | 9,155 lbs | VOCs |

**Table A-4. Summary of Remedial Actions with Operating Equipment at SRS *(continued)***

| Unit Name | FYR Phase | OU | Start | Finish | ZOI Area (acres) | Volume Treated | Volume Removed | COCs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***Soil Vapor Extraction (continued)*** | | | | | | | | |
| ***Mechanical (continued)*** | | | | | | | | |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU (A-014 - Mobile #3) | 5 | A/M GW | 2008 | Ongoing | -- | -- | 11,013 lbs | VOCs |
| C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) | 5 | CBRP | 2000 | 2004 | 0.28 | 4,500 $yd^3$ | 2,100 lbs | VOCs |
| M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines (081-M) | 5 | MIPSL | 2007 | 2020 | 0.05 | 1,200 $yd^3$ | 5,446 lbs | PCE, TCE |
| Chemical, Metals, and Pesticides Pits (080-170G, 080-171G, 080-180G, 080-181G, 080-182G, 080-183G, and 080-190G) Field A | 2 | CMP Pits | 2002 | 2005 | 0.56 | 9,000 $yd^3$ | 9,300 lbs | VOCs |
| Chemical, Metals, and Pesticides Pits (080-170G, 080-171G, 080-180G, 080-181G, 080-182G, 080-183G, and 080-190G) Field B | 2 | CMP Pits | 2001 | 2002 | 0.21 | 3,400 $yd^3$ | 230 lbs | VOCs |
| ***MicroBlowers™*** | | | | | | | | |
| A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A) | 5 | ABRP/RP MCB/MBP | 2003 | Ongoing | 0.07 | 1,200 $yd^3$ | 12 lbs | VOCs |
| Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A), Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) | 5 | ABRP/RP MCB/MBP | 2001 | Ongoing | 0.04 | 580 $yd^3$ | 33 lbs | VOCs |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU (DUS) | 5 | A/M GW | 2006 | Ongoing | -- | -- | 3,883 lbs | VOCs |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU (WSTS) | 5 | A/M GW | 2015 | Ongoing | -- | -- | 1,647 lbs | VOC |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU (SRNL) | 5 | A/M GW | 2016 | Ongoing | -- | -- | 116 lbs | VOC |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU (MAPSL) | 5 | A/M GW | 2020 | Ongoing | -- | -- | 376 lbs | VOC |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU (MRS-34) | 5 | A/M GW | 2020 | Ongoing | -- | -- | 8 lbs | VOC |
| C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) | 5 | CBRP | 2004 | Ongoing | 0.03 | 465 | 381 lbs | VOCs |
| D-Area Operable Unit (Bubble Tower) | 5 | DAOU | 2010 | Ongoing | 0.25 | 4,033 $yd^3$ | 40 lbs | VOCs |
| M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines (081-M) | 5 | MIPSL | 2008 | 2020 | -- | 4,033 $yd^3$ | 236 lbs | VOCs |
| A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) | 5 | AMRP | 2017 | 2020 | -- | -- | 20 lbs | VOCs |
| P-Area Operable Unit PSAs 3A and 3B | 4 | PAOU | 2010 | 2012 | -- | 94,622 $yd^3$ | 45 lbs | VOCs |
| TNX-Area Groundwater OU | 5 | TNX GW | 2007 | Ongoing | -- | 1,500 $yd^3$ | 4.81 lbs | VOCs |

## Table A-4. Summary of Remedial Actions with Operating Equipment at SRS *(continued/end)*

| Unit Name | FYR Phase | OU | Start | Finish | ZOI Area (acres) | Volume Treated | Volume Removed | COCs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***Soil Vapor Extraction (continued)*** | | | | | | | | |
| ***BaroBalls™*** | | | | | | | | |
| A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A) | 5 | ABRP/RP MCB/MBP | 2003 | Ongoing | 0.22 | 3,500 $yd^3$ | 34 lbs | -- |
| Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) | 5 | ABRP/RP MCB/MBP | 2001 | Ongoing | 0.19 | 3,200 $yd^3$ | 21 lbs | -- |
| A/M-Area Groundwater OU | 5 | A/M GW | 1998 | Ongoing | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Chemical, Metals, and Pesticides Pits (080-170G, 080-171G, 080-180G, 080-181G, 080-182G, 080-183G, and 080-190G) Field B | 2 | CMP Pits | 2001 | 2010 | 0.21 | 3,374 $yd^3$ | -- | -- |
| M-Area Operable Unit | 5 | MAOU | 2010 | Ongoing | 0.59 | 4,350 $yd^3$ | -- | -- |
| P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P) | 5 | PBRP | 2004 | Ongoing | 0.03 | 1,400 $yd^3$ | -- | -- |
| ***Injection*** | | | | | | | | |
| ***Base Injection with Vertical Barrier Walls*** | | | | | | | | |
| F-Area Groundwater OU | 5 | FAGW | 2005 | Ongoing | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| H-Area Groundwater OU | 5 | HAGW | 2010 | Ongoing | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| ***Edible Oil*** | | | | | | | | |
| TNX-Area Groundwater OU | 5 | TNX GW | 2008 | 2010 | -- | -- | -- | -- |

A/M GW = A/M-Area Groundwater
ABRP/RP = A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits and Rubble Pit
AMRP = A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile
CBRP = C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit
$CCl_4$ = Carbon tetrachloride
CMP Pits = Chemical, Metals, and Pesticides Pits
COC = contaminant of concern
DAOU = D-Area Operable Unit
DUS = Dynamic Underground Stripping
FAGW = F-Area Groundwater
HAGW = H-Area Groundwater
MAOU = M=Area Operable Unit
MAPSL = M-Area Process Sewer
MCB/MBP = Miscellaneous Chemical Basin / Metals Burning Pit
MIPSL = M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines
MRS-34 = M-Area Recovery Well System
PAOU = P-Area Operable Unit
PBRP = P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit
PSA = Potential Source Area
SSTA = Solvent Storage Tank Area
SRNL = Savannah River National Laboratory
TNX GW = TNX Groundwater
WSTS = Western Sector Treatment System
Ci = curies
FYR = Five-Year Remedy
gal = gallon
lbs = pounds
OU = operable unit
PCE = tetrachloroethylene
TCE = trichloroethylene
VOC = volatile organic compound
$yd^3$ = cubic yards
ZOI = zone of influence

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## Table A-5. Chronological Listing of SRS Issued Decision Documents

| Document Title[a] | Document Number | Rev | Issuance Date[b] |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***Consent Decree Signed*** | | | ***May 26, 1988*** |
| ***NPL Listing Effective Date*** | | | ***December 21, 1989*** |
| **A/M Area Groundwater IROD (RCRA)** | **WSRC-RP-92-744** | **0** | **September 16, 1992** |
| M-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (904-51G, 904-112G) IROD (RCRA) | WSRC-RP-92-743 | 0 | September 16, 1992 |
| Metallurgical Laboratory Hazardous Waste Management Facility (904-110G) IROD (RCRA) | WSRC-RP-92-745 | 0 | September 16, 1992 |
| ***Federal Facility Agreement Declared Effective*** | | | ***August 16, 1993*** |
| F-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (904-41G, 904-42G, and 904-43G) ROD (RCRA) | WSRC-RP-93-1042 | 1 | October 1, 1993 |
| H-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (904-44G, 904-45G, 904-46G, and 904-56G) ROD (RCRA) | WSRC-RP-93-1043 | 1 | October 1, 1993 |
| Mixed Waste Management Facility (643-28E) ROD (RCRA)[c] | WSRC-RP-93-1511 | 1 | September 23, 1994 |
| Tank 105-C Hazardous Waste Management Facility ROD (RCRA)[c] | WSRC-RP-94-106 | 1 | September 23, 1994 |
| **TNX Groundwater Operable Unit IROD[c]** | **WSRC-TR-94-0375** | **1** | **November 16, 1994** |
| PAR Pond (685-G) IROD[c] | WSRC-RP-93-1549 | 0 | February 16, 1995 |
| **F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit IROD (RCRA)[c]** | **WSRC-RP-94-1162** | **1** | **April 13, 1995** |
| **H-Area Groundwater Operable Unit IROD (RCRA)[c]** | **WSRC-RP-94-1163** | **1** | **April 13, 1995** |
| M-Area West Unit (631-21G) ROD[c] | WSRC-RP-95-626 | 0 | September 29, 1995 |
| Old Radioactive Waste Burial Ground (643-E) IROD | WRSC-RP-96-102 | 0 | July 25, 1996 |
| Burma Road Rubble Pit (231-4F) ROD | WSRC-RP-96-101 | 1 | July 25, 1996 |
| D-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (431-D and 431-1D) ROD | WSRC-RP-96-867 | 1 | July 3, 1997 |
| F-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (231-F, 231-1F, and 231-2F) ROD | WSRC-RP-96-868 | 1 | July 3, 1997 |
| Grace Road Site (631-22G) ROD | WSRC-RP-96-160 | 1 | July 3, 1997 |
| Gunsite 113 Access Road Unit (631-24G) ROD | WSRC-RP-96-833 | 1 | July 3, 1997 |
| Gunsite 720 Rubble Pit Unit (631-16G) ROD | WSRC-RP-96-832 | 1 | July 3, 1997 |
| Silverton Road Waste Unit (713-3A) ROD | WSRC-RP-96-171 | 1 | July 3, 1997 |
| Central Shops Burning/Rubble Pit (631-6G) ROD | WSRC-RP-96-873 | 1 | July 3, 1997 |
| Old F-Area Seepage Basin (904-49G) ROD | WRSC-RP-96-872 | 1.1 | July 3, 1997 |

**Table A-5. Chronological Listing of SRS Issued Decision Documents *(continued)***

| Document Title[a] | Document Number | Rev | Issuance Date[b] |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***First Five-Year Remedy Review*** | ***WSRC-RP-97-403*** | ***0*** | ***August 27, 1997*** |
| **TNX Groundwater Operable Unit ESD** | **WSRC-RP-97-169** | **1** | **October 10, 1997** |
| K-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pit (643-1G) ROD | WSRC-RP-97-178 | 1 | June 11, 1998 |
| C-, F-, K-, and P-Area Coal Pile Runoff Basins (189-C, 289-F, 189-K, and 189-P) ROD[c] | WSRC-RP-97-850 | 1 | November 10, 1998 |
| L-Area Oil and Chemical Basin and L-Area Acid/Caustic Basin (904-83G and 904-79G) ROD | WSRC-RP-97-143 | 1 | November 10, 1998 |
| 716-A Motor Shops Seepage Basin (904-101G) ROD | WSRC-RP-97-840 | 0 | November 16, 1998 |
| Fire Department Hose Training Facility (904-113G) ROD | WSRC-RP-97-171 | 1 | November 16, 1998 |
| Old F-Area Seepage Basin (904-49G) ESD | WSRC-RP-98-4123 | 1 | December 16, 1998 |
| D-Area Oil Seepage Basin (631-G) ROD | WSRC-RP-97-402 | 1 | May 7, 1999 |
| **C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) IROD** | **WSRC-RP-98-4039** | **0** | **May 7, 1999** |
| F-Area Retention Basin (281-3F) ROD | WSRC-RP-97-145 | 1.1 | May 19, 1999 |
| Ford Building Waste Site (643-11G) ROD | WSRC-RP-98-4066 | 1 | October 13, 1999 |
| Chemicals, Metals, and Pesticides Pits (080-170G, 080-171G, 080-180G, 080-181G, 080-182G, 080-183G, and 080-190G) IROD | WSRC-RP-98-4192 | 1.1 | January 19, 2000 |
| SRL Seepage Basins (904-51G1, 904-52G2, 904-52G, and 904-55G) ROD | WSRC-RP-97-848 | 1.1 | April 26, 2000 |
| C-Area Reactor Seepage Basins (904-66G, 904-67G, and 904-68G) Plug-In ROD ESD | WSRC-RP-2000-4032 | 0 | October 18, 2000 |
| L & P Bingham Pump Outage Pits (643-2G, 643-3G, and 643-4G) ROD | WSRC-RP-98-4015 | 1 | October 18, 2000 |
| Burma Road Rubble Pit (231-4F) ESD[c] | WSRC-RP-98-4170 | 1 | February 6, 2001 |
| **A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A/731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A) IROD** | **WSRC-RP-2000-4001** | **1** | **February 9, 2001** |
| **Miscellaneous Chemical Basin/Metals Burning Pit (731-4A/731-5A) IROD** | **WSRC-RP-98-4031** | **1.1** | **February 9, 2001** |
| West of SRL "Georgia Fields" Site (631-19G) ROD | WSRC-RP-99-4164 | 0 | February 22, 2001 |
| F-Area Retention Basin (281-3F) ESD[c] | WSRC-RP-2000-4079 | 1 | June 7, 2001 |
| K-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-K & 631-20G) ROD[c] | WSRC-RP-97-862 | 1 | August 20, 2001 |
| ORWBG Old Solvent Tanks (650-01E - 22E) IROD | WSRC-RP-2000-4193 | 1 | September 27, 2001 |
| Ford Building Seepage Basin ROD | WSRC-RP-2000-4156 | 1 | April 5, 2002 |

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| Document Title[a] | Document Number | Rev | Issuance Date[b] |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chemical, Metals, and Pesticides Pits (080-170G, 080-171G, 080-181G, 080-182G, 080-183G, and 080-190G) IROD Amendment | WSRC-RP-2000-4158 | 1.2 | April 8, 2002 |
| K-Area Reactor Seepage Basin ESD[c] | WSRC-RP-99-4200 | 1.1 | September 16, 2002 |
| General Separations Area Consolidation Unit ROD | WSRC-RP-2002-4002 | 0 | October 25, 2002 |
| Central Shops Sludge Lagoon (080-24G) ROD | WSRC-RP-2000-4189 | 1 | November 15, 2002 |
| C-Area Reactor Seepage Basin (904-67G) & L-Area Reactor Seepage Basin (904-64G) ROD Amendment | WSRC-RP-2002-4063 | 1 | December 5, 2002 |
| R-Area Acid/Caustic Basin (904-77G) ROD | WSRC-RP-2002-4015 | 1 | February 10, 2003 |
| L-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-L) & L-Area Rubble Pile (131-3L) & Gas Cylinder Disposal Facility (131-2L) ROD | WSRC-RP-98-4195 | 1.1 | February 17, 2003 |
| **A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A/731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A) ESD** | **WSRC-RP-2001-4281** | **1** | **March 10, 2003** |
| R-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pits (643-8G, 643-9G and 643-10G) and R-Area Unknown Pits #1, #2, and #3 ROD | WSRC-RP-2001-4129 | 1.1 | April 28, 2003 |
| **TNX Area Groundwater Operable Unit ESD[c]** | **WSRC-RP-2001-00764** | **0** | **May 19, 2003** |
| Central Shops Burning/Rubble Pits (631-1G and 631-3G) ROD | WSRC-RP-2001-4265 | 1.1 | June 30, 2003 |
| **P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P) ROD** | **WSRC-RP-2000-4197** | **1** | **August 8, 2003** |
| **A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) ROD** | **WSRC-RP-2001-4197** | **1.3** | **August 11, 2003** |
| P-Area Reactor Seepage Basin (904-61G, 904-62G, and 904-63G) Plug-In ROD ESD | WSRC-RP-2002-4105 | 1.1 | October 2, 2003 |
| Chemical, Metals, and Pesticides Pits (080-170G, 080-171G, 080-181G, 080-182G, 080-183G, and 080-190G) Second IROD Amendment | WSRC-RP-2001-4232 | 1.1 | October 21, 2003 |
| L-Area Hot Shop (717-G) ROD | WSRC-RP-2002-4025 | 1.1 | November 3, 2003 |
| Road A Chemical Basin (904-111G) ROD | WSRC-RP-2002-4153 | 0 | November 3, 2003 |
| ***Second Five-Year Remedy Review[c]*** | ***WSRC-RP-2001-4163*** | ***1.1*** | ***February 12, 2004*** |
| R-Area Reactor Seepage Basins (904-57G, 904-58G, 904-59G, 904-60G, 904-103G, and 904-104G) and 108-4R Overflow Basin ROD | WSRC-RP-2003-4093 | 1 | March 18, 2004 |
| **TNX Burying Ground (643-G), New TNX Seepage Basin, Old TNX Seepage Basin and TNX Groundwater (082-G) ROD** | **WSRC-RP-2003-4017** | **1** | **April 7, 2004** |
| SRL Oil Test Site (808-16G) ROD | WSRC-RP-2003-4164 | 1 | September 20, 2004 |

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| Document Title[a] | Document Number | Rev | Issuance Date[b] |
|---|---|---|---|
| R-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (131-R, 131-1R) and R-Area Rubble Pile (631-25G) ROD | WSRC-RP-2004-4004 | 1 | September 28, 2004 |
| C-Area Reactor Groundwater IROD | WSRC-RP-2004-4022 | 1 | October 15, 2004 |
| D-Area Expanded Operable Unit (Consisting of D-Area Ash Basin [488-D] and D-Area Rubble Pit [431-2D]) ROD | WSRC-RP-2004-4007 | 1 | December 17, 2004 |
| Old F-Area Seepage Basin (904-49G) ROD Amendment | WSRC-RP-2003-4136 | 1 | December 17, 2004 |
| Heavy Equipment Wash Basin and Central Shops Burning/Rubble Pit (631-5G) ROD | WSRC-RP-2003-4185 | 1.1 | January 28, 2005 |
| Chemical, Metals, and Pesticides Pits (080-170G, 080-171G, 080-181G, 080-182G, 080-183G, and 080-190G) ROD | WSRC-RP-2004-4090 | 1 | May 10, 2005 |
| Silverton Road Waste Unit (731-3A) ESD | WSRC-RP-2004-4092 | 1.1 | June 16, 2005 |
| **TNX Area Operable Unit ESD** | **WSRC-RP-2005-4030** | **1** | **November 7, 2005** |
| Hydrofluoric Acid Spill (631-4G) ROD | WSRC-RP-2005-4000 | 0 | December 28, 2005 |
| T-Area Operable Unit ROD | WSRC-RP-2004-4070 | 1 | January 4, 2006 |
| K-Area Sludge Land Application Site (761-4G) and PAR Pond Sludge Land Application Site (761-5G) ROD | WSRC-RP-2005-4064 | 1 | June 30, 2006 |
| 211-FB Pu-239 Release (081-F) ROD | WSRC-RP-2005-4090 | 1 | September 18, 2006 |
| **M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (081-M) ROD** | **WSRC-RP-2006-4001** | **1** | **April 26, 2007** |
| L-Area Southern Groundwater ROD | WSRC-RP-2006-4052 | 1.1 | May 9, 2007 |
| **A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits and Rubble Pit (731-A, 731-1A, 731-2A) and the Miscellaneous Chemical Basin/Metals Burning Pit (731-4A/731-5A) ROD** | **WSRC-RP-2005-4095** | **1.1** | **August 2, 2007** |
| **C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) ROD** | **WSRC-RP-2007-4082** | **1** | **July 9, 2008** |
| ***Third Five-Year Remedy Review*** | ***WSRC-RP-2007-4063*** | ***1.1*** | ***January 29, 2009*** |
| P-Area Operable Unit EAROD | WSRC-RP-2008-4037 | 1.1 | January 29, 2009 |
| **M-Area Operable Unit ROD** | **WSRC-RP-2008-4030** | **1** | **February 5, 2009** |
| **M-Area Operable Unit ESD** | **SRNS-RP-2009-00406** | **1** | **July 9, 2009** |
| P-Area Operable Unit EAROD ESD | SRNS-RP-2009-00704 | 1 | October 27, 2009 |
| C-, K-, L- and R-Reactor Complexes EAROD | SRNS-RP-2009-00707 | 1 | December 8, 2009 |
| E-Area Low Level Waster Facility (Slit Trench Disposal Units 1 and 2) IROD | SRNS-RP-2009-00538 | 1 | January 22, 2010 |
| Early Construction and Operational Disposal Site L-1, N-2, P-2, R-1A, R-1B, R-1C ROD | SRNS-RP-2009-00072 | 1 | March 30, 2010 |

**Table A-5. Chronological Listing of SRS Issued Decision Documents *(continued)***

| Document Title[a] | Document Number | Rev | Issuance Date[b] |
|---|---|---|---|
| E-Area Low Level Waste Facility (Slit Trench Disposal Units 3 through 5) ESD to the IROD | SRNS-RP-2009-01128 | 1 | April 22, 2010 |
| P-Area Operable Unit ROD | SRNS-RP-2009-01368 | 1 | July 22, 2010 |
| Gunsite 218 Rubble Pile ROD | SRNS-RP-2010-00051 | 1 | October 22, 2010 |
| R-Area Operable Unit ROD | SRNS-RP-2010-01062 | 1 | April 20, 2011 |
| L-Area Northern Groundwater ROD | SRNS-RP-2011-00134 | 1 | June 20, 2011 |
| Gunsite 012 (including ECODS G-3) ROD | SRNS-RP-2010-01232 | 1 | June 27, 2011 |
| **D-Area Operable Unit EAROD** | **SRNS-RP-2010-00162** | **1.2** | **September 26, 2011** |
| PAR Pond Unit: Lower Three Runs IOU Tail Portion (Middle and Lower Subunits) ESD | SRNS-RP-2012-00121 | 1 | September 13, 2012 |
| B-Area Operable Unit ROD | SRNS-RP-2012-00354 | 1 | April 16, 2013 |
| F-Area Tank Farm (Waste Tanks 17 and 20) IROD | SRR-CWDA-2013-00111 | 1 | April 30, 2013 |
| **TNX Area Operable Unit (Second ESD to the ROD)** | **SRNS-RP-2012-00205** | **1** | **June 12, 2013** |
| F-Area Tank Farm (Tanks 18 and 19) ESD to the IROD) | SRR-CWDA-2013-00007 | 1.1 | September 23, 2013 |
| ***Fourth Five-Year Remedy Review*** | ***SRNS-RP-2012-00011*** | ***1.1*** | ***February 4, 2014*** |
| L-Area Southern Groundwater Operable Unit ESD to the ROD | SRNS-RP-2012-00736 | 1 | September 10, 2014 |
| F-Area Tank Farm (Tanks 5 and 6) ESD to the IROD | SRR-CWDA-2014-00008 | 1 | September 11, 2014 |
| C-Area Operable Unit EAROD | SRNS-RP-2014-00836 | 1 | September 2, 2015 |
| ***Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review for SRS OUs with Native Soil Covers and/or LUCs*** | ***SRNS-RP-2014-00902*** | ***1*** | ***November 30, 2015*** |
| H-Area Tank Farm (Waste Tank 16) IROD | SRR-CWDA-2015-00157 | 1 | August 16, 2016 |
| ***Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review for SRS OUs with Groundwater Remedies*** | ***SRNS-RP-2015-00419*** | ***1*** | ***February 2, 2017*** |
| H-Area Tank Farm (Waste Tank 12) ESD to the IROD | SRR-CWDA-2016-00107 | 0 | April 20, 2017 |
| ***Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review for SRS OUs with Engineered Covers*** | ***SRNS-RP-2016-00609*** | ***1*** | ***February 21, 2018*** |
| ***Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review for SRS OUs with Geosynthetic or S/S Cover Systems*** | ***SRNS-RP-2016-00610*** | ***1*** | ***March 27, 2018*** |
| Wetland Area at Dunbarton Bay in Support of Steel Creek IOU ROD[d] | SRNS-RP-2013-00730 | 1 | June 20, 2018 |
| ***Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment*** | ***SRNS-RP-2017-00567*** | ***1*** | ***December 5, 2018*** |
| G-Area Oil Seepage Basin (761-13G) Operable Unit ROD | SRNS-RP-2018-01050 | 1 | June 26, 2019 |
| ***Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for SRS OUs with Native Soil Covers and/or LUCs*** | ***SRNS-RP-2018-00811*** | ***1*** | ***November 5, 2019*** |
| **D-Area Operable Unit Second EAROD** | **SRNS-RP-2018-00461** | **1** | **September 24, 2020** |
| ***Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for SRS OUs with Groundwater Remedies*** | ***SRNS-RP-2019-00511*** | ***1*** | ***December 9, 2020*** |
| ***Stormwater Outfall A-013 (NBN) ROD*** | ***SRNS-RP-2020-00904*** | ***1*** | ***September 30, 2021*** |

**Table A-5. Chronological Listing of SRS Issued Decision Documents *(continued/end)***

| Document Title[a] | Document Number | Rev | Issuance Date[b] |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for SRS OUs with Engineered Cover Systems*** | ***SRNS-RP-2020-00420*** | ***1*** | ***December 21, 2021*** |
| Lower Three Runs Integrator Operable Unit ROD | SRNS-RP-2020-00542 | 1 | December 21, 2021 |
| ***Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for SRS OUs with Geosynthetic or Solidification/Stabilization Cover Systems*** | ***SRNS-RP-2021-04229*** | ***1*** | ***TBD*** |

a Shaded text identifies the SRS OUs evaluated in this report for the fifth phase of the sixth five-year review (i.e., operating equipment).
b Unless otherwise noted, the Issuance Date represents the date that the public was notified that the Three-Party signed document was available.
c This is the last signature date instead of the Issuance Date.
d The Wetland Area at Dunbarton Bay ROD was issued in June 2018. This OU was not included in the first phase of the sixth five-year review (i.e., native soil covers and/or LUCs) because the remedy had not been implemented.

**Table A-6. Summary of No Remedial Actions at SRS OUs**

| Operable Unit | Remedial Action |
|---|---|
| ***No Action/No Further Action*** | |
| 211-FB Pu-239 Release (081-F) | No Action |
| 716-A Motor Shops Seepage Basin (904-101G) | No Action |
| Burma Road Rubble Pit (231-4F) | No Action |
| Central Shops Burning/Rubble Pit (631-6G) | No Action |
| Central Shops Sludge Lagoon (080-24G) | No Action |
| C-, F-, K-, and P-Area Coal Pile Runoff Basins (189-C, 289-F, 189-K, and 189-P) | No Further Action |
| Fire Department Hose Training Facility (904-113G) | No Action |
| Ford Building Waste Site (643-11G) | No Further Action (Removal) |
| G-Area Oil Seepage Basin (761-13G) | No Action |
| Gas Cylinder Disposal Facility (131-2L) | No Further Action |
| Grace Road Site (631-22G) | No Action |
| Gunsite 113 Access Road Unit (631-24G) | No Action |
| Gunsite 218 Rubble Pile (621-23G) | No Action |
| Gunsite 720 Rubble Pit Unit (631-16G) | No Action |
| Hydrofluoric Acid Spill (631-4G) | No Action |
| K-Area and PAR Pond Sludge Land Application Site (761-4G and 761-5G) | No Action |
| L-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-L) | No Further Action |
| L-Area Hot Shop (717-G) | No Further Action |
| L-Area Northern Groundwater (NBN) | No Action |
| L-Area Rubble Pile (131-3L) | No Further Action |
| M-Area West Unit (631-21G) | No Action |
| R-Area Acid/Caustic Basin (904-77G) | No Action |
| Road A Chemical Basin (904-111G) | No Action |
| SRL Oil Test Site (080-16G) | No Action |
| Stormwater Outfall A-013 (NBN) | No Action |
| West of SRL "Georgia Fields" Site (631-19G) | No Action |
| ***No Action/No Further Action OUs Associated with OUs Requiring Remedial Action*** | |
| 108-4R Overflow Basin (108-4R)[1] | No Further Action |
| 489-D Coal Pile Runoff Basin – Southern 75% Subunit[2] | No Further Action |
| Central Shops Burning/Rubble Pit (631-5G)[3] | No Action |
| ECODS B-3 and B-5 (NBN)[4] | No Further Action |
| ECODS G-3 (Adjacent to Gunsite 012) (NBN)[5] | No Action |
| L-Area Acid/Caustic Basin (904-79G)[6] | No Action |
| Rubble Pile Across from Gunsite 012 (NBN)[5] | No Action |
| R-Area Rubble Pile (631-25G)[7] | No Action |

**Table A-6. Summary of No Remedial Actions at SRS OUs (*continued/end)***

| Operable Unit | Remedial Action |
|---|---|
| ***RCRA Units that are No Further Action under CERCLA*** | |
| H-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (904-44G, 904-45G, 904-46G, and 904-56G) | No Further Action (Low Permeability Cap) |
| Tank 105-C Hazardous Waste Management Facility (NBN) | No Further Action |
| F-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (904-41G, 904-42G, and 904-43G) | No Further Action (Low Permeability Cap, In Situ S/S) |
| Mixed Waste Management Facility (643-28E) | No Further Action (Low Permeability Cap) |

1 – Included with R-Reactor Seepage Basins (904-103G, 904-104G, 904-57G, 904-58G, 904-59G, 904-60G)
2 – Included with D-Area Operable Unit
3 – Included with Heavy Equipment Wash Basin (NBN)
4 – Included with B-Area Operable Unit
5 – Included with Gunsite 012
6 – Included with L-Area Oil and Chemical Basin (904-83G)
7 – Included with R-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (131-R, 131-1R)

## Table A-7. List of OU Subunits with Remedial Actions

| # | OU Subunits[a,b] | SEMS # |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | A-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 731-1A | 28 |
| | A-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 731-A | |
| | A-Area Rubble Pit, 731-2A | |
| | Miscellaneous Chemical Basin, 731-4A | |
| | Metals Burning Pit, 731-5A | |
| 2 | A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile, 731-6A | 30 |
| 3 | A/M-Area Groundwater | 36 |
| 4 | B-Area Operable Unit | 53 |
| 5 | C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 131-C | 31 |
| | Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, NBN | |
| 6 | C-Area Groundwater | 82 |
| 7 | C-Area Process Sewer Line as Abandoned, NBN | 79 |
| | C-Area Reactor Area Cask Car Railroad Tracks as Abandoned, NBN | |
| | C-Reactor Discharge Canal, NBN | |
| | ECODS C-1 (Near C-Area Reactor Discharge Canal), NBN | |
| | Potential Release from C-Area Disassembly Basin, NBN | |
| | Potential Release from C-Area Reactor Cooling Water System, 186/190-C | |
| 8 | C-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-66G | 60 |
| | C-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-67G | |
| | C-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-68G | |
| 9 | Central Shops Burning/Rubble Pit, 631-1G | 50 |
| | Central Shops Burning/Rubble Pit, 631-3G | |
| 10 | CMP Pit, 080-170G | 24 |
| | CMP Pit, 080-171G | |
| | CMP Pit, 080-180G | |
| | CMP Pit, 080-181G | |
| | CMP Pit, 080-182G | |
| | CMP Pit, 080-183G | |
| | CMP Pit, 080-190G | |
| 11 | C-, K-, L-Reactor Complexes | 79, 90, 91 |
| 12 | D-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 431-D | 15 |
| | D-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 431-1D | |
| 13 | D-Area Ash Basin, 488-D | 67 |
| | D-Area Rubble Pit, 431-2D | |
| 14 | D-Area Oil Seepage Basin, 631-G | 27 |
| 15 | D-Area Coal Pile Runoff Basin, 489-D | 63 |
| | D-Area Waste Oil Facility, 484-10D | |
| | D-Area Asbestos Pit, 080-20G | |
| | Combined Spills from 483-D and Associated Areas, NBN | |
| | D-Area Process Sewer Lines as Abandoned, NBN | |
| | D-Area Ash Basin, 488-1D | |
| | D-Area Ash Basin, 488-2D | |
| | D-Area Ash Landfill, 488-4D | |
| 16 | E-Area Low Level Waste Facility, 643-26E | 86 |

**Table A-7. List of OU Subunits with Remedial Actions *(continued)***

| # | OU Subunits[a,b] | SEMS # |
|---|---|---|
| 17 | ECODS L-1, NBN | 22 |
| | ECODS P-2, NBN | |
| | ECODS R-1A, R-1B, R-1C, NBN | |
| | ECODS N-2, NBN | |
| 18 | F-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 231-1F | 14 |
| | F-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 231-2F | |
| | F-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 231-F | |
| 19 | F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit | 8 |
| 20 | F-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (F-Area Seepage Basin, 904-41G) | 6 |
| | F-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (F-Area Seepage Basin, 904-42G) | |
| | F-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (F-Area Seepage Basin, 904-43G) | |
| 21 | F-Area Retention Basin, 281-3F | 23 |
| 22 | F-Area Tank Farm, Waste Tanks 17 and 20 | 23 |
| | F-Area Tank Farm, Waste Tanks 18 and 19 | |
| | F-Area Tank Farm, Waste Tanks 5 and 6 | |
| 23 | Ford Building Seepage Basin, 904-91G | 58 |
| 24 | General Separations Area Consolidation Unit including Old Radioactive Waste Burial Ground(643-E) and Old Solvent Tanks (650-01E through 650-22E) | 32 |
| | Warner's Pond, 685-23G and Spill of 3/08/1978 of Unknown Seepage Basin Pipe Leak in H-Area Seepage Basin, NBN and Spill on 02/08/1978 of Unknown H-Area Process Sewer Line Cave-In, NBN | |
| | H-Area Retention Basin, 281-3H and Spill of 5/01/1956 of Unknown Retention Basin Pipe Leak, NBN | 21 |
| | HP-52 Ponds, NBN | |
| 25 | H-Area Tank Farm, Waste Tank 12 | 89 |
| | H-Area Tank Farm, Waste Tank 16 | |
| 26 | Gunsite 012 Rubble Pile, NBN | 78 |
| | Rubble Pile across from Gunsite 012, NBN | |
| 27 | H-Area Groundwater OU | 9 |
| 28 | H-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (F-Area Seepage Basin, 904-44G) | 7 |
| | H-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (F-Area Seepage Basin, 904-46G) | |
| | H-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (F-Area Seepage Basin, 904-45G) | |
| | H-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (F-Area Seepage Basin, 904-56G) | |
| 29 | Heavy Equipment Wash Basin, NBN | 25 |
| 30 | K-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pit, 643-1G | 20 |
| 31 | K-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 131-K | 40 |
| | K-Area Rubble Pile, 631-20G | |
| 32 | K-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-65G | 55 |
| 33 | L-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pit, 643-2G | 26 |
| | L-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pit, 643-3G | |
| | P-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pit, 643-4G | 39 |
| 34 | L-Area Oil Chemical Basin, 904-83G | 17 |
| 35 | L-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-64G | 65 |
| 36 | L-Area Southern Groundwater, NBN | 77 |
| 37 | M-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility: Lost Lake, 904-112G | 1 |
| | M-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility: M-Area Settling Basin, 904-51G | |

**Table A-7. List of OU Subunits with Remedial Actions *(continued)***

| # | OU Subunits[a,b] | SEMS # |
|---|---|---|
| 38 | M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewers to Manhole 1, 081-M | 19 |
| 39 | Inactive Clay Process Sewer Lines (Including Potential Release of TCT, TET, TCE, $HNO_3$, U, Heavy Metals from 321-M Abandoned Sewer Line), NBN | 92 |
| | Salvage Yard, 741-A | |
| | M-Area Underground Sump 321-M #001 | |
| | M-Area Underground Sump 321-M #002 | |
| | M-Area Test Pile Facility, 305-A | |
| 40 | Metallurgical Laboratory Hazardous Waste Management Facility (904-110G) | 2 |
| 41 | Mixed Waste Management Facility, 643-28E | 33 |
| 42 | Old F-Area Seepage Basin, 904-49G | 16 |
| 43 | PAR Pond (including the Pre-Cooler Ponds and Canals), 685-G | 35 |
| | PAR Pond: Lower Three Runs Integrator Operable Unit Tail Portion (Middle and Lower Subunits) | |
| 44 | P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 131-P | 59 |
| 45 | P-Area Ash Basin (including Outfall P-007), 188-P | 94 |
| | Potential Release from P-Area Disassembly Basin, NBN | |
| | Potential Release from P-Area Reactor Cooling Water System, 186/190-P | |
| | P-Area Reactor Area Cask Car Railroad Tracks as Abandoned, NBN | |
| | P-Area Process Sewer Lines as Abandoned, NBN and Spill on 3/15/79 of 5500 Gallons of Contaminated Water, NBN | |
| 46 | P-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-61G | 66 |
| | P-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-62G | |
| | P-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-63G | |
| 47 | R-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pit, 643-10G | 38 |
| | R-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pit, 643-8G | |
| | R-Area Bingham Pump Outage Pit, 643-9G | |
| | R-Area Unknown Pit #1 (Runk-1), NBN | |
| | R-Area Unknown Pit #2 (Runk-2), NBN | |
| | R-Area Unknown Pit #3 (Runk-3), NBN | |
| 48 | R-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 131-1R | 43 |
| | R-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 131-R | |
| | R-Area Rubble Pit, 631-25G | |
| 49 | Area on the North Side of Building 105-R | 95 |
| | Laydown Area North of 105-R | |
| | R-Area Cooling Water Effluent Sump, 107-R | |
| | Potential Release of $NaOH/H_2SO_4$ from 183-2R, NBN | |
| | R-Area Ash Basin, 188-R | |
| | Potential Release from R-Area Disassembly Basin, NBN | |
| | R-Area Reactor Area Cask Car Railroad Tracks as Abandoned, NBN | |
| | Release from the Decontamination of R-Reactor Disassembly Basin, NBN | |
| | Combined Spills North of Building 105-R, NBN | |
| | R-Area Process Sewer Lines as Abandoned, NBN | |
| | R-Area Reactor Building, 105-R | |

**Table A-7. List of OU Subunits with Remedial Actions *(continued/end)***

| # | OU Subunits[a,b] | SEMS # |
|---|---|---|
| 50 | R-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-103G | 25 |
| | R-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-104G | |
| | R-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-57G | |
| | R-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-58G | |
| | R-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-59G | |
| | R-Area Reactor Seepage Basin, 904-60G | |
| 51 | Silverton Road Waste Unit, 731-3A | 13 |
| 52 | SRL Seepage Basin, 904-53G1 | 47 |
| | SRL Seepage Basin, 904-53G2 | |
| | SRL Seepage Basin, 904-54G | |
| | SRL Seepage Basin, 904-55G | |
| 53 | Neutralization Sump, 678-T | 96 |
| | X-001 Outfall Drainage Ditch, NBN | |
| | TNX Outfall Delta, Lower Discharge Gully and Swamp, NBN | |
| | TNX-Area Process Sewer Lines and Tile Fields as Abandoned, NBN | |
| 54 | TNX Groundwater, 082G | 21 |
| | New TNX Seepage Basin, 901-102G | 29 |
| | Old TNX Seepage Basin, 904-76G | |
| | TNX Burying Ground, 643-5G (Including Spill on 1/12/53 of ½ Ton of Uranyl Nitrate, NBN) | |
| 55 | Wetland Area at Dunbarton Bay[c] | 71 |

a OU subunits include RCRA/CERCLA units and RCRA regulated units. Deactivation & Decommissioning facilities are not represented.

b Shaded text identifies the SRS OUs evaluated in this report for the fifth phase of the sixth five-year review (i.e., operating equipment).

c The Wetland Area at Dunbarton Bay (WADB) is included in the native soil covers and/or LUCs phase. However, since the sixth five-year remedy review document development occurred before completion of the remedy implementation, WADB was not included in the sixth five-year remedy review cycle.

## EVALUATION OF CHANGES IN STANDARDS AND TOXICITY

This appendix provides an evaluation of changes in standards and toxicity for chemical and radiological constituents since the last five-year remedy review was initiated in 2017 for the Savannah River Site (SRS) operable units (OUs) evaluated in this report. The purpose of the evaluation is to determine if there are any changes in standards or toxicity values that would call into question the protectiveness of the remedy. No protectiveness issues with respect to changes in standards and toxicity were identified in the previous five-year remedy review report (SRNS 2018).

An evaluation was performed for analytes that were identified as constituents of concern (COCs) for the OUs discussed in Appendix C through Appendix M. These OUs were grouped in the Operating Equipment category if the remedial action involved active remediation systems (i.e., soil vapor extraction systems, air strippers, pump and treat systems, thermal technologies, etc.) used to address contaminants in soil and groundwater.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Regional Screening Levels (RSLs) for Non-Radiological Constituents (May 2022), USEPA Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRGs) for Radionuclides (May 2022), and USEPA Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for radiological and chemical constituents were evaluated in this review. These values are identified as 2022 RSLs, 2022 PRGs, and MCLs in Tables B-1 through B-5 and were compared to the values available in 2017 when the last five-year remedy review for these OUs was initiated. Standards and toxicity values for both the industrial worker and hypothetical residential receptor are provided for comparative purposes for most media.

The comparison tables do not make any distinction between COCs that were the primary drivers for the selected remedial action and other analytes that were simply addressed through the same remedy. Most importantly, the values presented in Tables B-1 through B-5 are not cleanup levels and should not be considered remedial goals unless otherwise noted in the OU-specific remedy reviews. For these reasons, the information in Appendix B is not stand-alone, but must be considered in context with the information and selected remedy presented in the OU-specific reviews located in Appendix C through Appendix M.

Change to a standard or toxicity factor is unique to each analyte and is often related to revisions in exposure assumptions, reference doses, cancer potency factors, and exposure pathways used to calculate the value. For the reasons explained in the previous paragraph, the impact that more stringent RSLs or PRGs have on protectiveness must be considered with respect to the OU-specific remedy. In most cases, a change in a standard or toxicity value is irrelevant because the analyte(s) may no longer be present or is (are) significantly reduced if the selected remedy also included excavation and offsite disposal, and/or exposure to contaminants is controlled by a cover system and land use controls. Therefore, risk-based cleanup goals for the OUs evaluated in this five-year remedy review do not warrant revision as a result of changes to toxicity criteria, RSLs/PRGs, exposure factors/assumptions, or risk methodology, because the remedy is effective in eliminating the exposure pathways of concern. There are no changes in land use, including zoning changes, routes of exposure or receptors, or changes in the physical site conditions that would compromise the protectiveness of the remedy.

A change occurred in the May 2020 update to the RSL table for one nonradiological constituent evaluated in this review. The RSL for dibenzofuran was adjusted because the calculation mistakenly applied the fraction of contaminant absorbed dermally from soil ($ABS_d$) for chlorinated dioxins and dioxin like compounds. The $ABS_d$ was removed from the calculation because it does not apply since it is a nonchlorinated furan and is volatile. The revised dibenzofuran RSL is less conservative (i.e., higher) as identified in Table B-1.

In December 2016, a major revision to the approach for calculating PRGs for radiological constituents was announced by USEPA. The primary change was that the plus daughter (+D) isotopes designation was removed and the secular equilibrium (SE) PRG calculation was identified as the preferred (i.e., default) value. The PRGs for each daughter were combined with the parent on a fractional basis to produce a single PRG for the parent, and the resulting PRG is based on secular equilibrium of the full chain regardless of half-life. Decay is not included in this PRG option, as the assumption of secular equilibrium is that the parent is continually being renewed. This was the default PRG calculation option used in the previous evaluation (2017) prior to release of the Peak PRG option described in the following paragraph.

In October 2020, a new PRG option, called the Peak PRG, was added to the USEPA website; it calculates the activity of the parent radionuclide to be protective of the peak excess lifetime cancer risk for the entire decay chain over time. The underlying assumption of the Peak PRG option is that the pure isotope was released, and progeny begin ingrowth and decay. The Peak PRG is calculated for the time period when the parent and progeny activities present the most risk. The new Peak PRG output option is now the preferred default PRG option for use at Superfund sites.

Secular equilibrium only occurs when the half-life of the progeny is much shorter than the half-life of the parent. When the progeny has a longer half-life than the parent, equilibrium does not exist. The assumption of SE in these cases significantly overestimates the activity of the progeny, resulting in a much lower PRG. The SE PRG also assumes that the parent is continually being renewed, which is not valid for inactive waste units. Therefore, the new Peak PRGs in most cases are less conservative (i.e., higher) than the SE PRGs.

There are two entries for the PRGs for soil media in Table B-2. For each constituent, the top entry is the PRG for the individual radionuclide (i.e., no daughter products). The bottom entry (in parentheses) is the default PRG that includes the subsequent daughter products from the entire decay chain as appropriate (i.e., 2017 SE PRG and the 2022 Peak PRG). The revised PRGs are identified in Table B-3.

The evaluation for each remedy to determine if exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives are still valid is discussed in each OU-specific review located in Appendix C through Appendix M. The evaluations shown in Tables B-1 through B-5 confirm that there have been no significant changes in standards or toxicity factors that would affect the protectiveness of the remedies evaluated in this report.

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## Table B-1. Comparison of Nonradiological Standards in Soil Media

| Analyte | 2017 RSLs[a] | | 2022 RSLs[b] | | SEMS Number(s)[c] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Residential Soil (mg/kg) | Industrial Worker Soil (mg/kg) | Residential Soil (mg/kg) | Industrial Worker Soil (mg/kg) | |
| Antimony | 3.1E+01 | 4.7E+02 | 3.1E+01 | 4.7E+02 | 59 |
| Arsenic | 6.8E-01 | 3.0E+00 | 6.8E-01 | 3.0E+00 | 21,28,30,63 |
| Chromium (III) | 1.2E+05 | 1.8E+06 | 1.2E+05 | 1.8E+06 | 21,59 |
| Copper | 3.1E+03 | 4.7E+04 | 3.1E+03 | 4.7E+04 | 21,59 |
| Dibenzofuran | 7.3E+01 | 1.0E+03 | **7.8E+01** | **1.2E+03** | 59 |
| Hexachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin, Mixture | 1.0E-04 | 4.7E-04 | 1.0E-04 | 4.7E-04 | 31 |
| Lead and Compounds | 4.0E+02 | 8.0E+02 | 4.0E+02 | 8.0E+02 | 21,30 |
| Mercury | 1.1E+01 | 4.6E+01 | 1.1E+01 | 4.6E+01 | 21 |
| Nickel | 1.5E+03 | 2.2E+04 | 1.5E+03 | 2.2E+04 | 21,59 |
| Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) | | | | | |
| ~ Aroclor 1242 | 2.3E-01 | 9.5E-01 | 2.3E-01 | 9.5E-01 | 59 |
| ~ Aroclor 1254 | 2.4E-01 | 9.7E-01 | 2.4E-01 | 9.7E-01 | 30 |
| Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) | | | | | |
| ~ Benzo[a]anthracene | 1.1E+00 | 2.1E+01 | 1.1E+00 | 2.1E+01 | 30,59 |
| ~ Benzo[b]fluoranthene | 1.1E+00 | 2.1E+01 | 1.1E+00 | 2.1E+01 | 30,59 |
| ~ Benzo[k]fluoranthene | 1.1E+01 | 2.1E+02 | 1.1E+01 | 2.1E+02 | 59 |
| ~ Benzo[a]pyrene | 1.1E-01 | 2.1E+00 | 1.1E-01 | 2.1E+00 | 59 |
| ~ Chrysene | 1.1E+02 | 2.1E+03 | 1.1E+02 | 2.1E+03 | 30,59 |
| ~Dibenzo[a,h,]anthracene | 1.1E-01 | 2.1E+00 | 1.1E-01 | 2.1E+00 | 59 |
| ~Fluoranthene | 2.4E+03 | 3.0E+04 | 2.4E+03 | 3.0E+04 | 59 |
| ~Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene | 1.1E+00 | 2.1E+01 | 1.1E+00 | 2.1E+01 | 59 |
| ~Methylnapthalene, 2- | 2.4E+02 | 3.0E+03 | 2.4E+02 | 3.0E+03 | 63 |
| ~Pyrene | 1.8E+03 | 2.3E+04 | 1.8E+03 | 2.3E+04 | 59 |
| Selenium | 3.9E+02 | 5.8E+03 | 3.9E+02 | 5.8E+03 | 28 |
| Silver | 3.9E+02 | 5.8E+03 | 3.9E+02 | 5.8E+03 | 21 |
| Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) | 2.4E+01 | 1.0E+02 | 2.4E+01 | 1.0E+02 | 19,28,30, 59,63,92 |
| Trichloroethylene (TCE) | 9.4E-01 | 6.0E+00 | 9.4E-01 | 6.0E+00 | 19,28,30, 31,59, 92 |
| Zinc | 2.3E+04 | 3.5E+05 | 2.3E+04 | 3.5E+05 | 21,59 |

a USEPA Nonradiological RSLs for soil media, June 2017.
b USEPA Nonradiological RSLs for soil media, May 2022.
c OUs and corresponding SEMS number(s) are identified in Appendix A, Table A-5.

Revised RSLs highlighted in bold.

mg/kg = milligram per kilogram

## Table B-2. Comparison of Radiological Standards in Soil Media

| Analyte | 2017 PRGs[a] | | 2022 PRGs[b] | | SEMS Number(s)[c] |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Residential Soil (pCi/g) | Industrial Worker Soil (pCi/g) | Residential Soil (pCi/g) | Industrial Worker Soil (pCi/g) | |
| Actinium-228 | 7.35E+02 (1.01E-02) | 1.07E+03 (1.54E-02) | 7.35E+02 **(4.00E+02)** | 1.07E+03 **(5.88E+02)** | 21 |
| Cesium-137 | 2.53E+01 (4.55E-02) | 5.71E+01 (6.90E-02) | 2.53E+01 **(6.05E-02)** | 5.71E+01 **(9.07E-02)** | 21 |
| Tritium (H-3) | 2.37E-01 (1.25E-01) | 2.99E-01 (1.61E-01) | 2.37E-01 **(2.37E-01)** | 2.99E-01 **(2.99E-01)** | 63 |
| Potassium-40 | 1.44E-01 (1.44E-01) | 2.19E-01 (2.19E-01) | 1.44E-01 (1.44E-01) | 2.19E-01 (2.19E-01) | 28 |
| Lead-212 | 3.40E+03 (1.59E-02) | 5.02E+03 (2.40E-02) | 3.40E+03 **(9.87E+07)** | 5.02E+03 **(2.51E+03)** | 21 |
| Radium-226 | 1.03E+00 (1.27E-02) | 3.05E+00 (2.03E-02) | 1.03E+00 **(1.32E-02)** | 3.05E+00 **(2.08E-02)** | 21,28 |
| Radium-228 | 1.47E+00 (9.87E-03) | 7.50E+00 (1.53E-02) | 1.47E+00 **(3.28E-02)** | 7.50E+00 **(4.92E-02)** | 21,28 |
| Thorium-228 | 2.80E+01 (1.56E-02) | 1.07E+02 (2.38E-02) | 2.80E+01 **(1.47E-01)** | 1.07E+02 **(2.16E-01)** | 21,28 |
| Thorium-234 | 1.22E+03 (1.25E-02) | 2.45E+03 (2.00E-02) | 1.22E+03 **(2.49E+02)** | 2.45E+03 **(3.83E+02)** | 21 |
| Uranium-233 | 5.63E+00 (8.87E-02) | 2.55E+01 (1.48E-01) | 5.63E+00 **(1.03E-01)** | 2.55E+01 **(1.71E-01)** | 21 |
| Uranium-234 | 5.83E+00 (1.26E-02) | 2.78E+01 (2.03E-02) | 5.83E+00 **(2.13E-02)** | 2.78E+01 **(3.42E-02)** | 21 |
| Uranium-235 | 2.03E-01 (4.58E-02) | 3.15E-01 (7.31E-02) | 2.03E-01 (4.58E-02) | 3.15E-01 (7.31E-02) | 21 |
| Uranium-238 | 6.48E+00 (1.24E-02) | 3.12E+01 (2.00E-02) | 6.48E+00 (1.25E-02) | 3.12E+01 (2.00E-02) | 21,28 |

a USEPA Radiological PRGs for soil media, July 2017. Top entry for each constituent is the PRG for the individual radionuclide. Bottom entry (in parenthesis) is the default secular equilibrium PRG that includes daughter products from the entire decay chain.

b USEPA Radiological PRGs for soil media, May 2022. Top entry for each constituent is the PRG for the individual radionuclide. Bottom entry (in parenthesis) is the default peak PRG that includes daughter products from the entire decay chain.

c OUs and corresponding SEMS number(s) are identified in Appendix A, Table A-5.

Revised PRGs highlighted in bold.

pCi/g = picoCuries per gram

**Table B-3. Nonradiological Standards in Groundwater Media (MCLs)[a]**

| Analyte | MCL (µg/L) | SEMS Number(s)[b] |
|---|---|---|
| Antimony | 6 | 8,9 |
| Arsenic | 10 | 8,9 |
| Barium | 2,000 | 8,9 |
| Benzene | 5 | 8,9 |
| Beryllium | 4 | 8,9 |
| Bis(2-ethylhexl)phthalate | 6 | |
| Cadmium | 5 | 8,9 |
| Carbon tetrachloride | 5 | 29,36 |
| Chromium | 100 | 8,9 |
| Copper | 1,300 | 8,9 |
| Cyanide | 200 | 9 |
| 1-1-Dichloroethene (DCE) | 7 | 31,59 |
| cis-1,2-Dichloroethene (DCE) | 70 | 31 |
| Dichloromethane (methylene chloride) | 5 | 8,9,31,36 |
| Lead | 15 | 8,9,36 |
| Lindane | 0.2 | |
| Mercury | 2 | 8,9,29 |
| Nitrate | 10,000 | 8,9 |
| Selenium | 50 | 8,9 |
| Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) | 5 | 8,9,29,31,36 |
| Thallium | 2 | 8,9 |
| Trichloroethylene (TCE) | 5 | 8,9, 29,31,36,59 |
| Uranium | 30 | 29 |
| Vinyl chloride | 2 | 31 |

a Current MCL table provided for reference only. Comparative analysis is not shown because MCLs have not changed since previous five-year remedy review.

b OUs and corresponding SEMS number(s) are identified in Appendix A, Table A-5.

**Table B-4. Comparison of Non-Radiological Standards in Groundwater Media (2017 RSLs and 2022 RSLs)**

| Analyte | 2017 RSL[a] (µg/L) | 2022 RSL[b] (µg/L) | SEMS Number(s)[c] |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cobalt | 6.0E+00 | 6.0E+00 | 8,9 |
| Nickel | 3.9E+02 | 3.9E+02 | 8,9 |
| Phenol | 5.8E+03 | 5.8E+03 | 8 |
| Silver | 9.4E+01 | 9.4E+01 | 8,9 |
| Tin | 1.2E+04 | 1.2E+04 | 9 |
| Trichlorofluoromethane | 5.2E+03 | 5.2E+03 | 8,9 |
| Vanadium | 8.6E+01 | 8.6E+01 | 8,9 |
| Zinc | 6.0E+03 | 6.0E+03 | 8,9 |

a USEPA Nonradiological RSLs for tapwater media, June 2017.
b USEPA Nonradiological RSLs for tapwater media, May 2022.
c OUs and corresponding SEMS number(s) are identified in Appendix A, Table A-5.

**Table B-5. Radiological Standards in Groundwater Media (MCLs)**

| Analyte | MCL[a] (µg/L) | SEMS Number[b] |
|---|---|---|
| Amercium-241 | 15[c] | 8,9 |
| Carbon-14 | 2,000[d] | 8,9 |
| Cesium-137 | 200[d] | 8 |
| Cobalt-60 | 100[d] | 8,9 |
| Curium-242 | 15[c] | 8,9 |
| Curium-243/244 | 15[c] | 8,9 |
| Curium-246 | 15[c] | 8.9 |
| Iodine-129 | 1[d] | 8,9 |
| Nickel-63 | 50[d] | 9 |
| Plutonium-238 | 15[c] | 8,9 |
| Plutonium-239/240 | 15[c] | 8,9 |
| Radium-226 | 5[e] | 8,9,29 |
| Radium-228 | 5[e] | 8,9,29 |
| Radium total | 5 [e] | 8,9,29 |
| Strontium-90 | 8[d] | 8,9 |
| Technetium-99 | 900[d] | 8,9 |
| Thorium-228 | 15[c] | 8,9 |
| Thorium-232 | 15[c] | 8,9 |
| Thorium-230 | 15 [c] | 8,9 |
| Tritium | 20,000[d] | |
| Uranium-233/234 | 10[f] | 8,9 |
| Uranium-234 | 10[f] | 8,9 |
| Uranium-235 | 0.5[f] | 9 |
| Uranium-238 | 10[f] | 8,9 |

a USEPA Implementation Guidance for Radionuclides, March 2002. Comparative analysis is not shown for MCLs because standards have not changed since the previous five-year remedy review.
b OUs and corresponding SEMS number(s) are identified in Appendix A, Table A-5.
c Gross alpha particle activity = 15 pCi/L.
d Man-made beta/gamma emitters = 4 mrem/year dose
e Combined radium-226 and radium-228 = 5 pCi/L.
f Uranium values based on MCL of 30 µg/L; derived using naturally occurring isotopes of uranium in secular equilibrium.

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# A-AREA BURNING/RUBBLE PITS (731-A, -1A) AND RUBBLE PIT (731-2A) MISCELLANEOUS CHEMICAL BASIN / METALS BURNING PIT (731-4A/731-5A) OPERABLE UNIT

## I. Introduction

This report is the fifth five-year review for the A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A, 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A) (ABRP) and Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) (MCB) / Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) (MBP) Operable Unit (OU). The review was conducted from July 2022 through November 2022. Contaminants have been left in place at the OU at levels that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedy in place at the OU is protective of human health and the environment. This report documents the results of the review.

## II. OU Chronology

Table C-1 lists the chronology of events for the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU.

## III. Background

ABRP and MCB/MBP are listed as separate Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) / Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act units in Appendix C of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for Savannah River Site (SRS) (FFA 1993). To achieve final closure, the individual units have been consolidated to form the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU. The media of concern is surface and vadose zone soils. The final action for the groundwater in the area is being addressed under the A/M-Groundwater OU corrective action.

### Physical Characteristics

The ABRP/MCB/MBP OU is located approximately 4.8 km (3 mi) east of the SRS boundary and 2.4 km (1.5 mi) south of M Area (Figure C-1). The OU is situated on the eastern edge of a north-south trending topographic ridge within the Upper Three Runs watershed. This ridge drains east to Tim's Branch and west to the Savannah River

floodplain. Its relief is characterized by flat areas and a few low rolling hills. Pine/hardwood forests are dominant, with some grassy areas.

The ABRP/MCB/MBP OU is comprised of the following subunits (Figure C-2):

***ABRP Area Subunits***

- A-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (731-A) - constructed in 1951 and is approximately 6.6 m (22 ft) wide, 2.7 to 3 m (9 to 10 ft) deep, and 75 m (250 ft) long;
- A-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (731-1A) - constructed in 1951 and is approximately 6.6 m (22 ft) wide, 2.7 to 3 m (9 to 10 ft) deep, and 75 m (250 ft) long;
- A-Area Rubble Pit (731-2A) - used from about 1951 until 1983 and is approximately 12 m (40 ft) wide, 195 m (650 ft) long, with a depth that could extend to 6 m (20 ft);
- Potential Pit - estimated dimensions of 60 x 78 m (200 x 260 ft);
- Depressional Area - estimated dimensions of 48 x 111 m (160 x 370 ft);
- Ash Scatter Area/Ditch - area is approximately 0.4 hectares (1.0 acre) and the ditch measures approximately 90 x 6 m (300 x 20 ft);
- A-Area Ash Pile (788-2A) - covered approximately 1.02 hectares (2.5 acres) and rose approximately 4.2 to 7.2 m (14 to 24 ft) above the surrounding topography. Based on an average ash thickness of 6 m (20 ft), the total volume of ash was approximated to be 60,435 $m^3$ (79,000 $yd^3$);
- Trench subunit - approximately 4.6 m (15 ft) wide by 91.4 m (300 ft) long, most of which is overlain by about 6.1 m (20 ft) of compacted ash, and is between 2.4 and 4.6 m (8 and 15 ft) deep, with approximately 5% to 10% of the Trench exposed south of the Ash Pile; and
- Vadose zone in the vicinity of the ABRP is about 40 m (130 ft) thick with the upper 24 m (80 ft) comprised of sands and silt. This is underlain by a predominantly clay layer, 1.8 to 2.4 m (6 to 8 ft) thick that sits atop another sand/silt layer approximately

12.2 m (40 ft) thick. A perched water zone is present at times just above the clay-rich zone at a depth of 22.9 to 25.9 m (75 to 85 ft) below the surface.

***MCB/MBP Subunits***

- MCB Surface Soil Subunit - approximately 6 by 6 m (20 by 20 ft) and approximately 0.3 m (1 ft) deep;
- MCB vadose zone - approximately 36.6 m (120 ft) thick and contains a fine-grained sediment zone up to 4.6 m (15 ft) below ground surface, underlain by 18.3 to 21.3 m (60 to 70 ft) of sands/silts, a 3.0 m (10 ft) thick clay lens at a depth of 22.9 to 25.9 m (75 to 85 ft), and sands and silts to the water table; and
- MBP Surface Soil Subunit - irregular in shape, approximately 120 by 120 m (400 by 400 ft). Waste materials were piled 0.9 to 1.8 m (3 to 6 ft) high within the MBP boundaries.

**Land and Resource Use**

According to the *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report* (USDOE 1996), residential uses of SRS land should be prohibited. The *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site* (WSRC 1999b) designates the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU as being within an industrial area. The future land use is reasonably anticipated to remain industrial with the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) maintaining control of the land.

**History of Contamination**

Starting in 1951, the three pits, 731-A, 731-1A, and 731-2A, were used monthly to burn paper, plastics, wood, rubber, rags, cardboard, oil degreasers, and solvents. After burning was discontinued in October 1973, the burn area was covered with a layer of soil. The pits were subsequently filled with rubble consisting of paper, wood, concrete, empty galvanized steel barrels, and cans. The pits reached capacity in 1978 and were retired from service in 1983. Pits 731-A and 731-1A were covered with native soils to grade-level and vegetation could re-establish. Rubble Pit 731-2A was backfilled and seeded.

The Potential Pit and Depressional Area were areas of depression/subsidence that were investigated but produced no evidence of waste disposal. The Ash Scatter Area/Ditch was located between the A-Area Ash Pile (788-2A) and the Depressional Area.

The A-Area Ash Pile (788-2A) subunit was used to dispose of ash from the A-Area Powerhouse prior to 1994, as permitted under Industrial Wastewater Permit No. 7289, issued on June 29, 1981.

The Trench subunit was filled with debris and covered with soil prior to construction of the A-Area Ash Pile (788-2A) and was mostly buried beneath the compacted ash along the eastern portion of the ash pile. No disposal records for the trench have been found.

The MCB was an old borrow pit, later used to receive liquid chemical wastes. No disposal records were kept, though the assumed use was disposal of waste solvents and used oil. It is likely that waste drums were emptied at this site, and the empty drums were discarded at the MBP. Existing records indicate that the basin was in use from about 1956 to 1974.

The MBP was a cleared area used for burning lithium-aluminum alloys, scrap, and cuttings from A/M-Area machining operations. Wastes were primarily contained in two discrete areas: one large pile and a series of small piles oriented in a semi-circular arc. The pit was reportedly placed in service in 1960 and taken out of service in 1974.

**Initial Response**

Following assessment of the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU, no remedial action was required for the Burning/Rubble Pits 731-A and 731-1A, Depressional Area, Potential Pit, and Ash Scatter Area/Ditch.

An Interim Record of Decision (IROD) was approved in November 2000 for ABRP OU (WSRC 2000) to address benzo(a)pyrene contamination in soil at Rubble Pit 731-2A and reduce concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the M-Area aquifer and vadose zone. The approved final remedial action for soil was installation of a 0.3-m (1-ft) thick earthen cap, coupled with implementation of land use controls (LUCs) (i.e., institutional controls) (Figure C-3). The approved interim action for groundwater involved the implementation of air sparging with active/passive soil vapor extraction

(SVE) system (installed at Rubble Pit 731-2A) to reduce VOCs in the M-Area aquifer contaminated plume. A passive SVE system was installed to reduce VOCs in the vadose zone beneath the trench underlying the Ash Pile. An ABRP monitoring well system was installed to determine the effectiveness of the SVE systems and began operation in September 2001. Based on the results of the first year of operation and subsequent testing of the air sparging system, it was determined that the system had not and likely would not meet the remedial action objectives (RAOs) for the subunit. An Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the ABRP (WSRC 2002) was issued in 2003 to remove the air sparging system and expand the SVE portion of the remedy presented in the ABRP IROD to operate four MicroBlower™-equipped SVE wells at the Trench subunit to remediate VOCs in the vadose zone.

An IROD was approved in December 1999 for MCB/MBP OU (WSRC 1999a) to address elevated levels of aluminum in MBP surface and subsurface soil, elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) (i.e., Aroclor 1254 and Aroclor 1260) in MCB surface and subsurface soil, elevated levels of VOCs in MCB vadose zone soils, and elevated levels of VOCs in groundwater. Interim actions at the MCB/MBP OU were taken beginning in 2000 to remove contaminated surface soils exceeding 1,000 µg/kg Aroclor 1254 and 215 µg/kg Aroclor 1260 at MCB and exceeding 11,000 mg/kg aluminum at MBP (considered final actions), and to treat VOC-contaminated vadose zone soils with active and passive SVE. Contaminated surface soils at MCB/MBP were excavated and shipped to a sanitary landfill. Clean fill was backfilled into the excavated areas. At MCB, the area was cleared and remediation equipment (i.e., active SVE followed by passive SVE using BaroBall™ technology) was installed to treat the contaminated vadose zone soils by lowering VOC concentrations to below 50 ppmv. Three banks of airlift recirculation wells (i.e., in situ air stripping) were used to treat contaminated groundwater.

**Basis for Taking Action**

No human health, ecological, or contaminant migration (CM) constituents of concern (COCs) have been identified at the Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A, 731-1A), Potential Pit,

Depressional Area, and Ash Scatter Area/Ditch subunits. Thus, there is no problem warranting action for these subunits.

Benzo(a)pyrene in surface soil at Rubble Pit 731-2A was identified as a COC for the future industrial worker at concentrations exceeding the remedial goal (RG) of 0.2 mg/kg.

Arsenic and coal-related radionuclides are present at the A-Area Ash Pile subunit (788-2A) at concentrations that exceed the 1E-06 risk for the future industrial worker. Arsenic and selenium are present in concentrations that may be predictive of a potential ecological hazard (hazard quotients > 1). These RGs are listed in Table C-2.

In 2001, before the start of the interim action, the maximum detection of trichloroethylene (TCE) at the Trench subunit was 487,000 µg/kg. TCE concentrations in the vadose zone were present at levels expected to migrate to groundwater above the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 5 µg/L in less than 10 years (Figure C-4).

At the MCB subunit, PCBs exceeding both the human health RG (1 mg/kg) and the ecological RG (0.215 mg/kg) were present in surface soils. Octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (OCDD) was also present as a human health COC.

In the MCB vadose zone, tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and TCE contamination was found at levels that would migrate to groundwater at a concentration above the MCL (5 µg/L) in less than 10 years.

Aluminum concentrations at the MBP subunit exceeded the ecological RG of 11,000 mg/kg at two areas totaling approximately 0.177 hectares (0.436 acres).

## IV. Remedial Actions

### Remedy Selection

As stated in the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU ROD (WSRC 2007b), the final RAOs are as follows:

***A-Area Ash Pile (788-2A) Subunit***

- Prevent human exposure to refined COCs that present a risk to future industrial workers.
- Prevent ecological exposure to refined COCs that present a hazard to ecological receptors.

***A-Area Trench Subunit***

- Treat or remove TCE to the extent practical.
- Prevent migration of TCE contamination in soil to groundwater at a concentration above the MCL (5 μg/L).

As stated in the ABRP OU IROD (WSRC 2000), the final RAO that was addressed by the interim action is as follows:

***A-Area Rubble Pit (731-2A) Surface Soils***

- Prevent direct contact with and ingestion of benzo[a]pyrene contaminated surface soil which may present a significant risk (> 1E-06 or hazard index = 1) to current and future workers.

As stated in the MCB/MBP OU IROD (WSRC 1999a), the final RAO that was addressed by the interim action is as follows:

***MCB/MBP Surface and Vadose Zone Soils***

- Prevent direct contact with aluminum, OCDD, Aroclor 1254, and Aroclor 1260 contaminated surface/subsurface soils, such that the COCs are not a continued significant risk to human health or ecological receptors.

As stated in the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU ROD (WSRC 2007c), the selected final remedial actions to meet the RAOs are listed below. Figures C-5 through C-17 show the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU subunits during operations, prior to and after the final action, and as they look currently.

***A-Area Ash Pile (788-2A) Subunit***

- Installation of a soil cover; and
- Institutional controls (i.e., LUCs).

***A-Area Trench Subunit***

- Expand the existing interim remedial action SVE system; and
- Institutional controls (i.e., LUCs)

***A-Area Rubble Pit (731-2A) Surface Soils***

- Installation of a soil cover; and
- Institutional controls (i.e., LUCs).

***MCB Surface Soil***

- Excavation of contaminated soil with Aroclor 1260 concentrations above the ecological RG (215 µg/kg) to consist of Soil Removal Areas (SRAs) 3 and 4 to a maximum depth of 0.3 m (1 ft), and Soil Removal Area 5 to maximum depth of 1.2 m (4 ft). Excavation of the 0.3-m (1-ft) interval will also remove all soil contaminated with Aroclor 1260 above the Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirement (ARAR)-based limit of 1,000 µg/kg;
- Excavation of contaminated soil with Aroclor 1254 concentrations above the ARAR limit of 1000 µg/kg to a maximum depth of 0.3 m (1 ft) from SRAs 3 and 4 and 1.2 m (4 ft) from SRA 5;
- Disposal of excavated soil to a Subtitle D landfill, backfilled with clean fill, vegetation of surface soil; and
- Institutional controls (i.e., LUCs).

***MCB Vadose Zone***

- Continued passive operation of SVE BaroBall™ wells; and
- Institutional controls (i.e., LUCs)

***MBP Surface and Subsurface Soil***

- Excavation of soil containing aluminum in excess of the site-specific maximum background of 11,000 mg/kg to a maximum depth of 1.2 m (4 ft) to consist of SRAs 1 and 2;
- Disposal of excavated soil at a Subtitle D landfill, backfilled with clean fill, vegetation of surface soil; and
- Institutional controls (i.e., LUCs).

**Remedy Implementation**

The selected final action remedies were implemented to meet the RAOs and included the following activities. Remedial actions completed during the interim action phase are noted below.

***A-Area Ash Pile (788-2A) Surface Soils***

- In 2008, as the final remedial action, installed a 1-hectare (2.5-acre) soil cover with a minimum of 45 cm (18 in) of compacted common fill and 15 cm (6 in) of topsoil and sod.

***A-Area Rubble Pit (731-2A) Surface Soils (completed during the interim action phase)***

- In 2001, installed a 2.4-hectare (6-acre) soil cover with a minimum of 30 cm (12 in) of compacted common fill and 7.5 cm (3 in) of topsoil and sod. The soil cover also covered the A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) for adequate drainage purposes. This was accepted as part of the final remedial action for the OU.

***ABRP Vadose Zone***

- In 2001, installed an air sparging system for removal of VOC from the vadose zone contaminated soils. However, air-sparging operations were found to be ineffective due to the presence of impermeable soils just above the water table and, with concurrence of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and USDOE, were discontinued in

March of 2003. The wells of the sparging system were converted to passive SVE using BaroBalls™.

- In 2003, under the Interim Action, installed four passive SVE wells (operating with either MicroBlowers™ or BaroBalls™) at the Trench Subunit to remove VOCs from the ABRP vadose zone contaminated soils. The four passive SVE wells installed were ABV-01, ASH-06, AHT-05, and AHT-06.

- In 2008, in support of the final remedial action, installed an active SVE system, consisting of a vacuum blower, condensate removal system, piping to the well bank, 17 extraction wells, and control instrumentation, to treat 42,000 $m^3$ (55,000 $yd^3$) of vadose zone soil. In 2013, due to rising concentrations occurring at extraction well ASH-06, the Core Team agreed to add ASH-06 to the ABRP soil vapor extraction unit (SVEU) extraction well network. Additionally, when the SVEU is down for maintenance, ASH-06, AHT-05, ABV-01 ARV-2D1, ARV-2D2, and ARV-2D3 were operated as MicroBlower™ SVE wells.

***MCB/MBP Surface Soil (completed during the interim action phase)***

- In 2002, removed a total of 7,800 $m^3$ (10,200 $yd^3$) of soil - (3,060 $m^3$ [4,000 $yd^3$] at MCB and 4,740 $m^3$ [6,200 $yd^3$] at MBP) contaminated with Aroclor 1260 and Aroclor 1254 by excavating to a depth of 0.3 m (1 ft) in SRAs 3 and 4 and 1.2 m (4 ft) in SRAs 1, 2, and 5, packaging, and shipping to a Subtitle D landfill;

- Backfilled 0.59 hectares (1.45 acres) of excavated areas to grade with clean native soil and vegetated surface soil after confirmatory sampling verified that RGs were met; and

- Established a maintenance program for 0.59 hectares (1.45-acre) native soil cover.

***MCB Vadose Zone (completed during the interim action phase)***

- Installed an active SVE system, consisting of a vacuum blower, condensate removal system, underground piping to the well bank, five extraction wells, and control instrumentation, to treat 4,590 $m^3$ (6,000 $yd^3$) of vadose zone soils. Active SVE was

discontinued in 2004 and the SVE wells were transitioned to passive SVE operation; and

- Installed additional passive SVE wells to supplement the active SVE system. The current SVE system consists of two MicroBlower™ SVE wells and 25 BaroBall™ SVE wells. SVE operation will continue at the MCB vadose zone subunit until RAOs are met (Figure C-17).

***ABRP/MCB/MBP OU***

- In 2008, established LUCs for 4.1 hectares (10.1 acres) including posting eleven warning signs. LUC areas for ABRP are 8.03 acres, and for MCB/MBP are 2.10 acres.

**System Operations/Operation and Maintenance**

The ABRP/MCB SVE systems are operational and will continue operations until RGs are achieved for the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU. The SVE systems, with implementation of the interim and final remedies, started operation in 2001 with full implementation at ABRP in 2008.

Due to decreasing concentrations to non-detect levels for several years (Figure C-18), the Core Team concurred in 2015 with the decision to begin transitioning 15 wells from active SVE to passive SVE in the ABRP SVEU. The transition to fully passive SVE started when the ABRP Trench active SVE System ended operations in December 2017. The transition was completed when the last three remaining active SVE wells were converted to MicroBlower™ operation in October 2018.

The active SVE system at ABRP has removed approximately 64.9 kg (143.1 lbs) of TCE while in operation from 2008 to 2017 (Figure C-15). The ABRP passive SVE (MicroBlower™ and BaroBall™) system continues to operate having removed approximately 49.6 kg (109.7 lbs) from 2005 through 2021 (Figure C-17). The active system at MCB removed approximately 77.1 kg (170 lbs) of TCE while in operation from 2001 to 2002. The MCB passive SVE (MicroBlower™ and BaroBall™) system continues

to operate having removed approximately 13.7 kg (30.1 lbs) of TCE from 2004 through 2021.

A Performance Evaluation Report (PER) continues to be submitted annually to USEPA and SCDHEC. The PER provides the results of baseline sampling prior to active SVE, passive SVE operation, and all process and performance monitoring during operation.

The following maintenance activities are ongoing:

- Visual inspections for evidence of damage to the cover systems due to erosion or intrusion by burrowing animals are being performed annually as a minimum. The inspections also address upkeep of the vegetative cover and access control barriers (e.g., the warning signs).
- Necessary repairs (e.g., replacing eroded or disturbed soil, sign repair, active SVE system maintenance, etc.) and vegetation management (e.g., mowing, removal of larger vegetation, etc.) are being performed when required.
- Institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) are being enforced to preclude access through the SRS Site Use/ Site Clearance program and SRS site security.

Table C-3 compares the actual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for the five-year remedy review period to the estimated direct O&M costs from the ROD (WSRC 2007b). The estimated cost for FY2018 to FY2022 is $313,808 for the SVE systems, soil covers, institutional controls (LUCs), and five-year remedy reviews. The actual O&M cost for FY2018 to FY2022 is $671,989. The O&M costs from FY2018 to FY2022 are higher than estimated because the operational life of the active SVE system is longer than expected.

## V. Progress Since Last Review

The previous protectiveness statement concluded that the remedial actions at ABRP/MCB/MBP OU are expected to be protective and, in the interim, exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by the operation of active/

passive SVE and cover systems along with institutional controls (i.e., LUCs). All systems have been functioning properly.

Since the previous review in support of final remediation activities as set forth in the Corrective Measures Implementation/Remedial Action Implementation Plan (WSRC 2007a), the following actions have been completed:

- Transition of eighteen active SVE wells at the ABRP Trench subunit to a passive SVE system, due to decreasing TCE contamination in the vadose zone soils.

As stated in the PCR (SRNS 2022), the project's recommendation is to perform confirmation soil sampling at ABRP/MCB to evaluate the current soil concentrations against the RGs with the intent to justify shutting down the passive SVE. A Sampling Analysis Plan will be developed and submitted for Core Team approval in fiscal year (FY) 2023. Upon approval, soil sampling will be performed in FY2024. Upon completion of the sampling, a Core Team meeting will be convened to discuss the results of the sampling in context to the remedial goal objectives. Annual performance reviews will continue until the Core Team reaches agreement that the RGs have been met.

## VI. Five-Year Review Process

The following tasks were performed as part of the review:

- Reviewed the documents listed in Section XII, Documents Reviewed;
- Confirmed the implementation of the remedial actions;
- Reviewed all process and performance monitoring data provided by the annual PERs and provided a technical assessment of whether the active/passive SVE are functioning as intended by the ROD and whether the shutdown criteria have been achieved;
- Inspected the OU, reviewed the annual site inspection reports, interviewed maintenance personnel, and documented the results on the Inspection Checklist provided in Attachment C-1 with the purpose of assessing the protectiveness of the remedy and the functionality of the access controls; and

- Reviewed changes in standards and to-be-considered guidance

***Data Review***

Annual PERs continue to be submitted as scheduled and were reviewed (SRNS 2018, SRNS 2019, SRNS 2020, SRNS 2021, and SRNS 2022). The PERs reported ABRP had a total mass removal of 4.38 lbs TCE and MCB had a total mass removal of 1.62 lbs TCE and 0.77 lbs PCE during the last five years.

Figures C-18 and C-19 depict a large decrease in ABRP TCE production and well exhaust gas concentrations since the implementation of seventeen active SVE wells in 2008. Because of the observed decline in TCE production, the active SVE system at ABRP was completely transitioned to a passive SVE system in 2018. Figures C-20 and C-21 show the TCE production rates and well exhaust gas concentrations of the current ABRP passive SVE system. Figures C-17 and C-18 show a similar decline in the active SVE system. The increase in production results in 2018 is the direct result of adding seventeen new passive SVE wells that was sustained through 2021 (Figure C-17).

At MCB, declining concentrations are an indication that the source of mass in the Upland Unit has been depleted and now is only releasing mass by diffusion. Figures C-22 and C-23 show the PCE and TCE production rates and well exhaust gas concentrations of the current MCB passive SVE system.

As stated in Section V, the project's recommendation is to perform confirmation soil sampling at ABRP/MCB to evaluate the current soil concentrations against the RGs with the intent to justify shutting down the passive SVE.

***Summary of Inspections and Interviews***

Interviews were conducted with Phil Carter, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Project (EC&ACP) Post-Closure Lead, and Brian Hanshew, SRNS EC&ACP Post-Closure Lead, on August 30, 2022 at the O&M organization offices. No issues were identified as an outcome of these interviews.

The ABRP/MCB/MBP OU was inspected by SRNS personnel on July 26, 2022. No issues were identified for the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU during this inspection.

A site inspection was conducted by SRNS EC&ACP and USDOE personnel on December 6, 2022. No issues were identified during this inspection.

A site inspection will be conducted by USEPA and SCDHEC personnel, accompanied by USDOE and SRNS personnel, prior to submittal of the Revision 1 of this document. No significant problems regarding the protection of the remedy for this OU as implemented are expected to be identified during the inspection.

Scheduled annual site inspections conducted from FY2018 through FY2022 identified the presence of ant mounds, vegetation blocking waste unit sign, sign replacement, wood debris restricting water flow in drainage ditch, unattached ID well tag, minor depression caused by grass cutting equipment, and fallen tree limbs on road. These findings were documented on the field inspection checklist and resolved soon after discovery. The inspections conducted during this remedy review cycle are listed in Section XII.

Since the MBP and SRA 4 subunits are outside of the established LUC boundary and no further problems warranting action exist in the MBP surface soil subunit and SRA 4 (WSRC 2008), inspections were discontinued in 2022.

## VII. Technical Assessment

### Is the Remedy Functioning as Intended by the Decision Document?

The removal of contaminated soils at MCB/MBP (731-4A / 731-5A surface soil subunits) and the cover systems installed at ABRP (A-Area Rubble Pit [731-2A] and Ash Pile [788-2A] subunits) are effective in preventing human receptor and ecological exposure to COCs. The MCB/MBP removal action has achieved industrial RGs. The ABRP cover system maintenance program is effective in maintaining the integrity of the cover systems. The annual inspection reports indicate no significant deficiencies.

The passive SVE systems at the ABRP Trench and MCB subunits are effective in preventing the migration of VOC contamination in the vadose zone soils to the

groundwater at concentrations above MCLs. Groundwater results indicate that the underlying groundwater VOC concentrations have also been steadily decreasing with time.

As reported in the annual PERs, the passive SVE system operation and well sampling at the ABRP Trench Subunit and the MCB Vadose Zone Subunit will continue until the RGs are achieved as stated in the ROD (WSRC 2007b). Overall soil-gas vapor samples have remained at very low (near the lower laboratory detection limits) asymptotic levels indicating VOCs are nearly depleted and no longer productively being removed (Figures C-20, C-21, C-22, and C-23).

The Land Use Control Implementation Plan for the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU governs LUC implementation, maintenance, monitoring, reporting, and enforcement of LUCs (WSRC 2008). The LUCs that are in place include physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), use restrictions to prevent unauthorized contact, removal or excavation of contaminated soils, restrictions to prevent unauthorized access to or use of groundwater until cleanup levels are met, and restrictions to prevent disturbance of the ABRP soil cover system. Warning signs are in good condition, and no activities were observed that would have violated the LUCs. All LUC objectives are being met.

**Are Exposure Assumptions, Toxicity Data, Cleanup Levels, and RAOs still valid?**

The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives used at the time of remedy selection are still valid. There have been no changes in the physical conditions at the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

The USEPA standards and toxicity values have been updated since the last five-year remedy review as shown in Appendix B. The changes to the values for COCs at the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU were not significant, and the RAOs continue to be met by the remedial actions. No new standards or to-be-considered guidance have been identified that call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

Fact sheets provided on the USEPA webpage (https://www.epa.gov/fedfac/emerging-contaminants-and-federal-facility-contaminants-concern) regarding emerging contaminants were reviewed for applicability to this site. This webpage provides a link to specific fact sheets for each of the following contaminants: 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), 1,4-dioxane, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT), hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), nanomaterials, N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA), perchlorate, perflurorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and tungsten. None of the listed emerging contaminants were identified as applicable to this OU.

**Has any Other Information Come to Light that Could Call into Question the Protectiveness of the Remedy?**

No new information has come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

## VIII. Issues

There are no issues related to current site conditions or activities that currently prevent the remedy from being protective.

## IX. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions

Recommendations for the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU are provided in Table C-4.

## X. Protectiveness Statement(s)

The remedy at the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU is protective of human health and the environment.

Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by the soil covers and LUCs, continued operation of the passive SVE systems, environmental monitoring, site inspections and maintenance activities. All threats at the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU have been addressed through implementation of physical access

controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU for industrial use only, and warning signs and land use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program.

## XI. Next Review

As shown in Appendix A, Table A-1, the next five-year review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment is scheduled for January 2029.

## XII. Documents Reviewed

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Various - Inspection Data Sheets – *Field Inspection Checklist A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A/731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A) and A-Area Ash Pile (788-2A) (U)*, ER-IDS-019-010, Inspection period 2018 through 2022 (annually)

Various - Inspection Data Sheets – *Field Inspection Checklist Miscellaneous Chemical Basin/Metals Burning Pit (731-4A/731-5A) (U)*, ER-IDS-019-014, Inspection period 2018 through 2021 (annually)

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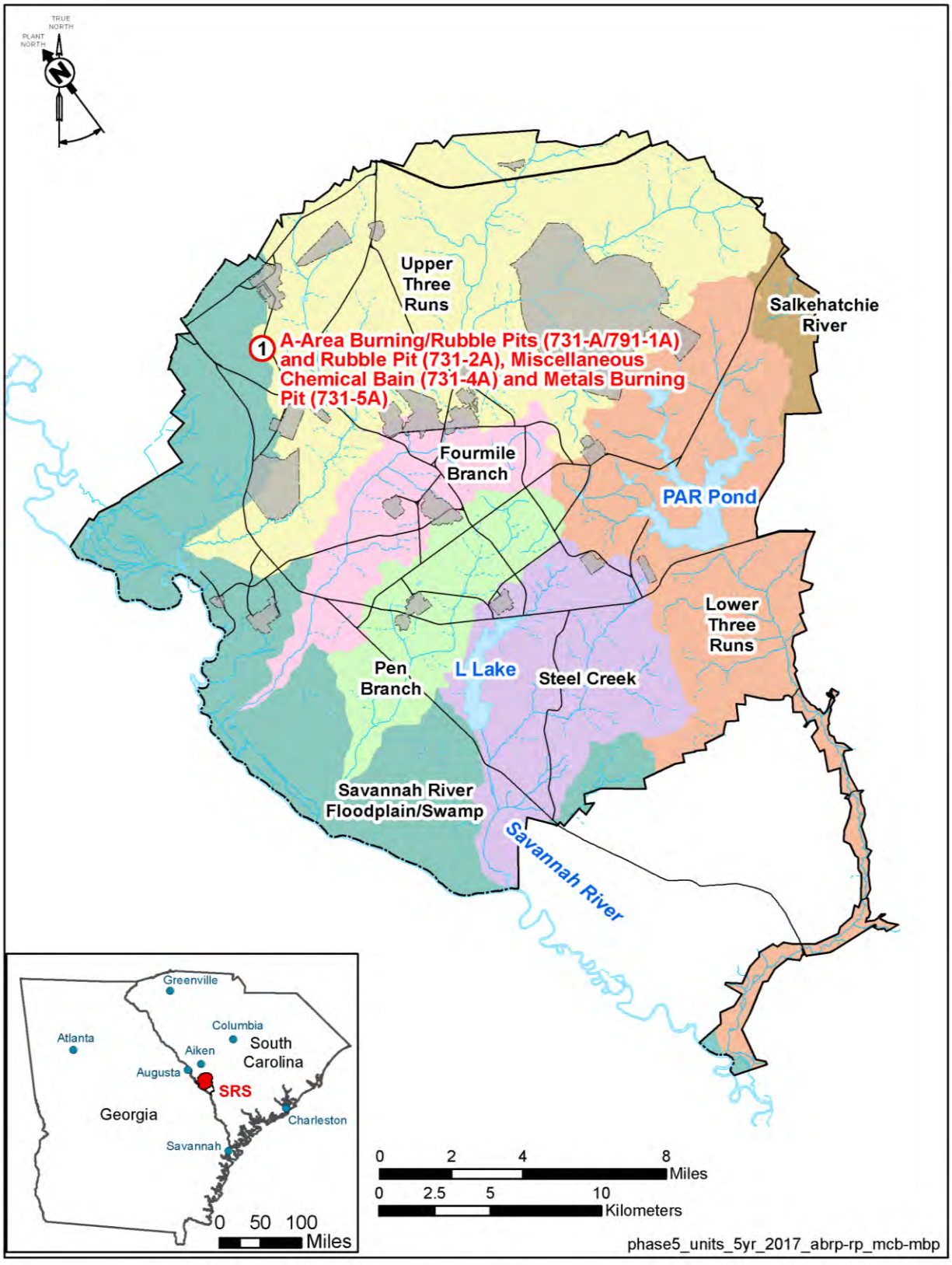



**Figure C-1. Location of ABRP/MCB/MBP OU at SRS**

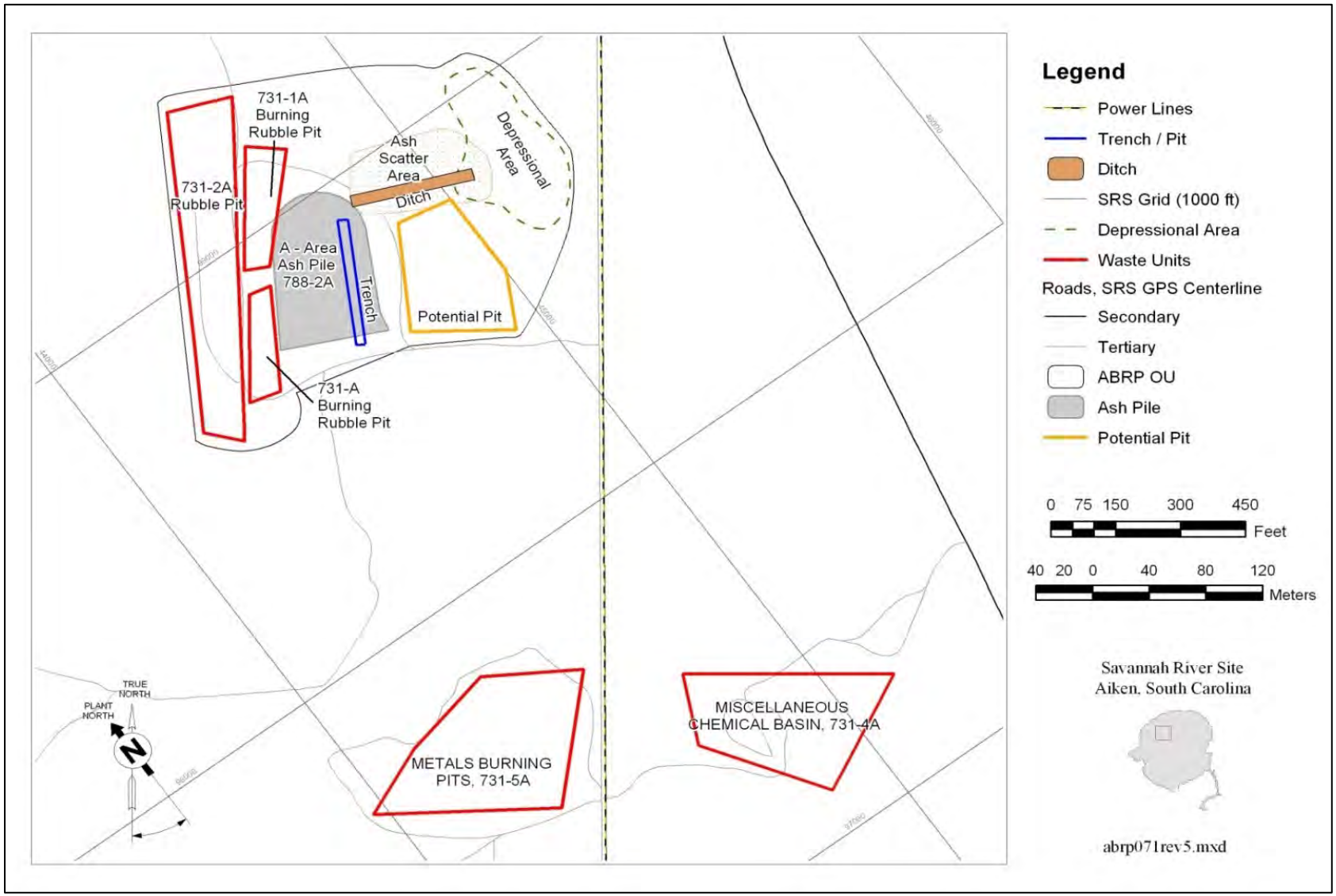



**Figure C-2. ABRP/MCB/MBP OU Subunits Layout**

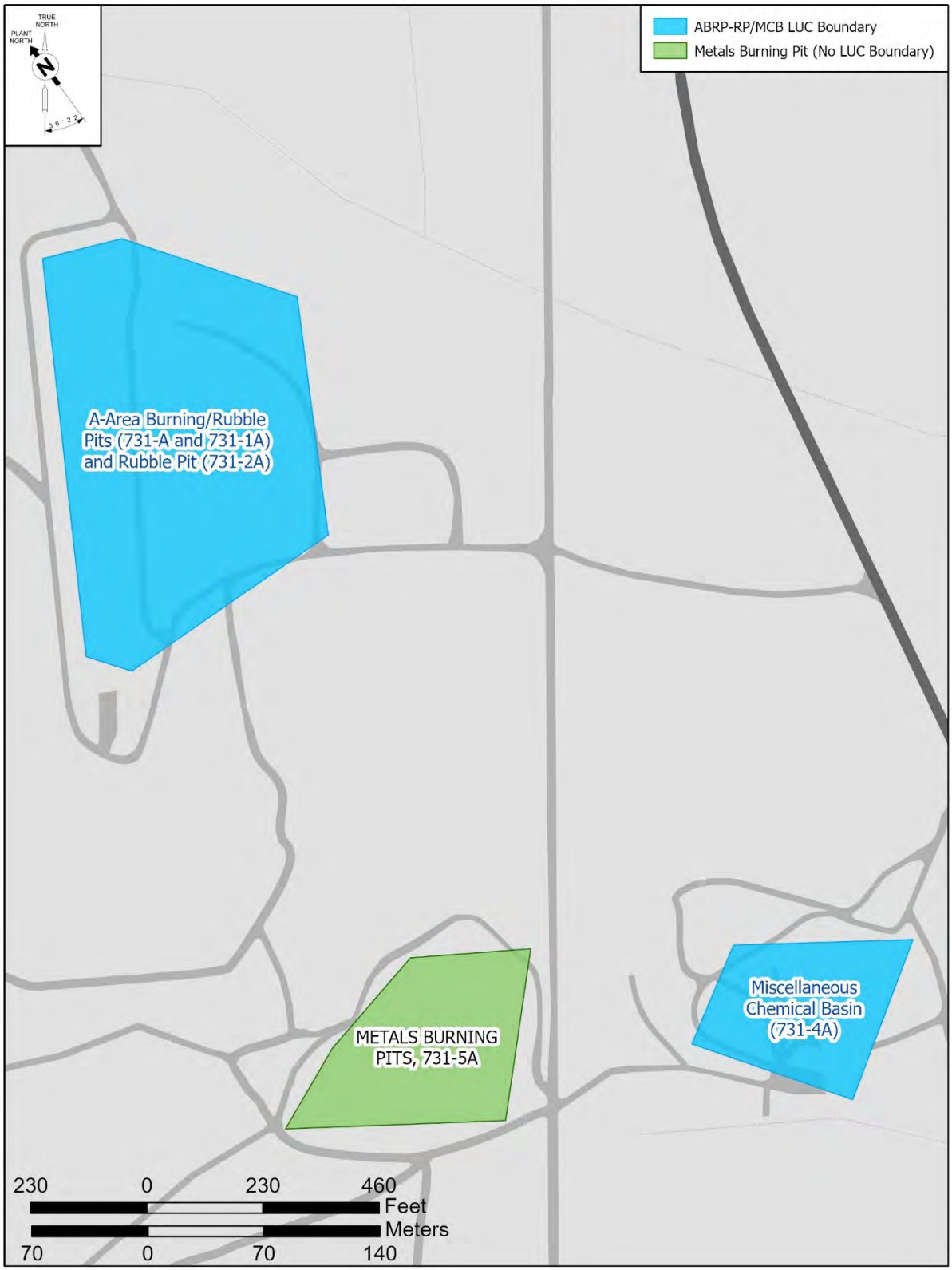



**Figure C-3. ABRP/MCB/MBP OU Subunits Layout**

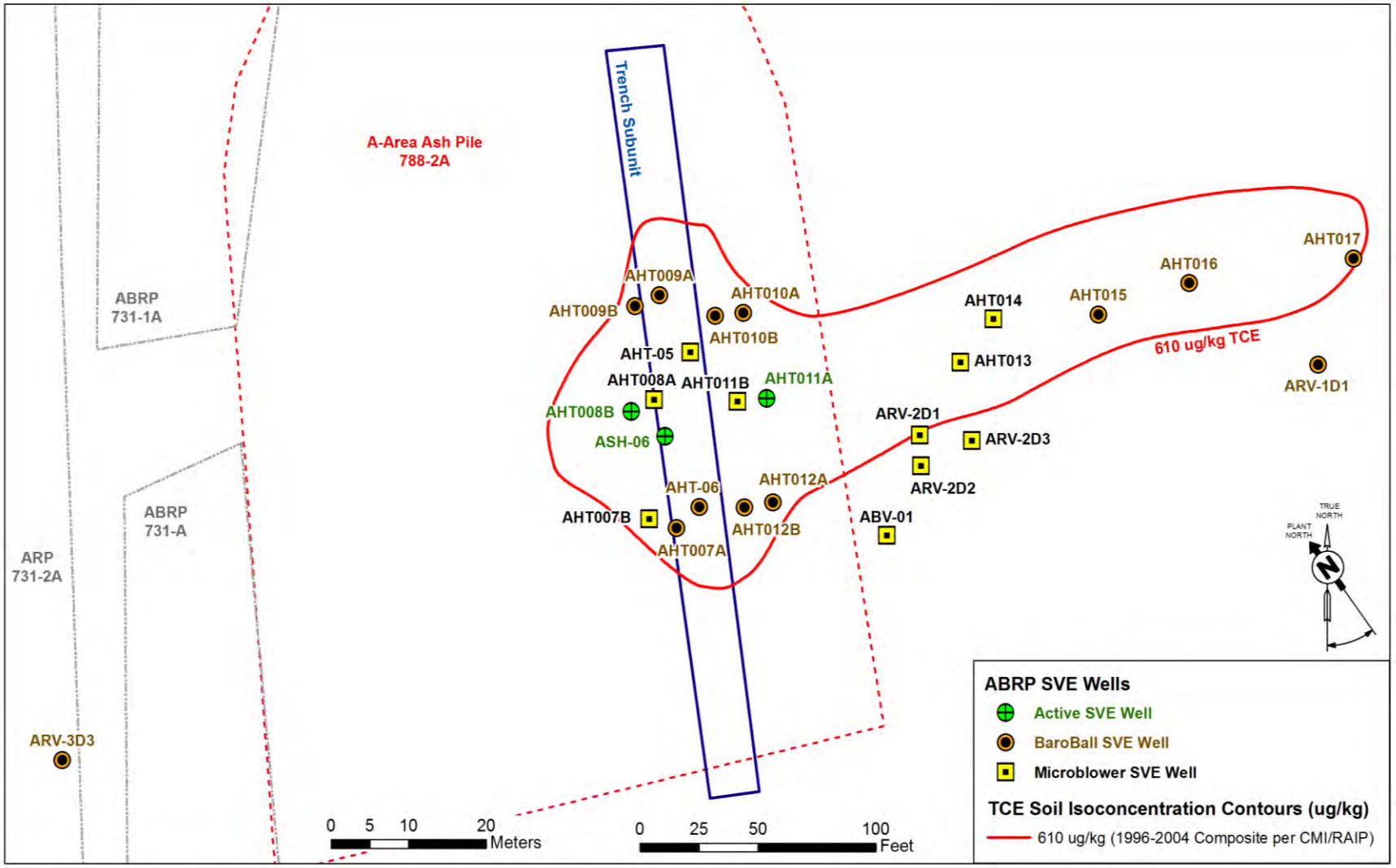



**Figure C-4. ABRP Trench Subunit SVE System (2017)**



**Figure C-5. A-Area Ash Pile and Underlying Trench Subunit during Operations (1981-1994)**



**Figure C-6. A-Area Ash Pile and Underlying Trench Subunit after Halting Operations, prior to Final Action (2000)**



**Figure C-7.** **A-Area Ash Pile and Underlying Trench Subunit after Final Action, with Installation of Trench Subunit SVE System (2008)**




**Figure C-8. A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A, 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A) (2022)**




**Figure C-9. A-Area Ash Pile (788-2A) and A-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (731-2A) (2022)**



**Figure C-10. A-Area Ash Pile (788-2A) and A-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (731-2A) Aerial Photo (2022)**




**Figure C-11. Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) During Operation (1970)**



**Figure C-12. Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) after Halting Operations, Prior to Final Action (1974 - 2000)**



**Figure C-13. Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) after Final Action (2008)**




**Figure C-14. Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) (2022)**



**Figure C-15. Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) Aerial Photo (2022)**



**Figure C-16. Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) Aerial Photo (2022**

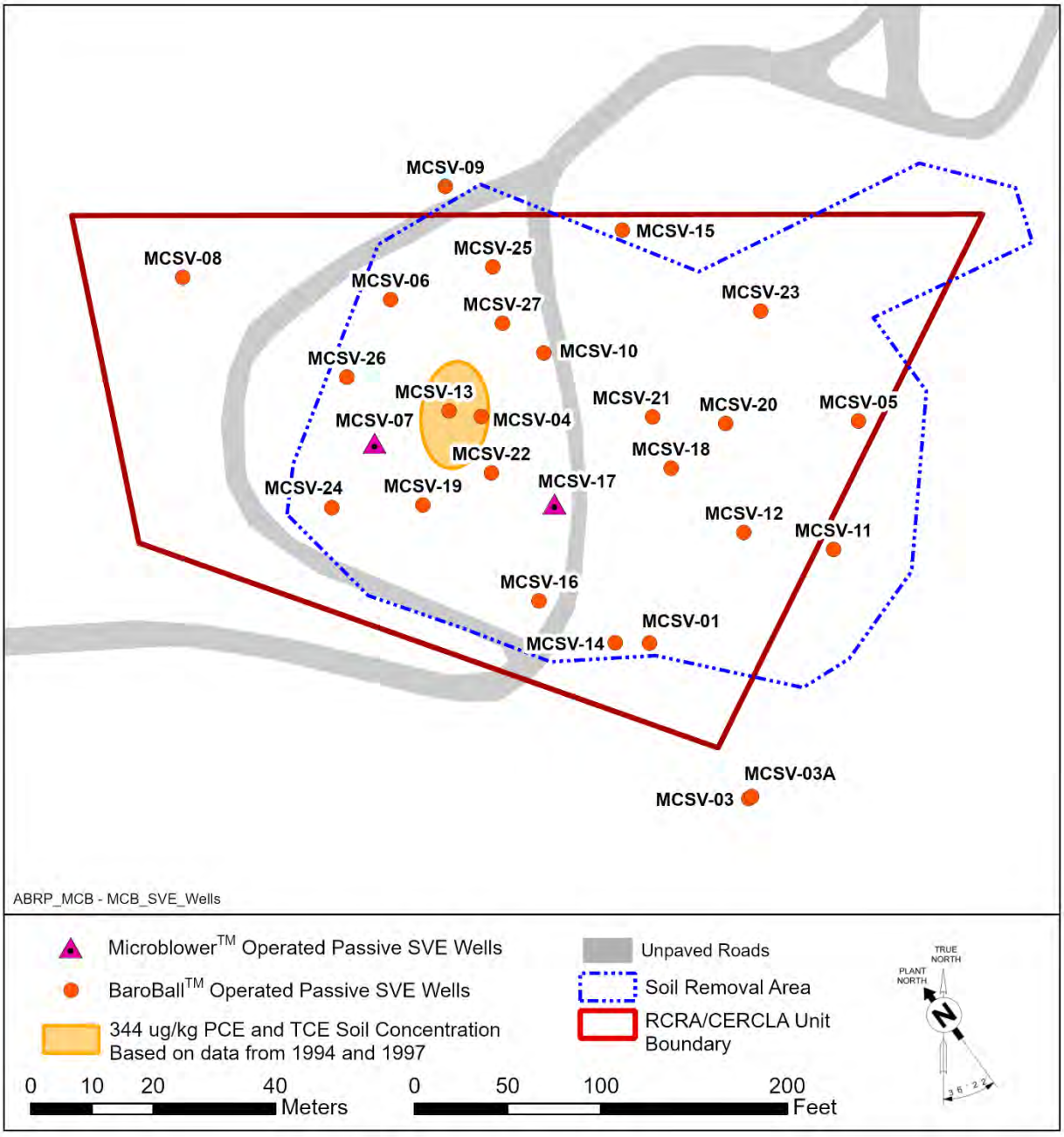



**Figure C-17. Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) Subunit SVE System**

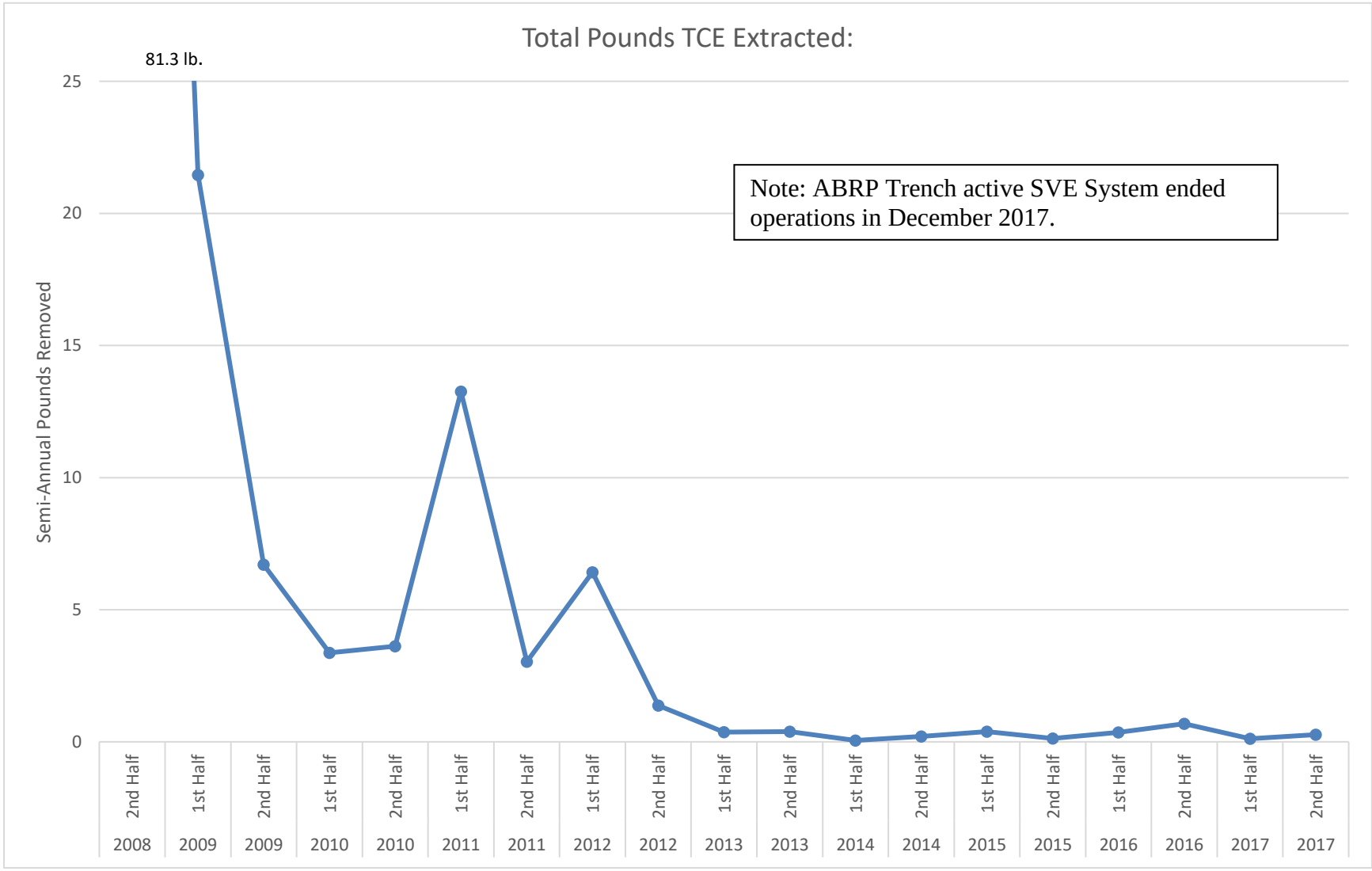



**Figure C-18. ABRP Phased Active SVE Well TCE Production (2008-2017)**

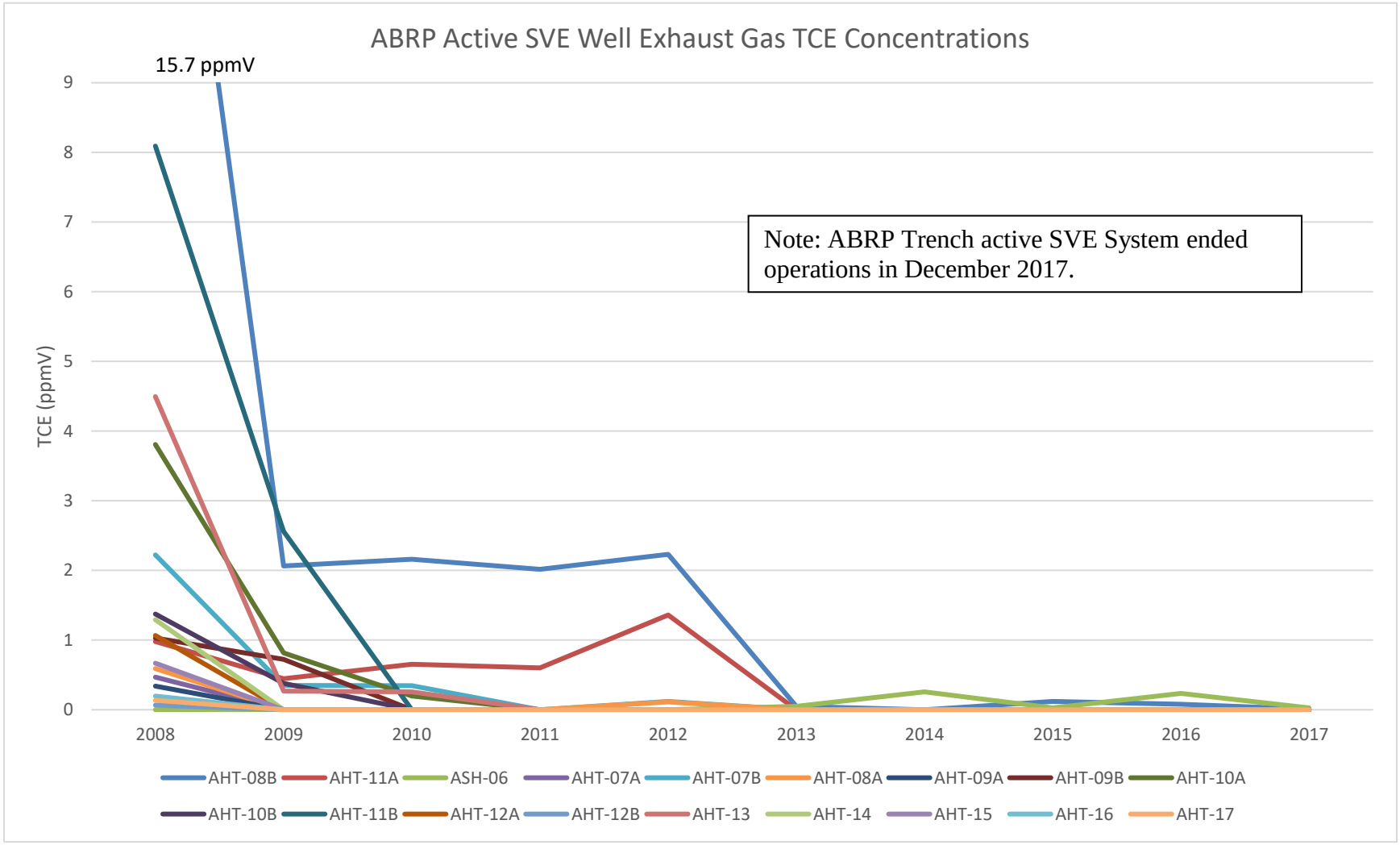



**Figure C-19. ABRP Phased SVE Well Exhaust Gas TCE Concentrations (2008-2017)**

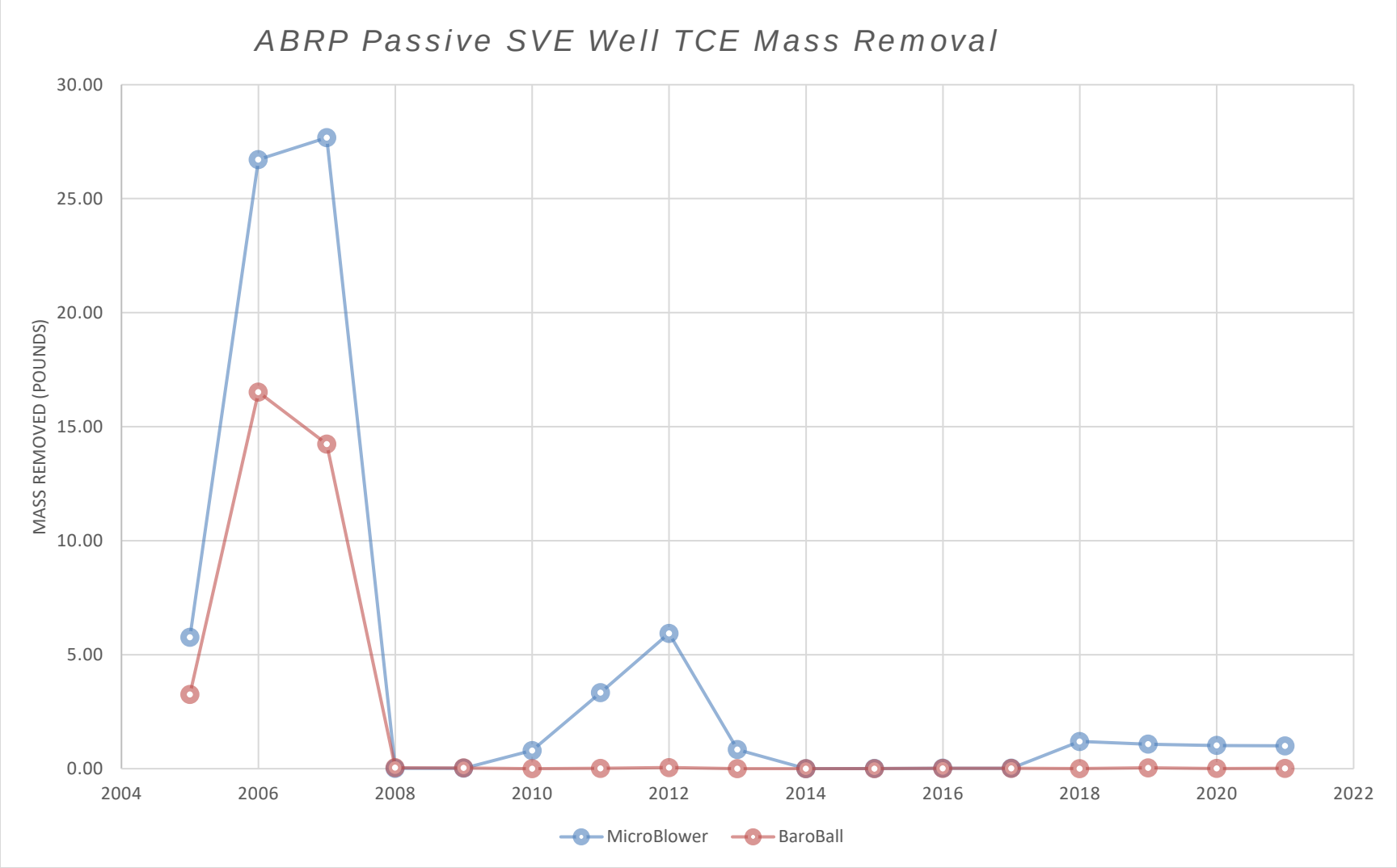



**Figure C-20. ABRP Passive SVE Well TCE Production (Current System)**

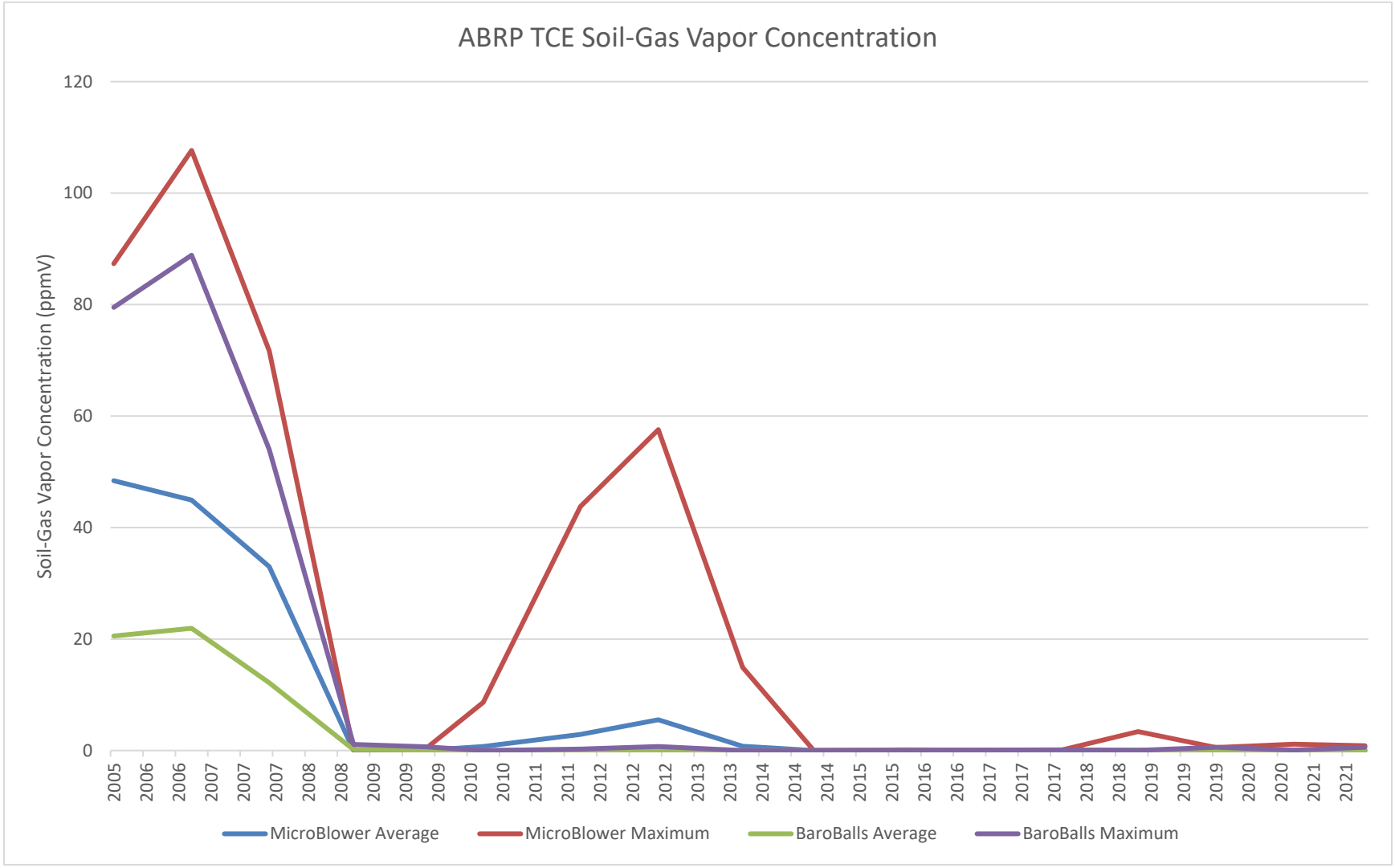



**Figure C-21. ABRP Passive SVE Well Exhaust Gas TCE Concentrations (Current System)**

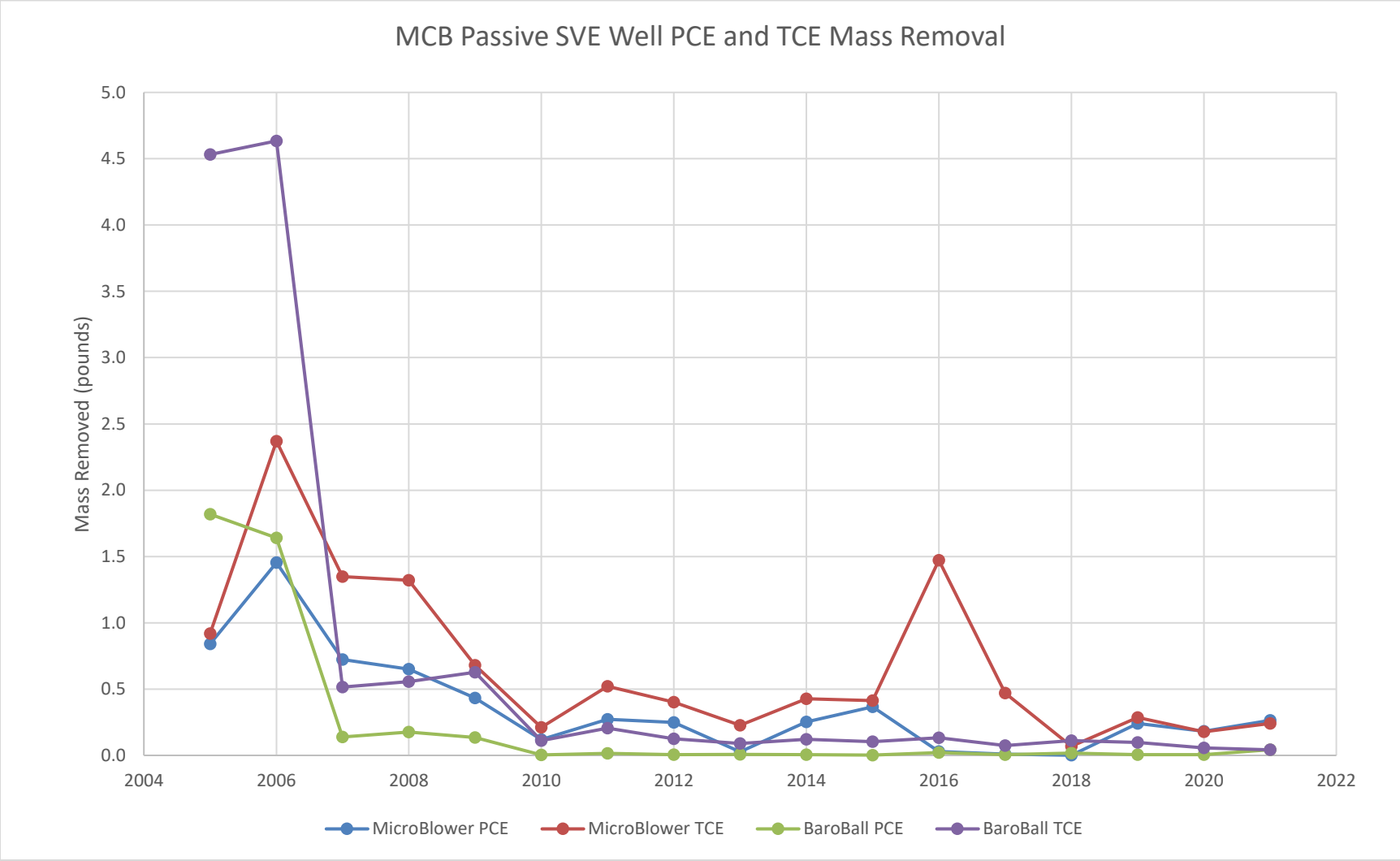



**Figure C-22. MCB Passive SVE Well TCE and PCE Production**

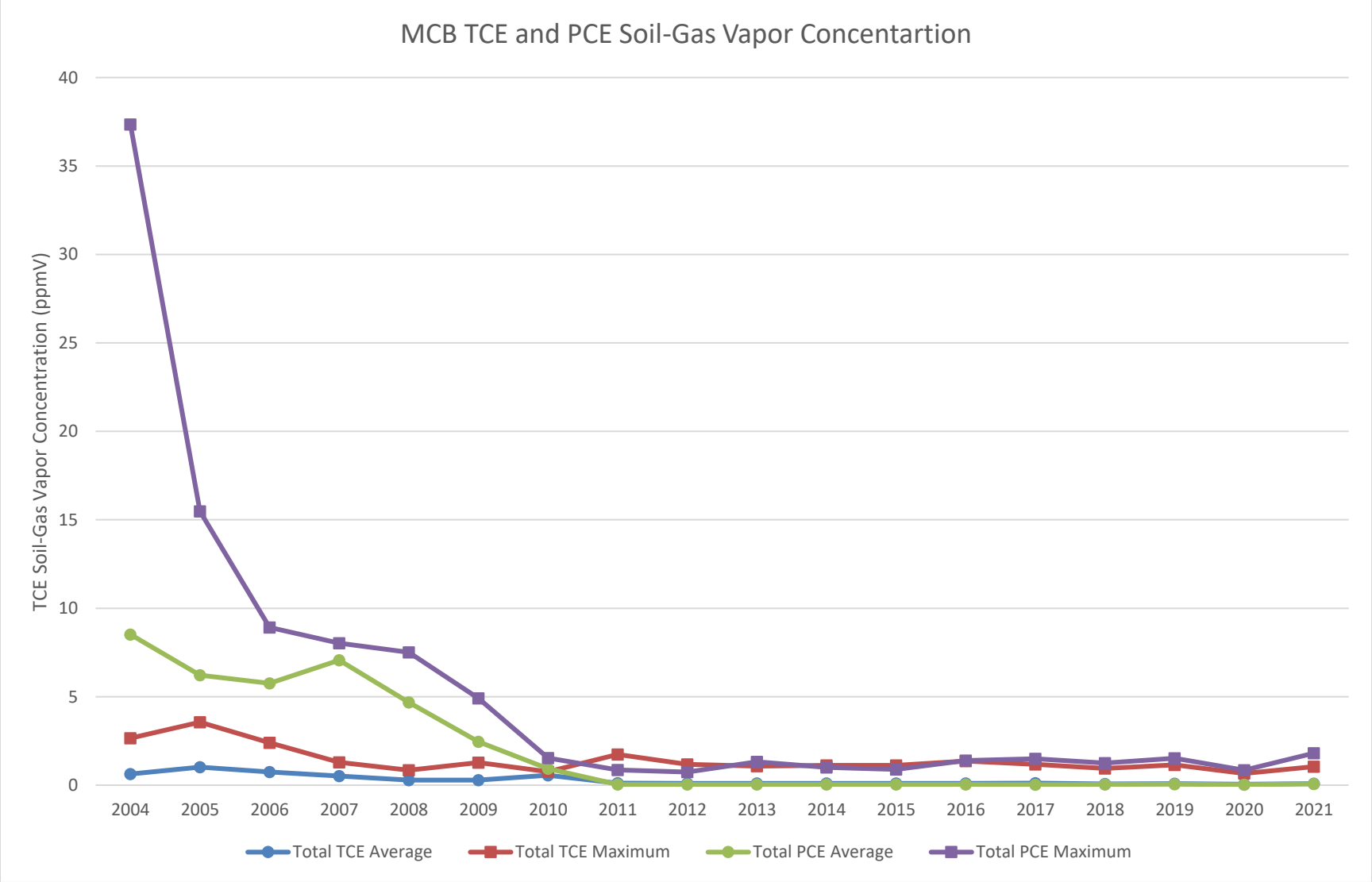



**Figure C-23. MCB Passive SVE Well Exhaust Gas TCE Concentrations**

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**Table C-1. Chronology of OU Events**

| Event | Date |
|---|---|
| MCB/MBP IROD Issuance | February 9, 2001 |
| Interim Remedial Action Construction Start / Completion – MCB/MBP | February 17, 2000 / February 6, 2002 |
| Interim Remedial Action Operations Start / Completion – MCB/MBP | October 29, 2001 / Ongoing |
| ABRP IROD Issuance | February 9, 2001 |
| Interim Remedial Action Construction Start / Completion – ABRP | September 28, 2000 / December 12, 2001 |
| Interim Remedial Action Operations Start / Completion – ABRP | September 26, 2001 / Ongoing |
| RFI/RI Field Start / Completion | March 22, 2001 / March 8, 2005 |
| ABRP ESD Issuance | March 10, 2003 |
| ABRP/MCB/MBP ROD Issuance | August 2, 2007 |
| Remedial Action Construction Start / Complete | August 21, 2007 / February 23, 2009 |
| Remedial Action Operations Start / Complete | June 25, 2008 / Ongoing |
| Previous Five-Year Reviews Issuance | February 12, 2004 / January 29, 2009 / February 4, 2014 / November 5, 2018 |

RFI/RI – RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation

## Table C-2. Summary of Remedial Action Objectives and Remedial Goals for Soil

| Area/Media of Concern | Refined COCs | Type of COC | | | | Remedial Goal | Basis |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | ARAR | CM | HH | ECO | | |
| **MCB Vadose Zone**<br>**Remedial Action Objectives**<br>▪ Prevent migration of TCE and PCE contamination in soil to groundwater at a concentration above its MCL | TCE | | X | | | 344 µg/kg | Contaminant Migration Final RG – WSRC 1999 |
| | PCE | | X | | | 344 µg/kg | Contaminant Migration Final RG – WSRC 1999 |
| **ABRP Trench Subunit**<br>**Remedial Action Objectives**<br>▪ Prevent migration of TCE contamination in soil to groundwater at a concentration above its MCL. | TCE | | X | | | 610 µg/kg | Contaminant Migration |
| **A-Area Ash Pile Subunit**<br>**Remedial Action Objectives**<br>▪ Prevent human exposure to COCs that present a risk to future industrial workers<br>▪ Prevent ecological exposure to COCs that present a hazard to ecological receptors | Arsenic | | | X | X | 9,753 µg/kg | Background[1] |
| | Selenium | | | | X | 15,280 µg/kg | Background[1] |
| | Potassium-40 | | | X | | 1.60 pCi/g | Background[1] |
| | Radium-226 | | | X | | 0.0255 pCi/g | HH-industrial |
| | Radium-228 | | | X | | 1.83 pCi/g | Background[1] |
| | Thorium-228 | | | X | | 1.69 pCi/g | Background[1] |
| | Uranium-238 | | | X | | 1.79 pCi/g | HH – Industrial |

1. Background value is two times average site-specific background concentration from Table 4-3 of the RFI/RI with Baseline Risk Assessment (WSRC 1997). The activities of the daughter products of some of the radiological COCs identified in the table were used to establish the activity of the parent since these constituents are in secular equilibrium. Specifically, the two times background mean of Actinium-228 was used to establish the Radium-228 concentration and the two times background mean of Lead-212 was used to establish the Thorium-228 background concentration.
2. Actual soil sampling in the vadose zone at the points of greatest contamination will be conducted to determine when the RGs have been achieved, and no change in the operation of the SVE process will be allowed without the concurrence of the Core Team.

HH - human health; ECO - ecological

**Table C-3. Actual versus Estimated O&M Costs**

| | FY2018 | FY2019 | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022 | 5-Year Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Actual O&M Costs ($) | 138,868 | 113,331 | 157,629 | 112,423 | 149,737 | 671,989 |
| Total ROD Estimated Direct O&M Costs ($) | 57,100 | 57,100 | 57,100 | 57,100 | 85,408 | 313,808 |

**Table C-4. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions for ABRP/MCB/MPB OU**

| Issue | Recommendations/ Follow-up Actions | Party Responsible | Oversight Agency | Milestone Date | Affects Protectiveness? (Y/N) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Current | Future |
| Confirmation sampling is needed to justify shutting down the passive SVE. | As reported in the annual PER (SRNS 2022), it is recommended that confirmation soil sampling be conducted at ABRP/MCB to evaluate the current soil concentrations against the RGs with the intent to justify shutting down the passive SVE. A Sampling Analysis Plan will be developed and submitted for Core Team approval in FY2023. Upon approval, soil sampling will be performed in FY2024. Upon completion of the sampling, a Core Team meeting will be convened to discuss the results of the sampling in context to the RG objectives. Annual performance reviews will continue until the Core Team reaches agreement that the RGs have been met. | USDOE | SCDHEC/ USEPA | September 2024 | N | N |

## Attachment C-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A, 731-1A), and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A)

| I. SITE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Site Name:** | **A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A, 731-1A), and Rubble Pit (731-2A), Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A)** | **Date of Inspection:** | **07/26/2022** |
| **Location and Region** | **SRS, USEPA Region 4** | **EPA ID:** | **SEMS #28** |
| **Agency, Office, or Company leading the Five-Year Review** | **USDOE** | **Weather/ Temperature** | **91°F and Partly Cloudy** |

**Remedy Includes:** *(Click all that apply)*

- ☒ Landfill Cover/Containment
- ☒ Access Controls
- ☒ Institutional Controls
- ☐ Groundwater Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Surface Water Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Monitored Natural Attenuation
- ☐ Groundwater Containment
- ☐ Vertical Barriers
- ☒ Other Soil Vapor Extraction (passive – MicroBlowers™ and BaroBalls™) ,

**Attachments:** ☐ Inspection team roster attached ☐ Inspection team roster attached

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Site Manager:** Brian Hanshew (Name) | Post Closure Manager (Title) | 08/3020/2022 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4949

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

**2. O&M Staff:** Phil Carter (Name) | EC&ACP Post Closure Waste Site Inspector/Maintenance Coord. (Title) | 08/30/2022 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4145

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

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**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply) (Continued)*

**3. Local Regulatory Authorities and Response Agencies** (i.e., State and tribal offices, emergency response office, police department, office of public health or environmental health, zoning office, recorder of deeds or other city and county offices, etc.). Fill in all that apply.

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**4. Other Interviews** *(Optional):* ☐ Report Attached _____

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**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Documents:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ O&M Manual | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ As-Built Drawings | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Maintenance Logs | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: See Waste Unit Inspection and Maintenance, ER-SOP-019 and *Field Inspection Checklist for A-Area Burning Rubble/Pits and Rubble Pit and A-Area Ash Pile*, ER-IDS-019-010, and *Field Inspection Checklist for Miscellaneous Chemical Basin/Metals Burning Pit*, ER-IDS-019-014 _____

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**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED *(Continued)***

**2. Health and Safety Plans (HASPs):**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Site-Specific Health and Safety Plans | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Contingency Plan/Emergency Response Plan | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: Routine O&M activities do not require a site-specific health and safety plan (SSHASP) under 29 CFR 1910.120, HAZWOPER. An SSHASP is prepared if needed.

**3. O&M and OSHA Training Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Training Records are complete and up to date per EC&ACP training matrix

**4. Permits and Service Agreements:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air Discharge Permit | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Effluent Discharge | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Waste Disposal; POTW | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Other Permits | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**5. Gas Generation Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**6. Settlement Monument Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**7. Groundwater Monitoring Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**8. Leachate Extraction Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**9. Discharge Compliance Records:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Water (Effluent) | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |

Remarks:

**10. Daily Access/Security Logs:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

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### IV. O&M COSTS

**1. O&M Organization:**

☐ State In-House ☐ Contractor for State
☐ PRP In-House ☐ Contractor for PRP
☒ Other: SRS

**2. O&M Cost Records:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☐ Funding mechanism/agreement in place
☒ Other: Project cost data is summarized in Section IV of this OU-specific review

**Total annual cost by year for review period, if available**

From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

**3. Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period**

Describe costs and reasons: _____

### V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Fencing**

**1. Fencing Damage:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Gates secured ☒ N/A

Remarks: OU-specific perimeter fencing is not required by the remedial action.

**B. Signs**

**1. Signs and Other Security Measures:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A

Remarks: Signs are in good condition.

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**V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS *(Continued)***

**C. Institutional Controls**

**1. Implementation and Enforcement**

Site conditions imply ICs are not properly implemented: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Site conditions imply ICs are not being fully enforced: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive-by, etc.) Walkdown

Frequency: Once in 5 years

Responsible Party/Agent: USDOE Savannah River Field Office

Contact: Karen Adams (Name) | Federal Project Director (Title) | 12/06/2022 (Date) | 803-952-7871 (Phone No.)

Reporting is up-to-date: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Reports are verified by the lead agency: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Specific requirements in deed or decision documents have been met: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Violations have been reported: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Problems/Suggestions: ☐ Report Attached

**2. Adequacy:** ☒ ICs are adequate ☐ ICs are inadequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**D. General**

**1. Vandalism/Trespassing:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No vandalism is evident

Remarks:

**2. Land use changes onsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**3. Land use changes offsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

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### VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS

**A. Roads** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Roads damaged:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Roads adequate ☐ N/A

Remarks: Roads are in good condition

**B. Other Site Conditions**

Remarks: Annual site inspections identified the presence of ant mounds, instances of bare spots in the grass of the soil cover. These findings were resolved soon after discovery.

### VII. LANDFILL COVER/CONTAINMENT ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Landfill Surface**

**1. Settlement** (Low spots)**:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Settlement not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: Soil covers at A-Area Rubble Pit (731-2A) and A-Area Ash Pile (788-2A) are complete and in good condition.

**2. Cracks:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Cracking not evident

Lengths _____ Widths _____ Depths _____

Remarks: _____

**3. Erosion:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Erosion not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: _____

**4. Holes:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Holes not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: _____

**5. Vegetative Cover:** ☒ Grass ☒ Cover properly established ☐ No signs of stress

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: Vegetation is mowed routinely.

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**VII. LANDFILL COVER/CONTAINMENT *(Continued)***

**6. Alternative Cover (armored rock, concrete, etc.):** ☒ N/A

Remarks: _____

**7. Bulges:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Bulges not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: _____

**8. Wet Areas / Water Damage:** ☒ Wet areas/water damage not evident

- ☐ Wet areas ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent _____
- ☐ Ponding ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent _____
- ☐ Seeps ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent _____
- ☐ Soft subgrade ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent _____

Remarks: _____

**9. Slope Instability:** ☐ Slides ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No evidence of slope instability

Areal extent _____

Remarks: _____

**B. Benches** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

(Horizontally constructed mounds of earth placed across a steep landfill side slope to interrupt the slope in order to slow down the velocity of surface runoff and intercept and convey the runoff to a lined channel)

**C. Letdown Channels** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

(Channel lined with erosion control mates, riprap, grout bags, or gabions that descend down the steep side slope of the cover and will allow the runoff water collected by the benches to move off of the landfill cover without creating erosion gullies)

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**VII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT *(Continued)***

**D. Cover Penetrations** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Gas Vents:** ☐ Active ☐ Passive
☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good Condition
☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs maintenance ☒ N/A
Remarks: _____

**2. Gas Monitoring Probes:**
☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good Condition
☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs maintenance ☒ N/A
Remarks: _____

**3. Monitoring Wells:**
☒ Properly secured/locked ☒ Functioning ☒ Routinely sampled ☒ Good Condition
☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A
Remarks: _____

**4. Leachate Extraction Wells:**
☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good Condition
☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs maintenance ☒ N/A
Remarks: _____

**5. Settlement Monuments:** ☐ Located ☐ Routinely Surveyed ☒ N/A
Remarks: _____

**E. Gas Collection and Treatment** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**F. Cover Drainage Layer** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**G. Detention/Sedimentation Ponds** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**H. Retaining Walls** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**I. Perimeter Ditches/Offsite Discharge** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**VIII. VERTICAL BARRIER WALLS** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

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| X. OTHER REMEDIES |
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| If there are remedies applied at the site, which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction. |
| **A. Soil Vapor Extraction System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Blowers, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**<br>☒ Good Condition ☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A<br>Remarks: Passive SVE systems are in service. |
| **2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes and Other Appurtenances:**<br>☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance<br>Remarks: |
| **3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**<br>☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided<br>Remarks: |

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### XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS

**A. Implementation of the Remedy**

Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emissions, etc.).

The remedial actions for this OU are removal of contaminated soil, soil covers, passive SVE and institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) to prevent exposure to hazardous materials and to reduce contaminant mass. The remedy is fully established and functioning as designed.

**B. Adequacy of O&M**

Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.

The O&M procedures are adequately maintaining the soil covers and passive SVE systems. The O&M procedures consisting of annual site inspections and site maintenance (cover system and warning signs) and site controls (SRS Site Use and Site Clearance Programs, which restrict invasive and permanent installation activities at the OU) have been implemented. There are no issues requiring corrective actions.

**C. Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Failure**

Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.

N/A

**D. Opportunities for Optimization**

Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.

N/A

# A/M-AREA GROUNDWATER OPERABLE UNIT

## I. Introduction

This is the sixth five-year review for the A/M-Area Groundwater Operable Unit (OU). This review was conducted from July 2022 through November 2022. This report documents the results of the review. The review for this unit is conducted under the Savannah River Site (SRS) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) review requirements are met by the RCRA program; therefore, a separate review of the RCRA Corrective Action is not duplicated in this document. Contaminants remaining at the A/M-Area Groundwater OU are at levels that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedy in place at the A/M-Area Groundwater OU is protective of human health and the environment. This report documents the results of the review.

## II. OU Chronology

Table D-1 lists the chronology of site events for the A/M-Area Groundwater OU.

## III. Background

A/M-Area Groundwater OU is listed as a RCRA unit in Appendix C of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for SRS (FFA 1993). The media associated with the A/M-Area Groundwater OU is the groundwater associated with the M-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HWMF) OU, the Metallurgical Laboratory (Met Lab) HWMF OU, and the A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (731-A and 731-1A) and Rubble Pit (731-2A) (ABRP) and the Miscellaneous Chemical Basin (731-4A) (MCB) and Metals Burning Pit (731-5A) (MBP) OU.

### Physical Characteristics

The 142-hectare (350-acre) A/M Area is located near the northwest edge of SRS, approximately 1.6 km (1 mi) from the nearest SRS boundary (Figure D-1). The A/M-Area Groundwater OU encompasses impacted groundwater from M-Area HWMF OU, Met Lab HWMF OU, and ABRP/MCB/MBP OU. This integration was a result of the comingling of the plumes associated with these sources. Figure D-2 shows the plume extent, which covers about 1,000 hectares (2,500 acres). The A/M-Area Groundwater OU is located within the Upper Three Runs Watershed, bounded to the south by Tims Branch, to the southwest by Upper Three Runs Creek, and to the west by wetlands and ultimately the Savannah River. Groundwater flow is generally to the southwest. Depth to groundwater over much of the plume is greater than 30-m (100 ft).

### Land and Resource Use

According to the *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report* (USDOE 1996), residential uses of the SRS land should be prohibited. The Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the SRS (WSRC 1999a) designates the M-Area and Met Lab HWMF OUs as being within an industrial area. The future land use for the M-Area and Met Lab HWMF OUs is reasonably anticipated to remain industrial with the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) maintaining control of the land. Although the groundwater plumes associated with these sources extend beyond the industrial area boundaries, it is also reasonably expected that the USDOE will maintain industrial uses and control of the land.

### History of Contamination

The A/M Area contained manufacturing facilities for nuclear fuel components, offices and research facilities. From 1952 to 1981, chlorinated solvents were used in the M-Area process facilities. These facilities manufactured aluminum fuel and target assemblies that were used in the SRS reactors. The manufacturing process utilized conventional metal fabrication technologies and included cleaning and degreasing of components and final assemblies. Purchasing records indicate that approximately 6 million kg (13 million lbs) of solvents were used within the process facilities with an estimated 50 to 90% of the

solvents lost to the atmosphere by evaporation. Used solvents were discharged as waste to process sewer systems that led to the A-014 Outfall from the M-Area Settling Basin. Additional contamination originated at a solvent transfer station in Building 313-M, the solvent storage tank area, laboratory facilities, and Met Lab Basin, which received process wastewaters from the Met Lab facility (Building 723-A). Disposal estimates compiled in 1982 and 1984 indicate that approximately 1 million kg (2.1 million lbs) of solvent were released to the M-Area Settling Basin and approximately 0.6 million kg (1.4 million lbs) of solvent were released to the A-014 Outfall. The principal contaminants are trichloroethene (TCE), tetrachloroethene (PCE), and lesser quantities of 1,1,1-trichloroethane.

Originally, ABRP and MCB/MBP were separate OUs under the FFA. These units were later combined in the FFA as the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU. Prior to combining the OUs, separate investigations associated with the ABRP OU and MCB/MBP OU found surface soil, vadose zone, and groundwater contamination. The soil and vadose zone contamination are addressed by remedial activities for the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU as discussed in Appendix C.

Residual contaminants migrating downward from the vadose zone of the ABRP and MCB/MBP subunits have resulted in the contamination of the underlying groundwater with TCE and PCE. The groundwater plume from these subunits has comingled with the M-Area HWMF groundwater plume from the upgradient source areas. In 2006, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) agreed that the groundwater impacts associated with the ABRP and the MCB/MBP subunits would be transferred to the RCRA program through the submittal of a modification to the 2000 RCRA Part B Permit Renewal Application.

**Initial Response**

The remedial investigation of the A/M-Area Groundwater OU began in June 1981 when solvent contamination was discovered in the groundwater beneath the M-Area Settling

Basin. In 1983, SRS voluntarily instituted a groundwater cleanup program within the A/M Area. The initial response involved the installation of a pilot groundwater pumping well and experimental air stripping technology. This pilot-program was one of several across the United States that demonstrated groundwater extraction and air stripping as a viable groundwater remediation technology for volatile organic compounds (VOCs). In 1985, a full-scale pump-and-treat system (i.e., M-1 Air Stripper), which comprised eleven groundwater recovery wells and a 2,309-L/min (610-gpm) air stripper column, was constructed to treat contaminated groundwater from the shallow aquifer. Figure D-3 shows the M-1 Air Stripper System.

Currently, groundwater corrective action is performed under the 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2014). The permit renewal has schedules detailing the individual corrective action plans for each sector of the M-Area HWMF, the Met Lab HWMF, and the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU as an intermediate step leading toward a complete RCRA corrective action program.

**Basis for Taking Action**

The groundwater beneath A/M Area has been contaminated with the organic solvents in both the dissolved state and as concentrated dense non-aqueous phase liquids (DNAPLs). The two primary constituents of concern (COCs) that significantly exceed drinking water standards or maximum contaminant limits (MCLs) are TCE and PCE. Other constituents that have recently exceeded primary MCLs include cis-1,2-dichloroethene, 1,1-dichloroethene, 1,4-dioxane, lead, and mercury (SRNS 2022). Two main aquifers, the Steed Pond Aquifer Unit and the Crouch Branch Aquifer Unit, are impacted. The Steed Pond Aquifer Unit contains the water table (i.e., M-Area Aquifer Zone) and the Lost Lake Aquifer Zone. The Steed Pond and Crouch Branch Aquifer Units are separated by the Crouch Branch Confining Unit, which contains the Middle Sand Aquifer Zone. All four aquifer zones contain TCE and PCE above MCLs. A hydrostratigraphic column for the A/M-Area Groundwater OU is shown in Figure D-4. The extent of TCE contamination in the Lost Lake Aquifer Zone is shown in Figure D-2.

COCs identified in the Interim Record of Decision (IROD) at the ABRP subunit included TCE, PCE, and dichloromethane (Table D-2). Currently, TCE, PCE, and 1,4-dioxane exceed drinking water standards or MCLs in the M-Area Aquifer Zone, the Lost Lake Aquifer Zone, and the Middle Sand Aquifer Zone. TCE is the only ABRP COC observed in the Crouch Branch Aquifer Unit.

COCs identified in the IROD for MCB/MBP subunit included TCE, PCE, carbon tetrachloride and lead (Table D-2). The USDOE, USEPA, and SCDHEC agreed not to treat lead because elevated levels are sporadic and are judged to be caused by natural geologic conditions. Currently, TCE, PCE, and 1,4-dioxane exceed drinking water standards or MCLs at the MCB/MBP subunit. The two aquifer zones impacted above MCLs at the MCB/MBP subunit are the Middle Sand Aquifer Zone and the Lost Lake Aquifer Zone.

## IV. Remedial Actions

Three interim remedial actions for the A/M-Area Groundwater OU have been issued. The first was the IROD for the A/M-Area Groundwater OU, dated June 1992 (WSRC 1992). The second IROD, dated December 1999, addressed the groundwater contamination associated with the MCB/MBP subunit (WSRC 1999b). The third IROD, dated April 2000, addressed the groundwater contamination associated with the ABRP subunit (WSRC 2000). Each IROD is discussed below. The location and spatial relationship of these areas are illustrated in Figure D-2.

The final actions for the A/M-Area Groundwater OU will be documented by modifications to the RCRA permit renewal.

### Remedy Selection

As stated in the IROD for the A/M-Area Groundwater OU (WSRC 1992), the purpose of the interim action was to:

- Prevent further groundwater plume migration and initiate groundwater restoration while risk assessment activities are being planned and conducted; and
- Obtain further information about the response of the aquifer to remediation.

The preferred interim remedy for groundwater within the A/M-Area Groundwater OU was groundwater recovery with treatment by air stripping.

The components of the remedy included the following:

- Installing strategically located groundwater recovery wells;
- Extracting groundwater and processing it through an air stripper to release VOCs;
- Discharging the treated water to a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitted outfall; and
- Conducting a treatability study to evaluate technologies to control air stripping tower gaseous emissions.

As stated in the IROD for the MCB/MBP (WSRC 1999b), the purpose of the interim action was to:

- Treat contaminated groundwater to prevent further VOC plume growth;
- Demonstrate the effectiveness of in situ air stripping wells in achieving significant contaminant mass removal; and
- Obtain necessary site-specific run data to determine a final remedial goal.

The preferred interim remedy for the MCB/MBP subunit groundwater was in situ air stripping and monitoring. The components of the remedy included the following:

- Installing three series (banks) of in situ air stripping wells located to address groundwater concentrations exceeding 500 µg/L, 200 µg/L, and 50 µg/L, respectively;
- Groundwater monitoring to evaluate and report the effectiveness of the in situ air stripping wells; and
- Conducting a treatability study to evaluate technologies to control air stripping tower gaseous emissions.

As stated in the IROD for ABRP (WSRC 2000), the interim remedial action objectives were to:

- Mitigate any further plume growth;
- Reduce concentration of the contaminant plume within the 100 µg/L VOC contaminant plume isopleth;
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the remedial system and its impact on the aquifer system; and
- Reduce the uncertainty of commingling of plumes between the two aquifer systems.

The preferred interim remedy for the ABRP subunit groundwater was air sparging with soil vapor extraction (SVE). The components of the remedy include the following:

- A two-staged approach with stage one including the installation of ten active air sparging wells, each with three BaroBall™ passive SVE wells to be operated for about 12 months;
- Evaluation of enhanced bioremediation; and
- Stage two will incorporate the operating and effectiveness data obtained from stage one to design a more extensive system to address the > 100 µg/L VOC plume.

Interim and final remedial goals for ABRP and MCB/MBP subunits are shown in Table D-2.

Final remedial action objectives for all A/M-Area groundwater are to prevent exposure to contaminated groundwater above MCLs and restore groundwater to its beneficial use.

**Remedy Implementation**

***A/M-Area Groundwater OU***

The remedial action for the A/M-Area Groundwater OU was initiated with the installation and operation of the M-1 Air Stripper and eleven recovery wells in September 1985. Two additional recovery wells were installed near the Met Lab and began supplying groundwater to the M-1 Air Stripper in July 2000. This system was designed to hydraulically contain and capture the high concentration VOC plume predominantly in the Lost Lake Aquifer Zone, with a few of the wells also having screens in the M-Area Aquifer

Zone and the Middle Sand Aquifer Zone of the Crouch Branch Confining Unit. Optimization of the recovery well network has occurred with the addition of two recovery wells (i.e., RWM018 and RWM019) to help remove additional VOC mass from the Lost Lake Aquifer Zone and the removal of four recovery wells (i.e., RWM 9, RWM 11, RWM 17B, and RWM 17D) based on diminishing mass removal. Monitoring of air stripper influent and effluent water, recovery well flow rates and concentrations, and groundwater concentrations in nearby monitoring wells is conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of the system. The treated effluent from the air stripper is sampled at NPDES permitted outfalls to comply with the Clean Water Act. The exhaust from the M-1 Air Stripper currently complies with the air emissions permit without additional treatment.

The A-2 Air Stripper and recovery well system was installed to capture the northern portion of the VOC groundwater plume, which is associated with historical solvent use and disposal in laboratory facilities. The A-2 Air Stripper and six recovery wells were installed to restrict migration of VOC contamination within the Lost Lake Aquifer Zone, thereby preventing future downward migration into the deeper aquifer system. The A-2 Air Stripper began operations in 1996. The six recovery wells are screened in the Lost Lake Aquifer Zone and the Middle Sand Aquifer Zone of the Crouch Branch Confining Unit. Due to diminished mass removal rates at the six recovery wells, the A-2 Air Stripper was shut down in October 2012 after SCDHEC approved a temporary authorization (TA) (SCDHEC 2012). Based on sampling results collected during shutdown, contaminant migration from the Lost Lake Aquifer Zone into the underlying Middle Sand Aquifer Zone of the Crouch Branch Confining Unit and the Crouch Branch Aquifer Unit was not occurring. Monitoring wells ASB 8C, MSB113B, and recovery well RWM 14C indicate that the greater than 1,000 µg/L TCE plume extends southwest toward the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL). Although additional corrective actions may be needed to address the > 1,000 µg/L TCE plume, the A-2 Air Stripper and recovery well network is not currently positioned to effectively capture that portion of the plume. Therefore, the SRS proposed the permanent shutdown of the A-2 Air Stripper in the 2013 RCRA Permit Renewal Application for the M-Area and Met Lab HWMFs Postclosure (SRNS-IM-2012-00002, Volume III) in January 2020 and SCDHEC approved the proposal on November

30, 2021 (SCDHEC 2014). The A-2 Air Stripper was permanently shut down on December 15, 2021.

The groundwater recovery well systems have been complemented with the use of SVE technology to address known source areas in the vadose zone. Four sites with elevated concentrations of PCE and TCE in the vadose zone were initially chosen for vadose zone remediation using vacuum extraction: the abandoned process sewer line leading to the M-Area Settling Basin, the A-014 Outfall, and the former 321-M Solvent Storage Tank Area. The SVE units (SVEUs) are connected to vertical and/or horizontal SVE wells, effectively reducing the VOC mass in the vadose zone preventing future impacts to the groundwater. In the A-014 Outfall area, residual VOCs in lower permeability soils were addressed by soil hydraulic fracturing at seven locations, which allowed for improved rates of mass removal using a high vacuum SVE unit (Figure D-5) for those wells.

As contaminant levels have decreased in the vadose zone, several of the larger active systems have reached shutdown criteria as established in the M-Area and Met Lab HWMFs RCRA permit renewal application. To continue to provide mass removal, the SVE wells associated with these units are often transitioned to passive SVE wells. Recent strategies have employed renewable energy (solar) powered blowers (MicroBlowers™) or passive barometric pumping using BaroBalls™. These passive technologies are proving beneficial in aiding cleanup when contaminant removal becomes limited by the rate of diffusion from fine-grained sediments.

Recognizing that a significant amount of solvents remains trapped in the subsurface in the form of DNAPLs, SRS has evaluated and implemented DNAPL specific remedies where appropriate. The most effective DNAPL specific remedy used within the A/M-Area Groundwater OU has been the use of thermal heating using the Dynamic Underground Stripping (DUS) process. Under this process, steam is injected into the subsurface using multiple injection wells with the objective to provide a total steam flood throughout the DNAPL source zone. The steam flood promotes the enhanced removal of volatile compounds using vapor and groundwater extraction wells.

DUS was first deployed at the 321-M Solvent Storage Tank Area beginning in September 2000 and ending in September 2001. Approximately 31,750 kg (70,000 lbs) of VOCs were removed from the 30 m x 30 m x 48 m (100 ft x 100 ft x 160 ft) deep target area during the 12 months of operation. The second deployment of DUS targeted DNAPL beneath the closed M-Area Settling Basin to address the main source of the groundwater contamination in this area. The second DUS project commenced operation in August 2005 and operated through September 2009. Since termination of DUS, all further SVE and groundwater remediation near the M-Area Settling Basin are now associated with the Western Sector Treatment System (WSTS) (SRNS 2012). An estimated 207,485 kg (457,426 lbs) of chlorinated solvents were removed from the subsurface at M-Area Settling Basin DUS from August 2005 (operational start) through 2012. After 2012, the 782-6M SVEU continued operation removing an additional 1,295.5 kg (2,856 lbs) before it was shut down in 2019. Between 2013 and 2018, the SVEU at the M-Area Settling Basin (i.e., 782-6M) was evaluated through a series of rebound tests, and the SVE wells were sampled individually to identify which wells contributed the highest vapor concentrations to the 782-6M SVEU. The SVE wells with the highest concentrations remained connected to the SVEU while some wells were transitioned to MicroBlowers™ and the SVE wells with the lowest concentrations were abandoned. In August 2019, the 782-6M SVEU was permanently shut down. Currently, 16 MicroBlowers™ are operational and 18 SVE wells have been abandoned. In total, the 16 MicroBlowers™ removed 92 kg (203 lbs) of solvent in 2021. The MicroBlowers™ at the WSTS have removed a total of 499 kg 1,100 lbs of solvent since 2015 indicating there is residual mass in the vadose zone surrounding the former DUS treatment zone.

The southeastern portion of the plume, known as Southern Sector, is associated with discharges from the A-014 Outfall and along its un-named tributary. The plume, which covers an area of approximately 325 hectares (800 acres), was being treated by a series of twelve in situ air stripping wells (airlift recirculation wells [ARW]) that were brought online in 1996. Due to high contaminant concentrations in the plume on the north end of the ARW line, multi-stage in-well aerators were installed in four of the twelve wells (i.e., SSR009 through SSR012) to enhance removal efficiency from 70% to 90% in 2001.

In 2011, eight of the ARWs (i.e., SSR001 through SSR007, and SSR010) were shut down due to low VOC removal rates after SCDHEC approved a TA (SCDHEC 2011a). Shut down criteria was established for the remaining wells in the 2000 RCRA Part B Permit Renewal Application for M-Area and Met Lab HWMFs Postclosure (WSRC-IM-98-30, Volume III). This shutdown criterion was approved by SCDHEC in the 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2014). Based on this criterion (i.e., less than 9.1 kg/year (20 lbs/year) for two consecutive years), SSR011 and SSR012 were shut down in September 2017. SSR008 and SSR009 achieved the shutdown criteria in 2019 and were shut down in February 2020.

A field scale study investigating enhanced attenuation using humate amendments began in Southern Sector to target the source plume using the existing ARW, SSR001. In 2017, the injection of humate into the Lost Lake Aquifer Zone started at SSR001. Quickly after injections started, declining injection rates and difficulties injecting humate into the subsurface caused delays in the project. From 2017 to 2020, the injection system was redesigned to add additional injection wells and the injection chemistry was altered to reduce foaming. In 2020, due to COVID-19 precautions, SRS requested approval to temporarily discontinue the bi-weekly inspections of the M-Area HWMF Southern Sector Humate System (SRNS 2020). The SCDHEC approved the request on April 3, 2020 (SCDHEC 2020). The system has been placed in a safe configuration until it is operational again. There are currently no plans to resume operation of this system.

Additionally, in situ chemical oxidation (ISCO) was applied to the high concentration portion of the plume near the A-014 Outfall. ISCO was demonstrated twice under separate TAs (SCDHEC 2009 and SCDHEC 2011b). Although some VOC destruction was observed, ISCO (using persulfate) was determined to not be the most effective corrective action option for this area.

The western plume, known as Western Sector, is associated with contaminant migration from the M-Area Settling Basin and the 321-M Solvent Storage Tank Area. Three separate TAs were conducted between 2018 and 2022 to help remediate areas of high VOC concentrations associated with Western Sector. The first TA (SCDHEC 2016a) installed

an additional M-1 Air Stripper recovery well, RWM018, to capture the greater than 10,000 µg/L VOC plume that was located outside of the original recovery well zone of capture. RWM018 was installed in 2017 and became operational in 2018. ISCO was deployed upgradient of RWM018, utilizing the enhanced hydraulic gradient created by the operation of RWM018 to help distribute oxidant over a larger area. The first ISCO injection started in 2018 and successfully injected 151,416 L (40,000 gallons) of potassium permanganate and 151,416 L (40,000 gallons) of sodium persulfate. Results were positive but revealed only two of four targeted injection horizons were affected by the oxidant injections. A second ISCO injection started in 2020 to target the two horizons least affected by oxidant during the first injection. RWM018 was shut down in March 2020 since it is believed that oxidant entering the M-1 Air Stripper, via RWM018, is interfering with a mercury remediation system. A plan to restart RWM018 while sampling for the presence of oxidant and its side-affects will be executed in 2023. The second TA (SCDHEC 2018b) installed a new recovery well, RWM019, on the southeast side of the M-Area Settling Basin to capture high concentration VOCs in the Lost Lake Aquifer. RWM019 was installed in 2019 and became operational in 2020 and has had some of the highest VOC concentrations observed at the recovery wells. The third TA (SCDHEC 2021) injected emulsified zero valent iron (EZVI) into the upper Lost Lake Aquifer Zone and the anticipated travel path of DNAPL from the M-Area Settling Basin out toward Western Sector. Approximately 151,416 L (40,000 gallons) of EZVI was injected via hydraulic fracturing in April 2022. Results of this study are currently being collected and will be summarized in the next five-year review.

Two process water production wells (PW 20A and PW 53A), which are screened in the deeper Crouch Branch Aquifer Unit, are operated to provide water for the SRNL key essential services such as chilled water, steam, cooling water, and for SRNL's Nuclear Safety Class fire water system. These wells are operated to capture a portion of the groundwater plume within the Crouch Branch Aquifer Unit downgradient of the SRNL complex. Groundwater from these production wells is not treated. On January 5, 2016, the SRS requested a "contained-in determination" for the groundwater contaminated with RCRA-listed wastes (F001/F002) that is used as process water throughout the A/M Area

(SRNS 2016). On December 7, 2016, the SCDHEC approved a "contained-in determination" for production wells, PW 20A and PW 53A, establishing limits of 161 µg/L for TCE and 27 µg/L for PCE (SCDHEC 2016b). To determine compliance with these limits, samples are collected from the two production wells a minimum of once per quarter. In addition, TCE and PCE is also analyzed at NPDES permitted outfalls to verify no impacts to surface water.

***MCB/MBP Subunit***

The remedial action for the groundwater portion of the MCB/MBP subunit was implemented through the following activities:

- Treating the plume using an in situ air stripping system consisting of eleven wells arranged in three banks, with five wells in the first bank and three wells in each of the next two banks. These ARWs became operational in February 2002. The vertical and horizontal flow fields modeled during the operation of these wells was predicted to result in a 90% contaminant concentration reduction in one pass through the well field at 151 L/min (40 gpm). Seventeen new and existing monitoring wells were identified to assist in determining the effectiveness of the system. Monitoring of ARW off-gas was conducted to assess the effectiveness of the ARW system.
- Between 2002 and 2011, the eleven ARWs only removed a total of 174 L (46 lbs) of VOCs from the Lost Lake Aquifer. MIS-001 through MIS-005 were installed to target the >500 µg/L TCE plume, a concentration that has not been observed since after start-up in 2002. The removal rates in the Lost Lake Aquifer had declined over time, which was an indication that active remediation of the vadose zone had cut off the majority of contaminant migration to the groundwater at the MCB/MBP OU. In 2011, the eleven ARWs (i.e., MIS001 through MIS011) were shut down after SCDHEC approved a TA (SCDHEC 2011a). Since the shutdown, new monitoring wells have been installed to observe VOC contaminant plume migration and establish regional groundwater flow directions. A schedule for the final corrective action at MCB/MBP Subunit will be incorporated into the Corrective Action Plan for the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU as defined in the 2013 RCRA Permit Renewal Application for M-Area and Met Lab HWMFs

Postclosure (SRNS-IM-2012-00002, Volume III). The corrective action schedule was incorporated into the 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2014). On October 9, 2017 SRS proposed to dismantle and removal (D&R) all equipment requiring maintenance associated with the eleven ARWs to include the air compressor, air receiver tank, pressure indicators, well packers, etc. (SRNS 2017). SCDHEC approved the D&R activities on May 4, 2018 (SCDHEC 2018a). The D&R activities were completed in August 2019. In addition to the D&R activities, SRS requested approval to abandon eight of the ARWs (i.e., MIS001 through MIS008) in November 2018 (SRNS 2018), since there are no future plans to use these wells. SCDHEC approved the request in February 2019 (SCDHEC 2019a). During the abandonment activities of the eight ARWs, SRS decided that the three remaining ARWs (i.e., MIS009 through MIS011) were not needed for potential future corrective action. SRS requested approval to abandon MIS009 through MIS011 in July 2019 (SRNS 2019). SCDHEC approved the request to abandon MIS009 through MIS011 in July 2019 (SCDHEC 2019b). The abandonments of all eleven ARWs were completed in September 2019.

***ABRP Subunit***

Stage one of the remedial actions for the groundwater portion of the ABRP subunit was implemented through the following activities:

- Installing and operating ten air sparging wells to address the areas of the VOC plume in the M-Area Aquifer in excess of 500 µg/L. Each well had a discrete 0.3-m (1-ft) upper and lower screen separated vertically by about 3 m (10 ft). All wells became operational by October 2001. Due to reduced water tables levels, only the lower screens were operated. Each air sparge well had three passive SVE wells located at distances of 1.5, 3, and 4.5 m (5, 10, and 15 ft) away, screened across the vadose zone above the water table (M-Area Aquifer) to capture off-gas from the air sparging system.
- Groundwater monitoring and vapor monitoring of off-gas was conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of the remediation system and provide data to design and implement stage two of the remedy. The monitoring data also provided information on the amount of VOCs removed.

Stage two of the remedial action was not implemented based on the limited effectiveness of the stage one system. The presence of a low permeability zone above the lower air sparging target zone did not allow for the effective recovery of sparge air with entrained VOCs and led to the lateral expansion of the groundwater plume in the M-Area Aquifer. Operating in pulsed mode and venting the middle sand of the Green Clay Confining Unit were evaluated and determined to likely not result in significant improvement in system performance. Thus, USDOE, USEPA, and SCDHEC agreed to discontinue operation of the system (WSRC 2003).

1,4-Dioxane has been detected at the ABRP subunit since 2008. In 2011, the groundwater protection standard changed from 150 µg/L to 6.1 µg/L. In 2012, SRS initiated a comprehensive sampling plan to analyze for 1,4-dioxane at all monitoring wells as defined in the 2000 RCRA Part B Permit Renewal Application for M-Area and Met Lab HWMFs Postclosure (WSRC-IM-98-30, Volume III). Based on the comprehensive sampling, a contaminant plume was identified below the M-Area Settling Basin and the ABRP subunit. The plume extends to the southwest toward the Crackerneck Swamp Recreation Area. The plume characterization and the final corrective action at the ABRP Subunit have been incorporated into the Corrective Action Plan for the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU as defined in the 2013 RCRA Permit Renewal Application for M-Area and Met Lab HWMFs Postclosure (SRNS-IM-2012-00002, Volume III). The corrective action schedule was incorporated into the 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2014). Characterization was conducted in 2013, 2015, and 2020. Each characterization provided additional understanding of the 1,4-dioxane and VOC groundwater plume. The 2020 characterization project was completed in August 2021 and included the installation of eleven monitoring wells (i.e., MCB036B, MCB036C, MCB037B, MCB037C, MCB038B, MCB038C, MCB039B, MCB039C, MCB040A, MCB040B, and MCB040C) and nine soil borings. Results from this characterization identified high concentrations of 1,4-dioxane concentrations at distal monitoring well MCB037C. Another characterization event has been proposed to bound the unexpected hot spot observed at MCB037C. The proposal was submitted to SCDHEC in Revision 3 of the 2013 RCRA Permit Renewal Application for

M-Area and Met Lab HWMFs Postclosure (SRNS-IM-2012-0002, Volume III) in September 2022.

**System Operations/Operation and Maintenance**

The IROD for the A/M-Area Groundwater OU remediation indicated that testing would continue in an effort to further increase recovery of groundwater. Periodic redevelopment of the recovery wells and pump replacements have been conducted to optimize recovery rates. Current average recovery rates are 1,449.7 L/min (383 gpm) (SRNS 2022). In addition, the two process water production wells, PW 20A and PW 53A, are required under the 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal to operate to provide mass removal and plume control in the Crouch Branch Aquifer Unit.

One SVEU, 782-6M, operated during 2017 through 2019 at the WSTS and operated as designed. Two SVEU, 782-3M and Mobile #3, are operational at the A-014 Outfall and are operating as designed. SVE wells equipped with MicroBlowers™ or BaroBalls™ are present near the SRNL, Solvent Storage Tank Area, A-014 Outfall, M-Area Abandoned Process Sewer Line, M-Area Settling Basin, and near Building 717-A.

The in situ air stripping wells are no longer operational.

Routine and preventative maintenance is conducted on all operating systems, along with comprehensive monitoring of groundwater, effluent discharge, and off-gas associated with the treatment systems.

Institutional controls (i.e., land use controls [LUCs]) have been implemented through the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance program to preclude inadvertent access or use of contaminated groundwater.

Costs associated with the selected remedy for A/M Groundwater include operation and maintenance (O&M) costs of air strippers, SVE units, and institutional controls (i.e., LUCs). The actual O&M cost during Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 to FY2022 is $10,174,972. RCRA documentation does not require estimated project costs to be prepared. Therefore, a cost comparison cannot be provided in this remedy review.

## V. Progress since Last Review

The previous protectiveness statement concluded that the interim remedial actions at A/M-Area Groundwater OU are expected to be protective, and in the interim, exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being prevented by existing SRS Site Use/Site Clearance requirements. Containment and remediation by several treatment systems are monitored by the groundwater monitoring network which has been functioning properly.

Data from point of compliance, background, plume definition, airlift recirculation, and recovery wells, as applicable, are used to assess the effectiveness of the corrective action program. Point of compliance wells are located in close proximity to the waste units and are monitored for compliance with groundwater quality protection standards. Background and plume definition wells monitor the horizontal and vertical extent of groundwater contamination and groundwater quality. Recovery wells pump contaminated groundwater to air strippers, which remove VOCs from the water before it is discharged to the appropriate outfall. ARWs perform in situ air stripping to reduce VOC mass in the plume.

A summary of the operation and performance data over the last five years for the various remediation systems associated with the A/M-Area Groundwater OU and MCB/MBP subunit is presented in Table D-3.

## VI. Five-Year Review Process

The following tasks were performed as part of the review:

- Reviewed the documents listed in Section XII, Documents Reviewed;
- Confirmed the implementation of the remedial actions;
- Reviewed all process and performance monitoring data provided by the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action reports and provided a technical assessment of whether the treatment systems are functioning as intended by the ABRP and MCB/MBP IRODs and whether the shutdown criteria have been achieved;

- Inspected the OU, interviewed maintenance personnel and documented the results on the Inspection Checklist provided in Attachment D-1; and
- Assured that all actions required under the RCRA Permit Renewal were implemented.

***Data Review***

***M-1 Air Stripper and Recovery Wells***

The M-1 Air Stripper and associated recovery wells have removed 28,451 kg (62,723 lbs) of VOCs over the last five years, with an increase in mass of about 44% between the last and first year of the period. During 2021, the average monthly influent VOC concentration was 10,617 µg/L. The average monthly effluent total VOC concentration was 0.04 µg/L or less than the detection limit for TCE and PCE. The M-1 Air Stripper has removed a cumulative total of approximately 259,186 kg (571,407 lbs) of VOCs since the beginning of operation in 1984.

***A-2 Air Stripper and Recovery Wells***

The A-2 Air Stripper and associated recovery wells have removed 18 kg (40 lbs) of VOCs over the last five years. The A-2 Air Stripper was shut down in October 2012 and placed in suspended state which requires the stripper and recovery wells to operate minimally each month for preventative maintenance. A minimal amount of VOC mass was removed from 2017 to 2021 because of these maintenance activities. The A-2 Air Stripper was permanently shut down in December of 2021 and will no longer be required to operate for preventative maintenance.

***Southern Sector ARWs***

Southern Sector ARWs were shut down in 2020. During the last four years of operation the recirculation wells removed approximately 50.8 kg (112 lbs) of solvent, with a decrease of about 94% between the last and first year of the period.

***DUS / WSTS at the M-Area Settling Basin***

The second DUS project commenced operation on August 8, 2005 and targeted DNAPL source zones associated with the M-Area Settling Basin. Steaming operations were

conducted through October 2008 and again from May 2009 until September 2009 when shutdown criteria (WSRC 2006) had been met. The DUS project removed a total of 207,485 kg (457,426 lbs) of VOCs from the target area. Although steaming was terminated, SVE wells continued to remove VOC mass from the subsurface until 782-6M SVEU was shut down in 2019. In the last three years of operation, the 782-6M SVEU removed a total of 353 kg (778 lbs) of VOCs. The 16 MicroBlowers™ at the WSTS have only operated since 2015 and during the last 5 years have removed 346 kg (763 lbs) of VOCs.

After completion of the first DUS at the 321-M Solvent Storage Tank Area in 2001, active SVE was continued, and eventually converted to a MicroBlower™ system using solar power in November 2010. This MicroBlower™ (i.e., DUS-1) has removed 762 kg (1,680 lbs) of VOCs over the last five years, with an increase in mass of about 20% between the last and first year of the period.

***A-014 Outfall SVE***

Two SVEUs have been in operation at the A-014 Outfall area over the last five years. The 782-3M unit targets the deep vadose zone and has removed 777 kg (1,712 lbs) of VOCs over the last five years. A high vacuum SVE unit or Mobile #3 is used for the shallow vadose zone, which is lower permeability and was hydraulically fractured to improve air flow through the contaminated zone. It has removed 861 kg (1,898 lbs) of VOCs over the last five years. Considering both units, the mass removed in the last year decreased about 40% between the last and first year of the period.

In 2020 a MicroBlower™ was installed at MRS-34. MRS-34 MicroBlower™ has removed 7.2 kg (16 lbs) of VOCs over the last two years.

***M-Area Abandoned Process Sewer Line SVE***

In 2020, eight MicroBlowers™ were installed at M-Area Abandoned Process Sewer Lines (MAPSL). MAPSL MicroBlowers™ have removed 136 kg (300 lbs) of VOCs over the last two years.

***SRNL SVE***

MicroBlowers™ have been installed at an area north of the M-1 Air Stripper designated as SRNL. The two SRNL MicroBlowers™ have removed 49 kg (107 lbs) of VOCs over the last five years.

BaroBall™-equipped wells near the Met Lab HWMF and along the abandoned process sewer line leading to the M-Area Settling Basin continue to operate passively.

***MCB/MBP Subunit***

Operational and performance data for the eleven MCB/MBP ARWs is presented in Table D-3. During the review period, the ARWs were shut down and abandoned; therefore, no mass was removed.

***Summary of Inspections and Interviews***

Interviews were conducted with Phil Carter, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Project (EC&ACP) Post-Closure Lead, and Brian Hanshew, SRNS EC&ACP Post-Closure Lead, on August 30, 2022 at the O&M organization offices. No issues were identified as an outcome of these interviews.

The A/M-Area Groundwater OU was inspected by SRNS personnel on July 13, 2022. No issues were identified during this inspection.

A site inspection was conducted by SRNS EC&ACP and USDOE personnel on December 6, 2022. No issues were identified during this inspection.

A site inspection will be conducted by USEPA and SCDHEC personnel, accompanied by USDOE and SRNS personnel, prior to submittal of the Revision 1 of this document. It is anticipated that no significant problems regarding this OU will be identified during the inspection.

## VII. Technical Assessment

### Is the Remedy Functioning as Intended by the Decision Document?

Each of the three interim remedies effectiveness in meeting the interim remedial action objectives is described below:

***A/M-Area Groundwater OU***

The zone of influence of the M-1 Air Stripper and associated recovery well network was designed to capture the high concentration regions of the TCE/PCE plumes present, thus preventing significant plume migration. The system has been effective, removing 259,186 kg (571,407 lbs) of VOCs since 1984. In the last five years, annual mass removal rates increased at the M-1 Air Stripper with the addition of RWM018 in 2018 and RWM019 in 2020. In addition to adding wells to the recovery well network, recovery wells RWM 9, RWM 11, and RWM 17B were removed from the network due to diminishing mass removal rates. Continued optimization of the recovery well network helps to maximize annual mass removal rates of the M-1 Air Stripper. RWM018 was turned off in March 2020 and remained off through 2021 since it is believed that oxidant entering the M-1 Air Stripper, via RWM018, is interfering with a mercury remediation system. The recovery wells are primarily screened in the Lost Lake Aquifer Zone; however residual contamination within the M-Area Aquifer Zone would ultimately also be captured by these wells. Any contamination in the Crouch Branch Aquifer is not affected by this system.

The active SVEU systems at the A/M Area Groundwater OU remain operational until VOC removal is 18 kg/week (40 lbs/week) or less for each SVEU. The 782-6M SVEU was shut down in 2019. MicroBlowers™ remain at the WSTS to remove residual mass remaining near the M-Area Settling Basin. The two SVEUs at the A-014 Outfall have also achieved the shutdown criteria but will remain active until a current evaluation of these SVEUs can be completed. The evaluation will help determine if the SVE wells near the A-014 Outfall can be transitioned to low energy or passive systems.

***MCB/MBP Subunit***

The recirculation wells were placed in service in February 2002 and were shut down in November 2011. During operation, the eleven recirculation wells removed a total of 21 kg (46 lbs) of VOCs. The ARWs were abandoned in 2019.

An approved corrective action schedule is included in the 2013 RCRA Permit Renewal Application for M-Area and Met Lab HWMFs Postclosure (SRNS-IM-2012-00002, Volume III). The corrective action schedule was incorporated into the 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2014).

***ABRP Subunit***

Operation of the air sparging system began in 2001. The presence of a low permeability zone above the lower air sparging target zone did not allow for the effective recovery of sparge air with entrained VOCs and led to the lateral expansion of the groundwater plume in the M-Area Aquifer Zone. Operating in pulsed mode and venting the middle sand of the Green Clay Confining Unit were evaluated and determined to likely not result in significant improvement in system performance. Thus, USDOE, USEPA, and SCDHEC agreed to discontinue operation of the system (WSRC 2003).

Groundwater concentrations in the M-Area Aquifer Zone in the vicinity of the system are approaching the MCL (5 µg/L) or less than the MCL. In 2021, ARP 1A had a TCE concentration of 7.75 µg/L. This is a positive indication that the continued SVE in the vadose zone and the air sparging have reduced mass loading into the M-Area Aquifer Zone.

1,4-Dioxane concentrations remain elevated at ARP 1A in 2021 with a concentration of 400 µg/L. A new well, MCB037B, installed in 2021 at the distal portion of the plume also had elevated 1,4-dioxane concentrations in 2021 with a concentration of 500 µg/L. Additional characterization is needed to define this distal portion of the plume and delineate if the source of high concentration is coming from ARP 1A. Corrective action for the distal portion of the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU will be evaluated after characterization of the VOC and 1,4-dioxane plumes have been completed. An approved corrective action schedule is included in the 2013 RCRA Permit Renewal Application for M-Area and Met Lab HWMFs

Postclosure (SRNS-IM-2012-00002, Volume III). The corrective action schedule was incorporated into the 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2014).

A Land Use Control Implementation Plan (LUCIP) is in place for the ABRP/MCB/MBP OU surface units. The LUC requirements for the A/M-Area Groundwater OU are discussed and approved as part of the closure/post-closure/permit application process and are governed by the RCRA Permit Renewal for the SRS (SCDHEC 2014). Therefore, an OU-specific LUCIP is not required for the A/M Area Groundwater OU. As discussed in the RCRA Permit Renewal, institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) are in place to prevent exposure to or ingestion of contaminated groundwater and include physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the A/M-Area Groundwater OU for industrial use only (SRS is a secured government facility with land use restrictions) and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program. No activities were observed that would have violated the institutional controls (i.e., LUCs).

**Are Exposure Assumptions, Toxicity Data, Cleanup Levels, and Remedial Action Objectives still valid?**

The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives used at the time of the three interim remedy selections are still valid. There have been no changes in the physical conditions of the A/M Groundwater OU that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

The USEPA standards and toxicity values have been updated since the last five-year remedy review as shown in Appendix B. The changes to the values for COCs at the A/M Groundwater OU were not significant, and the remedial action objectives continue to be met by the remedial actions. No new standards or to-be-considered guidance have been identified that call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

Fact sheets provided on the USEPA webpage (https://www.epa.gov/fedfac/emerging-contaminants-and-federal-facility-contaminants-concern) regarding emerging contaminants were reviewed for applicability to this site. This webpage provides a link to specific

fact sheets for each of the following contaminants: 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), 1,4-dioxane, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT), hexahydro-1,3,5-tri-nitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), nanomaterials, N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA), perchlorate, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and tungsten. The only listed emerging contaminant identified as applicable to this OU is 1,4-dioxane.

**Has any Other Information Come to Light that Could Call into Question the Protectiveness of the Remedy?**

No new information has come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

## VIII. Issues

There are no issues related to current site conditions, or activities that currently prevent the remedy from being protective.

## IX. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions

There are no recommendations or follow-up actions for this OU under CERCLA. SRS has submitted corrective action schedules, which propose corrective action technologies to treat the higher concentration parts of the plume, in the 2013 RCRA Permit Renewal Application for M-Area and Met Lab HWMFs Postclosure (SRNS-IM-2012-00002, Volume III). These corrective action technologies were approved by SCDHEC in the 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2014).

## X. Protectiveness Statement(s)

The remedies at the A/M-Area Groundwater OU currently protect human health and the environment because groundwater removal and treatment, in situ treatment, and contaminant source treatment have been successful in removing VOC contamination in groundwater and exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being

controlled through institutional controls (i.e., LUCs). However, for the remedy to be protective in the long-term, optimization of the M-1 Air Stripper recovery system and/or other corrective action technologies must be implemented to treat the high concentration part of the plume located outside of the recovery well system zone of capture.

Currently, controls to prevent exposure to or ingestion of contaminated groundwater include physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the A/M-Area Groundwater OU for industrial use only (SRS is a secured government facility with land use restrictions) and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program.

## XI. Next Review

As shown in Appendix A, Table A-1, the next five-year review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment is scheduled for January 2029.

## XII. Documents Reviewed

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SCDHEC, 2009. Letter, R. Haynes (SCDHEC) to G. Hayford (SRNS), *Re: Treatability Study Test Plan for Demonstration of In Situ Chemical Oxidation for the Degradation of Residual VOCs at the M-Area Chemical Oxidation (MACO) Site, WSRC-RP-2008-4074, Rev. 0, Sept. 2008, Savannah River Site (SRS) SC1 890 008 989, Aiken County*, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, SC

SCDHEC, 2011a. Letter, R. Haynes (SCDHEC) to G. Hayford (SRNS), *Re: Temporary Authorization Request for the AM-Area HWMF: Modification of the Corrective Action Systems at the Southern Sector and A-Area Burning/Rubble Pits and Rubble Pile/ Miscellaneous Chemical Basin/Metals Burning Pit Operable Unit (ABRP/MCB/MBP OU) Letter Hayford to Haynes – dated October 14, 2011 Savannah River Site (SRS) SC1 890 008 989,* SRNS-OS-2011-00239, dated November 11, 2011, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, SC

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SCDHEC, 2016b. Letter, S. French (SCDHEC) to C. Bergren (SRNS), *Re: Savannah River Site – SC1 89 0008 989 Request for a Contained-In Determination for the Groundwater Contaminated with Listed Waste at Process Wells 905-20A and 905-53A with Risk Assessment for A-Area Production Wells Contained-In Determination (Rev. 0 Dated Oct. 2015) Letter Bergren to French Dated Jan. 5, 2016 Contained-In*

*Determination Email, M. Wilson to Frasier Dated Dec. 6, 2016*, SRNS-OS-2016-00109, dated December 7, 2016, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, SC

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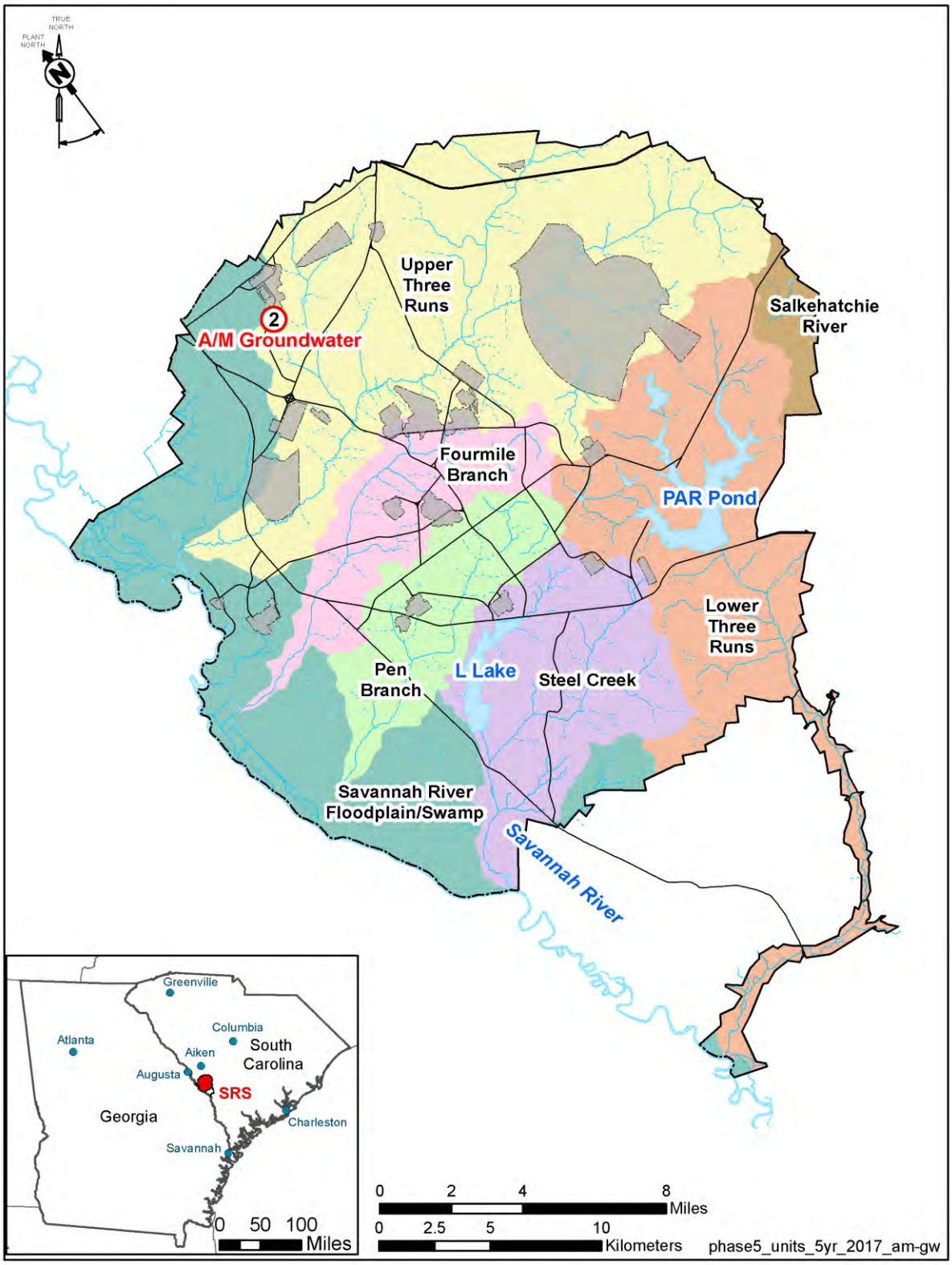



**Figure D-1. Location of A/M Groundwater at Savannah River Site**

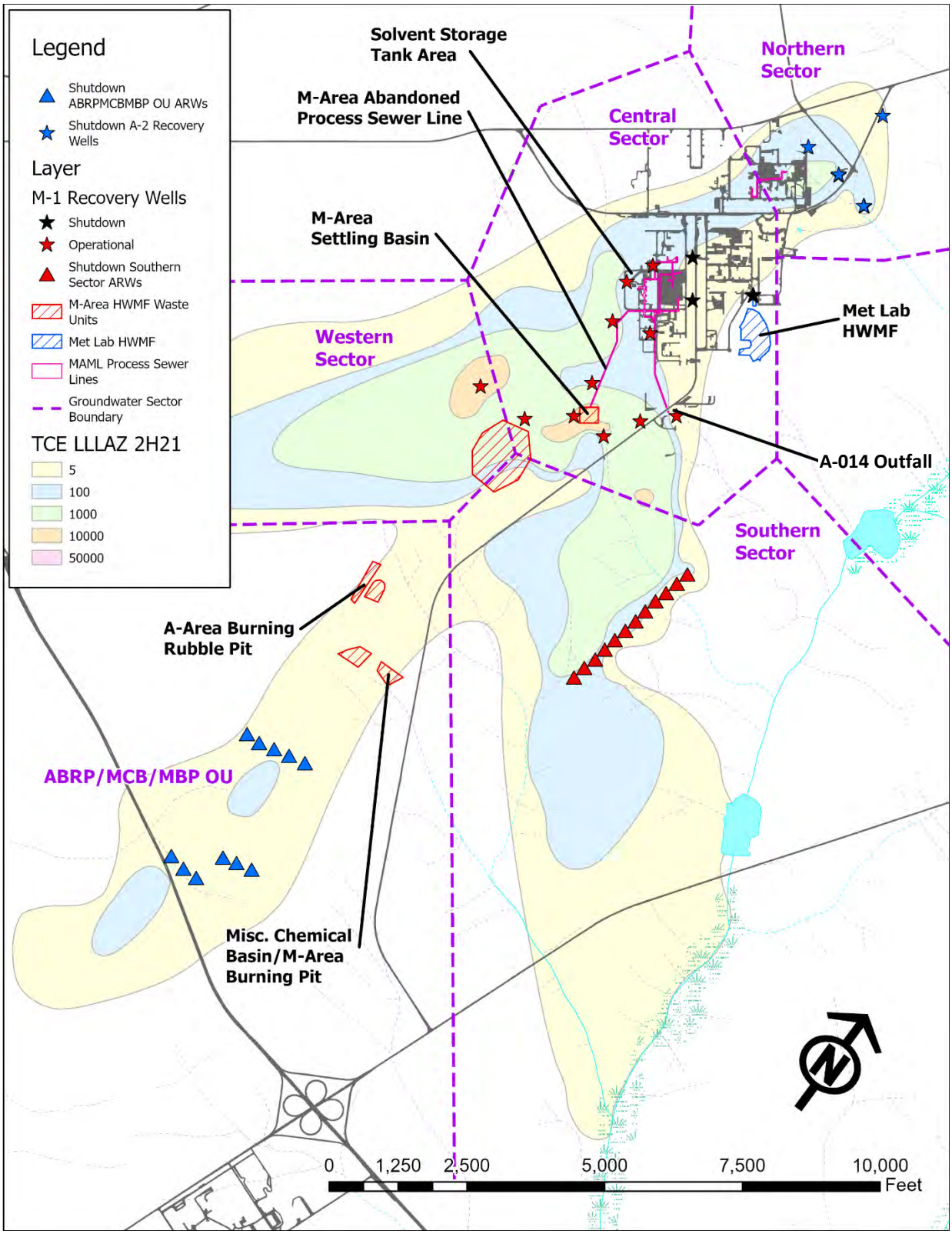



**Figure D-2. A/M Area Groundwater OU Plume and Treatment Systems Locations**




**Figure D-3. M-1 Air Stripper System (2022)**

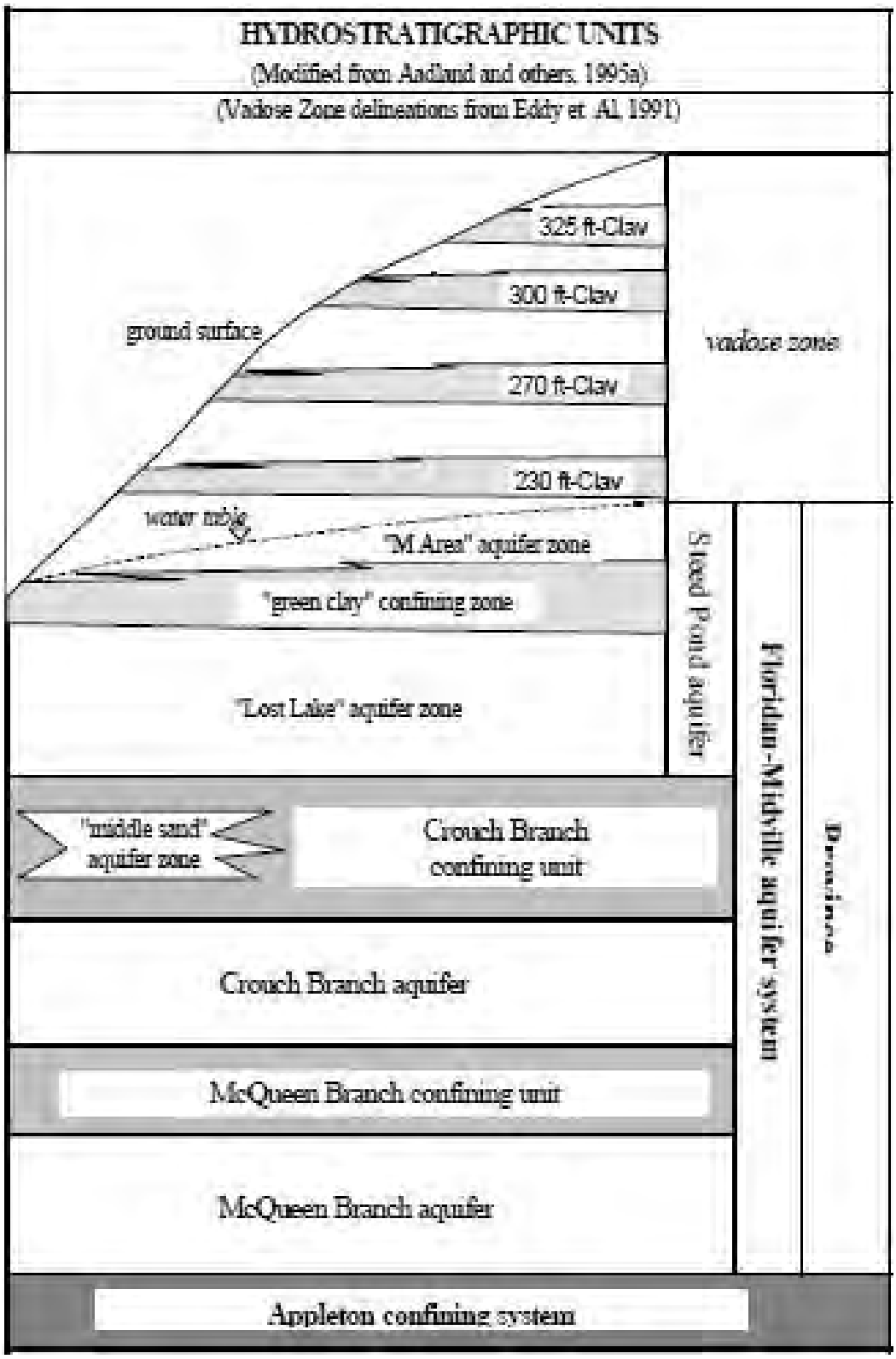



**Figure D-4. A/M-Area Groundwater OU General Hydrostratigraphy**




**Figure D-5. High Vacuum SVE Unit (i.e., Mobile #3) at A-014 Outfall (2022)**

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**Table D-1. Chronology of OU Events**

| Event | Date |
|---|---|
| Interim Status Groundwater Monitoring Start / Completion | September 29, 1980 / November 1, 1987 |
| Pilot / Prototype Air Stripper System Testing and Operation Start / Completion | February 1983 / March 1985 |
| M-1 Air Stripper Full Scale Operation Start / Completion | September 9, 1985 / Ongoing |
| IROD Issuance for A/M Area Groundwater OU | September 16, 1992 |
| IROD Issuance for the MCB/MBP | February 9, 2001 |
| IROD Issuance for the ABRP OU | February 9, 2001 |
| Interim Remedial Action Start / Completion for the ABRP Air Sparging Wells | September 26, 2001 / March 2003 |
| Interim Remedial Action Start / Completion for the MCB In Situ Air Stripping (Recirculation) Wells | February 28, 2002 / November 8, 2011 (Operational Suspension) |
| Transfer of ABRP/MCB/MBP OU Groundwater Plume to RCRA Program | July 19, 2006* |
| RCRA Permit Renewals (Issue Dates) | September 30, 1987 / September 5, 1995/ September 30, 2003 / February 11, 2014 / |
| Previous Five-Year Reviews | June 30, 1997 / February 12, 2004 / January 29, 2009 / February 4, 2014 / December 5, 2018 |

* Submittal date of the 2000 RCRA Part B Permit Renewal Application (WSRC 2006).

**Table D-2. COCs and Interim and Final RGs for ABRP and MCB/MBP subunits**

| *Groundwater COCs and RGs for the ABRP subunit* | | |
|---|---|---|
| **COC** | **Final RG, MCL (µg/L)** | **Interim RG µg/L** |
| TCE | 5 | 100* |
| PCE | 5 | 100* |
| Dichloromethane | 5 | 100* |

| *Groundwater COCs and RGs for the MCB/MBP subunit* | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **COC** | **Final RG, MCL, Action Level (µg/L)** | **Interim RG, High VOC Concentration Wells (>500 µg/L)†** | **Interim RG, Medium VOC Concentration Wells (ca 200 µg/L)†** | **Interim RG, Low VOC Concentration Wells (<50 µg/L)†** |
| TCE | 5 | 20 | 41 | 20 |
| PCE | 5 | 20 | 41 | 20 |
| Carbon tetrachloride | 5 | 20 | 41 | 20 |
| Lead | 15 (Action Level) | 15 | 15 | 15 |

* Interim RGs specified in Interim Action Proposed Plan for ABRP.
† Interim RGs based on modeling results.
COC - constituent of concern
MCL – maximum contaminant level
RG – remedial goal

**Table D-3. Summary of Remediation Performance for 2018–2022 (lbs of VOCs Removed)**

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***Groundwater Recovery & Treatment*** | | | | | |
| M-1 Air Stripper | 10,597 | 9,464 | 10,467 | 15,293 | 16,902 |
| A-2 Air Stripper | 3 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 12 |
| ***Groundwater Recirculation Wells*** | | | | | |
| Southern Sector ARWs | 48 | 34 | 27 | 3 | 0 |
| MCB ARWs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ***Soil Vapor Extraction*** | | | | | |
| A-014 Outfall (3M) | 486 | 502 | 426 | 519 | 265 |
| A-014 High Vacuum (Mobile #3) | 495 | 410 | 512 | 329 | 152 |
| Solvent Storage Tank (DUS-1) | 273 | 314 | 349 | 417 | 327 |
| M-Area Settling Basin (6M) | 236 | 295 | 247 | 0 | 0 |
| WSTS/M-Area Settling Basin (MicroBlower™) | 243 | 143 | 43 | 131 | 203 |
| M-Area Process Sewer Line (MicroBlower™) | - | - | - | 95 | 205 |
| Savannah River National Laboratory (MicroBlower™) | 19 | 42 | 24 | 18 | 4 |
| MRS-34 (MicroBlower™) | - | - | - | 1 | 15 |

- No results since MicroBlowers were not operating.

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## Attachment D-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A/M-Area Groundwater

| I. SITE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Site Name:** | **A/M-Area Groundwater** | **Date of Inspection:** | **07/13/2022** |
| **Location and Region** | **SRS, USEPA Region 4** | **EPA ID:** | **SEMS #36** |
| **Agency, Office, or Company leading the Five-Year Review** | **USDOE** | **Weather/ Temperature** | **93°F and Partly Cloudy** |

**Remedy Includes:** *(Click all that apply)*

- ☐ Landfill Cover/Containment
- ☒ Access Controls
- ☒ Institutional Controls
- ☒ Groundwater Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Surface Water Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Monitored Natural Attenuation
- ☐ Groundwater Containment
- ☐ Vertical Barriers
- ☒ Other SVE (Active and Passive), Dynamic Underground Stripping, Airlift Recirculation Wells

**Attachments:** ☐ Inspection team roster attached ☐ Inspection team roster attached

### II. INTERVIEWS *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Site Manager:** Brian Hanshew (Name) | Post Closure Manager (Title) | 8/30/22 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4949

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

**2. O&M Staff:** Phil Carter (Name) | EC&ACP Post Closure Waste Site Inspector/Maintenance Coord. (Title) | 8/30/2022 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4041

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

## Attachment D-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A/M-Area Groundwater *(continued)*

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)(Continued)*

**3. Local Regulatory Authorities and Response Agencies** (i.e., State and tribal offices, emergency response office, police department, office of public health or environmental health, zoning office, recorder of deeds or other city and county offices, etc.). Fill in all that apply.

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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4. **Other Interviews** *(Optional):* ☐ Report Attached _____

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**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Documents:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ O&M Manual | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☒ As-Built Drawings | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☒ Maintenance Logs | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |

Remarks: _____

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## Attachment D-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A/M-Area Groundwater *(continued)*

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED *(Continued)***

**2. Health and Safety Plans (HASPs):**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Site-Specific Health and Safety Plans | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Contingency Plan/Emergency Response Plan | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: Routine O&M activities do not require a site-specific health and safety plan (SSHASP) under 29 CFR 1910.120.HAZWOPER. ASSHASP is prepared if needed.

**3. O&M and OSHA Training Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Training Records are complete and up to date per EC&ACP training matrix.

**4. Permits and Service Agreements:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air Discharge Permit | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☒ Effluent Discharge | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Waste Disposal; POTW | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ Other Permits | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |

Remarks: Underground injection control permits, RCRA Permit Renewal for SRS

**5. Gas Generation Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**6. Settlement Monument Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**7. Groundwater Monitoring Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**8. Leachate Extraction Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**9. Discharge Compliance Records:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☒ Water (Effluent) | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |

Remarks:

**10. Daily Access/Security Logs:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment D-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A/M-Area Groundwater *(continued)*

### IV. O&M COSTS

**1. O&M Organization:**

☐ State In-House ☐ Contractor for State
☐ PRP In-House ☐ Contractor for PRP
☒ Other: SRS

**2. O&M Cost Records:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☐ Funding mechanism/agreement in place
☒ Other: Project cost data is summarized in Section IV of this OU-specific review

**Total annual cost by year for review period, if available**

From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

**3. Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period**

Describe costs and reasons: _____

### V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Fencing**

**1. Fencing Damage:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Gates secured ☒ N/A

Remarks: OU-specific perimeter fencing is not required by the interim remedial action.

**B. Signs**

**1. Signs and Other Security Measures:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ N/A

Remarks: _____

## Attachment D-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A/M-Area Groundwater *(continued)*

**V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS *(Continued)***

**C. Institutional Controls**

**1. Implementation and Enforcement**

Site conditions imply ICs are not properly implemented: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Site conditions imply ICs are not being fully enforced: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive-by, etc.) Walkdown

Frequency: Once in 5 years

Responsible Party/Agent: USDOE Savannah River Field Office

Contact: Karen Adams (Name) | Federal Project Director (Title) | 12/06/2022 (Date) | 803-952-7871 (Phone No.)

Reporting is up-to-date: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Reports are verified by the lead agency: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Specific requirements in deed or decision documents have been met: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Violations have been reported: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Problems/Suggestions: ☐ Report Attached

**2. Adequacy:** ☒ ICs are adequate ☐ ICs are inadequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**D. General**

**1. Vandalism/Trespassing:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No vandalism is evident

Remarks:

**2. Land use changes onsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**3. Land use changes offsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment D-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A/M-Area Groundwater *(continued)*

| VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS |
|---|
| **A. Roads** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Roads damaged:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Roads adequate ☐ N/A<br>Remarks: |
| **B. Other Site Conditions** |
| Remarks: |
| **VII. LANDFILL COVER/CONTAINMENT** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **VIII. VERTICAL BARRIER WALLS** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **A. Groundwater Extraction Wells, Pumps, and Pipelines** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Pumps, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**<br>☒ Good Condition ☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs Maintenance ☐ N/A<br>Remarks: |
| **2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes, and Other Appurtenances:**<br>☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs Maintenance<br>Remarks: |
| **3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**<br>☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided<br>Remarks: |
| **B. Surface Water Collection Structures, Pumps, and Pipelines** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |

## Attachment D-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A/M-Area Groundwater *(continued)*

**IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES *(Continued)***

**C. Treatment System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Treatment Train** (Check components that apply)**:**

☐ Metals removal ☐ Oil/water separation ☐ Bioremediation
☒ Air stripping ☐ Carbon adsorbers
☐ Filters_____
☐ Additive (e.g., chelation agent, flocculent)_____
☐ Others_____
☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance
☒ Sampling ports properly marked and function
☐ Sampling/maintenance log displayed and up-to-date
☒ Equipment properly identified
☒ Quantity of groundwater treatment annually Approximately 215,000,000 gallons at the M-1 and A-2 Air Strippers
☐ Quantity of surface water treatment annually_____
Remarks:_____

**2. Electrical Enclosures and Panels** *(properly rated and function)***:**

☐ N/A ☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance
Remarks:_____

**3. Tanks, Vaults, Storage Vessels:**

☐ N/A ☒ Good Condition ☐ Proper secondary containment ☐ Needs maintenance
Remarks:_____

**4. Discharge Structure Appurtenances:**

☐ N/A ☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance
Remarks:_____

**5. Treatment Building(s):**

☐ N/A ☒ Good Condition (especially roof and doorways ☐ Needs repair
☒ Chemicals and equipment properly stored
Remarks:_____

## Attachment D-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A/M-Area Groundwater *(continued)*

**IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES *(Continued)***

**6. Monitoring Wells** *(pump and treatment remedy)***:**

☒ Properly secured/locked ☒ Functioning ☒ Routinely sampled ☒ Good condition
☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A

Remarks: _____

**D. Monitoring Data** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Monitoring Data:**

☒ Is routinely submitted on time ☒ Is of acceptable quality

**2. Monitoring Data:**

☐ Groundwater plume is effectively contained ☐ Contaminant concentrations are declining

**E. Monitored Natural Attenuation** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**1. Monitoring Wells** *(natural attenuation remedy)***:**

☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good condition
☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A

Remarks: _____

**X. OTHER REMEDIES**

If there are remedies applied at the site, which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction.

**A. Soil Vapor Extraction System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Blowers, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**

☒ Good Condition ☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A

Remarks: Active and Passive SVE systems in service.

**2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes and Other Appurtenances:**

☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance

Remarks: _____

**3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**

☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided

Remarks: _____

## Attachment D-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A/M-Area Groundwater *(continued/end)*

| XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS |
|---|
| **A. Implementation of the Remedy** |
| Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emissions, etc.).<br><br>The remedies at the A/M Area Groundwater OU currently protect human health and the environment because groundwater removal and treatment, in situ treatment, and contaminant source treatment have been successful in removing VOC contamination in groundwater and exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled through institutional controls (i.e., LUCs). However, in order for the remedy to be protective of the environment in the long-term, the M-1 Air Stripper recovery system should be optimized and/or other corrective action technologies must be implemented to treat the high concentration part of the plume located outside of the recovery well system zone of capture. After successfully reducing VOC concentrations in the main source area of the plume, the highest dissolved concentrations of VOCs currently are located outside (west) of the zone of capture zone of the recovery system. |
| **B. Adequacy of O&M** |
| Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.<br><br>The O&M procedures consisting of site inspections and site maintenance and site controls (SRS Site Use and Site Clearance Programs) have been implemented. O&M programs are well established and functioning to ensure that the remedial systems remain in effective service. |
| **C. Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Failure** |
| Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.<br><br>N/A |
| **D. Opportunities for Optimization** |
| Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.<br><br>SRS has submitted corrective action schedules in the 2013 RCRA Permit Renewal Application for M-Area and Met Lab HWMFs Postclosure (SRNS-IM-2012-00002, Volume III), which proposes to optimize the M-1 Air Stripper recovery system to treat the higher concentration parts of the plume. |

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# A-AREA MISCELLANEOUS RUBBLE PILE (731-6A) OPERABLE UNIT

## I. Introduction

This report is the fourth five-year review for the A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) (AMRP) Operable Unit (OU). The review was conducted from July 2022 through November 2022. Contaminants have been left in place at the AMRP OU at levels that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedy in place at the AMRP OU is protective of human health and the environment. This report documents the results of the review.

## II. OU Chronology

Table E-1 lists the chronology of site events for the AMRP OU.

## III. Background

The AMRP OU is listed as a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)/ Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) unit in Appendix C of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for Savannah River Site (SRS) (FFA 1993). The media of concern is soil. Groundwater is not of concern at the AMRP OU because investigations have determined that groundwater beneath AMRP OU has not been impacted by the unit.

The scope of the AMRP OU remedial action includes three subunits: the Piles Area, the Ash Area, and the Trenches Area.

### Physical Characteristics

AMRP OU is located in the northwest part of the SRS within A Area and immediately east of M Area (Figure E-1). The unit covers approximately 2.3 hectares (5.8 acres) and is

bounded on the southwest and southeast by outfall drainages that coalesce on the south side of the unit (Figure E-2).

The subunits that comprise AMRP OU are described below (WSRC 2003):

- The Piles Area consisted of many small mounds of construction debris including shingles and siding, concrete, brick, electrical boxes, roofing and wall board materials, empty paint cans, empty drums and buckets, building materials, scrap metal, insulation, tar, plastic, glass, timbers, and transite containing non-friable asbestos. The Piles Area comprises approximately 0.9 hectares (2.3 acres).
- The Ash Area is located in the south-central portion of the unit and is approximately 0.7 hectares (1.8 acres). It is comprised of buried construction debris (including transite) and an ash layer. The ash layer was primarily in the upper 1.2 m (4 ft) and consisted of a dark-gray, low-density material.
- The Trenches Area is located in the westernmost portion of the AMRP OU. It consists of a T-shaped trench that covers approximately 0.6 hectares (1.6 acres).

**Land and Resource Use**

According to the *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report* (USDOE 1996), residential uses of the SRS land should be prohibited. The *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site* (WSRC 1999) designates the AMRP OU as being within an industrial area. The future land use for the AMRP OU is reasonably anticipated to remain industrial with the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) maintaining control of the land.

**History of Contamination**

Beginning in the early 1950s AMRP OU was used as a disposal location for construction debris and ash material. In the Piles Area construction debris was disposed of in small mounds (0.6 to 1.5 m [2 to 5 ft] high) directly on the ground surface. Soil investigations conducted during Phases I (1997) and II (1998) for the development of the RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation with Baseline Risk Assessment report (WSRC 2000)

determined that metals (arsenic and lead), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) (Aroclor 1254) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) (benzo[a]pyrene) were present in surface soils and identified as constituents of concern (COC). In the Ash Area, construction debris was buried under an ash layer approximately 1.2 m (4 ft) thick. Arsenic was identified as a COC for the Ash Area in surface soil. In the Trenches Area, construction debris was disposed of in the T-shaped trench. The exact dates of operation and specific materials disposed are unknown. PAHs (benzo[a]anthracene, benzo[a]pyrene, benzo[a]fluoranthene, dibenzo[a,h]anthracene) were identified as COCs in surface soil. No records of subsurface disposal or burial are known to exist. However, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including trichloroethylene (TCE) and tetrachloroethylene (PCE), were identified as contaminant migration COCs in subsurface soil in the Trenches Area.

**Initial Response**

The results of soil and groundwater investigations indicated that the contaminated soil has not contributed to groundwater contamination adjacent to or beneath the AMRP OU. Groundwater beneath this unit has been impacted by SRS operations not associated with this unit and is being addressed under the RCRA corrective action program for M-Area and Metallurgical Laboratory (Met Lab) Hazardous Waste Management Facilities (HWMFs). After disposal operations ceased at the AMRP OU, the area was naturally re-vegetated predominantly by trees.

**Basis for Taking Action**

The findings from the risk assessment and contaminant fate and transport analysis indicate that concentrations of metals, PAHs, PCBs, PCE, and TCE in the soils at the AMRP OU pose unacceptable risks to human health and the environment and are discussed in the following text.

At the Piles Area, refined COCs include arsenic (human health [2E-06 risk]), lead (applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement [ARAR] and human health), Aroclor 1254 (ARAR and human health [4E-06 risk]), and benzo[a]pyrene (principal threat source material [PTSM]). These constituents are associated with the PCB/PAH waste pile

(Aroclor 1254 and benzo[a]pyrene), lead "hot spot" (lead and arsenic), or the PCB "hot spot" (Aroclor 1254).

At the Ash Area, the human health refined COC is arsenic. This COC is associated with the ash in the soils at the unit. The surface soil contains levels of arsenic associated with the ash source that pose a risk of 2E-06 risk to the future industrial worker.

At the Trenches Area, refined COCs include arsenic (human health [3E-05 risk]), benzo[a]pyrene (human health [5E-05 risk]), benzo[a]anthracene (human health [6E-06 risk]), benzo[b]fluoranthene (human health [7E-05 risk]), dibenzo[a,h]anthracene (human health [8E-06 risk]), PCE (contaminant migration), and TCE (contaminant migration). The concentrations of PCE and TCE in fill material in the Trenches Area were predicted to impact groundwater above MCLs in approximately 504 and 226 years, respectively, and were identified as contaminant migration COCs (WSRC 2000).

The results of the soil and groundwater investigation indicate that the contaminated soil has not contributed to groundwater contamination adjacent to or beneath the AMRP OU. Groundwater beneath this unit has been impacted by SRS operations not associated with this unit. The groundwater contamination is being addressed under the RCRA corrective action program for M-Area and Met Lab HWMF.

The specific remedial goals (RGs) identified for the AMRP OU are based on the future industrial worker scenario and achieving ARARs. The RGs established in the Record of Decision (ROD) for the AMRP OU (WSRC 2003) are listed in Table E-2.

## IV. Remedial Actions

### Remedy Selection

As stated in the ROD (WSRC 2003), the remedial action objectives (RAOs) for the AMRP OU are as follows:

***Piles Area***

- Protect the future industrial worker or resident from exposure to arsenic and lead in the lead hot spot above the RGs of 4.4 mg/kg and 400 mg/kg, respectively; and
- Protect the future industrial worker or resident from exposure to Aroclor 1254 (PCB) and benzo[a]pyrene (PAH) in the PCB/PAH waste pile above the RGs of 1 mg/kg and 0.052 mg/kg, respectively.

***Ash Area***

- Protect the future industrial worker from exposure to elevated levels of arsenic in the surface soil above the RG of 4.4 mg/kg.

***Trenches Area***

- Protect the future industrial worker from exposure to arsenic and PCBs/PAHs in the soil above their respective RGs; and
- Prevent leaching of TCE and PCE to groundwater above the MCL (5 µg/L).

As stated in the ROD (WSRC 2003), the following remedial actions were selected for AMRP OU to meet the RAOs:

***Piles Area***

- Removal of the two hot spots and transportation from SRS to a permitted offsite disposal facility.

***Ash Area***

- Implement institutional controls (i.e. land use controls [LUCs]).

***Trenches Area***

- Placement of a 0.3-m (1-ft) soil cover over the contaminated area;
- Implement the active soil vapor extraction (SVE) system; and
- Implement institutional controls (i.e., LUCs).

LUCs are required for the Ash Area and the Trenches Area to prohibit future residential land use, restrict access to and activities at the AMRP OU by future workers, and prevent access by trespassers (Figure E-3). In addition, LUCs are required to maintain the integrity of the soil cover and SVE system at the Trenches Area.

**Remedy Implementation**

The selected remedies were implemented to meet the RAOs and included the following activities:

***Piles Area***

- Removing a PCB/PAH hot spot (16.8 $m^3$ [22 $yd^3$]) and a lead hot spot (1.3 $m^3$ [1.7 $yd^3$]) and transporting from SRS to a permitted offsite disposal facility. Residential RGs were achieved and no LUCs are needed for the Piles Area.

***Ash Area***

- Establishing LUCs for approximately 0.7 hectares (1.8 acres).

***Trenches Area***

- Installing a 0.49-hectare (1.2-acre) soil cover over the contaminated area consisting of 0.3-m (1-ft) thick common fill material, except for southwest leg of the T-shaped trench where a 0.6-m (2-ft) thick low permeability soil was placed to enhance the SVE process.
- Installing an active SVE system consisting of seven SVE wells connected to the existing 782-3M SVE Unit located between the subunit and the A-014 Outfall. The active SVE is designed to treat approximately 4,590 $m^3$ (6,000 $yd^3$) of TCE- and PCE-contaminated media. Additionally, twelve wells were installed along the trench perimeter to monitor the zone of influence of the active SVE.
- Establishing LUCs for 1.25 hectares (3.08 acres).

Figure E-4 shows a photograph of AMRP OU before remediation. Figures E-5 and E-6 show photographs of AMRP as it currently appears (2022).

**System Operation/Operation and Maintenance**

At the AMRP OU Trench Area, full scale operation of the seven active SVE wells began on April 26, 2004. The seven active SVE wells were alternated between the odd and even numbered wells, monthly, to optimize the mass removal from the subunit. Compliance, performance, and process monitoring was conducted quarterly at the seven active SVE wells and twelve monitoring wells. The seven active SVE operated until they were physically disconnected from the 782-3M soil vapor extraction unit (SVEU) on March 14, 2017. No operational process monitoring data was collected after March 2017 because the system was under modifications to transition from active to passive SVE. The seven SVE wells and twelve monitoring wells were connected to MicroBlowers™ and operated between June 14, 2017 and April 30, 2021.

The following maintenance activities have been implemented for both the Ash Area and the Trenches Area:

- Visual inspections for evidence of damage to the cover system due to erosion or intrusion by burrowing animals and to address upkeep of the vegetative cover and access control barriers (e.g., the warning signs) are performed annually.
- Necessary repairs (e.g., replacing eroded or disturbed soil, sign repair, etc.) and vegetation management (e.g., mowing, removal of larger vegetation, etc.) are being performed when required.

Table E-3 compares the actual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for the five-year remedy review period to the estimated direct O&M costs from the ROD (WSRC 2003). The estimated cost for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 to FY2022 is $216,000 for the soil cover and LUCs. The actual O&M cost for FY2018 to FY2022 is $274,856. The O&M cost estimate was based on five years of active SVE operation. After thirteen years, the active SVE ended operations in FY2017 as documented in the *Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Revision 1.3 A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit Record of Decision (U)* (SRNS 2014). The O&M costs from FY2018 to FY2022 are higher than estimated because the operational life of the active SVE systems was longer than

expected and the cost to operate the 782-3M SVEU is no longer shared by the A-014 Outfall project.

## V. Progress Since Last Review

The previous protectiveness statement concluded that the remedial actions at AMRP OU are expected to be protective, and in the interim, exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) that have been functioning properly.

There were no recommendations or follow-up actions from the last five-year review.

## VI. Five-Year Review Process

The following tasks were performed as part of the review:

- Reviewed the documents listed in Section XII, Documents Reviewed;
- Confirmed the implementation of the remedial action;
- Reviewed all process and performance monitoring data provided by the annual performance evaluation reports (PERs) and provided a technical assessment of whether the SVE system is functioning as intended by the ROD and the shutdown criteria has been achieved;
- Inspected the OU, interviewed maintenance personnel and documented the results on the Inspection Checklist provided in Attachment E-1 with the purpose of assessing the protectiveness of the remedy and the functionality of the access controls; and
- Reviewed changes in standards and to-be-considered guidance.

***Data Review***

The transition from active SVE to passive SVE was completed on June 14, 2017. The passive SVE well network consists of 19 MicroBlowers™ connected to the seven SVE wells and 12 monitoring wells. The data collected from the passive SVE system is

reported annually in a PER (SRNS 2018a, SRNS 2019a, and SRNS 2020). Since SVE operation began, mass removal rates fluctuated during active SVE and decreased after passive SVE began operation (Figure E-7 and Figure E-8). The system operated as designed to remove mass from the subsurface. During active SVE operations (2004-2017), the cumulative mass removed is estimated to be 64.3 kg (142 lbs) of VOCs (Figure E-8). During PSVE operation (MicroBlowers™) (2017-2021), the cumulative mass removed is estimated to be 6.4 kg (14.0 lbs) of VOCs.

In 2021, passive SVE operation was shut down based on low soil vapor concentrations observed at the PSVE wells, the lack of rebounding VOC concentrations during the transition from ASVE to PSVE indicating that VOC mass identified during the 2018 soil sampling is bound to the organic content of the ash, and a favorable modeling effort that determined the AMRP OU VOC source present pose no threat to groundwater (SRNS 2019b). A second addendum to the Post-Construction Report (SRNS 2018b) documented the shutdown of the PSVE wells and established that groundwater would be monitored at AOB 1 and MSB 31C (Figure E-9) in this Appendix of the Five-Year Remedy Review Report for the AMRP OU.

Groundwater concentrations for PCE and TCE at AOB 1 and MSB 31C are provided in Figure E-10 and E-11, respectively. At AOB 1, PCE and TCE concentrations have been below detection limits during the last five or more years of sampling. At MSB 31C, PCE concentrations have been slightly lower than 100 µg/L during the last five years of sampling and TCE concentrations have been less than the MCL since 2014. PCE and TCE contamination at this well is related to the groundwater contaminant plume associated with the discharges to the A-014 Outfall.

***Summary of Inspections and Interviews***

Interviews were conducted with Phil Carter, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Project (EC&ACP) Post-Closure Lead, and Brian Hanshew, SRNS EC&ACP Post-Closure Lead, on August 30, 2022 at the O&M organization offices. No issues were identified as an outcome of these interviews.

The AMRP OU was inspected by SRNS on July 13, 2022. No issues were identified for the AMRP OU during this inspection.

A site inspection was conducted by SRNS EC&ACP and USDOE personnel on December 6, 2022. No issues were identified during this inspection.

A site inspection will be conducted by U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) personnel, accompanied by USDOE and SRNS personnel, prior to submittal of the Revision 1 of this document. No significant problems regarding the protection of the remedy for this OU as implemented are expected to be identified during the inspection.

Scheduled annual site inspections conducted from FY2018 through FY2022 identified the presence of ant mounds, waste unit sign damaged by a fallen tree, vegetation and dead pine trees removed from access trail, and shallow hole caused by armadillos on cap. These findings were documented on the field inspection checklist and resolved soon after discovery. The inspections conducted during this remedy review cycle are listed in Section XII.

## VII. Technical Assessment

### Is the Remedy Functioning as Intended by the Decision Document?

The remedy is functioning as intended as demonstrated below:

The Land Use Control Implementation Plan for AMRP OU is included as Appendix C of the Post Construction Report and governs LUC implementation, maintenance, monitoring, reporting, and enforcement of LUCs (WSRC 2004). The LUCs that are in place include physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), use restrictions to prevent unauthorized contact, removal or excavation of contaminated soils, restrictions to prevent unauthorized access to or use of groundwater until cleanup levels are met, and restrictions to prevent disturbance of the Trenches Area soil cover system. Warning signs are in good condition, and no activities were observed that would have violated the LUCs. All LUC objectives are being met.

The removal and disposal actions at the Piles Area are effective in preventing the future industrial worker or resident from exposure to arsenic, lead, Aroclor 1254, and benzo(a)pyrene in soils. The cover system maintenance program for the Trenches Area, and LUCs for the Trenches Area and the Ash Area have been effective in maintaining the integrity of the cover system. The annual inspection reports indicate no significant deficiencies.

A PER was submitted annually in 2018, 2019, and 2020 to the USEPA and SCDHEC and provided the results and analysis of the baseline sampling prior to active SVE operation and all process and performance monitoring during operation (SRNS 2018a, 2019a, 2020). The SVE system in the Trenches Area was effective in removing mass from the vadose zone and preventing the leaching of TCE and PCE to groundwater above MCLs (Figures E-6 and E-7). The PSVE system was permanently shut down in 2021. Potential impacts to groundwater will be monitored at AOB 1 and MSB 31C and reported in the "Data Review" section of this report.

**Are Exposure Assumptions, Toxicity Data, Cleanup Levels, and Remedial Action Objectives still valid?**

The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives used at the time of remedy selection are still valid. There have been no changes in the physical conditions at the AMRP OU that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

The USEPA standards and toxicity values have been updated since the last five-year remedy review as shown in Appendix B. The changes to the values for COCs at the AMRP OU were not significant, and the RAOs continue to be met by the remedial action. No new standards or to-be-considered guidance have been identified that call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

Fact sheets provided on the USEPA webpage (https://www.epa.gov/fedfac/emerging-contaminants-and-federal-facility-contaminants-concern) regarding emerging contaminants were reviewed for applicability to this site. This webpage provides a link to specific fact sheets for each of the following contaminants: 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), 1,4-

dioxane, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT), hexahydro-1,3,5-tri-nitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), nanomaterials, N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA), perchlorate, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and tungsten. None of the listed emerging contaminants were identified as applicable to this OU.

**Has any Other Information Come to Light that Could Call into Question the Protectiveness of the Remedy?**

No new information has come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

## VIII. Issues

No issues were identified during this remedy review.

## IX. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions

No recommendations or follow-up were identified during this remedy review.

## X. Protectiveness Statement(s)

The remedy at the AMRP OU is protective of human health and the environment.

Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by the SVE system and institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) to prevent exposure to or ingestion of contaminated media. All threats to contaminated media at the AMRP OU have been addressed through implementation of the SVE system, physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain this site for industrial use only (SRS is a secured government facility with land use restrictions), and warning signs and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program.

## XI. Next Review

As shown in Appendix A, Table A-1, the next five-year review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment is scheduled for January 2029.

## XII. Documents Reviewed

FFA, 1993. *Federal Facility Agreement for the Savannah River Site,* Administrative Docket No. 89-05-FF (Effective Date: August 16, 1993)

SRNS, 2014. Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for Rev. 1.3 for the A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit Record of Decision (U), SRNS-RP-2014-00443, Revision 0, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken SC

SRNS, 2015. *Sampling and Analysis Plan for the A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit (U)*, SRNS-RP-2015-00007, Revision 1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2018a. *Performance Evaluation Report for the A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit: April 2017 to April 2018 (U)*, SRNS-RP-2018-00541, Revision 0, Savanah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2018b. *Post-Construction Report Addendum for the A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit (U)*, SRNS-RP-2018-00942, Revision 1, January 2021, Savanah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

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SRNS, 2019b. *Evaluation of Contaminant Migration and Remedial Goals for the A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit Trenches Area (U)*, SRNS-RP-2019-00621, Revision 0, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2020. *Performance Evaluation Report for the A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit: April 2019 to April 2020 (U)*, SRNS-RP-2020-00279, Revision 0, Savanah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

USDOE, 1996. *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report*, U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 1999. *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site*, WSRC-RP-98-4125, Revision 1.1, latest update, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2000. RCRA Facility Investigation / Remedial Investigation with Baseline Risk Assessment for the A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) (U), WSRC-RP-98-4208, Revision 1, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2003. *Record of Decision for the A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit (U)*, WSRC-RP-2001-4197, Revision 1.3, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2004. *Post-Construction Report (PCR) for the A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit (U)*, WSRC-RP-2004-4088, Revision 1, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

Various – Inspection Data Sheets - *Field Inspection Checklist for A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile OU (731-6A)*, ER-IDS-019-029, Inspection Period 2018 through 2022 (annually)

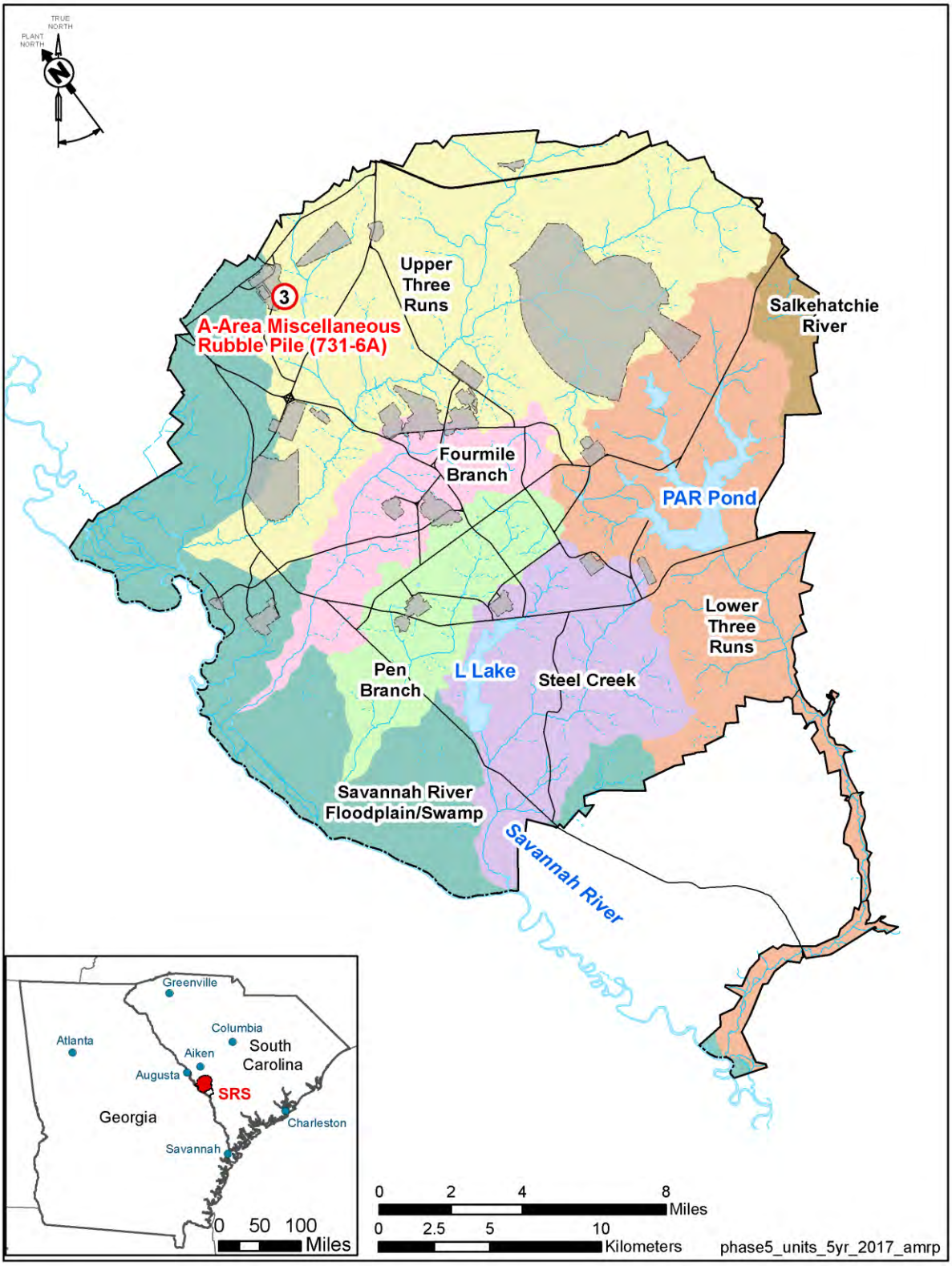



**Figure E-1. Location of AMRP OU at Savannah River Site**

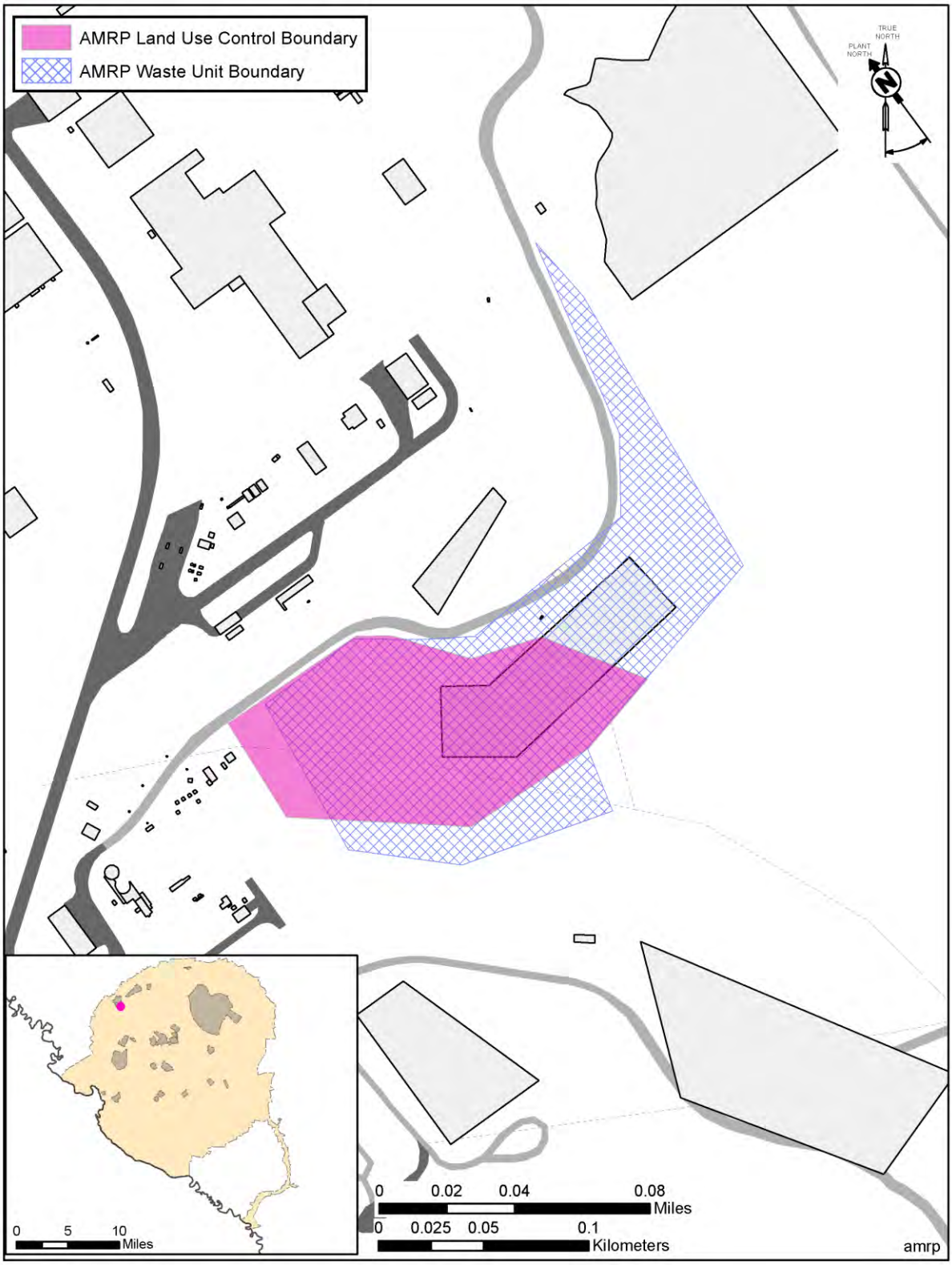



**Figure E-2. AMRP Operable Unit (731-6A)**

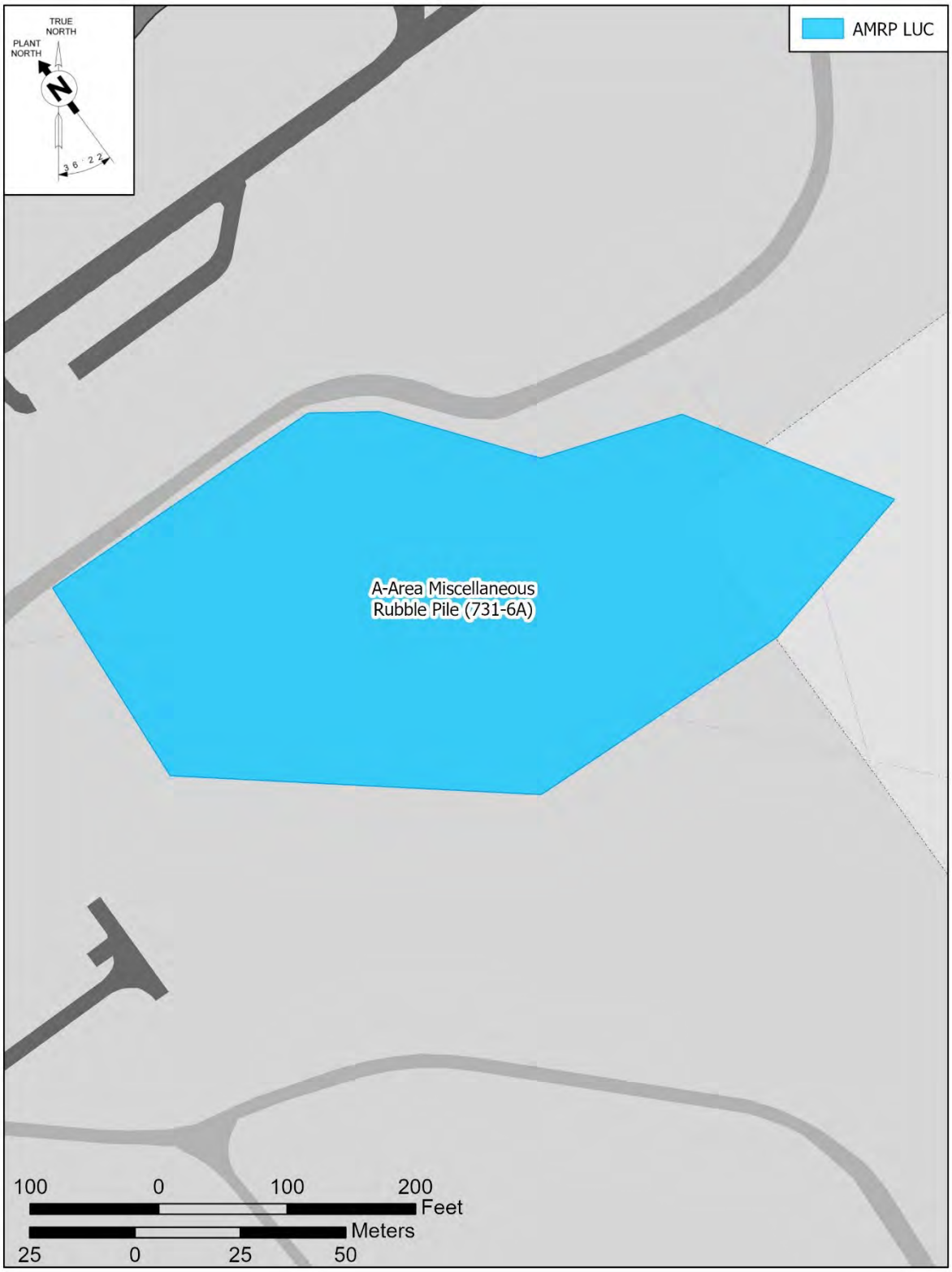



**Figure E-3. AMRP LUC Boundary**

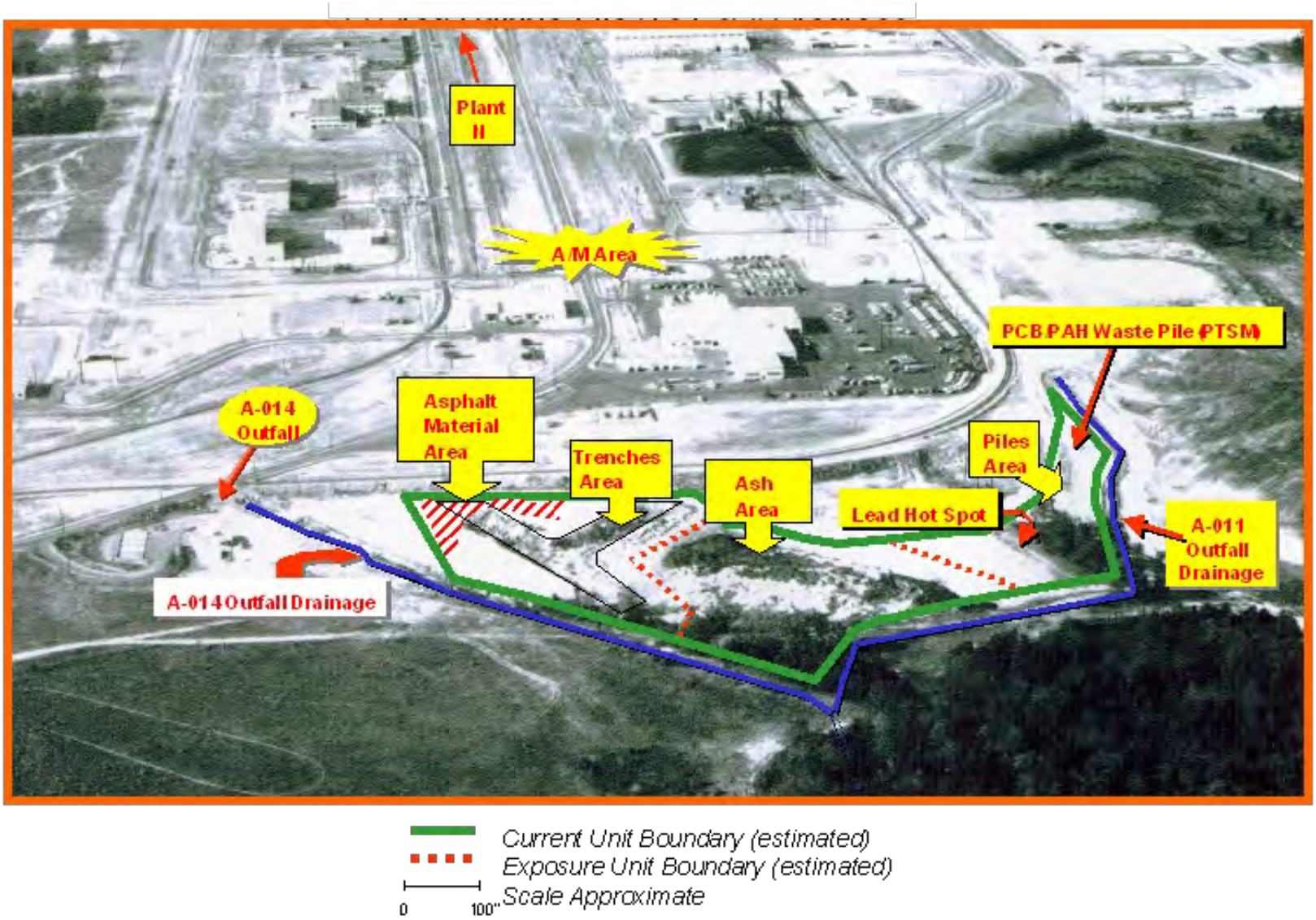



**Figure E-4. 1953 Aerial Photograph Showing AMRP OU**




**Figure E-5. Current Photographs of AMRP OU (2022)**



**Figure E-6. Current Aerial Photograph of AMRP OU (2022)**

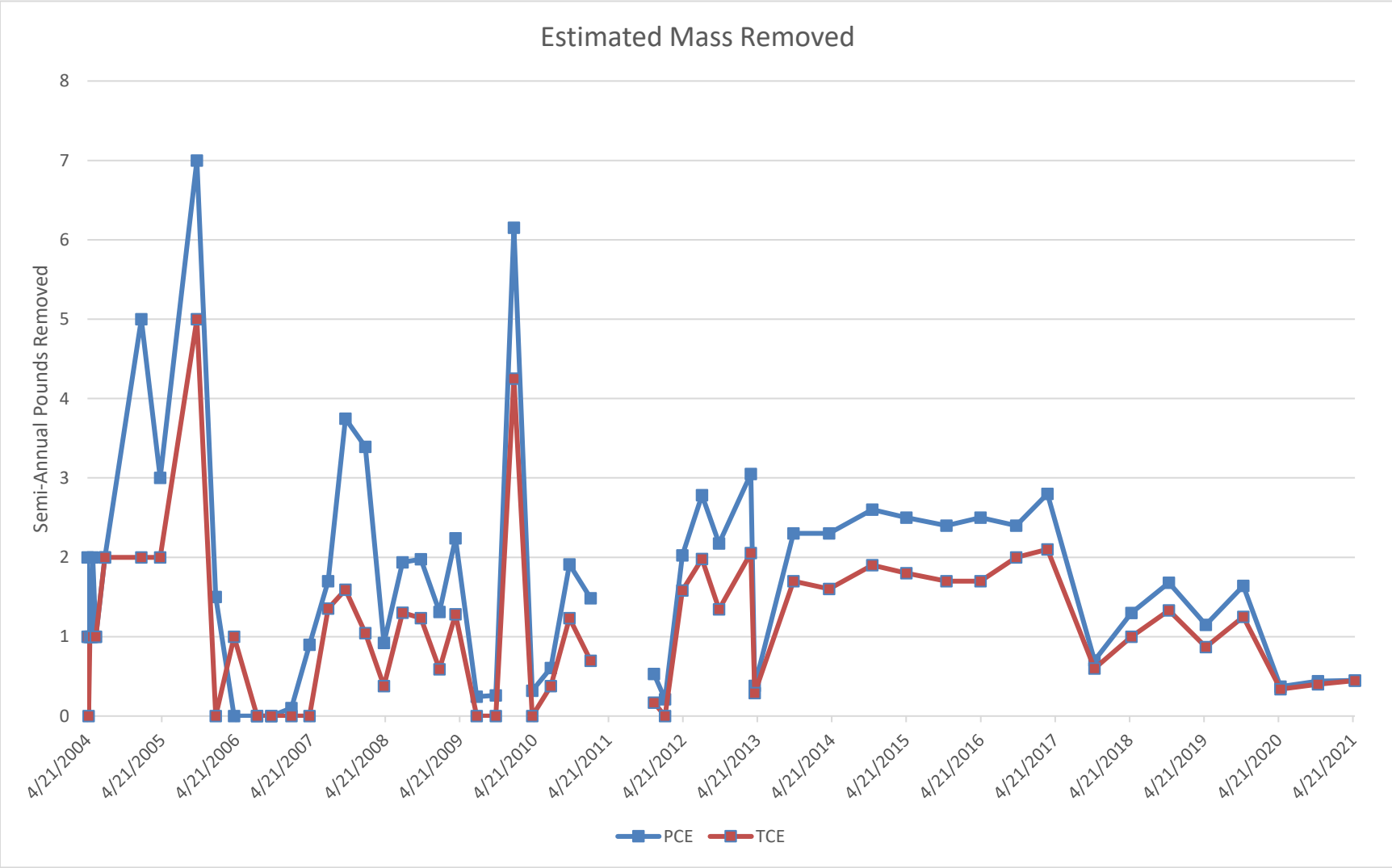



**Figure E-7. AMRP OU Performance Monitoring – Estimated Mass Removed**

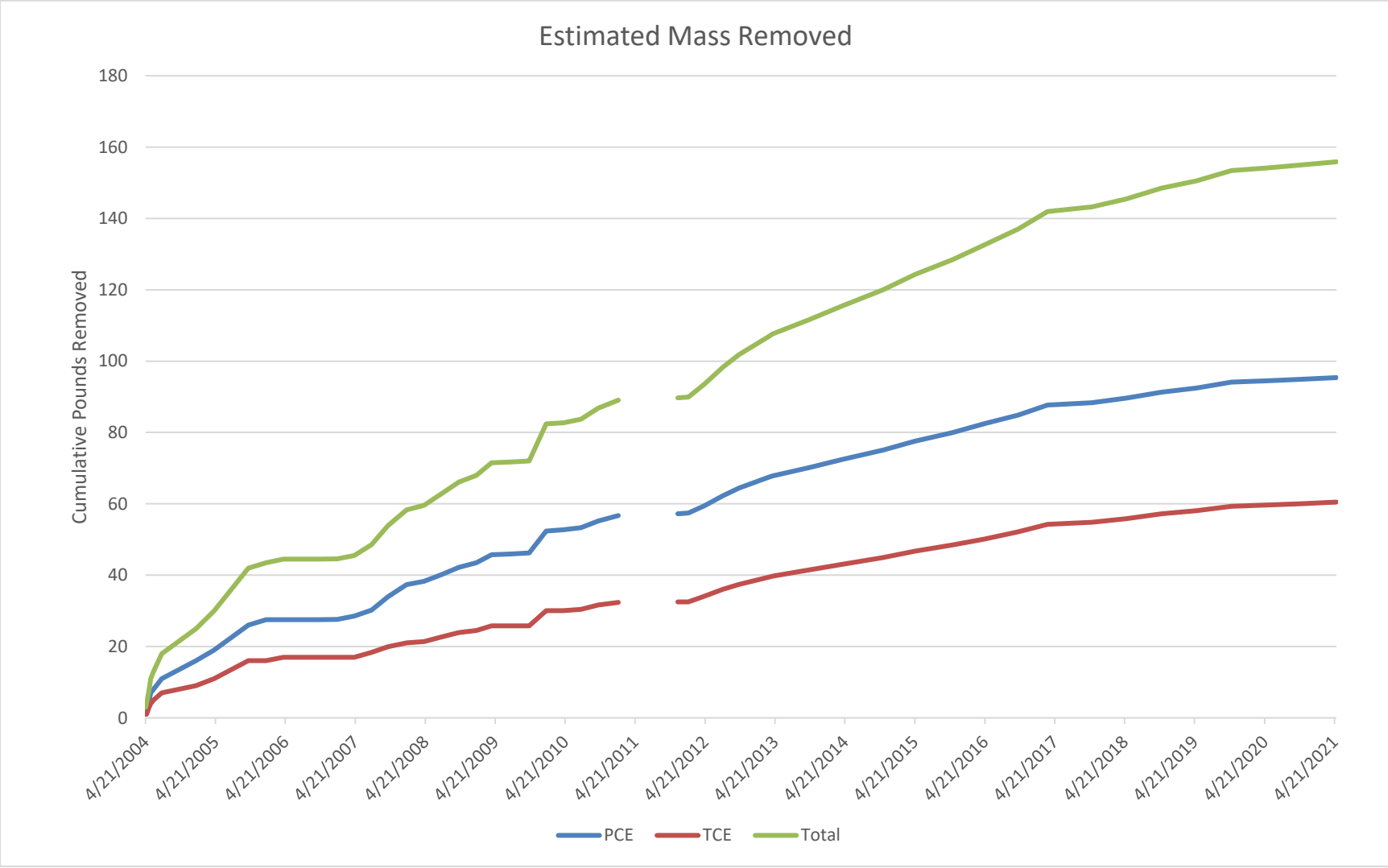



**Figure E-8. AMRP OU Performance Monitoring – Estimated Cumulative Mass Removal**

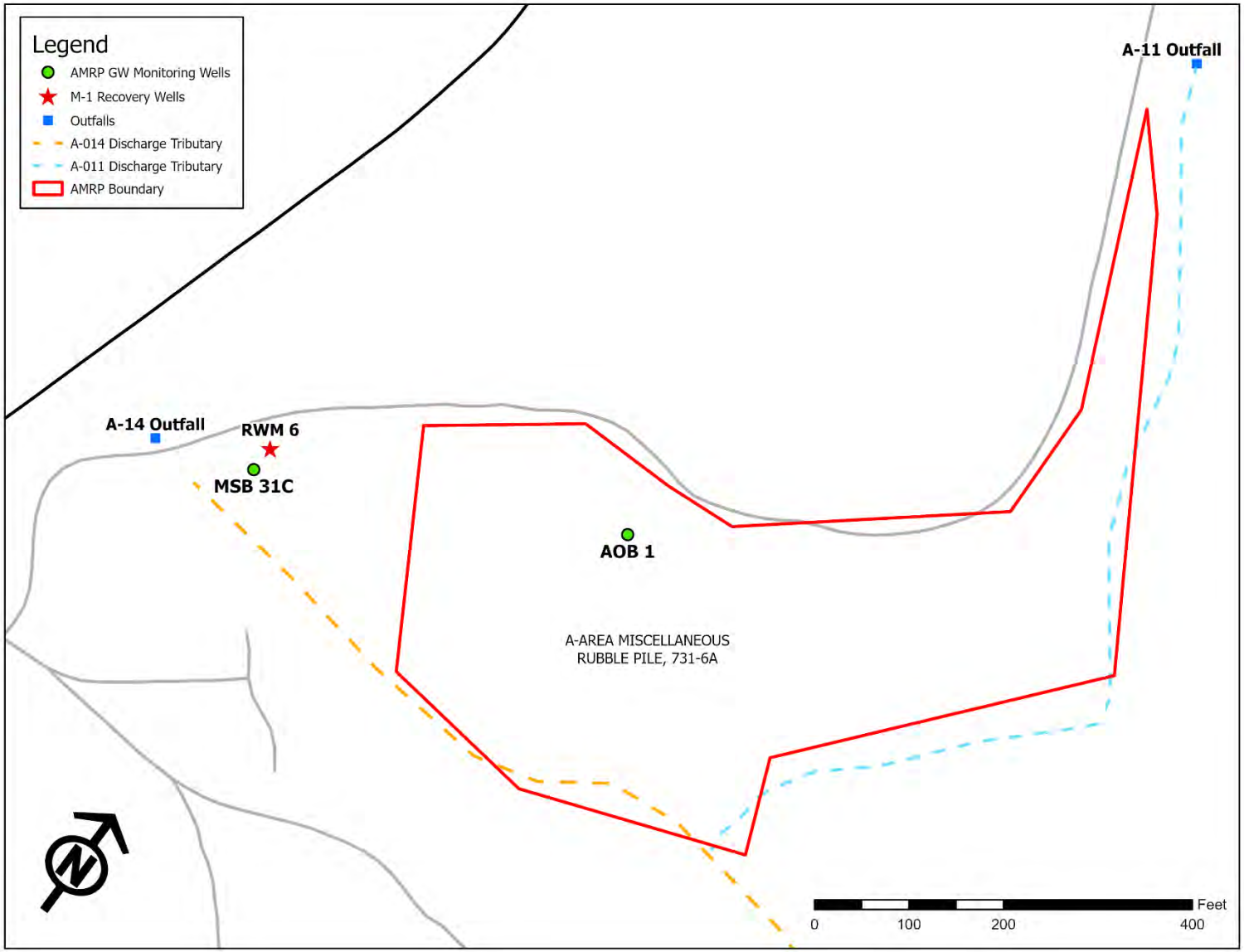



**Figure E-9. AMRP Groundwater Well Locations**

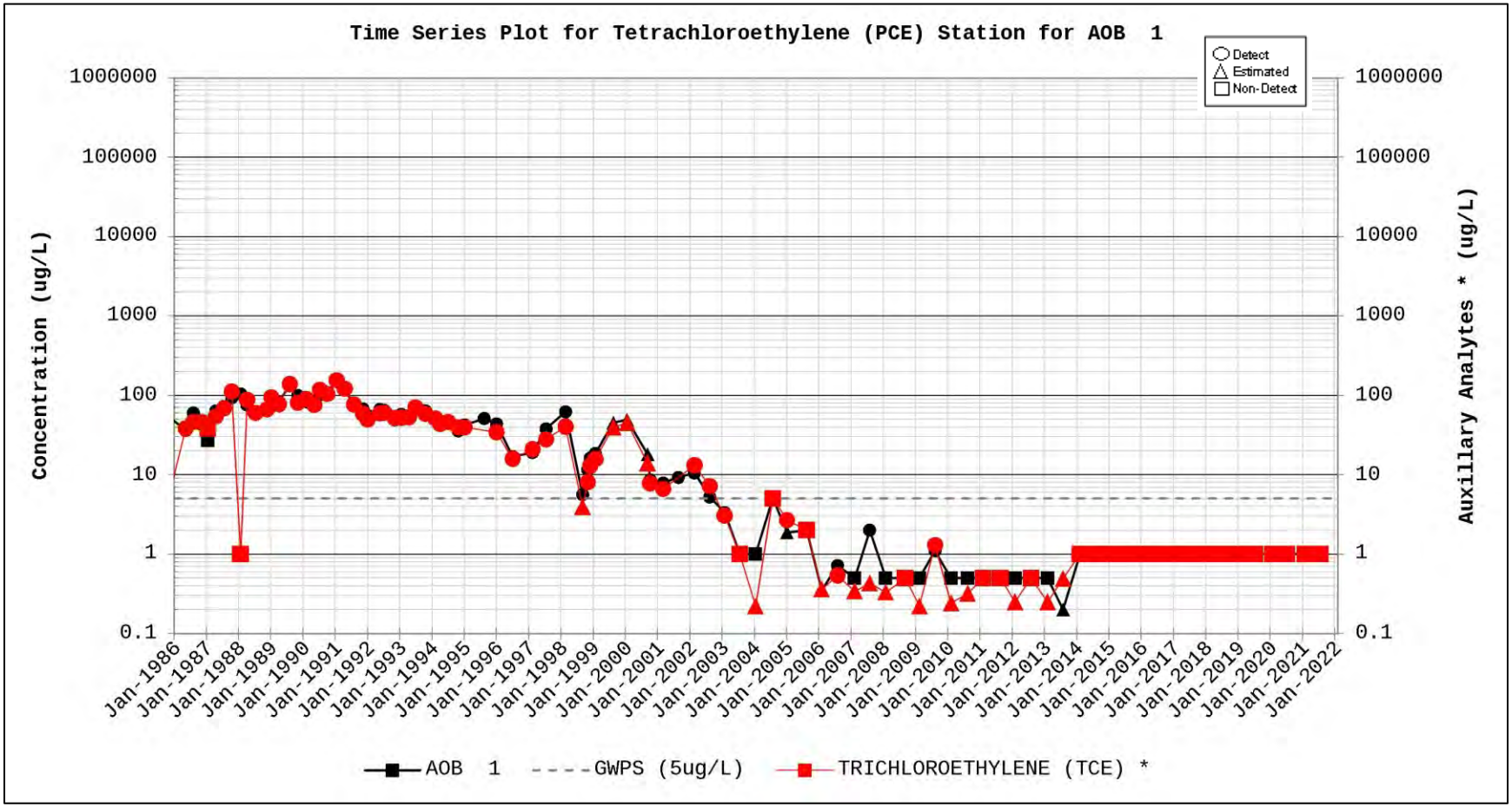



**Figure E-10. PCE and TCE Concentrations at Groundwater Monitoring Well AOB 1**

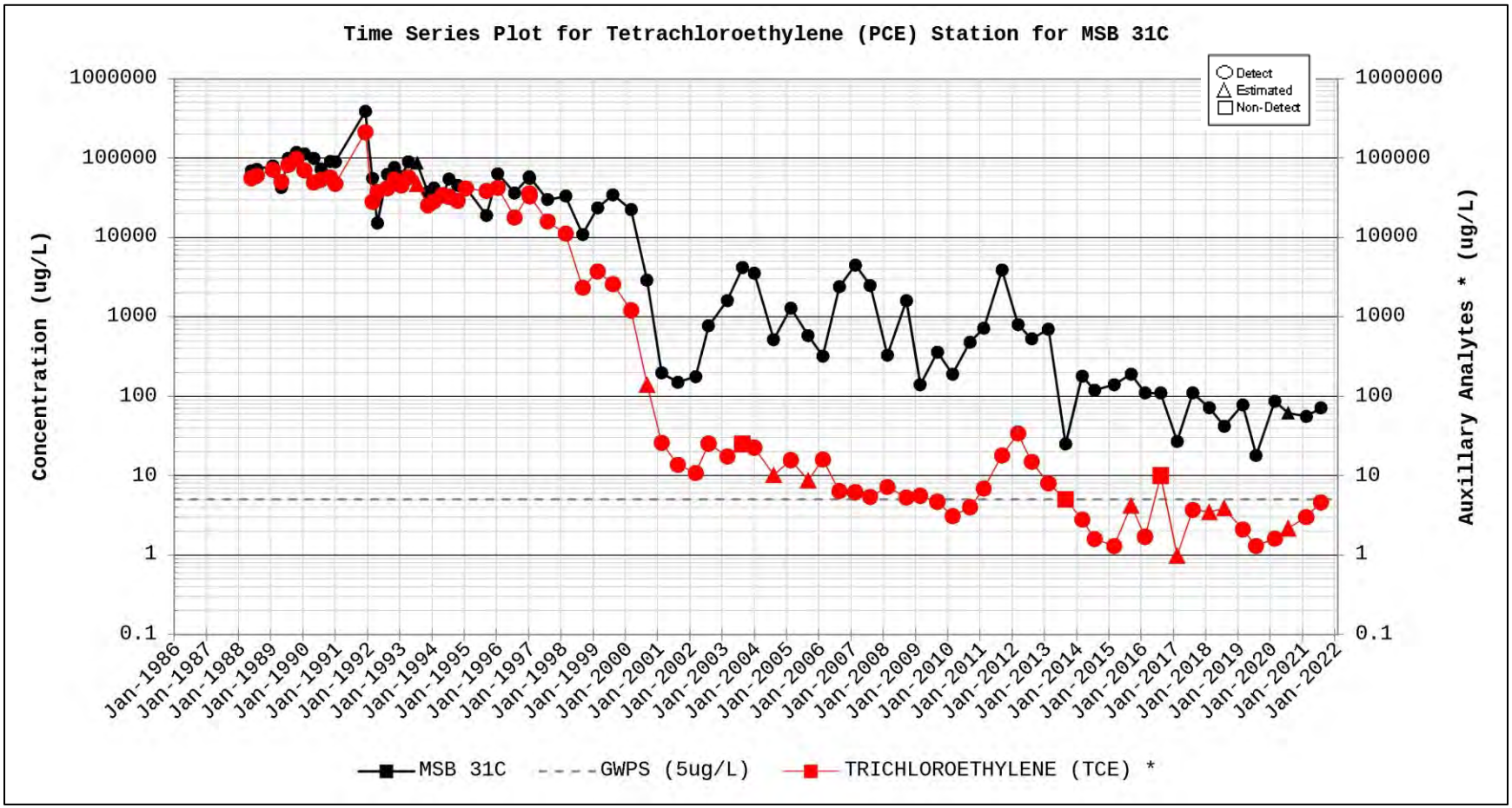



**Figure E-11. PCE and TCE Concentrations at Groundwater Monitoring Well MSB 31C**

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**Table E-1. Chronology of OU Events**

| Event | Date |
|---|---|
| RFI/RI Field Start | November 10, 1997 |
| Record of Decision (ROD) issuance | August 11, 2003 |
| Remedial Action Construction Start / Complete | September 8, 2003/ June 30, 2004 |
| Remedial Action Operations Start | April 26, 2004 |
| Previous Five-Year Reviews Issuance | January 29, 2009 / February 4, 2014 / December 5, 2018 |

**Table E-2. Remedial Goals for OU Soil under Industrial Land Use**

| Subunit | Refined COCs | Type of COC | | | RG (mg/kg) | Basis |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | ARAR | HH | CM | | |
| **Piles Area** | Arsenic | | X | | 4.4 | 2X average background |
| | Lead | | X | | 400 | USEPA TBC criteria |
| | Aroclor1254 | X | | | 1 | TSCA action level |
| | Benzo[a]pyrene | | X | | 0.052 | 1E-06 risk level* |
| **Ash Area** | Arsenic | | X | | 4.4 | 2X average background |
| **Trenches Area** | Benzo[a]anthracene | | X | | 2.56 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Benzo[a]pyrene | | X | | 0.256 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Benzo[b]fluoranthene | | X | | 2.56 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene | | X | | 0.256 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Trichloroethylene (TCE) | | | X | 0.0877 | CM soil clean up level |
| | Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) | | | X | 0.656 | CM soil clean up level |

ARAR – Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements
CM – contaminant migration
COC – constituent of concern
HH – human health
RG – remedial goal
TBC – to be considered
TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act, 1976
*The 1E-06 risk level is based on a resident, consistent with unrestricted use in the Piles Area

**Table E-3. Actual versus Estimated O&M Costs**

| | FY2018 | FY2019 | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022 | Five-Year Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Actual O&M Costs ($) | 61,172 | 43,619 | 71,985 | 73,176 | 24,904 | 274,856 |
| Total ROD Estimated Direct O&M Costs ($) | 33,200 | 33,200 | 33,200 | 33,200 | 83,200 | 216,000 |

## Attachment E-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit

| I. SITE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Site Name:** | **A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit** | **Date of Inspection:** | **07/13/22** |
| **Location and Region** | **SRS, USEPA Region 4** | **EPA ID:** | **SEMS #30** |
| **Agency, Office, or Company leading the Five-Year Review** | **USDOE** | **Weather/ Temperature** | **93°F and Partly Cloudy** |

**Remedy Includes:** *(Click all that apply)*

- ☒ Landfill Cover / Containment
- ☒ Access Controls
- ☒ Institutional Controls
- ☐ Groundwater Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Surface Water Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Monitored Natural Attenuation
- ☐ Groundwater Containment
- ☐ Vertical Barriers
- ☒ Other Excavation, Soil Vapor Extraction

**Attachments:** ☐ Inspection team roster attached ☐ Inspection team roster attached

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)*

1. **O&M Site Manager:** Brian Hanshew (Name) Post Closure Manager (Title) 08/30/22 (Date)

   **Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4949

   **Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

2. **O & M Staff** Phil Carter (Name) EC&ACP Post-Closure Waste Site Inspector/Maintenance Coord. (Title) 08/30/22 (Date)

   Interviewed: ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No. 803-952-4145

   Problems, suggestions: ☐ Report Attached

## Attachment E-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)(Continued)*

**2. Local Regulatory Authorities and Response Agencies** (i.e., State and tribal offices, emergency response office, police department, office of public health or environmental health, zoning office, recorder of deeds or other city and county offices, etc.). Fill in all that apply.

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

_____

3. **Other Interviews** *(Optional):* ☐ Report Attached _____

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_____

_____

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Documents:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ O&M Manual | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ As-Built Drawings | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Maintenance Logs | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |

Remarks: See *Waste Unit Inspection and Maintenance*, ER-SOP-019 and *Field Inspection Checklist for A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile OU*, ER-IDS-019-029

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## Attachment E-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED *(Continued)***

**2. Health and Safety Plans (HASPs):**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Site-Specific Health and Safety Plans | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Contingency Plan/Emergency Response Plan | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: Routine O&M activities do not require a site-specific health and safety plan (SSHASP) under 29 CFR 1910.120, HAZWOPER. An SSHASP is prepared if needed.

**3. O&M and OSHA Training Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Training Records are complete and up to date per EC&ACP training matrix

**4. Permits and Service Agreements:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air Discharge Permit | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Effluent Discharge | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Waste Disposal; POTW | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Other Permits | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**5. Gas Generation Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**6. Settlement Monument Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**7. Groundwater Monitoring Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**8. Leachate Extraction Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**9. Discharge Compliance Records:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Water (Effluent) | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**10. Daily Access/Security Logs:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment E-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit *(continued)*

### IV. O&M COSTS

**1. O&M Organization:**

☐ State In-House ☐ Contractor for State
☐ PRP In-House ☐ Contractor for PRP
☒ Other: SRS

**2. O&M Cost Records:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☐ Funding mechanism/agreement in place
☒ Other: Project cost data is summarized in Section IV of this OU-specific review

**Total annual cost by year for review period, if available**

From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

**3. Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period**

Describe costs and reasons: _____

### V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Fencing**

**1. Fencing Damage:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Gates secured ☒ N/A

Remarks: OU-specific fencing is not required by the remedial action.

**B. Signs**

**1. Signs and Other Security Measures:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A

Remarks: Signs are in good condition.

## Attachment E-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS *(Continued)***

**C. Institutional Controls**

**1. Implementation and Enforcement**

Site conditions imply ICs are not properly implemented: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Site conditions imply ICs are not being fully enforced: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive-by, etc.) Walkdown

Frequency: Once in 5 years

Responsible Party/Agent: USDOE Savannah River Field Office

Contact: Karen Adams (Name) | Federal Project Director (Title) | 12/06/2022 (Date) | 803-952-7871 (Phone No.)

Reporting is up-to-date: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Reports are verified by the lead agency: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Specific requirements in deed or decision documents have been met: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Violations have been reported: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Problems/Suggestions: ☐ Report Attached

**2. Adequacy:** ☒ ICs are adequate ☐ ICs are inadequate ☐ N/A

Remarks: Survey markers were located and are in good condition.

**D. General**

**1. Vandalism/Trespassing:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No vandalism is evident

Remarks:

**2. Land use changes onsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**3. Land use changes offsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment E-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS**

**A. Roads** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Roads damaged:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Roads adequate ☐ N/A

Remarks: _____

**B. Other Site Conditions**

Remarks: Annual site inspections identified the presence of ant mounds, small depression on the soil cover, trees, and brush that needed removal/trimming, vegetation growing around signs, and evidence of hog damage to soil cover. These finding were resolved soon after discovery.

**VII. LANDFILL COVER /CONTAINMENT** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Landfill Surface**

**1. Settlement** (Low spots)**:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Settlement not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: _____

**2. Cracks:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Cracking not evident

Lengths _____ Widths _____ Depths _____

Remarks: _____

**3. Erosion:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Erosion not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: _____

**4. Holes:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Holes not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: _____

**5. Vegetative Cover:** ☒ Grass ☒ Cover properly established ☐ No signs of stress

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: Vegetative cover is mowed routinely

## Attachment E-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**VII. LANDFILL COVER/CONTAINMENT *(Continued)***

**6. Alternative Cover (armored rock, concrete, etc.):** ☒ N/A

Remarks: _____

**7. Bulges:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Bulges not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: _____

**8. Wet Areas / Water Damage:** ☒ Wet areas/water damage not evident

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ Wet areas | ☐ Location shown on site map | Areal extent _____ |
| ☐ Ponding | ☐ Location shown on site map | Areal extent _____ |
| ☐ Seeps | ☐ Location shown on site map | Areal extent _____ |
| ☐ Soft subgrade | ☐ Location shown on site map | Areal extent _____ |

Remarks: _____

**9. Slope Instability:** ☐ Slides ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No evidence of slope instability

Areal extent _____

Remarks: _____

**B. Benches** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

(Horizontally constructed mounds of earth placed across a steep landfill side slope to interrupt the slope in order to slow down the velocity of surface runoff and intercept and convey the runoff to a lined channel)

**C. Letdown Channels** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

(Channel lined with erosion control mates, riprap, grout bags, or gabions that descend down the steep side slope of the cover and will allow the runoff water collected by the benches to move off of the landfill cover without creating erosion gullies)

## Attachment E-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**VII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT *(Continued)***

**D. Cover Penetrations** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Gas Vents:** ☒ Active ☒ Passive
☒ Properly secured/locked ☒ Functioning ☒ Routinely sampled ☒ Good Condition
☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A
Remarks: SVE wells

**2. Gas Monitoring Probes:**
☒ Properly secured/locked ☒ Functioning ☒ Routinely sampled ☒ Good Condition
☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A
Remarks: Monitoring wells

**3. Monitoring Wells:**
☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good Condition
☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs maintenance ☒ N/A
Remarks:

**4. Leachate Extraction Wells:**
☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good Condition
☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs maintenance ☒ N/A
Remarks:

**5. Settlement Monuments:** ☐ Located ☐ Routinely Surveyed ☒ N/A
Remarks:

**E. Gas Collection and Treatment** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**F. Cover Drainage Layer** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**G. Detention/Sedimentation Ponds** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**H. Retaining Walls** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**I. Perimeter Ditches/Offsite Discharge** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

## Attachment E-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**VIII. VERTICAL BARRIER WALLS** ☐ **Applicable** ☒ **N/A**

**IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**X. OTHER REMEDIES**

If there are remedies applied at the site, which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction.

**A. Soil Vapor Extraction System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Blowers, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**

☒ Good Condition ☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A

Remarks: SVE system is no longer service. The MicroBlowers™ were shutdown on April 30, 2021.

**2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes and Other Appurtenances:**

☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance

Remarks:

**3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**

☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided

Remarks:

## Attachment E-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Operable Unit *(continued/end)*

### XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS

**A. Implementation of the Remedy**

Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emissions, etc.).

The remedial action for the Piles Area is removal and disposal to remove all unacceptable risk (PTSM) from small-localized hot spots of lead and PCB/PAH. The remedial action chosen for the Ash Area is institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) to protect future industrial workers and potential residents from exposure to elevated levels of arsenic. Institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) have been established for this subunit. The remedial action chosen for the Trenches Area is active SVE to permanently remove TCE and PCE from the soil and institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) and a soil cover to protect remedial workers and future industrial workers from unacceptable exposure to arsenic and PAHs (benzo[a]pyrene) in the surface soil. The active SVE system was transitioned to a passive system in June 2017 and shutdown in 2020. Annual PERs demonstrate that these actions are effective and that the remedies are functioning as designed.

**B. Adequacy of O&M**

Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.

The O&M procedures consisting of annual site inspections and site maintenance (repair of erosion damage, cover maintenance, and warning signs) and site controls (SRS Site Use and Site Clearance Programs, which restrict invasive and permanent installation activities at the OU) have been implemented. The O&M procedures are adequately maintaining the integrity of the SVE system, which in turn maintains the effectiveness of the SVE system to mitigate leaching. There are no issues requiring corrective actions.

**C. Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Failure**

Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.

N/A

**D. Opportunities for Optimization**

Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.

N/A

# C-AREA BURNING/RUBBLE PIT OPERABLE UNIT (131-C) AND OLD C-AREA BURNING/RUBBLE PIT (NBN)

## I. Introduction

This report is the fifth five-year review for the C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old Burning/Rubble Pit (No Building Number [NBN]) (CBRP) Operable Unit (OU). This review was conducted from July 2022 through November 2022. Contaminants have been left in place at the CBRP OU at levels that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedy in place at the CBRP OU is protective of human health and the environment. This report documents the results of the review.

## II. OU Chronology

Table F-1 lists the chronology of site events for the CBRP OU.

## III. Background

The CBRP OU is listed as a Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA)/ Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act unit in Appendix C of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for Savannah River Site (SRS) (FFA 1993). The media associated with this OU are soil and groundwater.

The scope of the CBRP OU remedial action includes seven subunits: CBRP disposal pit (surface and subsurface soil), vadose zone (soil beneath CBRP), Old CBRP (surface and subsurface soil), the Mounded Area north of CBRP, concrete drainage ditch south of CBRP (adjacent surface soil), groundwater plume, and surface water.

### Physical Characteristics

The CBRP OU comprises approximately 53 hectares (130 acres) including all groundwater contaminated above maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). Figure F-1 shows the location of the CBRP OU at SRS. Figures F-2 and F-3 presents the CBRP OU boundary and monitoring stations.

A description of the CBRP OU subunits is as follows:

- CBRP was a shallow, unlined excavation, approximately 7.5 m (25 ft) wide by 105 m (350 ft) long with depths ranging between 2.4 to 3.6 m (8 to12 ft). It had a volume of approximately 2,477 $m^3$ (3,240 $yd^3$).
- Old CBRP was constructed in 1951 for use as a burning pit. Aerial photographs indicated that Old CBRP was located approximately 50 m (165 ft) northeast of the CBRP. The Old CBRP was replaced by CBRP in the early 1960s. No surface expression of the old CBRP OU remains.
- The Mounded Area is located directly north of CBRP and is approximately 9 m (30 ft) high. This man-made mound contains rubble from the construction of the C-Reactor Building (105-C). It is covered with soil from the excavation of the C-Reactor Retention Basin (904-89G), which included 70% of the Old CBRP.
- The concrete drainage ditch south of CBRP (adjacent surface soil) may have carried overflow water from the CBRP OU, which is located south of the Pit Area. It is not known whether overflow water from the pit ever actually entered the drainage ditch.
- The surface water in Fourmile Branch and Twin Lakes receives contaminated groundwater from the CBRP. CBRP is a source of volatile organic compound (VOC) groundwater contamination, primarily trichloroethylene (TCE). The plume extends to a section of Fourmile Branch and the entire reach of the unnamed tributary in the Twin Lakes area, where contaminated groundwater seeps into the stream.
- Past activities associated with C-Reactor operations have resulted in groundwater contamination beneath CBRP OU. The groundwater plume extends from CBRP to the surface waters of Twin Lakes and Fourmile Branch. During operations at CBRP, TCE and tetrachloroethylene (PCE) were released to the environment, resulting in a groundwater contamination plume beneath CBRP OU. Past activities associated with C-Reactor operations have resulted in tritium contamination beneath the CBRP OU. The tritium contamination is being addressed as part of the C-Area Groundwater OU.

### Land and Resource Use

According to the *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report* (USDOE 1996), residential uses of the SRS land should be prohibited. The *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site* (WSRC 1999) designates CBRP OU as being within the site industrial support area. The future land use for CBRP OU is reasonably anticipated to remain industrial with the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) maintaining control of the land.

### History of Contamination

The CBRP disposal pit began operation during the early to mid-1960s to replace the Old CBRP. During operation, the CBRP disposal pit served as a repository for organic materials of unknown use and origin, which included scrap lumber, rubber drive belts, waste oils, organic solvents, paper, and plastics. Disposal records, including composition, origin, and use of materials disposed, were not kept for this unit during its period of operation. The collected materials were burned periodically to reduce the overall waste volume. SRS suspended burning of waste in open pits in October 1973. At this time, the pit contents were covered with a thin layer of soil. The pit was then used for the disposal of inert rubble. Rubble pit operations were terminated prior to 1981 and SRS backfilled CBRP with approximately 0.6 m (2 ft) of native soil to grade level. Figures F-4 and F-5 present photographs of the CBRP OU before remediation and currently (2017).

The VOC groundwater plume originated beneath the west end of CBRP and migrated west toward Twin Lakes and Fourmile Branch. TCE is the principal VOC in the groundwater. PCE, cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene (cDCE), 1,1-Dichloroethylene (DCE) and vinyl chloride (VC) also exceeded MCLs. Contaminant levels in groundwater emerging along Twin Lakes and Fourmile Branch seeplines exceeded MCLs during the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI)/Remedial Investigation (RI).

**Initial Response**

An Interim Record of Decision (IROD) was issued for the CBRP OU (131-C) in 1999 (WSRC 1998) to minimize the impact of the CBRP on the Fourmile Branch watershed. The interim action was principally designed to control the migration of high concentration of VOCs in the saturated zone. The interim remedial action objectives (RAOs) are as follows:

- Prevent direct contact with the contaminants of concern (COC) contaminated soils and reduce infiltration to minimize further migration of contaminant migration COCs to the groundwater from soils within and beneath the CBRP; and

- Treat the area in the vicinity of the pit, within the 25,000 µg/L VOC isoconcentration contour within the groundwater, with an objective to reduce concentrations and control the migration of VOCs within the 25,000 µg/L VOC contour.

The interim remedial action included the following activities (WSRC 2001):

- Placement of a 0.24-hectares (0.6-acres) cover system over the CBRP disposal pit consisting of 0.9-m (3-ft) thick, 1E-05 cm/s low permeability soil layer covered by 0.15 m (0.5-ft) thick topsoil/vegetative layer to provide a barrier to human and ecological receptors and to reduce infiltration though the waste.

- Installation and operation of an active soil vapor extraction (SVE) system, consisting of 43 SVE wells, which operated from September 1999 to 2004 to treat the vadose zone. The system removed more than 953 kg (2,100 lbs) of VOCs and subsequently, reduced groundwater concentrations from greater than 130,000 µg/L to approximately 100 µg/L at well CRP-27DU located adjacent to the source zone.

- Installation and operation of an air sparging (AS) network consisting of 17 AS wells, which operated from June 2000 to August 2002 to strip VOCs from the local groundwater. The AS network contributed to the reduction of groundwater TCE concentrations below CBRP until the water table dropped below the well screens due to drought conditions during 2002.

### Basis for Taking Action

Releases of VOCs (predominantly TCE and PCE) have occurred into the environment at CBRP OU resulting in a groundwater plume with contaminant concentrations above MCLs. Contaminant levels in groundwater emerging along the Twin Lakes and Fourmile Branch seeplines exceeded MCLs during the RFI/RI investigation. Dioxins, in the form of 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-Heptachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (HpCDD), were found in the surface soils of the CBRP disposal pit as a result of burning activities. In addition, a TCE source was found in vadose zone soils between 7.5 and 9 m (25 and 30 ft) below ground surface at the west end of the CBRP disposal pit. The refined contaminants of concern (RCOCs) and remedial goals (RGs) for the CBRP disposal pit, groundwater, and surface water (Twin Lakes and Fourmile Branch) are listed in Table F-2. A remedial action was needed at this OU because dioxins in soil at the CBRP Disposal Pit may pose an unacceptable risk to future residents and ecological receptors. In addition, VOCs in groundwater and surface water above MCLs may pose an unacceptable risk to future residents.

The RFI/RI Report with Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA) for CBRP (WSRC 2002) did not identify any RCOCs for the Old CBRP, the mounded area or the concrete drainage ditch. No Action was the selected remedy for these three subunits.

## IV. Remedial Actions

### Remedy Selection

- As stated in the CBRP OU ROD (WSRC 2008), the final RAOs are as follows:
- Disposal Pit Surface Soil
    - Prevent exposure of ecological receptors to HpCDD in the pit surface soils
- Vadose Zone Beneath the CBRP
    - Prevent migration of TCE vapor from vadose zone soils to groundwater at levels that will exceed the MCL. The RAO for TCE has been attained due to the interim action soil cover, SVE system, and AS system.
- Groundwater Plume

- Treat and/or mitigate groundwater contaminated above MCLs;
- Prevent human exposure to groundwater contaminated with VOCs (i.e., TCE and PCE) above MCLs (5 µg/L);
- Reduce the concentration of VOCs (i.e., TCE and PCE) in the groundwater to levels at or below their MCLs, and attenuate the groundwater plume to the extent practicable; and
- Prevent discharge of contaminated groundwater to surface water resulting in concentrations exceeding their MCLs.

- Surface Water
  - Reduce the levels for TCE, DCE, and VC in surface water at or below MCLs
- Natural attenuation parameters were evaluated using three existing surface water stations and 26 monitored natural attenuation (MNA) wells that were installed between September 2000 and March 2001.

Based on Effectiveness Monitoring Reports (EMRs), the Core Team agreed in September 2004 that the interim remedial action had achieved the remedial goals. In December 2004, the SVE/AS systems were shut down, and replaced with an active solar-powered MicroBlower™ system in order to continue residual vapor extraction.

All RAOs have not been met, but as TCE concentrations continue to decline, it is anticipated that RAOs will be met by SVE, MNA, low permeability soil cover system and land use controls (LUCs) (SRNS 2009b). The CBRP OU includes the following LUC objectives:

- Restrict on-site worker access and prevent unauthorized contact, removal, or excavation of contaminated media (i.e., surface and vadose zone soils);
- Maintain the integrity of any current or future remediation or monitoring systems (i.e., soil cover, SVE systems, and groundwater monitoring wells);
- Prevent access to or use of groundwater and surface water until RGs are attained;

- Prohibit the development and use of property for residential housing, elementary schools, childcare facilities, and playgrounds; and
- Prevent construction of inhabitable buildings without an evaluation of indoor air quality to address vapor intrusion.

**Remedy Implementation**

The selected final remedy for the CBRP OU is a combination of the preferred alternatives for each of the subunits that provide the greatest level of protection to human and ecological receptors. As part of the Declaration for the issued Record of Decision (ROD), the interim actions for the soil cover cap, the active soil vapor extraction and the air sparging were accepted as a final remedial action. The final remedy documented in the ROD (WSRC 2008) includes the following:

- Continued maintenance of the installed 0.24 hectares (0.6-acre), 1E-05 cm/s soil cover system installed during the interim remedial action;
- Continued operation of the four active MicroBlower™ SVE wells installed during the interim remedial action;
- Installation of a groundwater monitoring network to support MNA consisting of eighteen monitoring wells, twelve MNA monitoring wells, and five surface water stations;
- Abandonment of the no longer needed SVE and AS wells from the interim remedial action in accordance with SRS procedures and R.61-71, South Carolina Well Standards. Three AS wells were not abandoned due to their geologically significant location relative to plume geometry and the waste unit; and
- Expanded LUCs to 57.1 hectares (141.2 acres) to include the groundwater plume area (Figure F-8) consisting of general site access controls, groundwater use restrictions, the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance program, and deed restrictions and notifications.

**System Operations/Operations and Maintenance**

The following system operations are ongoing:

- Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of the MicroBlower™ SVE system will continue until the vadose zone source is no longer a threat to increase groundwater contamination levels above MCLs(Figure F-5).

The following maintenance activities are ongoing:

- Annual sampling of the wells and surface water stations. Sampling will continue until MCLs have been attained, the MNA has achieved its RAOs and the remedial action is complete. In 2011, an agreement was reached to decrease reporting to biennially. The MNA remedy will be evaluated biennially based on groundwater monitoring data as defined in the approved Corrective Measures Implementation/Remedial Action Implementation Plan for the CBRP OU (WSRC 2009a). The MNA remedy is expected to reduce groundwater concentrations to below MCLs within a reasonable timeframe (70 years).
- Annual site inspections and site maintenance (repair of erosion damage, cover system [Figure F-6] maintenance, and warning signs [Figure F-7]).
- Site controls and land use restrictions via the SRS Site Use and Site Clearance Programs, which restrict invasive and permanent installation activities at the CBRP OU.

Table F-3 compares the actual O&M costs for the five-year remedy review period to the estimated direct O&M costs from the ROD (WSRC 2008). The estimated cost for fiscal year (FY) 2018 to FY2022 is $162,000 for the SVE systems, soil cover, institutional controls (i.e., LUCs), and five-year remedy reviews. The actual O&M cost for FY2018 to FY2022 is $549,995. The O&M costs from FY2018 to FY2022 are higher than estimated due to the increased cost associated with MNA monitoring and reporting.

## V. Progress since Last Review

The previous protectiveness statement concluded that the remedial actions at the CBRP OU are expected to be protective of human health and the environment. Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being addressed through the low permeability soil cover system with low-energy SVE, MNA, and institutional controls (i.e., LUCs).

There were no recommendations or follow-up actions from the last five-year review.

## VI. Five-Year Review Process

The following tasks were performed as part of the review:

- Reviewed documents listed in Section XII. References
- Reviewed the groundwater monitoring data (Table F-4);
- Confirmed implementation of the remedial action;
- Inspected the OU, interviewed maintenance personnel, and documented the results on the Inspection Checklist provided in Attachment F-1, with the purpose of assessing the protectiveness of the remedy and the functionality of the access controls; and
- Reviewed changes in standards and to-be-considered guidance.

***Data Review***

The Interim Action for the CBRP OU s started in January 1999 and included a soil cover cap over the disposal pit, installation of an SVE system and installation of an air sparging system. The final ROD issued in July 2008 suspended the air sparge system, but continued the SVE system (MicroBlowers$^{TM}$ only), inspections of the soil cover, and added MNA for the groundwater plume. The last five years of available data (SRNS 2017, SRNS 2019, SRNS 2021) show the MicroBlowers$^{TM}$ system has removed an annual average of approximately 14.1 kg/yr (31.2 lbs/yr) of TCE, which exceeds the minimal recovery rate necessary to prevent migration of TCE to the groundwater (0.8 kg/yr [1.8 lbs/yr])

(Figure F-9). The MNA wells and surface water sampling show decreasing contaminants over time except for two wells (CRW 10C and CRW010CU), and CRW010CU displays concentrations exceeding the TCE trigger level. TCE degradation products (i.e., cDCE, VC and ethylene) are observed in monitoring wells and are proof of a MNA degradation scheme, especially in the wetlands of Twin Lakes.

***Summary of Inspections and Interviews***

Interviews were conducted with Phil Carter, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Project (EC&ACP) Post-Closure Lead, and Brian Hanshew, SRNS EC&ACP Post-Closure Lead, on August 30, 2022 at the O&M organization offices. No issues were identified as an outcome of these interviews.

The CBRP OU was inspected by SRNS on July 13, 2022. No issues were identified during this inspection.

A site inspection was conducted by SRNS EC&ACP and USDOE personnel on December 6, 2022. No issues were identified during this inspection.

A site inspection will be conducted by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control personnel, accompanied by USDOE and SRNS personnel, prior to submittal of the Revision 1 of this document. No significant problems regarding the protection of the remedy for this OU as implemented are expected to be identified during the inspection.

Scheduled annual site inspections conducted from FY2018 through FY2022 identified the presence of ant mounds, signs of hog damage on the cap, vegetation needing removal, and a sign in need of replacement. These findings were documented on the field inspection checklist and resolved soon after discovery. The inspections conducted during this remedy review cycle are listed in Section XII.

## VII. Technical Assessment

### Is the Remedy Functioning as Intended by the Decision Document?

The remedy is functioning as intended as demonstrated below:

- The cover system is effective in preventing ecological exposure to HpCDD in the pit surface soils and human exposure to TCE and PCE in the groundwater. The cover system maintenance program and LUCs have been effective in maintaining the integrity of the cover system. The annual inspection reports indicate no significant deficiencies.
- The MicroBlower™ system and cover system have been effective in preventing the migration of VOCs to the groundwater and surface water above MCLs. The MicroBlower™ system has recovered more than the 0.82 kg/yr (1.8 lbs/yr) minimum extraction rate needed to control the TCE source. Both groundwater and surface water monitoring data indicate a decreasing trend of TCE concentration over time (Table F-4).
- The MNA program and monitoring well network provides sufficient data to assess the progress of natural attenuation within the groundwater as evidenced by the decreasing concentrations of TCE and PCE in the groundwater (Table F-4). The surface water sampling locations provide sufficient data to monitor groundwater outcropping to Fourmile Branch and Twin Lakes and report trend data below MCLs. The LUCs are sufficient to prevent human exposure to groundwater contaminated with VOCs above MCLs.

The above remedial activities are meeting the RGs established for the CBRP OU, by eliminating or controlling all routes of exposure to human health and ecological receptors.

The Land Use Control Implementation Plan for CBRP OU governs LUC implementation, maintenance, monitoring, reporting, and enforcement (WSRC 2009b). The LUCs that are in place include physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), use restrictions to prevent unauthorized contact, removal or

excavation of contaminated soils, restrictions to prevent unauthorized access to or use of groundwater until cleanup levels are met, and restrictions to prevent disturbance of the CBRP Disposal Pit soil cover system. Warning signs are in good condition, and no activities were observed that would have violated the LUCs. All LUC objectives are being met.

**Are Exposure Assumptions, Toxicity Data, Cleanup Levels, and Remedial Action Objectives still valid?**

The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and RAOs used at the time of final remedy selection are still valid. There have been no changes in the physical conditions at the CBRP OU that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

The USEPA standards and toxicity values have been updated since the last five-year remedy review as shown in Appendix B. The changes to the values for COCs at the CBRP OU were not significant, and the RAOs continue to be met by the remedial action. No new standards or to-be-considered guidance have been identified that call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

Fact sheets provided on the USEPA webpage (https://www.epa.gov/fedfac/emerging-contaminants-and-federal-facility-contaminants-concern) regarding emerging contaminants were reviewed for applicability to this site. This webpage provides a link to specific fact sheets for each of the following contaminants: 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), 1,4-dioxane, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT), hexahydro-1,3,5-tri-nitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), nanomaterials, N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA), perchlorate, perflurorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and tungsten. None of the listed emerging contaminants were identified as applicable to this OU.

**Has any Other Information Come to Light that Could Call into Question the Protectiveness of the Remedy?**

No new information has come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

## VIII. Issues

There are no issues related to current site conditions or activities that currently prevent the remedy for CBRP OU from being protective.

## IX. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions

There are no recommendations or follow-up actions for CBRP OU.

## X. Protectiveness Statement(s)

The remedy at CBRP OU is protective of human health and the environment.

Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) to prevent exposure to or ingestion of contaminated groundwater and soil media. Contamination at the CBRP OU is being addressed through implementation of the soil cover, physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the CBRP OU for industrial use only, and warning signs and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program.

## XI. Next Review

Table A-1, the next five-year review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment is scheduled for January 2029.

## XII. Documents Reviewed

FFA, 1993. *Federal Facility Agreement for the Savannah River Site,* Administrative Docket No. 89-05-FF (Effective Date: August 16, 1993)

SRNS, 2017. *Biennial Effectiveness Monitoring Report (EMR) for Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) at the C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) Operable Unit (U), January 2015 through December 2016*, SEMS Number: 31, SRNS-RP-2017-00229, Revision 0, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2019. *Biennial Effectiveness Monitoring Report (EMR) for Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) at the C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) Operable Unit (U), January 2017 through December 2018*, SEMS Number: 31, SRNS-RP-2019-00327, Revision 0, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2021. *Biennial Effectiveness Monitoring Report (EMR) for Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) at the C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) Operable Unit (U), January 2019 through December 2020*, SEMS Number: 31, SRNS-RP-2021-03749, Revision 0, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

USDOE, 1996. *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report*, U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 1998. *Interim Record of Decision for the C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit Operable Unit (131-C) (U)*, WSRC-RP-98-4039, Revision 0, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 1999. *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site*, WSRC-RP-98-4125, Revision 1.1, latest update, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2001. *Post-Construction Report (PCR) for the C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C)(U)*, WSRC-RP-2000-4094, Revision 1, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2002. *RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation Report with Baseline Risk Assessment for the C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-C) (U)*, WSRC-RP-96-170, Revision 1.4, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2008. *Record of Decision for Remedial Alternative Selection for the C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit Operable Unit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) (U)*, WSRC-RP-2007-4082, Revision 1, Washington Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2009a. *Corrective Measures Implementation/Remedial Action Implementation Plan for the C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit Operable Unit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) (U)*, WSRC-RP-2008-4051, Revision 1, Washington Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2009b. *Land Use Control Implementation Plan for the C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit Operable Unit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) (U)*, WSRC-RP-2008-4050, Revision 1.1, Washington Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

Various - *Inspection Data Sheets – Field Inspection Checklist C-Area Burning Rubble Pit (131-C) (U)*, ER-IDS-019-016, Inspection period 2018 through 2022 (annually)

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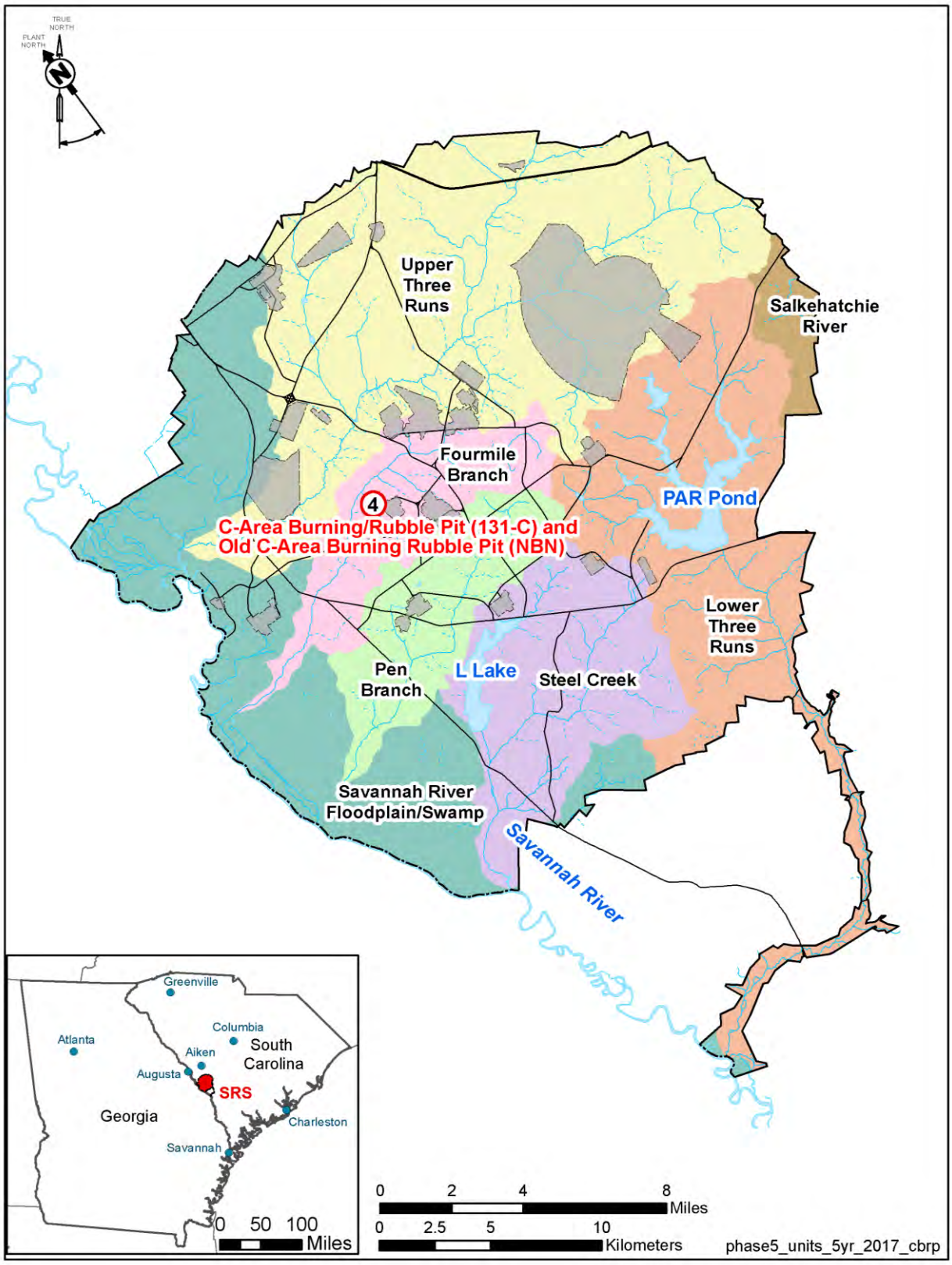



**Figure F-1. Location of C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit Operable Unit (131-C) at SRS**

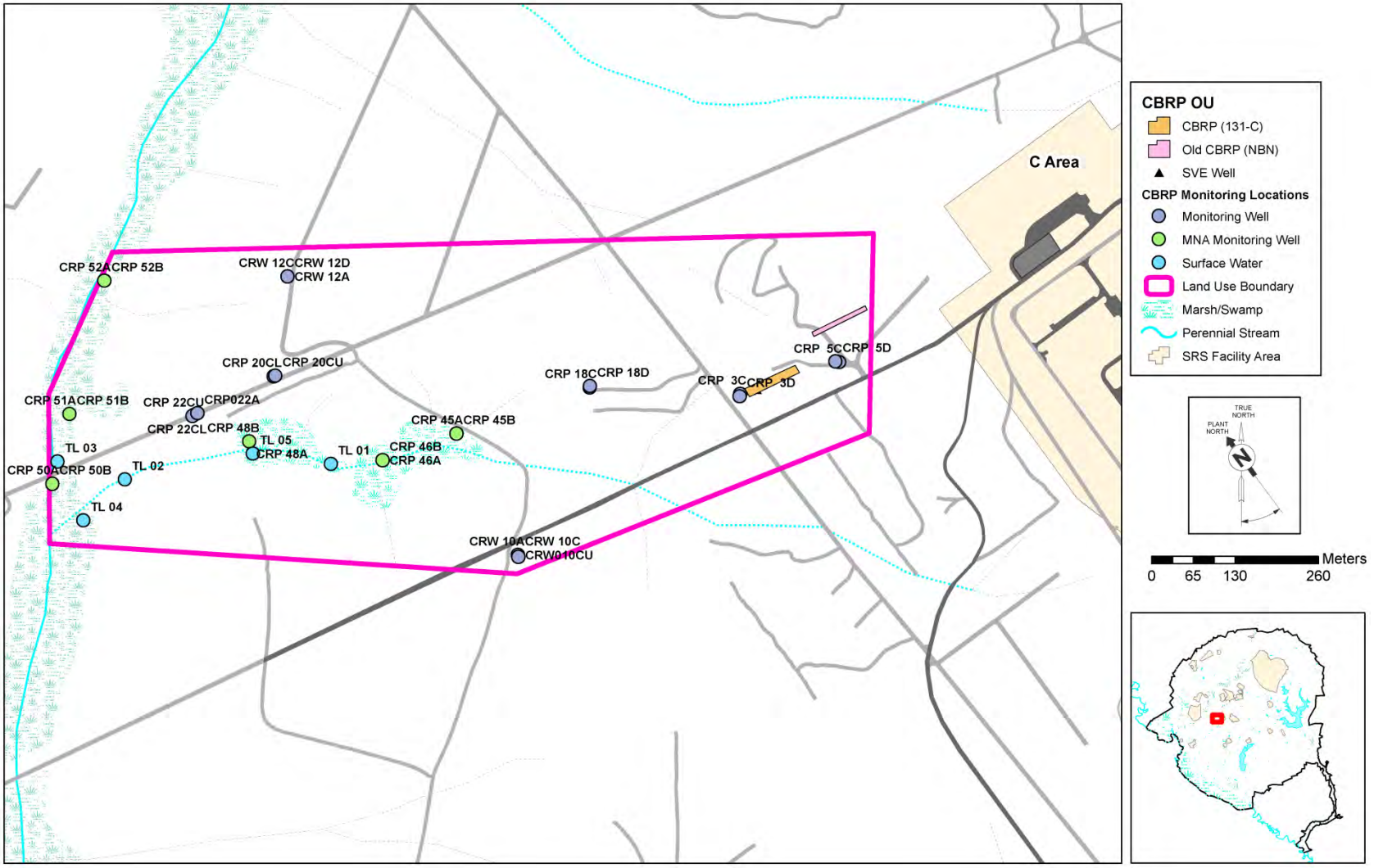



**Figure F-2. CBRP OU LUC Boundary and Monitoring Stations**

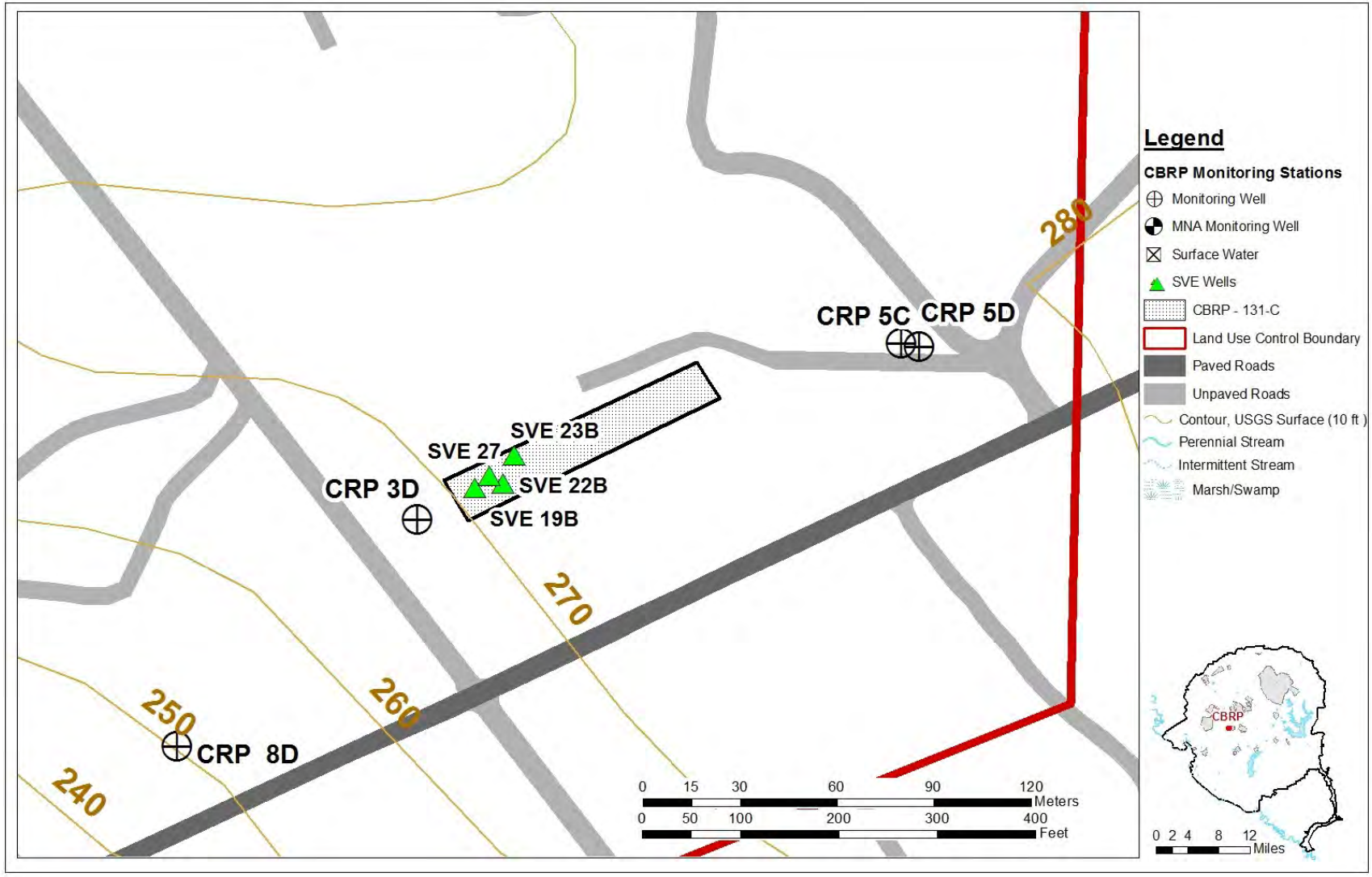



**Figure F-3. CBRP OU SVE Stations**




**Figure F-4. Photo of CBRP Before Remediation Activities (1973)**



**Figure F-5. Current Photo of CBRP MicroBlowers™ (2022**




**Figure F-6. Current Photo of CBRP Cover System (2022)**




**Figure F-7. Current Photo of CBRP Sign (2022)**

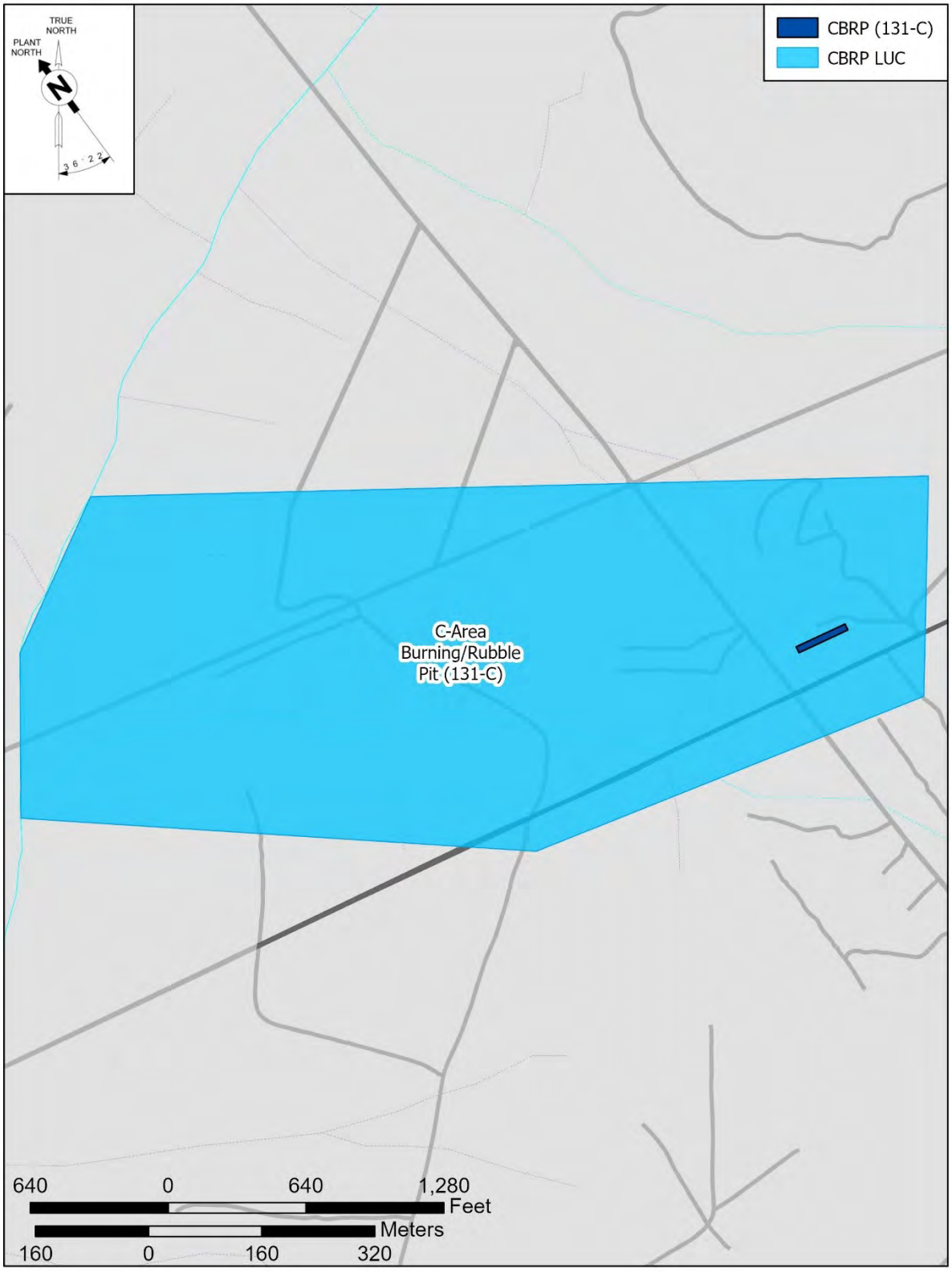



**Figure F-8. CBRP LUC Boundary**

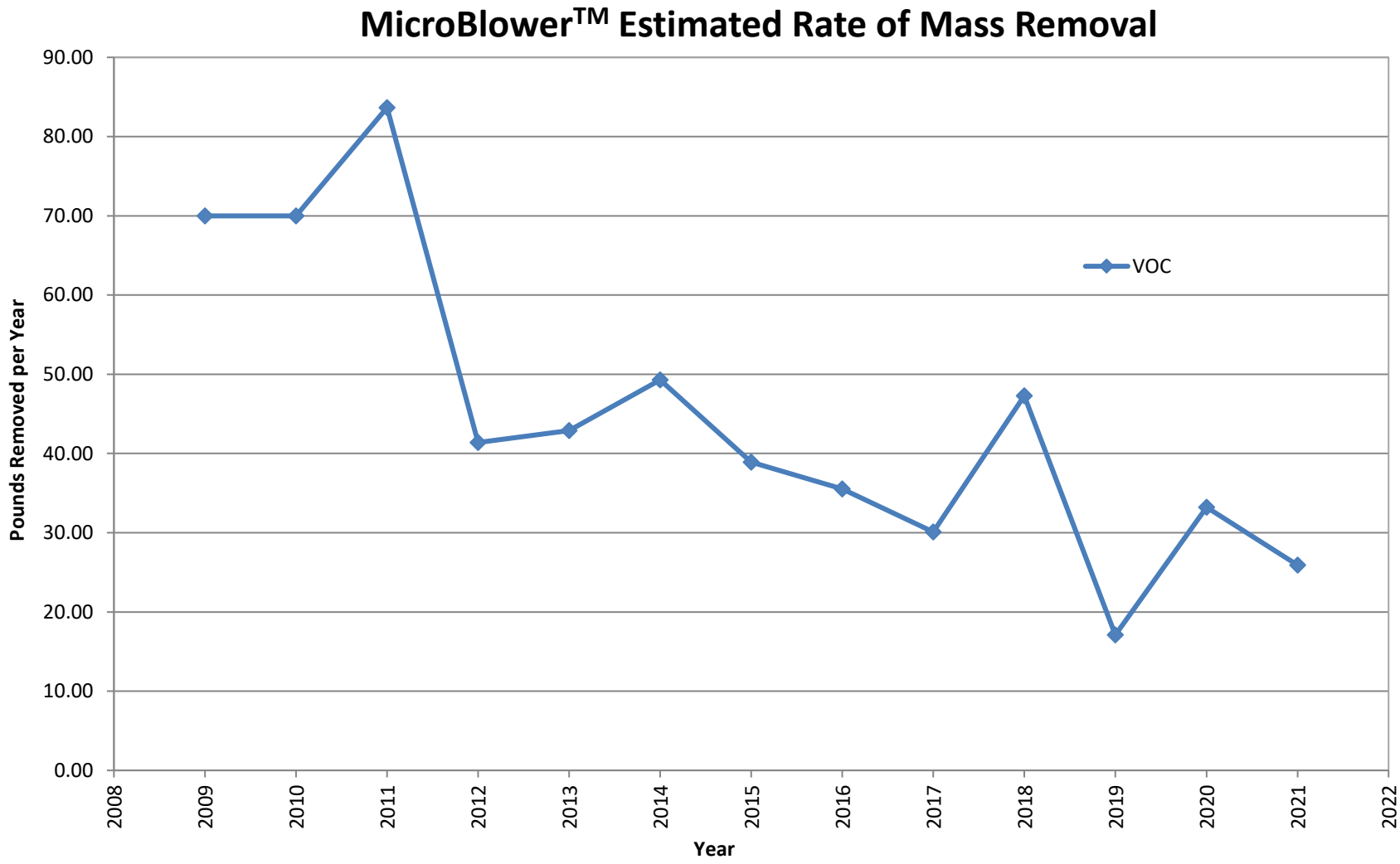



**Figure F-9. Estimated Rate of Mass Removal by MicroBlowers™ at CBRP OU**

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**Table F-1. Chronology of OU Events**

| Event | Date |
|---|---|
| RFI/RI Field Start / Complete | August 22, 1995/ July 2001 |
| Interim ROD Issuance | May 7, 1999 |
| Interim Remedial Action Start / Complete | January 12, 1999 / June 2000 |
| Interim RA Operations Start / Complete | September 1999 / ongoing |
| ROD Issuance | July 9, 2008 |
| Remedial Action Start/Complete | May 13, 2009 /June 2009 |
| Remedial Action Operations (MNA) Start / Complete | December 2009 /ongoing |
| Previous Five-Year Reviews Issuance | February 12, 2004 / January 29, 2009<br>February 4, 2014 / December 5, 2018 |

**Table F-2. CBRP RCOCs**

| Media | Subunits | RCOCs | Basis/Receptor | RG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Soil | Disposal Pit | HpCDD | Ecological hazard to small burrowing animals (shrew) | 0.07 µg/kg |
| | Vadose Zone | TCE | CM RCOC, exceeds MCL in <10 yrs | 58 µg/kg |
| Groundwater | Groundwater Plume | PCE | ARAR RCOC, exceeds MCL | 5 µg/L |
| | | TCE | Risk/hazard to future industrial worker, exceeds MCL | 5 µg/L |
| | | DCM | ARAR RCOC, exceeds MCL | 5 µg/L |
| | | DCE | Risk to future industrial worker | 7 µg/L |
| | | cDCE | Hazard to future industrial worker | 70 µg/L |
| | | VC | Risk to future industrial worker | 2 µg/L |
| Surface Water | Twin Lakes | PCE | Exceeds surface water ARAR (MCL) | 5 µg/L |
| | | TCE | Exceeds surface water ARAR (MCL) | 5 µg/L |
| | | VC | Exceeds surface water ARAR (MCL) | 2 µg/L |
| | Fourmile Branch | VC | Exceeds surface water ARAR (MCL) | 2 µg/L |

Risk and hazard for most likely future human health exposure scenario (future industrial worker)
* CM RCOC, determined based on MCL exceedance, not risk-based
** ARAR RCOC due to MCL exceedance, not risk-based
DCM – dichloromethane (methylene chloride)

**Table F-3. Actual versus Estimated O&M Costs**

| Project Cost | FY2018 | FY2019 | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022 | 5-Year Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Actual O&M Costs ($) | 91,246 | 98,247 | 102,423 | 105,298 | 152,781 | 549,995 |
| Total Plug-In ROD Estimated Direct O&M Costs ($) | 24,000 | 24,000 | 24,000 | 24,000 | 66,000 | 162,000 |

**Table F-4. Summary of the Monitoring Data for the CBRP OU (2017 to 2021)**

| RCOC | % Detect | Number of Detects | Total Samples | Maximum Concentration (µg/L) | RG (µg/L) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Surface Water* | | | | | |
| Chloroethene (Vinyl Chloride) | 4.17% | 1 | 24 | 0.59 | 2 |
| cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene | 50.0% | 12 | 24 | 1.96 | 70 |
| Trichloroethylene (TCE) | 50.0% | 12 | 24 | 3.40 | 5 |
| *Groundwater* | | | | | |
| 1,1-Dichloroethylene | 4.03% | 6 | 149 | 2.99 | 7 |
| Chloroethene (Vinyl Chloride) | 24.8% | 37 | 149 | 254 | 2 |
| cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene | 40.9% | 61 | 149 | 150 | 70 |
| Dichloromethane (Methylene Chloride) | ND | ND | ND | ND | 5 |
| Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) | 19.5% | 29 | 149 | 10.2 | 5 |
| Trichloroethylene (TCE) | 48.3% | 72 | 149 | 2,600 | 5 |

ND = non-detect

## Attachment F-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – C-Area Burning/ Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) Operable Unit

| I. SITE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Site Name:** | **C-Area Burning/ Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) Operable Unit** | **Date of Inspection:** | **7/13/22** |
| **Location and Region** | **SRS, USEPA Region 4** | **EPA ID:** | **SEMS #31** |
| **Agency, Office, or Company leading the Five-Year Review** | **USDOE** | **Weather/ Temperature** | **91°F and partly cloudy** |

**Remedy Includes:** *(Click all that apply)*

- ☒ Landfill Cover / Containment
- ☒ Access Controls
- ☒ Institutional Controls
- ☐ Groundwater Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Surface Water Pump and Treatment
- ☒ Monitored Natural Attenuation
- ☐ Groundwater Containment
- ☐ Vertical Barriers
- ☒ Other Operation of existing active MicroBlower™ SVE System

**Attachments:** ☐ Inspection team roster attached ☐ Inspection team roster attached

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)*

1. **O&M Site Manager:** Brian Hanshew (Name) | Post Closure Manager (Title) | 08/30/2022 (Date)
   **Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4949
   **Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

2. **O&M Staff:** Phil Carter (Name) | EC&ACP Post Closure Waste Site Inspector/Maintenance Coord. (Title) | 08/30/2022 (Date)
   **Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4145
   **Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

## Attachment F-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – C-Area Burning/ Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) Operable Unit *(continued)*

### II. INTERVIEWS *(Click all that apply) (Continued)*

**3. Local Regulatory Authorities and Response Agencies** (i.e., State and tribal offices, emergency response office, police department, office of public health or environmental health, zoning office, recorder of deeds or other city and county offices, etc.). Fill in all that apply.

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

_____

**4. Other Interviews** *(Optional):* ☐ Report Attached _____

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### III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Documents:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ O&M Manual | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ As-Built Drawings | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Maintenance Logs | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: See *Waste Unit Inspection and Maintenance, ER-SOP-019, Field Inspection Checklist for C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit, 131-C,* ER-IDS-019-016.

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## Attachment F-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – C-Area Burning/ Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED** *(Continued)*

**2. Health and Safety Plans (HASPs):**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Site-Specific Health and Safety Plans | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Contingency Plan/Emergency Response Plan | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: Routine O&M activities do not require a site-specific health and safety plan (SSHASP) under 29 CFR 1910.120120 HAZWOPER. A SSHASP will be prepared if needed.

**3. O&M and OSHA Training Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Training Records are complete and up to date per EC&ACP training matrix.

**4. Permits and Service Agreements:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air Discharge Permit | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Effluent Discharge | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Waste Disposal; POTW | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Other Permits | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**5. Gas Generation Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**6. Settlement Monument Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**7. Groundwater Monitoring Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**8. Leachate Extraction Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**9. Discharge Compliance Records:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Water (Effluent) | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**10. Daily Access/Security Logs:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**Attachment F-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – C-Area Burning/ Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) Operable Unit *(continued)***

**IV. O&M COSTS**

**1. O&M Organization:**

☐ State In-House ☐ Contractor for State
☐ PRP In-House ☐ Contractor for PRP
☒ Other: SRS

**2. O&M Cost Records:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☐ Funding mechanism/agreement in place
☒ Other: Project cost data is summarized in Section IV of this OU-specific review.

**Total annual cost by year for review period, if available**

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

**3. Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period**

Describe costs and reasons: _____

**V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Fencing**

**1. Fencing Damage:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Gates secured ☒ N/A

Remarks: OU-specific fencing is not required by the remedial action.

**B. Signs**

**1. Signs and Other Security Measures:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A

Remarks: Signs are in good condition.

## Attachment F-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – C-Area Burning/ Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS** *(Continued)*

**C. Institutional Controls**

**1. Implementation and Enforcement**

Site conditions imply ICs are not properly implemented: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Site conditions imply ICs are not being fully enforced: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive-by, etc.) Walkdown

Frequency: Once in 5 years

Responsible Party/Agent: USDOE Savannah River Field Office

Contact: Karen Adams (Name) | Federal Project Director (Title) | 12/06/2022 (Date) | 803-952-7871 (Phone No.)

Reporting is up-to-date: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Reports are verified by the lead agency: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Specific requirements in deed or decision documents have been met: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Violations have been reported: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Problems/Suggestions: ☐ Report Attached

**2. Adequacy:** ☒ ICs are adequate ☐ ICs are inadequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**D. General**

**1. Vandalism/Trespassing:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No vandalism is evident

Remarks:

**2. Land use changes onsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**3. Land use changes offsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

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| VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS |
|---|
| **A. Roads** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Roads damaged:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Roads adequate ☐ N/A<br>Remarks: |
| **B. Other Site Conditions** |
| Remarks: |
| **VII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **A. Landfill Surface** |
| **1. Settlement** (Low spots)**:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Settlement not evident<br>Areal extent _____ Depth _____<br>Remarks: |
| **2. Cracks:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Cracking not evident<br>Lengths _____ Widths _____ Depths _____<br>Remarks: |
| **3. Erosion:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Erosion not evident<br>Areal extent _____ Depth _____<br>Remarks: |
| **4. Holes:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Holes not evident<br>Areal extent _____ Depth _____<br>Remarks: |
| **5. Vegetative Cover:** ☒ Grass ☒ Cover properly established ☐ No signs of stress<br>Areal extent _____ Depth _____<br>Remarks: Vegetation mowed routinely. |

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**VII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT** *(Continued)*

**6. Alternative Cover (armored rock, concrete, etc.):** ☒ N/A

Remarks: _____

**7. Bulges:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Bulges not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: _____

**8. Wet Areas / Water Damage:** ☒ Wet areas/water damage not evident

- ☐ Wet areas ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent _____
- ☐ Ponding ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent _____
- ☐ Seeps ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent _____
- ☐ Soft subgrade ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent _____

Remarks: _____

**9. Slope Instability:** ☐ Slides ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No evidence of slope instability

Areal extent _____

Remarks: _____

**B. Benches** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

(Horizontally constructed mounds of earth placed across a steep landfill side slope to interrupt the slope in order to slow down the velocity of surface runoff and intercept and convey the runoff to a lined channel)

**C. Letdown Channels** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

(Channel lined with erosion control mates, riprap, grout bags, or gabions that descend down the steep side slope of the cover and will allow the runoff water collected by the benches to move off of the landfill cover without creating erosion gullies)

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| **VII. COVER SYSTEMS** *(Continued)* |
|---|
| **D. Cover Penetrations** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Gas Vents:** ☐ Active ☐ Passive<br>☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good Condition<br>☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs maintenance ☒ N/A<br>Remarks: |
| **2. Gas Monitoring Probes:**<br>☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good Condition<br>☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs maintenance ☒ N/A<br>Remarks: |
| **3. Monitoring Wells:**<br>☒ Properly secured/locked ☒ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☒ Good Condition<br>☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A<br>Remarks: |
| **4. Leachate Extraction Wells:**<br>☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good Condition<br>☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ Needs maintenance ☒ N/A<br>Remarks: |
| **5. Settlement Monuments:** ☐ Located ☐ Routinely Surveyed ☒ N/A<br>Remarks: |
| **E. Gas Collection and Treatment** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **F. Cover Drainage Layer** ☐ **Applicable** ☒ **N/A** |
| **G. Detention/Sedimentation Ponds** ☐ **Applicable** ☒ **N/A** |
| **H. Retaining Walls** ☐ **Applicable** ☒ **N/A** |
| **I. Perimeter Ditches/Offsite Discharge** ☐ **Applicable** ☒ **N/A** |
| **VIII. VERTICAL BARRIER WALLS** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |

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|---|---|
| **IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES** | ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **A. Groundwater Extraction Wells, Pumps, and Pipelines** | ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **B. Surface Water Collection Structures, Pumps, and Pipelines** | ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **C. Treatment System** | ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **D. Monitoring Data** | ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Monitoring Data:** ☒ Is routinely submitted on time ☒ Is of acceptable quality | |
| **2. Monitoring Data:** ☐ Groundwater plume is effectively contained ☒ Contaminant concentrations are declining | |
| **E. Monitored Natural Attenuation** | ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Monitoring Wells** *(natural attenuation remedy)***:** ☒ Properly secured/locked ☒ Functioning ☒ Routinely sampled ☒ Good condition ☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A Remarks:_____ | |
| **X. OTHER REMEDIES** | |
| If there are remedies applied at the site, which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction. | |
| **A. Soil Vapor Extraction System** | ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Blowers, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:** ☒ Good Condition ☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A Remarks:_____ | |
| **2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes and Other Appurtenances:** ☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance Remarks:_____ | |
| **3. Spare Parts and Equipment:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided Remarks:_____ | |

## Attachment F-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – C-Area Burning/ Rubble Pit (131-C) and Old C-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (NBN) Operable Unit *(continued/end)*

| XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS |
|---|
| **A. Implementation of the Remedy** |
| Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emissions, etc.).<br><br>The remedy for the CBRP OU is maintaining the integrity of the soil cover system, operating the existing active MicroBlowers™, implementing institutional controls (i.e., LUCs), and MNA for groundwater. The remedy is fully established and functioning as designed. |
| **B. Adequacy of O&M** |
| Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.<br><br>The protectiveness of the remedy is maintained through effective containment source removal by soil vapor extraction and prevention of contaminant leachate by minimizing infiltration through the contaminants by a low permeability soil cover system. Institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) effectively prevent unauthorized access to the OU: physical access controls to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.); administrative controls (SRS is a secured government facility with land use restrictions); and warning signs and use controls (SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program). |
| **C. Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Failure** |
| Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.<br><br>N/A |
| **D. Opportunities for Optimization** |
| Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.<br><br>N/A |

## D-AREA OPERABLE UNIT

### I. Introduction

This report is the third five-year review for the D-Area Operable Unit (DAOU) and addresses the remedy review for DAOU facilities and subunits documented in an Early Action Record of Decision (EAROD) (SRNS 2011a) issued in 2011 and a Second EAROD issued in 2020. This is the first five-year review for the remedy documented in the Second EAROD. The review was conducted from July 2022 through November 2022. Contaminants have been left in place at the DAOU at levels that do not allow unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedy in place at the DAOU is protective of human health and the environment. This report documents the results of the review.

### II. OU Chronology

Table G-1 lists the chronology of site events for the DAOU.

### III. Background

The DAOU is listed as a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)/ Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) unit in Appendix C of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for Savannah River Site (SRS) (FFA 1993). The media of concern is surface and vadose zone soil, sediment, surface water, and concrete. Groundwater is addressed separately by the D-Area Groundwater (DAG) OU.

An area-based remedial strategy has been implemented in D Area. Remedial decisions for two surface units in D Area (i.e., the D-Area Rubble Pit [431-2D] and the D-Area Ash Basin [488-D]) are addressed by the D-Area Expanded OU (DEXOU) Record of Decision (ROD). The five-year review for DEXOU is conducted with the review of geosynthetic or stabilization/solidification systems.

In 2010, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) identified a problem with proceeding to a final ROD for the DAOU because the D-Area

Powerhouse (484-D) would still be operational after approval of a final ROD. The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and SCDHEC agreed to pursue an Early Action to allow the DAOU project to remain on track and achieve the targeted footprint reduction in D Area. The scope of the first EAROD (SRNS 2011a) was to implement land use controls (LUCs) for DAOU subunits and facilities where previous removal actions had been completed or no additional remedial actions beyond LUCs was needed. The D-Area Powerhouse (484-D) was placed in standby mode for six months following startup of a replacement power plant at SRS. At the time of the issuance of the DAOU EAROD (SRNS 2011a), the D-Area Powerhouse (484-D) was still operational and therefore not included in the DAOU EAROD (SRNS 2011a). In addition, only the northern 25% of the 489-D D-Area Coal Pile Runoff Basin (489-D) (CPRB) was addressed by the DAOU EAROD (SRNS 2011a) because the southern 75% of the 489-D CPRB remained operational.

In 2020, the remedial action for the remaining southern 75% of the 489-D CPRB, the 488-1D Ash Basin (and the adjacent Inlet Basins), 488-2D Ash Basin, and 488-4D Ash Landfill was addressed by a Second EAROD (SRNS 2020a). The remaining DAOU subunits and facilities associated with the D-Area Powerhouse (484-D) will be closed under the DAOU final ROD scheduled for issuance in 2046.

**Physical Characteristics**

D Area is located in the southwest quadrant of the SRS, approximately 900 m (3,000 ft) east of the nearest site boundary, the Savannah River (Figure G-1). The DAOU is approximately 85 hectares (210 acres) and is composed of surface units and source areas in D Area that are potentially responsible for contaminating groundwater (Figure G-2).

The following DAOU subunits are addressed in the initial EAROD (SRNS 2011a):

- Bubble Tower Subunit consisting of 717-D Maintenance Facility, D-Area Heavy Water Facility (DHWF), and Fire Fighting Training Facility (approximately 38.6 hectares [95 acres]);

- Moderator Processing Subunit consisting of 420-D Concentrator Building, 420-2D Rework Handling Facility, 421-2D Moderating Handling Storage Building, 421-D Finishing Building, 421-4D Drum Storage Building, and 772-D Control Laboratory/ Supervisor's Office (approximately 6 hectares [15 acres]);
- Powerhouse Subunit consisting of the 489-D CPRB – northern 25%, D-Area Waste Oil Facility (484-10D) (WOF), D-Area Powerhouse (484-D), water treatment plant, and 483-D Combined Spills (approximately 40.6 hectares [100 acres]);
- Miscellaneous Units consisting of 904-50G Outfall and D-Area Asbestos Pit (080-20G);
- D-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (DIPSL), which is located in the Bubble Tower, the Moderator Processing, and the Powerhouse subunits (approximately 4,260 linear m [14,200 linear ft]);
- Electrical Transformers; and
- Miscellaneous Buildings.

The following DAOU subunits are addressed in the Second EAROD (SRNS 2020a):

The following were moved from FFA Appendix G.1, Areas to be Investigated, to FFA Appendix C, RCRA/CERCLA Units List, as subunits of the DAOU in April 2013 and addressed by the Second EAROD (SRNS 202a):

- 488-1D Ash Basin (and adjacent Inlet Basins);
- 488-2D Ash Basin;
- 488-4D Ash Landfill; and
- 489-D CPRB – southern 75%.

**Land and Resource Use**

According to the *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report* (USDOE 1996), residential uses of the SRS land should be prohibited. The Land Use Control Assurance

Plan for the SRS (WSRC 1999) designates the DAOU as being within an industrial area. The future land use for the DAOU is reasonably anticipated to remain industrial with the USDOE maintaining control of the land.

**History of Contamination**

SRS produced special nuclear materials for the U.S. Department of Defense between 1952 and 1988. The reactors that were used to produce the special nuclear materials required heavy water (deuterium oxide) as a neutron moderator. Historically, heavy water was produced at D Area at the DHWF (i.e., Bubble Tower Subunit). D Area also contained the Heavy Water Rework Facility that purified the SRS inventory of used reactor moderator. The inactive facilities within the DAOU that pose a potential risk to humans and/or the environment are summarized below.

Bubble Tower Subunit operated from the early 1950s until shutdown in January 1982 (Figure G-3). During its operation, the surrounding soil was contaminated by tetrachloroethylene (PCE). The nature and extent of contamination evaluation determined that PCE poses a contaminant migration (CM) problem. There is no risk to future industrial workers or ecological receptors. In addition, there is no principal threat source material (PTSM) associated with this subunit.

The Moderator Processing Subunit was shut down in the late 1990s (Figure G-3). The nature and extent of contamination evaluation determined tritium in concrete and/or soil poses a CM threat at the 420-D Concentrator Building, 420-2D Rework Handling Facility, and 421-2D Moderating Handling Storage Building locations.

The Powerhouse Subunit includes the 484-D Powerhouse, the D-Area WOF, the 489-D CPRB, water treatment plant, the 483-D Combined Spills, 488-1D Ash Basin (and the adjacent Inlet Basins), 488-2D Ash Basin, and 488-4D Ash Landfill. The 484-D Powerhouse began operation in 1952, ceased operation in April 2012, and is occasionally used for military training exercises. The small water treatment plant provided feedwater for the Powerhouse building boilers. Caustic and acid systems were used to regenerate the ion exchange columns used to condition raw water for use in the Powerhouse boilers. The

D-Area WOF, located outside of the Powerhouse on the south side of the building, stored used oil that was burned in the Powerhouse building boilers. The 488-1D Ash Basin (and the adjacent Inlet Basins) and the 488-2D Ash Basin received ash slurry from the 484-D Powerhouse. During operation the 488-4D Ash Landfill received dry ash from the 488-1D Inlet Basins. The 489-D CPRB is an active facility, currently being used as a retention basin receiving stormwater runoff from the inactive former 484-17D D-Area Coal Storage Area (DCSA) south of the D-Area Powerhouse (484-D). Previous coal storage at the 484-17D DCSA and operation of the 489-D CPRB has resulted in a metals plume due to low pH infiltration of rainwater at the 484-17D DCSA and runoff water stored in the basin. Though the quantity of source material was reduced in 2000 (as discussed in Initial Response), the nature and extent of contamination evaluation within the 489-D CPRB indicated that arsenic in sediments pose a risk to human and ecological receptors; 2-methylnaphthalene, metals and low pH pose a risk to ecological receptors; and arsenic in surface soil poses a risk to human receptors. An evaluation of the soil at the 483-D Combined Spills area determined that there is no threat to industrial workers or ecological receptors, no contaminant migration threat, and no constituents that constitute PTSM.

The two Miscellaneous Units, 904-50G Outfall and D-Area Asbestos Pit (080-20G), were removed from operations in 1982 and 1975, respectively. The 904-50G Outfall received process discharges and river water during operation of the bubble towers. There are no refined constituents of concern (RCOCs) for human or ecological receptors at the 904-50G Outfall. No problems were identified that would warrant a remedial action associated with the 904-50G Outfall. The D-Area Asbestos Pit (080-20G) operated between 1973 and 1975 as a disposal site for asbestos insulation and piping from the R Area steam lines. The pit also received asbestos, metal, scrap, and concrete from the bubble towers in 1974. The pit was estimated to contain 3,290 $m^3$ (4,300 $ft^3$) of buried waste and has been closed to disposal activities. The D-Area Asbestos Pit (080-20G) was characterized under the Site Evaluation program. The results of the investigation determined that the asbestos pit poses no threat to human health or the environment. However, should asbestos be brought to the surface, there would be potential for exposure.

The DIPSLs, composed of vitrified clay pipe and reinforced-concrete pipe, were constructed in 1952 to carry wastewater from various heavy water processing facilities associated with the OU to a drainage ditch south of the 489-D CPRB. Process sewer wastewater was contaminated principally with tritium and hydrogen sulfide. Samples were obtained from within the DIPSL manholes and from various locations beneath the DIPSLs. No constituents of concern (COCs) were identified. However, the manholes associated with the DIPSLs were plugged and grouted as an engineering control to restrict access to impacted areas (i.e., residual contaminants in the DIPSLs) and for general safety.

Electrical transformer substations were located throughout D Area and were often included with facilities during decommissioning activities. In the 1980s, transformers were switched from polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) oil to mineral oil, where feasible. In 1986, USEPA performed a detailed assessment of SRS compliance with the Toxic Substances Control Act and found records of analysis, storage, and disposal of PCB materials to be in compliance. As of 1996, SRS had replaced or rendered non-PCB all of the site's transformers and large capacitors that were regulated due to PCB content. There are no records indicating a spill or release from the transformers while they were operated with PCB oil; therefore, no samples were collected during decommissioning. During pre-work plan characterization, visual inspections of the remaining concrete pads were performed with no evidence of spills on the pads. There are no problems warranting action for the electrical transformer substations.

The D-Area miscellaneous buildings were used for administrative purposes, general storage, etc. These buildings were classified through the Facility Decommissioning Evaluation process as Simple Model Decommissioning and have been deactivated and decommissioned with concurrence from USEPA and SCDHEC. Simple Model Decommissioning is performed for clean buildings with only safety risks associated with decommissioning. No sampling is required for the buildings decommissioned under the Simple Model and there are no problems warranting action.

**Initial Response**

In 1975, the D-Area Asbestos Pit (080-20G) was closed and backfilled with soil to cover the waste. A maintenance action was performed in 2011 to remove woody vegetation and to implement institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) at the D-Area Asbestos Pit (080-20G) to prevent the potential for an unacceptable exposure to asbestos if the cover is breached and asbestos containing material is brought to the surface.

In 2000, a maintenance action was performed at the 489-D CPRB to excavate 7,650 $m^3$ (10,000 $yd^3$) of coal fines from the 489-D CPRB sediments, significantly reducing the quantity of source material.

A treatability study to address the tritium in concrete and soil at the Moderator Processing Subunit was conducted in two stages during 2009 and 2010. After incorporating lessons learned, a removal action was conducted in the Moderator Processing Subunit to remove tritium in the concrete and soil with the operation of an On-Unit Thermal Treatment System from October 21, 2010 to September 8, 2011. The purpose of the removal action was to reduce the potential leaching of tritium in vadose zone soils and concrete slabs that could result in a maximum contaminant level (MCL) exceedance in the groundwater.

In 2010, a removal action was started in the Bubble Tower Subunit with the installation of a MicroBlower™-equipped soil vapor extraction (SVE) system to remove volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The purpose of the removal action was to reduce the potential leaching of PCE in vadose zone soils that could result in a MCL exceedance in the groundwater. The MicroBlower™ system is anticipated to operate until remedial goals (RGs) are achieved.

In 2011, a removal action was taken in the Powerhouse Subunit with surface water management at the 489-D CPRB, consolidation of the contaminated sediment from the D-006 Outfall (Petroleum Release Site) and D-Area WOF into the northern 25% of the 489-D CPRB, and application of a soil cover. In 2014, a time critical removal (TCR) action was taken in the 488-2D Ash Basin and 488-4D Ash Landfill, with ash consolidation from around the 488-4D Ash Landfill and ash within the 488-2D Ash Basin placed into the 488-

4D Ash Landfill. A geosynthetic SCDHEC Class 3 Solid Waste Landfill cover system was subsequently constructed over the 488-4D Ash Landfill. In 2015, a non-TCR action was taken in the southern 75% section of the 489-D CPRB the 488-1D Ash Basin (and adjacent Inlet Basins). Removal and disposal of coal fines occurred within the southern 75% section of the 489-D CPRB which eliminated the human health and ecological risks at the unit. Consolidation within the 488-1D Ash Basin with subsequent installation of a geosynthetic SCDHEC Class 3 Solid Waste Landfill cover system was constructed over the eastern section of the 488-1D Ash Basin.

In 2020, a non-TCR action was taken in the majority of the 484-17D DCSA to reduce acidity (raise the pH) in the vadose zone soils caused by 59 years of coal storage and acidic leachate. Lime/calcium carbonate amendment was mixed within the vadose zone soils from 0-4 ft bgs and a limestone gravel cover was installed (SRNS 2022a).

**Basis for Taking Action**

The current risks associated with the DAOU as summarized from the EAROD (SRNS 2011a) and Second EAROD (SRNS 2020a) are provided below and are the basis for taking action at the DAOU.

- Human Health Risk: Subsurface asbestos at the D-Area Asbestos Pit (080-20G) would present an exposure risk to human receptors if brought to the surface. Coal-related contaminants in the ash beneath the geosynthetic cover in the eastern end of the 488-1D Ash Basin pose a risk to human receptors. Coal and coal-related constituents beneath the 488-4D engineered cover system poses a risk to human receptors if direct exposure were to occur. Coal-related contaminants may remain in the soil in the 488-2D Ash Basin that pose a risk to human receptors.

  PCE in the soil near the 717-D Maintenance Shop (Bubble Tower Subunit) and tritium in concrete (420-D/420-2D Facilities of the Moderator Processing Subunit), soil (420-2D/421-2D Facilities of the Moderator Processing Subunit), coal-related contaminants beneath the engineered cover systems (eastern portion of the 488-1D Ash

Basin and 488-4D Ash Landfill of the Powerhouse Subunit) pose contaminant migration risks.

- Ecological Risk: Coal-related contaminants beneath the engineered cover systems at the eastern end of the 488-1D Ash Basin and the 488-4D Ash Landfill pose a risk to ecological receptors if direct exposure were to occur.

## IV. Remedial Actions

### Remedy Selection

Regulatory decisions (i.e., early removal actions) were previously made for the Bubble Tower Subunit, the Moderator Processing Subunit, the Powerhouse Subunit, and Miscellaneous Units and documented in the Removal Site Evaluation Report (RSER) /Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) documents (SRNS 2009a, SRNS 2009b, SRNS 2009c). Cleanup goals established for the DAOU subunits (including goals identified for the early removal actions) are based on industrial land use. Therefore, hazardous substances will remain at the DAOU at levels that pose a threat to human health and prevent unrestricted land use. The remedial action of LUCs selected in the EAROD (SRNS 2011a) and Second EAROD (SRNS 2020a) for a portion of the DAOU will prevent land disturbance activities and protects against unrestricted (i.e., residential) use. This will facilitate protecting the public health or welfare of the environment from actual or threatened releases of hazardous substances into the environment.

In September 2010, SCDHEC identified a problem with proceeding with a final ROD for DAOU given that the D-Area Powerhouse (484-D) would still be operational after approval of the ROD. Therefore, USDOE, USEPA, and SCDHEC agreed to pursue an EAROD to allow the DAOU project to remain on track and achieve the targeted footprint reduction. Once the 484-D Powerhouse was no longer in use, additional subunits were included in the Second EAROD in 2020.

The RCOCs and RGs for the subunits, as identified in the EAROD (SRNS 2011a) and Second EAROD (SRNS 2020a) are provided in Table G-2.

The remedial action objectives (RAOs) identified in the EAROD (SRNS 2011a) and Second EAROD (SRNS 2020a) for the DAOU after completion of the removal actions are as follows:

- Protect industrial workers from exposure to asbestos-containing waste in subsurface soil at the D-Area Asbestos Pit;
- Maintain the engineered cover system in the eastern end of the 488-1D Ash Basin and the 488-4D Ash Landfill to eliminate or control all routes of exposure to contaminants beneath the cover exceeding 1E-06 risk to future industrial workers and exceeding HQ >1 to ecological receptors and/or presenting a CM concern,
- Protect hypothetical future residents from exposure to residual contamination in soil in the western end of the 488-1D Ash Basin exceeding 1E-06 risk,
- Protect hypothetical future residents from exposure to residual contamination in the 488-2D Ash Basin soils exceeding 1E-06 risk, and
- Ensure protection against unrestricted (i.e., residential) land use at the DAOU.

The removal actions that have been accepted as final actions within the DAOU, and their associated RAOs, are as follows:

- Reduce the potential leaching of PCE in the Bubble Tower Subunit vadose zone soils that would result in an MCL exceedance in groundwater (SRNS 2009a);
- Reduce the potential leaching of tritium in the Moderator Processing subunit vadose zone soils and concrete slabs that would result in an MCL exceedance in groundwater (SRNS 2009b),
- Prevent exposure of industrial workers to arsenic contaminated soil at D-Area WOF, D-Area Powerhouse (484-D) and ecological receptors to contaminated soil at the 489-D CPRB (SRNS 2009c),

- Protect benthic organisms from exposure to arsenic and 2-methylnaphthalene at a Hazard Quotient (HQ) exceeding 1 and low pH in surface sediment at the southern 75% section of the 489-D CPRB (SRNS 2019),
- Protect aquatic organisms from exposure to aluminum, beryllium, cobalt, copper, iron, manganese, and zinc at a HQ exceeding 1 in surface water. In addition, protect aquatic organisms, mammals, and birds from exposure to low pH in surface water at the southern 75% section of the 489-D CPRB (SRNS 2019),
- Protect aquatic organisms from ARARs refined constituents of concern in surface water (e.g., aluminum, copper, iron, and zinc) at the southern 75% section of the 489-D CPRB (SRNS 2019),
- Achieve ecological risk-based thresholds and residential risk-based thresholds for unrestricted land use, if possible, at the 488-1D Ash Basin (and adjacent Inlet Basins). At a minimum, protect future industrial workers and ecological receptors from exposure to contaminants in surface sediments/soils (SRNS 2019),
- Protect future industrial workers and ecological receptors from exposure to contaminants in surface sediment/soils in the 488-2D Ash Basin (SRNS 2017),
- Protect future industrial workers and ecological receptors from exposure to arsenic and coal related radionuclide contaminants to an exposure risk exceeding 1E-06 (or hazard quotient >1) in surface ash/soil at the 488-4D Ash Landfill (SRNS 2017), and
- Prevent migration of potential mobile contaminants to groundwater that could exceed groundwater protection standards at the 488-1D Ash Basin (and adjacent Inlet Basins) (SRNS 2019), the 488-2D Ash Basin and the 488-4D Ash Landfill (SRNS 2017).

The following removal actions have been completed.

- Treatment of the tritium contaminated soil at the Moderator Processing Subunit with an on-unit thermal detritiation system,
- Removal of arsenic contaminated soil at the D-Area WOF,

- Consolidation of contaminated soils from D-006 Outfall and D-Area WOF with 489-D CPRB contaminated soil and placement under a 0.6-m (2-ft) soil cover over the northern 25% of the 489-D CPRB,
- Removal and disposal of coal fines and contaminated soil at the southern 75% section of the 489-D CPRB,
- Consolidation of ash and contaminated soil in the western portion of the 488-1D Ash Basin to the eastern portion of the 488-1D Ash Basin and the installation of a SCDHEC Class 3 Solid Waste Landfill geosynthetic cover over the eastern portion of the 488-1D Ash Basin, and
- Consolidation of ash from the 488-2D Ash Basin, ash located outside the western end of the 488-4D Ash Landfill, and ash from surrounding roads/berms was removed and placed into the 488-4D Ash Landfill. Subsequently a SCDHEC Class 3 Solid Waste Landfill geosynthetic cover was installed over the 488-4D Ash Landfill.

The selected early action for the DAOU as stated in the EAROD (SRNS 2011a) and Second EAROD (SRNS 2020a) is LUCs for the Bubble Tower Subunit, Moderator Processing Subunit, Northern 25% section of the 489-D CPRB, Asbestos Pit, DIPSLs, electrical transformer pads, miscellaneous building pads, the 488-1D Ash Basin (not including the adjacent Inlet Basins), the 488-2D Ash Basin, and the 488-4D Ash Landfill. The DAOU LUCs consist of the following:

- Physical access control into D Area. Access is controlled by a locked fence and is monitored by SRS security personnel. Only authorized personnel may enter.
- Signage and monuments will be located at the DAOU boundaries to alert onsite workers to the presence of hazardous substances and to prevent unknowing entry and unrestricted use.
- Administrative controls as managed through the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program to require authorization before beginning any excavation activity at the DAOU.

- Maintenance of the soil covers for the D Area Asbestos Pit, the northern 25% section of the 489-D CPRB, and the Bubble Tower area to ensure that there is no erosion damage and to prevent unauthorized excavation or construction activities.
- Maintenance of the engineered geosynthetic covers at the 488-1D Ash Basin and 488-4D Ash Landfill to ensure that there is no erosion damage and to prevent unauthorized excavation or construction activities.
- Plugging and grouting of the manholes associated with the DIPSLs as an engineering control to restrict access to impacted areas and for general safety.
- Site maintenance, such as inspections, general housekeeping, repair of erosion damage and other routine maintenance, is to be conducted as needed.

There is no threat to human health or ecological receptors at the 904-50G Outfall, the DIPSLs outside of the former industrial area, electrical transformer pads, miscellaneous building pads, the southern 75% section of the 489-D CPRB, and the 488-1D Ash Basin Inlet Basins. Therefore, no LUCs are needed for these subunits.

**Remedy Implementation**

Implementation of the remedial actions included the following activities for the specific subunits:

***Bubble Tower Subunit***

- Installed a SVE system consisting of eleven MicroBlowers$^{TM}$-equipped to treat a volume of 3,085 $m^3$ (4,033 $yd^3$) of PCE contaminated soil below a surface area of 990 $m^2$ (11,000 $ft^2$) (SRNS 2011c).
- Installed a 0.3-hectare (0.7-acre) cover system consisting of a common fill grading layer, low-permeability flexible membrane liner, geocomposite drainage layer, 20-cm (8-in) of common fill, 10-cm (4-in) of topsoil and establishment of vegetation over the soil contamination area to act as a barrier to prevent soil vapor from short-circuiting the shallow SVE well system.

***Moderator Processing Subunit***

- Excavated tritium contaminated soil and concrete associated with the 420-D Concentrator Building slab, 420-2D Rework Handling Facility Building slab and the 421-2D Moderator Handling and Storage Building and placing it into the On-Unit Thermal Detritiation Units. Four units were constructed and operated for a total of 17 heating campaigns to treat approximately 1,262 $m^3$ (1,650 $yd^3$) (SRNS 2011d) of tritium-contaminated soil and concrete to below CM thresholds. It is estimated that the total tritium removed was 472 Ci. Once materials met the criteria for completion, the unit was emptied and the treated material was backfilled into the excavated areas. The last unit was emptied on August 10, 2011.
- Disposed of 89 $m^3$ (116.7 $yd^3$) of waste offsite. This waste consisted of low-level radioactive CERCLA waste (i.e., plastic tarp, cast iron drain piping, tritium contaminated equipment, and cesium-137 waste from the 420-2D pad) and mixed waste (i.e., radiologically contaminated lead joints from the 420-D pad).

***Powerhouse Subunit***

*489-D CPRB*

- Reduced the existing coal storage area with a new berm and a new swale that redirects runoff to the 75% southern section of the 489-D CPRB.
- Removed visible coal from the coal storage area as a maintenance action.
- Reduced the soil acidity in the upper vadose zone of the 484-17D DCSA by mixing in calcium carbonate and installing a limestone gravel cover.
- Improved surface water management at the 489-D CPRB.
- Dewatered the northern 25% section of the 489-D CPRB by pumping the runoff into the southern section. Consolidated the contaminated sediment from the D-006 Outfall (Petroleum Release Site) (4,208 $m^3$ [5,500 $yd^3$]) and D-Area WOF (168 $m^3$ [220 $yd^3$]) into the northern 25% of the 489-D CPRB.

- Installed a 1.9-hectare (4.8-acre) soil cover over the northern 25% of the 489-D CPRB consisting of 2 layers – 50 cm (20 in) minimum of compacted common fill topped by 10 cm (4 in) of topsoil.
- Dewatered the southern 75% section of the 489-D CPRB.
- Excavated and disposed of coal fines and contaminated soil from the base of the southern 75% section of the 489-D CPRB.
- Clean fill was added to the southern 75% section of the 489-D CPRB, contoured and re-graded to function as a storm water retention basin.

*488-1D Ash Basin (and adjacent Inlet Basins)*

- Reduced the existing ash footprint by consolidating ash and contaminated soil from the western side of the 488-1D Ash Basin, 488-1D Inlet Basins, and area east of the 488-4D Ash Landfill, as well as coal fines and contaminated soil from the 75% southern section of the 489-D CPRB into the eastern side of the 488-1D Ash Basin (total of 298,130 $yd^3$ [227,923 $m^3$]).
- Installed a 7.85 ha (19.5 ac) SCDHEC Class 3 Solid Waste Landfill geosynthetic cover system over the eastern section of the 488-1D Ash Basin (not including the adjacent Inlet Basins) which was topped with a 50.8-cm (20-in.) common fill layer, 10.2-cm (4-in.) topsoil layer, and vegetative layer (sod).
- Filling, grading, and sodding of the Inlet Basins.
- Grading and sodding of the western end of the 488-1D Ash Basin.
- Installation of warning signs.

*488-2D Ash Basin*

- Removed ash and contaminated soil by consolidating into the 488-4D Ash Landfill.
- Graded and sodded to operate as a detention basin.
- Installation of warning signs.

*488-4D Ash Landfill*

- Consolidated ash from the surrounding roads/berms and area west of the 488-4D Ash Landfill, as well as the ash and contaminated soil from the 488-2D Ash Basin into the 488-4D Ash Landfill (total of 90,800 $yd^3$ [69,421 $m^3$]).
- Installed a 8.9 ha (22 ac) SCDHEC Class 3 Solid Waste Landfill geosynthetic cover system over the 488-4D Ash Landfill which was topped with a 50.8-cm (20-in.) common fill layer, 10.2-cm (4-in.) topsoil layer, and vegetative layer (sod).
- Installation of warning signs.

***DIPSL***

- Plugged and grouted 40 DIPSL manholes to abandon-in-place.

***Asbestos Pit***

- Established a maintenance program for the 1-hectare (2.5-acre) native soil cover; and
- Installed four warning signs.

Additionally, implementation of the remedial actions at the DAOU includes establishing LUCs for 67 hectares (165 acres) for the DAOU. Figures G-4 and G-5 provide current photographs of the DAOU.

**System Operations/Operation and Maintenance**

As of November 2022, the Bubble Tower Subunit SVE (i.e., MicroBlower™ system) is in operation. Operation of SVE was started on November 9, 2010 and has removed 9.7 kg (21.4 lbs) of PCE through the end of 2021. The SVE is anticipated to operate until RGs are achieved.

After remediation activities are complete, only inspection and maintenance activities will be required at DAOU. LUCs include the following:

- Visual inspections for evidence of damage to the 489-D CPRB, 488-1D Ash Basin, 488-4D Ash Landfill, Asbestos Pit and Bubble Tower Subunit cover systems due to

erosion, settlement or intrusion by burrowing animals are being performed annually. The inspections also address upkeep of the vegetative cover and access control barriers (e.g., the warning signs);

- Necessary repairs (e.g., replacing eroded or disturbed soil, sign repair, etc.) and vegetation management (e.g., mowing, removal of larger vegetation, etc.) are being performed when required; and
- Institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) are being enforced to preclude access through the SRS Site Use/ Site Clearance program and SRS site security.

Table G-3 compares the actual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for the five-year remedy review period to the estimated direct O&M costs from the EAROD (SRNS 2011a) and Second EAROD (SRNS 2020a). The estimated cost for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 to FY2022 is $119,750 for the SVE systems, soil cover, institutional controls (i.e., LUCs), and five-year remedy reviews. The actual O&M cost for FY2018 to FY2022 is $426,044. The O&M costs from FY2018 to FY2022 are higher than estimated because O&M costs for the SVE system at the D-Area Bubble Tower Subunit costs were not included in the EAROD cost estimate. Additionally, the 488-1D Ash Basin, 488-2D Ash Basin, and the 488-4D Landfill costs were added to the estimate beginning in FY2020 (i.e., addition of access controls) and inclusion of O&M costs beginning in FY2021. The five-year remedy review cost for DAOU was included in the FY2022.

## V. Progress since Last Review

The remedy at DAOU is protective of human health and the environment.

Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) to prevent exposure to or ingestion of contaminated groundwater and soil media. Contamination at the DAOU is being addressed through removal of contaminated media, implementation of the soil cover, physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the DAOU for industrial use only, and warning signs and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program.

## VI. Five-Year Review Process

The following tasks were performed as part of the review:

- Reviewed the documents listed in Section XII, Documents Reviewed;
- Confirmed the implementation of the remedial action;
- Reviewed the data associated with the SVE system for the Bubble Tower subunit and the detritiation for the Moderator Processing subunit (discussed below);
- Inspected the OU, interviewed maintenance personnel and documented the results on the Inspection Checklist provided in Attachment G-1 with the purpose of assessing the protectiveness of the remedy and the functionality of the access controls; and
- Reviewed changes in standards and to-be-considered guidance.

***Data Review***

**DAOU Bubble Tower Subunit**

The remedy for the PCE contaminated vadose zone soils of the Bubble Tower Subunit is operation of a network of MicroBlower™ SVE units. This network facilitates breaking of the transport pathway from the source to the groundwater. The approved Removal Action Report (RAR) for the DAOU Bubble Tower Subunit (SRNS 2011c) requires the monitoring results from the SVE system be reported in the five-year remedy review report. Attachment G-2 provides the detailed data associated with the operation of this system. The system has been operating near 100% for the last five years (2017 through 2021). During that period, the MicroBlower™ system has removed approximately 0.14 kg (0.31 lbs) of PCE and 0.017 kg (0.037 lbs) of trichloroethylene (TCE). Most contaminants were removed between 2011 and 2013 with minimal annual removal amounts since then.

**Moderator Processing Subunit**

The remedy for the tritium-contaminated soils of the Moderator Processing Subunit was treatment by on-site detritiation units. The RAR (SRNS 2011d) provides detail on the construction and operation of these units. The RGs for soil (120 pCi/g) and concrete

(68,000 pCi/g) were achieved for tritium removal and the soil/concrete was returned to the excavated areas (Table G-4). Detailed data tables are available in the RAR.

***Summary of Inspections and Interviews***

Interviews were conducted with Phil Carter, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Project (EC&ACP) Post-Closure Lead, and Brian Hanshew, SRNS EC&ACP Post-Closure Lead, on August 30, 2022 at the O&M organization offices. No issues were identified as an outcome of these interviews.

The DAOU was inspected by SRNS EC&ACP on July 26, 2022. No issues were identified for the DAOU during this inspection.

A site inspection was conducted by SRNS EC&ACP and USDOE personnel on December 6, 2022. No issues were identified during this inspection.

A site inspection will be conducted by USEPA and SCDHEC personnel, accompanied by USDOE and SRNS personnel, prior to submittal of the Revision 1 of this document. No significant problems regarding the protection of the remedy for this OU will be identified during the inspection.

Scheduled annual site inspections were conducted from FY2018 through FY2022. At the D-Area Asbestos Pit the presence of ant mounds and pine samplings growing on the cover were identified. At the 488-D Ash Basin, 488-1D Ash Basin, 488-2D Ash Basin, and 488-4D Ash Landfill the presence of active ant mounds, evidence of hog damage on caps, overgrown vegetation on the outlet side of the drainage ditches, and woody vegetation growing at the northwest corner of the unit area were identified. Additionally, vegetation blocking signs were found on several occasions at DAOU. These findings were documented on the field inspection checklist and resolved soon after discovery. Hog fencing has been installed encompassing all the ash basins/landfill. The hog fencing is not a required component of the remedy. The inspections conducted during this remedy review cycle are listed in Section XII.

## VII. Technical Assessment

### Is the Remedy Functioning as Intended by the Decision Document?

The review of documents, applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs), risk assumptions, and the results of the site inspection indicates that the remedy is functioning as intended by the EAROD (SRNS 2011a) and the Second EAROD (SRNS 2020a). There are several facets to the functioning of the remedy at the DAOU.

LUCs were the selected remedy in the EAROD and Second EAROD with a requirement to complete the removal actions for subunits (Bubble Tower, Moderator Processing, and Powerhouse). The LUCs are functioning properly to protect industrial workers from exposure to asbestos-containing waste in the subsurface soils of the D-Area Asbestos Pit and to protect against unrestricted land use at the DAOU.

The operation of the detritiation units has been successful in meeting the RGs for tritium in the Moderator Processing subunit vadose zone soils and concrete slabs. The removal and consolidation of ash and/or contaminated soils associated with the 489-D CPRB, the D-Area WOF, the 488-1D Ash Basin, the 488-2D Ash Basin, and the 488-4D Ash Landfill under cover systems have been successful in addressing the RAOs to prevent exposure to industrial workers and ecological receptors to coal, ash, and contaminated soils.

The MicroBlower™ SVE system is removing VOCs, including PCE, from the vadose zone in support of the RAO of reducing potential leaching of PCE in the Bubble Tower Subunit vadose zone soils.

The Early Action Land Use Control Implementation Plan for DAOU (SRNS 2011b) and the Second Early Action Land Use Control Implementation Plan for the DAOU (SRNS 2020b) governs LUC implementation, maintenance, monitoring, reporting, and enforcement. LUCs that are in place include physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), use restrictions to prevent unauthorized contact, removal or excavation of contaminated soils, restrictions to prevent unauthorized access to or use of groundwater until cleanup levels are met, and restrictions

to prevent disturbance of the soil covers for the D-Area Asbestos Pit, the northern section of the 489-D CPRB, the Bubble Tower area, the 488-1D Ash Basin, the 488-2D Ash Basin, and the 488-4D Ash Landfill. Warning signs are in good condition, and no activities were observed that would have violated the LUCs. All LUC objectives are being met.

**Are the Exposure Assumptions, Toxicity Data, Cleanup Levels, and Remedial Action Objectives still Valid?**

The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives used at the time of remedy selection are still valid. There have been no changes in the physical conditions at the DAOU that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

ARARs for this OU include those in the EAROD and Second EAROD as well as those in the RSER/EE/CA documents for the removal actions. All but one of the action-specific ARARs for the removal actions have been met. This includes the Toxic Air Pollutants standards (SC.R.61-62.5 Standard 8) (associated with the SVE system for the Bubble Tower subunit). Location-specific ARARs for all three removal actions have been met. The chemical-specific ARARs will be met and evaluated through the ongoing groundwater monitoring that is part of the DAG OU. For the LUCs in the EAROD and Second EAROD, there are neither location-specific nor chemical-specific ARARs. The relevant ARARs are action-specific and are related to the closure and monitoring of landfills, both the cover systems and groundwater. For those ARARs that will remain applicable until RGs have been met, the requirements set forth by the associated regulations are currently being met.

The USEPA standards and toxicity values have been updated since the last five-year remedy review as shown in Appendix B. The changes to the values for COCs at the DAOU were not significant, and the RAOs continue to be met by the remedial action. No new standards or to-be-considered guidance have been identified that call into question the protectiveness of the remedy. No new standards or to-be-considered guidance have been identified that call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

Fact sheets provided on the USEPA webpage (https://www.epa.gov/fedfac/emerging-contaminants-and-federal-facility-contaminants-concern) regarding emerging contami-

nants were reviewed for applicability to this site. This webpage provides a link to specific fact sheets for each of the following contaminants: 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), 1,4-dioxane, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT), hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), nanomaterials, N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA), perchlorate, perflurorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and tungsten. PFOS and PFAS are applicable to this site. None of the other listed emerging contaminants were identified as applicable to this OU.

Two known areas within D Area are known to have used aqueous firefighting foam that likely contained PFAS constituents. This includes the Fire Fighting Training Facility (Bubble Tower Subunit) and the former location of the 715-D gasoline station (FFA Appendix K.2: D&D Facilities [or remnants] that Require No further Evaluation). PFAS constituents have been identified in the groundwater in D Area and are being monitored annually as part of the DAG OU groundwater monitoring and to support the DAG OU RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation Work Plan characterization efforts (SRNS 2022b). Groundwater, surface water, sediment, and soil sampling for PFAS is being done under the DAG OU and any remedial decisions for PFAS will be made as part of the DAG OU and/or the DAOU Final ROD.

**Has any Other Information Come to Light that Could Call into Question the Protectiveness of the Remedy?**

No new information has come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

## VIII. Issues

The following issue has been identified during this remedy review:

- The DAOU Bubble Tower MicroBlower™ SVE has been successful in treating VOC contamination. Contaminant removal from the DAOU Bubble Tower Microblower™ SVE wells has greatly diminished or ceased since 2013 and operation of the SVE

system may no longer be needed for future protectiveness if the CM RG has been achieved.

## IX. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions

Recommendations for the DAOU are provided in Table G-5.

## X. Protectiveness Statement(s)

The remedy at the DAOU OU is protective of human health and the environment.

Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled with LUCs. All threats to contaminated media at the DAOU were addressed by early removal actions and implementation of LUCs through implementation of physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the DAOU for industrial use only, and warning signs and land use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program.

## XI. Next Review

As shown in Appendix A, Table A-1, the next five-year review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment is scheduled for January 2029.

## XII. Documents Reviewed

FFA, 1993. *Federal Facility Agreement for the Savannah River Site,* Administrative Docket No. 89-05-FF (Effective Date: August 16, 1993)

USDOE, 1996. *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report*, U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2009a. *Removal Site Evaluation Report/Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the Volatile Organic Compound-Contaminated Soil at the Bubble Tower Subunit at the D Area Operable Unit (U),* SRNS-RP-2009-00544, Revision 1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2009b. *Removal Site Evaluation Report/Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the Tritium-Contaminated Soil and Concrete at the Moderator Processing Subunit at the D Area Operable Unit (U),* SRNS-RP-2009-00542, Revision 1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2009c. *Removal Site Evaluation Report/Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the 489-D Coal Pile Runoff Basin, D-006 Outfall, and 484-10D Waste Oil Facility at the D Area Operable Unit (U),* SRNS-RP-2009-00805, Revision 1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2011a. *Early Action Record of Decision Remedial Alternative Selection for the D-Area Operable Unit (U),* SRNS-RP-2010-00162, Revision 1.2, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2011b. *Early Action Land Use Control Implementation Plan (EALUCIP) for the D-Area Operable Unit (DAOU) (U),* SRNS-RP-2011-01166, Revision 0 (corrected), Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2011c. *Removal Action Report for Volatile Organic Compound-Contaminated Soil at the Bubble Tower Subunit of the D-Area Operable Unit (U),* SRNS-RP-2010-01727, Revision 1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2011d. *Removal Action Report for the Tritium-Contaminated Soil and Concrete at the Moderator Processing Subunit at the D-Area Operable Unit (U),* SRNS-RP-2011-01485, Revision 0, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2017. *Removal Action Report for the 488-2D Ash Basin and 488-4D Ash Landfill (U),* SRNS-RP-2017-00057, Revision 1, September, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2019. *Removal Action Report for the 488-1D Ash Basin and 489-D Coal Pile Runoff Basin (U),* SRNS-RP-2018-01091, Revision 1, August, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2020a. *Second Early Action Record of Decision Remedial Alternative Selection for the D-Area Operable Unit (U)*, SRNS-RP-2018-00461, Revision 0, July, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2020b. *Second Early Action Land Use Control Implementation Plan for the D-Area Operable Unit (U)*, SRNS-RP-2020-00759, Revision 0, November, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2022a. *Removal Action Report for the 484-17D Coal Storage Area (U)*, SRNS-RP-2022-00071, Revision 1, November, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2022b. *RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation Work Plan for the D-Area Groundwater Operable Unit (D-Area Upgradient Sources) (U)*, SRNS-RP-2019-00394, Revision 1, April, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 1999. *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site*, WSRC-RP-98-4125, Revision 1.1, latest update, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

Various – Inspection Data Sheets - *Field Inspection Checklist for D-Area Operable Unit*, ER-IDS-019-072, Inspection period 2018 through 2022 (annually)

Various – Inspection Data Sheets - *Field Inspection Checklist for D-Area Coal Pile Runoff Basin*, ER-IDS-019-067, Inspection period 2018 through 2022 (annually)

Various – Inspection Data Sheets - *Field Inspection Checklist for D-Area Bubble Tower*, ER-IDS-019-068, Inspection period 2018 through 2022 (annually)

Various – Inspection Data Sheets - *Field Inspection Checklist for D-Area Asbestos Pit*, ER-IDS-019-069, Inspection period 2018 through 2022 (annually)

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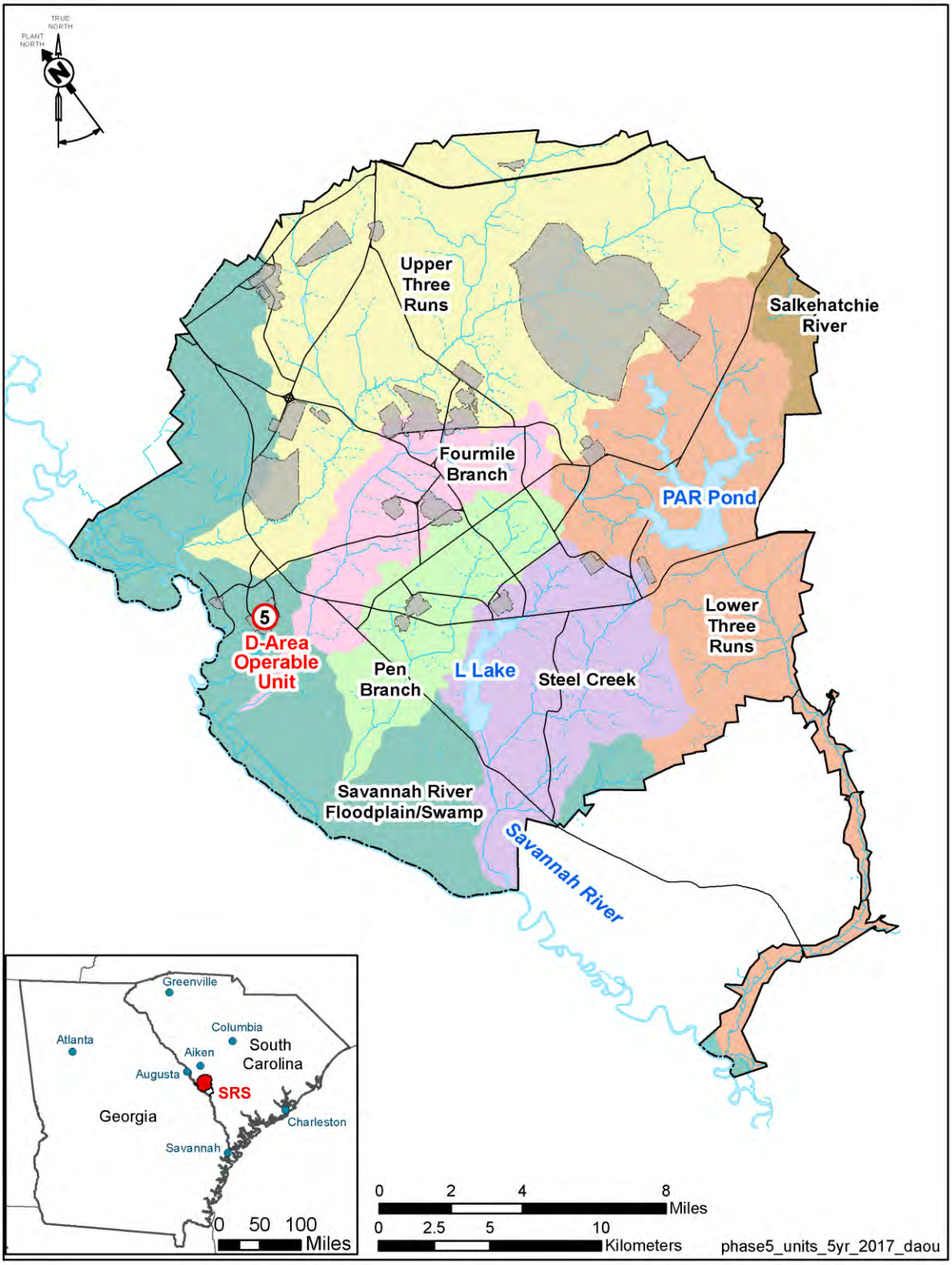



**Figure G-1. Location of the DAOU within the Savannah River Site**

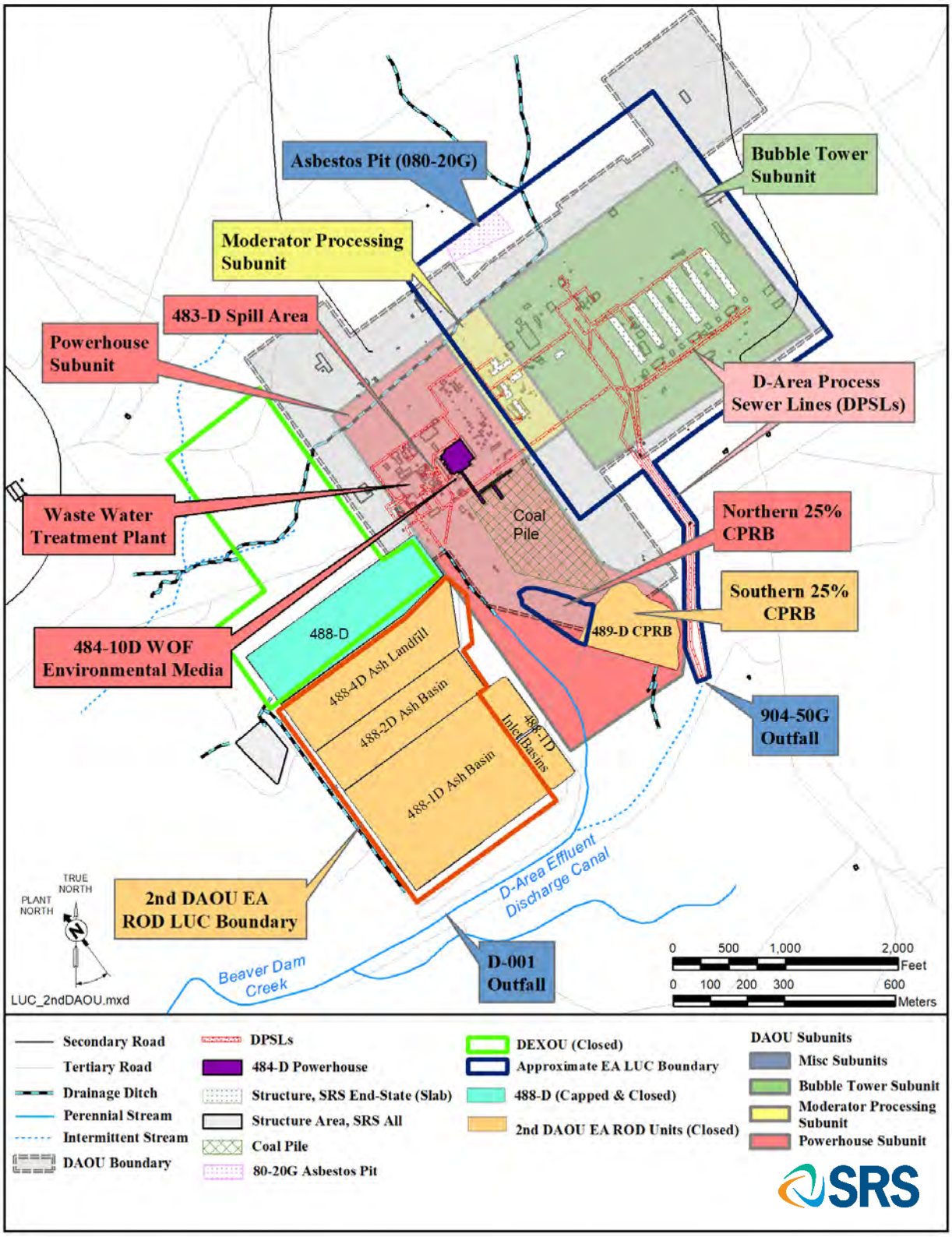



**Figure G-2. Location of DAOU Subunits**



1982 Aerial Photo



Moderator Subunit - 1995



Bubble Towers - 1995

**Figure G-3. Early Photos of the DAOU**

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**Figure G-4. 2019 Aerial Photo of DAOU**



Bubble Tower Subunit




Asbestos Pit



D-Area Coal Pile Runoff Basin



Waste Oil Facility




D-Area Operable Unit




D-Area Ash Basins/Landfill

**Figure G-5. Current Photographs of the Subunits of the D-Area Operable Unit (2022)**

**Table G-1. Chronology of OU Events**

| Event | Date |
|---|---|
| Bubble Tower Subunit Removal Action Start/Complete | July 6, 2010 / November 2, 2010 |
| Bubble Tower Subunit SVE Operations Start/Complete | November 9, 2010 / on-going |
| Moderator Processing Subunit Thermal Detritiation Unit #1 Removal Action Start / Complete | October 20, 2010 / June 21, 2011 |
| Moderator Processing Subunit Thermal Detritiation Unit #2, #3, and #4 Operations Start / Complete | November 3, 2010 / August 10, 2011 |
| Powerhouse Subunit Removal Action Start / Complete<br>– Northern 25% Section of the 489-D CPRB, D-Area WOF, and D-006 Petroleum Waste Site | April 11, 2011 / September 8, 2011 |
| Early Action Record of Decision (EAROD) Issuance | September 26, 2011 |
| Powerhouse Subunit Removal Action Start / Complete<br>– 488-2D Ash Basin and 488-4D Ash Landfill | September 2, 2014 / November 3, 2016 |
| Powerhouse Subunit Removal Action Start / Complete<br>– Southern 75% section of the 489-D CPRB and 488-1D Ash Basin (and adjacent Inlet Basins) | September 10, 2015 / November 14, 2018 |
| Powerhouse Subunit Removal Action Start / Complete<br>– 484-17D DCSA | May 5, 2020 / February 3, 2021 |
| Second EAROD Issuance | September 24, 2020 |
| Previous Five-Year Reviews | February 4, 2014 / December 5, 2018 |

**Table G-2. RCOCs and RGs for Future Industrial Worker at DAOU**

| Subunit | Medium | Refined COCs | Type of COC | | | | Cleanup Level | Basis |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | ARAR | HH | ECO | CM | | |
| Bubble Tower | Soil | Tetrachloroethylene | | | | X | 20 µg /kg | CM soil cleanup level |
| Moderator Processing | Concrete | Tritium | | | | X | 68,000 pCi/g | CM soil cleanup level |
| | Soil | Tritium | | | | X | 120 pCi/g | CM soil cleanup level |
| Powerhouse (489-D CPRB) | Sediments | Arsenic | | X | X | | 8.2 mg/kg | 95th percentile background |
| | | 2-Methylnapthalene | | | X | | 0.07 mg/kg | HQ=1 |
| | Surface Water | Aluminum | X | | X | | 0.087 mg/L | HQ=1 |
| | | Beryllium | | | X | | 0.00053 mg/L | HQ=1 |
| | | Cobalt | | | X | | 0.023 mg/L | HQ=1 |
| | | Copper | X | | X | | 0.00362 mg/L | HQ=1 |
| | | Iron | X | | X | | 1.0 mg/L | HQ=1 |
| | | Manganese | | | X | | 0.12 mg/L | HQ=1 |
| | | Zinc | X | | X | | 0.0327 mg/L | HQ=1 |
| | | pH | X | | X | | 6.5-9.0 | Ambient Water Quality Criteria |
| Miscellaneous D-Area Asbestos Pit) | Soil | Asbestos | | X | | | NA | Potential exposure if disturbed |
| 488-1D Ash Basin | Soil/Sediment | Coal-related contaminants | | X | X | X | Refer to SRNS 2019 | 1E-06 risk level or HQ =1 |
| 488-2D Ash Basin | Soil/Sediment | Coal-related contaminants | | X | X | X | Refer to SRNS 2017 | 1E-06 risk level or HQ =1 |
| 488-4D Landfill | Soil | Coal-related contaminants | | X | X | X | Refer to SRNS 2017 | 1E-06 risk level or HQ =1 |

**Table G-3. Actual versus Estimated O&M Costs**

| Project Cost | FY2018 | FY2019 | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022 | 5-Year Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Actual O&M Costs ($) | 50,911 | 62,857 | 102,619 | 168,882 | 40,776 | 426,044[a] |
| Total Plug-In ROD Estimated Direct O&M Costs ($) | 5,500 | 5,500 | 6,250[b] | 41,250 | 61,250[c] | 119,750 |

a The actual O&M cost is higher than expected due to the D-Area Bubble Tower Subunit costs not being included in the EAROD cost estimate.
b Estimated costs from Second EAROD were included beginning in FY2020.
c Includes five-year remedy review estimated cost for DAOU.

**Table G-4. Summary of Confirmatory Sampling for On-Site Thermal Detritiation Treatment of Soils and Concrete associated with the Moderator Processing Subunit (SRNS 2011d)**

| Event # | Treatment Cell # | Media | # of Records | Maximum Concentration (pCi/g) | Minimum Concentration (pCi/g) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DAOU-HR-TS | 2 | Soil | 5 | 72.9 | 31.2 |
| | 3 | Concrete | 2 | 724 | 640 |
| | 4 | Concrete | 2 | 29.7 | 19.9 |
| | | Soil | 2 | 39.2 | 35.1 |
| | 1 | Concrete | 11 | 17.4 | ND |
| | | Soil | 4 | 38.4 | 9.88 |
| DAOU-HR-TS10 | 4 | Soil | 5 | 104 | 77.2 |
| DAOU-HR-TS11 | 1 | Concrete | 7 | 189 | 10.3 |
| | 1 | Soil | 5 | 55.1 | 17.5 |
| | 3 | Soil | 5 | ND | ND |
| | 2 | Soil | 5 | 15.9 | 7.79 (J) |
| | 4 | Soil | 5 | 67.7 | 22.6 |
| | 1 | Soil | 5 | 64.3 | 21.9 |
| | 2 | Soil | 5 | 7.14 (J) | 5.1 (J) |
| | 3 | Soil | 4 | 5.48 | 4.4 |
| DAOU-HR-TS2 | 1 | Soil | 4 | 54.4 | 12 |
| DAOU-HR-TS3 | 1 | Soil | 5 | 29.3 | 15.2 |
| DAOU-HR-TS4 | 2 | Soil | 5 | 133 | 68.3 |
| DAOU-HR-TS5 | 1 | Soil | 5 | 40.2 | 19.7 |
| DAOU-HR-TS9 | 3 | Soil | 3 | 69.8 | 45.3 |
| | | Concrete | 2 | 48.9 | 40.7 |
| | 1 | Concrete | 2 | 541 | 119 |
| | 2 | Soil | 4 | 142 | 102 |

Note: Sampling events occurred over multiple dates. Thus, multiple listing of a treatment cell for a single media within a single event indicates separate sampling events.

**Table G-5. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions for DAOU**

| Issue | Recommendations/ Follow-up Actions | Party Responsible | Oversight Agency | Milestone Date | Affects Protectiveness? (Y/N) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Current | Future |
| Contaminant removal from the DAOU Bubble Tower MicroBlower™ SVE wells has greatly diminished or ceased since 2012 and operation of the SVE system may no longer be needed for future protectiveness if the CM RG has been achieved. | Due to the DAOU Bubble Tower Subunit MicroBlower™ SVE system's minimal removals of contaminants for at least the last four years (Figure G-2-2, Attachment G-2), SRS proposes to convert the MicroBlower™ SVE system to a passive BaroBall™ SVE system until confirmation soil samples can be collected to determine whether the PCE CM RG has been met (20 μg/kg). If the CM RG has been achieved, the results will be submitted to the Core Team for consensus to justify discontinuing operation of the SVE and/or monitoring. | USDOE | SCDHEC/ USEPA | June 2023 | N | N |

## Attachment G-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – D-Area Operable Unit

| I. SITE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Site Name:** | **D-Area Operable Unit** | **Date of Inspection:** | **07/26/22** |
| **Location and Region** | **SRS, USEPA Region 4** | **EPA ID:** | **SEMS #63** |
| **Agency, Office, or Company leading the Five-Year Review** | **USDOE** | **Weather/ Temperature** | **93º Partly Cloudy** |

**Remedy Includes:** *(Click all that apply)*

- ☒ Landfill Cover/Containment
- ☒ Access Controls
- ☒ Institutional Controls
- ☐ Groundwater Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Surface Water Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Monitored Natural Attenuation
- ☐ Groundwater Containment
- ☐ Vertical Barriers
- ☒ Other Soil Vapor Extraction

**Attachments:** ☐ Inspection team roster attached ☐ Inspection team roster attached

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Site Manager:** Brian Hanshew (Name) | Post Closure Manager (Title) | 08/30/22 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4949

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

**2. O&M Staff:** Phil Carter (Name) | EC&ACP Post Closure Waste Site Inspector/Maintenance Coord. (Title) | 08/30/22 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4145

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

## Attachment G-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – D-Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply) (Continued)*

**3. Local Regulatory Authorities and Response Agencies** (i.e., State and tribal offices, emergency response office, police department, office of public health or environmental health, zoning office, recorder of deeds or other city and county offices, etc.). Fill in all that apply.

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ **(**Title) _____ **(**Date) _____ **(**Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ **(**Title) _____ **(**Date) _____ **(**Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

_____

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ **(**Title) _____ **(**Date) _____ **(**Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

_____

4. **Other Interviews** *(Optional):* ☐ Report Attached _____

_____

_____

_____

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Documents:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ O&M Manual | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ As-Built Drawings | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Maintenance Logs | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: See *Waste Unit Inspection and Maintenance*, ER-SOP-019 and *D-Area Coal Pile Runoff Basin Field Inspection Checklist*, ER-IDS-019-067, *D-Area Bubble Tower Field Inspection Checklist*, ER-IDS-019-068, *D-Area Asbestos Pit Field Inspection Checklist*, ER-IDS-019-069, *D-Area Operable Unit Field Inspection Checklist*, ER-IDS-019-072

## Attachment G-1 Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – D-Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED *(Continued)***

**2. Health and Safety Plans (HASPs):**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Site-Specific Health and Safety Plans | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Contingency Plan/Emergency Response Plan | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: Routine O&M activities do not require a site-specific health and safety plan (SSHASP) under 29 CFR 1910.120.HAZWOPER. A SSHASP is prepared if needed.

**3. O&M and OSHA Training Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Training Records are complete and up to date per EC&ACP training matrix.

**4. Permits and Service Agreements:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air Discharge Permit | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☒ Effluent Discharge | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Waste Disposal; POTW | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Other Permits | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: SCDHEC Air Quality Permit, NPDES Permit SC 0000175

**5. Gas Generation Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**6. Settlement Monument Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**7. Groundwater Monitoring Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**8. Leachate Extraction Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**9. Discharge Compliance Records:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☒ Water (Effluent) | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |

Remarks:

**10. Daily Access/Security Logs:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Daily Operational Log

## Attachment G-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – D-Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

### IV. O&M COSTS

**1. O&M Organization:**

☐ State In-House ☐ Contractor for State
☐ PRP In-House ☐ Contractor for PRP
☒ Other: SRS

**2. O&M Cost Records:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☐ Funding mechanism/agreement in place
☒ Other: Project cost data is summarized in Section IV of this OU-specific review

**Total annual cost by year for review period, if available**

From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

**3. Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period**

Describe costs and reasons: _____

### V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Fencing**

**1. Fencing Damage:** ☒ Location shown on site map ☒ Gates secured ☐ N/A

Remarks: OU-specific perimeter fencing is not required by the remedial action. However, access to D Area is controlled by a locked gate and is monitored by SRS security personnel.

**B. Signs**

**1. Signs and Other Security Measures:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A

Remarks: Signs are in good condition

## Attachment G-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – D-Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

**V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS *(Continued)***

### C. Institutional Controls

**1. Implementation and Enforcement**

Site conditions imply ICs are not properly implemented: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Site conditions imply ICs are not being fully enforced: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive-by, etc.) Walkdown

Frequency: Once in 5 years

Responsible Party/Agent: USDOE Savannah River Field Office

Contact: Karen Adams (Name) | Federal Project Director (Title) | 12/06/2022 (Date) | 803-952-7871 (Phone No.)

Reporting is up-to-date: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Reports are verified by the lead agency: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Specific requirements in deed or decision documents have been met: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Violations have been reported: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Problems/Suggestions: ☐ Report Attached

**2. Adequacy:** ☒ ICs are adequate ☐ ICs are inadequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

### D. General

**1. Vandalism/Trespassing:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No vandalism is evident

Remarks:

**2. Land use changes onsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**3. Land use changes offsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment G-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – D-Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

| VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS |
|---|
| **A. Roads** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Roads damaged:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Roads adequate ☐ N/A<br>Remarks: |
| **B. Other Site Conditions** |
| Remarks: Vegetation mowed routinely. Annual site inspections were performed during the period FY2018 through FY2022. At the D-Area Asbestos Pit the presence of ant mounds and pine samplings growing on the cover were identified. Additionally, at the 488-D Ash Basin, 488-1D Ash Basin, 488-2D Ash Basin, and 488-4D Ash Landfill the presence of active ant mounds, evidence of hog damage on caps, overgrown vegetation on the outlet side of the drainage ditches, and woody vegetation growing at the northwest corner of the unit area were identified. Additionally, vegetation blocking signs were found on several occasions at DAOU. These findings were resolved soon after discovery. |
| **VII. LANDFILL COVER/CONTAINMENT** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **VIII. VERTICAL BARRIER WALLS** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **A. Groundwater Extraction Wells, Pumps, and Pipelines** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Pumps, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**<br>☒ Good Condition ☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs Maintenance ☐ N/A<br>Remarks: |
| **2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes, and Other Appurtenances:**<br>☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs Maintenance<br>Remarks: |
| **3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**<br>☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided<br>Remarks: |
| **B. Surface Water Collection Structures, Pumps, and Pipelines** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |

## Attachment G-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – D-Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

**IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES *(Continued)***

**C. Treatment System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Treatment Train** (Check components that apply)**:**

☐ Metals removal ☐ Oil/water separation ☐ Bioremediation
☐ Air stripping ☐ Carbon adsorbers
☐ Filters_____
☐ Additive (e.g., chelation agent, flocculent)_____
☐ Others_____
☐ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance
☐ Sampling ports properly marked and function
☐ Sampling/maintenance log displayed and up-to-date
☐ Equipment properly identified
☐ Sampling ports properly marked and function
☐ Quantity of groundwater treatment annually_____
☐ Quantity of surface water treatment annually_____

Remarks:_____

**2. Electrical Enclosures and Panels** *(properly rated and function)***:**

☒ N/A ☐ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance

Remarks:_____

**3. Tanks, Vaults, Storage Vessels:**

☒ N/A ☐ Good Condition ☐ Proper secondary containment ☐ Needs maintenance

Remarks:_____

**4. Discharge Structure Appurtenances:**

☒ N/A ☐ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance

Remarks:_____

**5. Treatment Building(s):**

☒ N/A ☐ Good Condition (especially roof and doorways ☐ Needs repair
☐ Chemicals and equipment properly stored

Remarks:_____

## Attachment G-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – D-Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

**IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES *(Continued)***

**6. Monitoring Wells** *(pump and treatment remedy)***:**

☒ Properly secured/locked ☒ Functioning ☒ Routinely sampled ☒ Good condition
☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**D. Monitoring Data** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Monitoring Data:**

☒ Is routinely submitted on time ☒ Is of acceptable quality

**2. Monitoring Data:**

☒ Groundwater plume is effectively contained ☒ Contaminant concentrations are declining

**E. Monitored Natural Attenuation** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**X. OTHER REMEDIES**

If there are remedies applied at the site, which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction.

**A. Soil Vapor Extraction System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Blowers, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**

☒ Good Condition ☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A

Remarks: SVE systems at the Bubble Tower Subunit

**2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes and Other Appurtenances:**

☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance

Remarks:

**3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**

☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided

Remarks:

## Attachment G-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – D-Area Operable Unit *(continued/end)*

### XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS

**A. Implementation of the Remedy**

Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emissions, etc.).

The remedial action for the DAOU Bubble Tower Subunit is SVE with MicroBlowers™ to prevent the migration of VOCs from the contaminated soils to groundwater above the MCLs, a 1-foot soil cover to protect remedial workers and future industrial workers from unacceptable exposure to VOCs and institutional controls (i.e., LUCs). The SVE system is operating at the Bubble Tower Subunit and is functioning as expected.

The remedial actions for the DAOU Powerhouse Subunit include geosynthetic cover systems over the 488-1D Ash Basin and 488-4D Ash Landfill with institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) to prevent the migration of coal and ash related contaminants to groundwater above MCLs and to prevent industrial workers and ecological receptors from exposure to contaminated soils and ash.

**B. Adequacy of O&M**

Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.

The O&M procedures are adequately maintaining the integrity of the Bubble Tower Subunit SVE system and the 488-1D Ash Basin and 488-4D Ash Landfill cover systems. The O&M procedures consisting of annual site inspections and site maintenance (cover system and warning signs) and site controls (SRS Site Use and Site Clearance Programs, which restrict invasive and permanent installation activities at the OU) have been implemented. There are no issues requiring corrective actions

**C. Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Failure**

Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.

N/A

**D. Opportunities for Optimization**

Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.

Recommendations provided in the OU-specific review report (Table G-5).

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## Attachment G-2. D-Area Bubble Tower Subunit SVE Monitoring Report

### Introduction

MicroBlower™-equipped soil vapor extraction (SVE) wells are installed and operating at eleven locations associated with the D-Area Bubble Tower Subunit of the D-Area Operable Unit (DAOU). The SVE system is located within the areal extent of the vadose zone contaminated with tetrachloroethylene (PCE) (Figure G-2-1). Construction was completed on November 8, 2010 with operation of the SVE system beginning November 9, 2010.

The Bubble Tower Subunit is approximately 38.6 hectares (95 acres) in area and includes the bubble towers, firefighting training facility, and the 717-D Maintenance Facility. These facilities have undergone deactivation and demolition and only the concrete building slabs and residual soil contamination remain. An area east of the 717-D Maintenance Facility was identified as a source zone for PCE contamination and the focus of the SVE operations. In general, previous sampling displayed a vertical trend of increasing concentration with depth in the soil column to the water table. It is estimated the area requiring treatment is approximately 980 $m^2$ (10,890 $ft^2$) with a total depth of 3 m (10 ft).

Based on the contaminant fate and transport evaluation, PCE was identified as a contaminant migration refined constituents of concern (CM RCOC) exceeding the CM threshold of 20 µg/kg in soil (SRNS 2011). The remedial action objective (RAO) is to prevent migration of PCE from vadose zone soil to groundwater at concentrations exceeding MCLs.

The SVE wells are constructed of 0.6-m (2-in) schedule 40 polyvinyl chloride pipe with 1.5 m (5 ft) screens placed 1.5 to 3 m (5 to 10 ft) below ground surface (bgs) for each well. The depth to water is approximately 3 to 3.6 m (10 to 12 ft) bgs (SRNS 2009). The MicroBlower™ system likely removed the bulk of the PCE within the vadose zone early in the operation period. SRS will collect confirmatory soil samples to ensure the PCE RG of 20 µg/kg of soil has been met.

### Summary of Operation

The DAOU Bubble Tower Subunit remediation by SVE via eleven 0.6-m (2-in) SVE wells with MicroBlower™ was initiated on November 9, 2010.

The MicroBlower™ wells were temporarily shut down on December 18, 2010 to reevaluate the potential to emit for air emissions based on the possible impact of petroleum products known to

have been in the area. The MicroBlower™ wells restarted operation on May 26, 2011 and have continued operating. Individual MicroBlower™ wells have gone down on occasion due to a variety of causes, but during 2017 through 2021, the MicroBlower™ wells have been operating between 92% to near 100% of the time. All eleven MicroBlower™ wells have operated for an average of approximately 46,500 hours since starting on November 9, 2010.

**Data Summary**

Calculations based on flow rates, run times, and contaminant concentrations have determined that approximately 9.7 kg (21.4 lbs) of PCE have been removed from the soils at the Bubble Tower Subunit over the period of 2010 through 2021 (Table G-2-1). Additionally, 0.8 kg (1.8 lb) of trichloroethylene (TCE) have been removed (Table G-2-2). The wells were sampled semiannually and include the measurement of air flow. The air flow measurements are used to calculate the total mass removed for each of the wells. It is also assumed that the MicroBlowers™ operate for approximately 12 hours/day.

As shown in the contaminant tables, the majority of the contaminants were removed during 2010, 2011, and 2012. Afterward, contaminant removal has greatly diminished or ceased. The average concentration of PCE for the eleven SVE wells during 2011 was 4.13 ppmv and the average during 2021 was 0.0185 ppmv, showing over a 200-times decrease in PCE concentrations. The average concentration of TCE for the eleven SVE wells during 2011 was 0.29 ppmv and the average during 2021 was 0.0037 ppmv, showing a near 78-times decrease in TCE concentrations. Figure G-2-2 displays the cumulative mass removal of PCE and TCE from 2010 through 2021 and demonstrates how the majority of the contaminants have been removed in the first few years of operation.

Additionally, two groundwater wells are located within or near the DAOU SVE unit, DCB 62 and DCB 63, and the locations are shown in Figure G-2-1. Well DCB 63 is screened across the upper water table with a screen zone of 8-21.3 ft bgs. Well DCB 62 is screened deeper within the aquifer at 30-40 ft bgs. PCE and TCE groundwater concentrations at these wells is displayed in Figure G-2-3 and both wells do not show any increases in contaminant concentrations as concentrations have decreased from 2001 to 2021. Groundwater concentrations beneath the DAOU SVE unit have remained below the PCE MCL of 5 µg/L.

**References**

SRNS, 2009. *RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) Work Plan and RFI/RI Report with Baseline Risk Assessment for the D-Area Operable Unit (U)*, WSRC-RP-2007-4079, Revision 1.1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2011. *Early Action Record of Decision Remedial Alternative Selection for the D-Area Operable Unit (U)*, SRNS-RP-2010-00162, Revision 1.2, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

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**Figure G-2-1. Layout of SVE wells for the DAOU Bubble Tower Subunit MicroBlower™ System and Nearby Groundwater Monitoring Wells DCB 62 and DCB 63**

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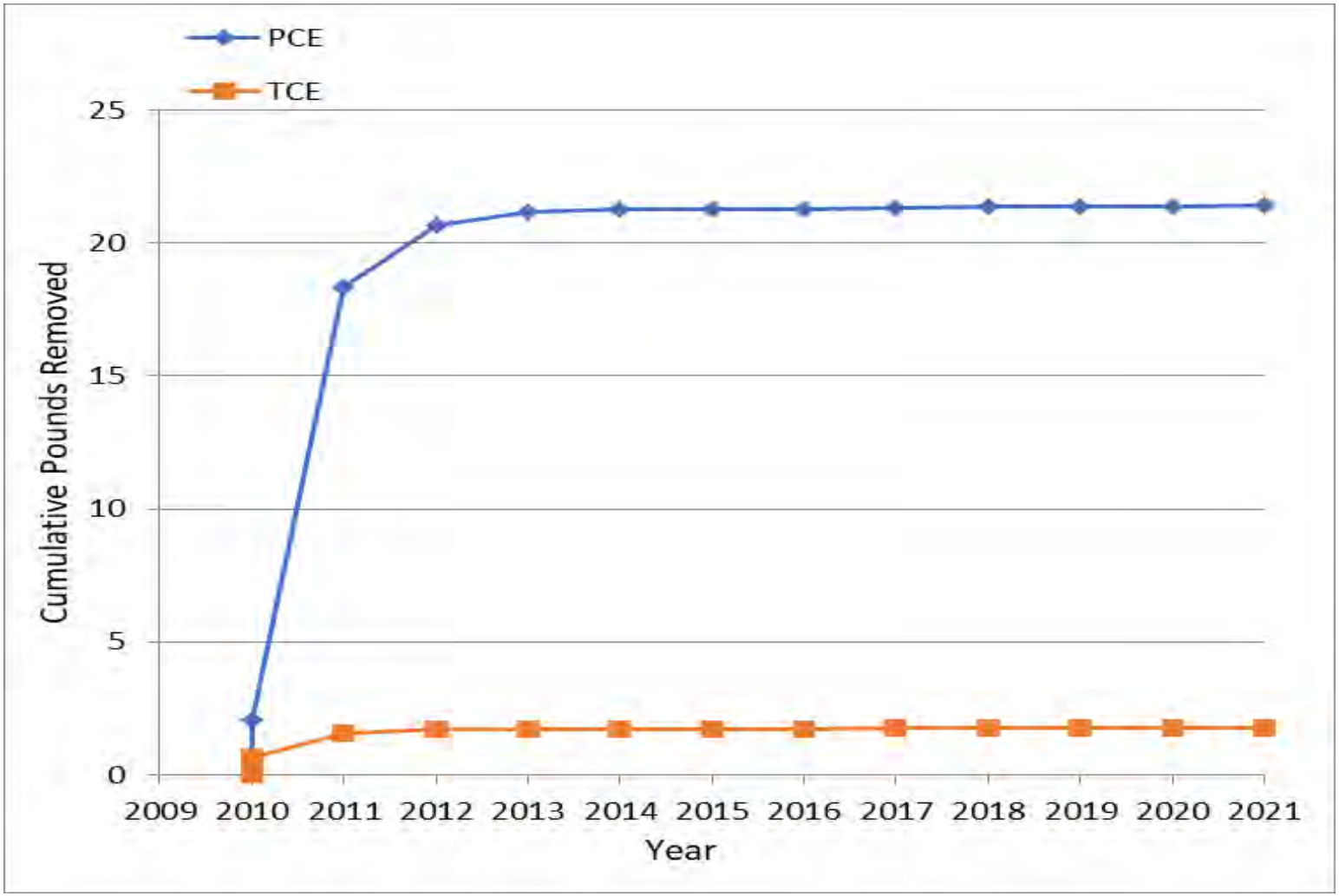



**Figure G-2-2. Annual PCE and TCE Mass Removed 2010 through 2021**

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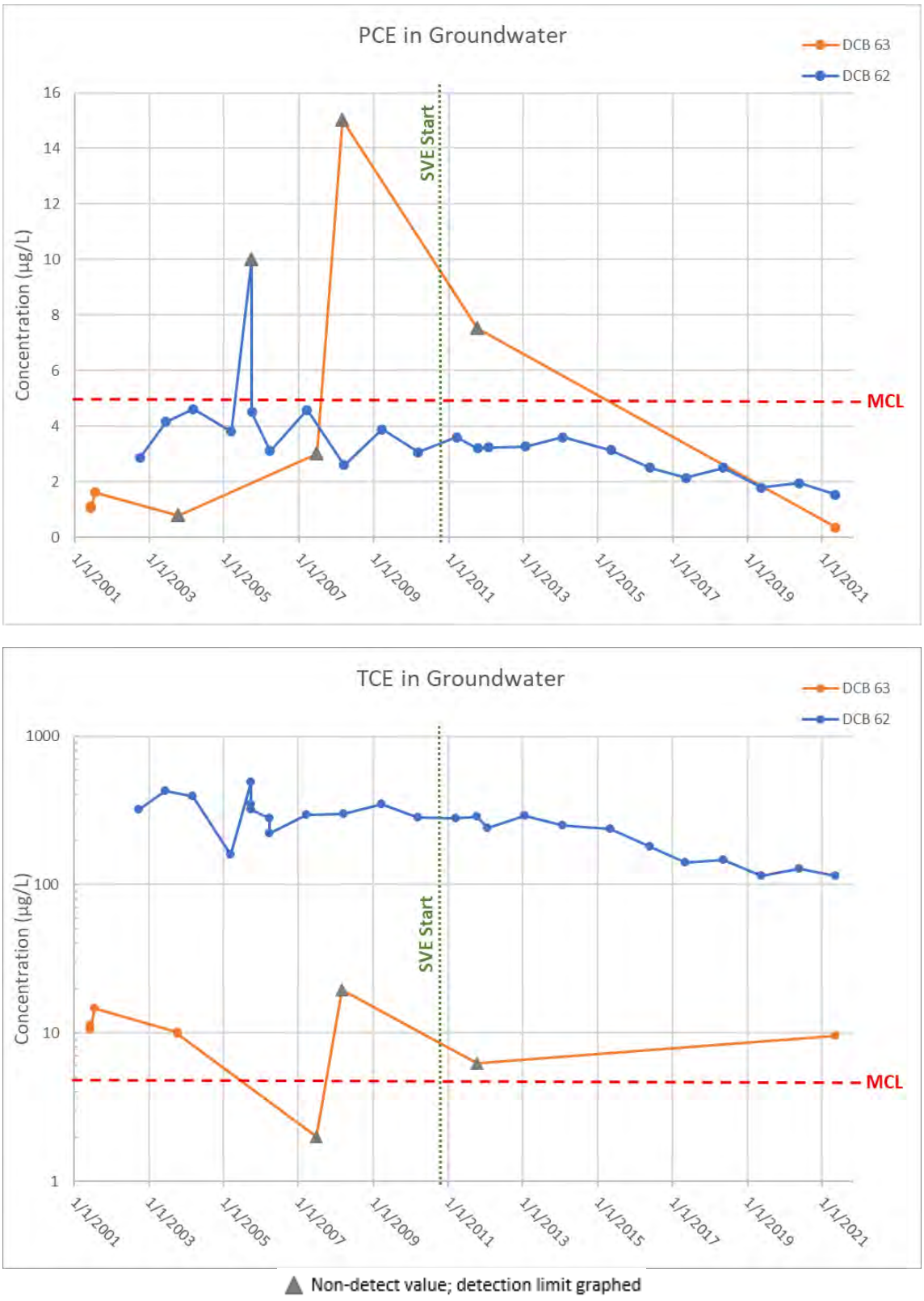



**Figure G-2-3. Groundwater Trends for PCE and TCE Near the DAOU SVE Units**

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**Table G-2-1. Average PCE Concentrations and Mass Removed (lbs) in the Off-Gas for the DAOU Bubble Tower Subunit SVE wells per Well per Year**

| PCE | 2010 | | 2011 | | 2012 | | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed |
| **DSVE001** | 0.057 | 0.005 | 0.0062 | 0.003 | 0.013 | 0.0045 | 0.013 | 0.0045 | 0.007 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE002** | 0.048 | 0.006 | 0.0078 | 0.004 | 0.0047 | 0.0015 | 0 | 0 | 0.003 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE003** | 0.434 | 0.071 | 0.008 | 0.005 | 0.2885 | 0.1001 | 0.027 | 0.0038 | 0.0165 | 0.003 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE004** | 0.059 | 0.004 | 0.0038 | 0.001 | 0.0051 | 0.0017 | 0.0016 | 0.0007 | 0.0015 | 0.0003 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE005** | 0.056 | 0.006 | 0.0044 | 0.002 | 0.0061 | 0.0031 | 0.001 | 0.0003 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE006** | 0.189 | 0.019 | 0.0702 | 0.028 | 4.7745 | 1.5322 | 0.24 | 0.0721 | 0.0153 | 0.003 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE007** | 0.426 | 0.040 | 0.0232 | 0.009 | 0.0061 | 0.0028 | 0.0172 | 0.0045 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE008** | NS | NS | 44.195 | 15.973 | 1.87 | 0.6229 | 1.75 | 0.4142 | 0.25 | 0.078 | 0.001 | 0.0004 |
| **DSVE009** | 30.251 | 1.399 | 0.2112 | 0.038 | 0.3025 | 0.0826 | 0.0245 | 0.0081 | 0.0089 | 0.003 | 0.0018 | 0.001 |
| **DSVE010** | 4.286 | 0.297 | 0.5798 | 0.150 | 0.0055 | 0.0015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE011** | 8.038 | 0.232 | 0.2996 | 0.038 | 0.0167 | 0.0045 | 0 | 0 | 0.0011 | 0.0004 | 0 | 0 |
| **Annual Totals** | | **2.079** | | **16.251** | | **2.357** | | **0.508** | | **0.089** | | **0.001** |

| PCE | 2016 | | 2017 | | 2018 | | 2019 | | 2020 | | 2021 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Well Totals |
| **DSVE001** | 0.0039 | 0.001 | 0.0105 | 0.003 | 0 | 0 | 0.0058 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0.02805 | 0.006 | **0.029** |
| **DSVE002** | 0.0026 | 0.001 | 0.0084 | 0.001 | 0.048 | 0.007 | 0.0215 | 0.002 | 0.02 | 0.004 | 0.024 | 0.005 | **0.032** |
| **DSVE003** | 0.0225 | 0.001 | 0.0335 | 0.006 | 0.012 | 0.002 | 0.0162 | 0.003 | 0.0217 | 0.011 | 0.0159 | 0.007 | **0.212** |
| **DSVE004** | 0.0135 | 0.001 | 0.007 | 0.001 | 0.0522 | 0.006 | 0.0074 | 0.001 | 0.005585 | 0.000 | 0.0057 | 0.001 | **0.018** |
| **DSVE005** | 0.0055 | 0.001 | 0.0125 | 0.003 | 0.0017 | 0.0002 | 0.0053 | 0.001 | 0.013075 | 0.001 | 0.0412945 | 0.004 | **0.021** |
| **DSVE006** | 0.0026 | 0.001 | 0.0055 | 0.001 | 0.0135 | 0.003 | 0.0062 | 0.001 | 0.02675 | 0.002 | 0.02181 | 0.006 | **1.668** |
| **DSVE007** | 0.005 | 0.001 | 0.0048 | 0.000 | 0.0249 | 0.003 | 0.0115 | 0.002 | 0.010175 | 0.002 | 0.020605 | 0.002 | **0.067** |
| **DSVE008** | 0.0042 | 0.0005 | 0.07 | 0.010 | 0.0115 | 0.001 | 0.0046 | 0.002 | 0.0028 | 0.000 | 0.003345 | 0.0001 | **17.102** |
| **DSVE009** | 0.006 | 0.001 | 0.0085 | 0.001 | 0.043 | 0.005 | 0.0063 | 0.001 | 0.0269 | 0.004 | 0.028885 | 0.004 | **1.546** |
| **DSVE010** | 0.0085 | 0.001 | 0.0017 | 0.0002 | 0.0031 | 0.001 | 0.0071 | 0.003 | 0.000975 | 0 | 0.006785 | 0.002 | **0.457** |
| **DSVE011** | 0.0039 | 0.0003 | 0.0028 | 0.0004 | 0.0221 | 0.005 | 0.008 | 0.001 | 0.00403 | 0.002 | 0.007255 | 0.001 | **0.285** |
| **Annual Totals** | | **0.010** | | **0.027** | | **0.033** | | **0.018** | | **0.026** | | **0.037** | **21.437** |

NS – Not sampled; 0 Concentration – Not Detected.

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**Table G-2-2. Average TCE Concentrations and Mass Removed (lbs) in the Off-Gas for the DAOU Bubble Tower Subunit SVE wells per Well per Year**

| TCE | 2010 | | 2011 | | 2012 | | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed |
| **DSVE001** | 0.041 | 0.003 | 0.0028 | 0.001 | 0.0012 | 0.0003 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE002** | 0.035 | 0.004 | 0.0022 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE003** | 1.846 | 0.240 | 0.0024 | 0.001 | 0.0145 | 0.004 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.001 | 0.0001 |
| **DSVE004** | 0.043 | 0.002 | 0.0026 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE005** | 0.047 | 0.004 | 0.0022 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0015 | 0.0005 |
| **DSVE006** | 0.203 | 0.016 | 0.0112 | 0.004 | 0.1123 | 0.029 | 0 | 0 | 0.0038 | 0.001 | 0.0013 | 0.0004 |
| **DSVE007** | 0.224 | 0.017 | 0.0148 | 0.005 | 0.0014 | 0.001 | 0.0185 | 0.004 | 0.0013 | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0.0003 |
| **DSVE008** | 27.088 | 0.149 | 3.091 | 0.885 | 0.35 | 0.092 | 0.15 | 0.028 | 0.0395 | 0.010 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE009** | 4.37 | 0.160 | 0.0284 | 0.004 | 0.057 | 0.012 | 0 | 0 | 0.0021 | 0.001 | 0.0013 | 0.0004 |
| **DSVE010** | 0.448 | 0.025 | 0.04 | 0.008 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **DSVE011** | 0.792 | 0.018 | 0.0184 | 0.002 | 0.0019 | 0.0004 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Yearly Totals** | | **0.637** | | **0.912** | | **0.139** | | **0.032** | | **0.011** | | **0.002** |

| TCE | 2016 | | 2017 | | 2018 | | 2019 | | 2020 | | 2021 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Concentration (ppmv) | Pounds Removed | Well Totals |
| **DSVE001** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0009 | 0.0001 | 0 | 0 | 0.00059 | 0.0001 | **0.004** |
| **DSVE002** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0017 | 0.0001 | 0.00095 | 0.0002 | 0.0014 | 0.0002 | **0.005** |
| **DSVE003** | 0.0014 | 0.0001 | 0.0029 | 0.0004 | 0 | 0 | 0.0009 | 0.0001 | 0.003275 | 0.0013 | 0.003505 | 0.0013 | **0.249** |
| **DSVE004** | 0.0015 | 0.0001 | 0.0012 | 0.0001 | 0 | 0 | 0.0016 | 0.0002 | 0.000422 | 0.00003 | 0.00175 | 0.0002 | **0.003** |
| **DSVE005** | 0.0013 | 0.0002 | 0.0034 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0.0017 | 0.0003 | 0.00124 | 0.0001 | 0.007375 | 0.0006 | **0.007** |
| **DSVE006** | 0 | 0 | 0.0016 | 0.0003 | 0 | 0 | 0.0015 | 0.0003 | 0.00253 | 0.0001 | 0.00391 | 0.0008 | **0.051** |
| **DSVE007** | 0.0055 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0012 | 0.0001 | 0.00074 | 0.0001 | 0.00681 | 0.0006 | **0.028** |
| **DSVE008** | 0.001 | 0.0001 | 0.0335 | 0.004 | 0 | 0 | 0.001 | 0.0003 | 0.000482 | 0.00002 | 0.00194 | 0.00004 | **1.169** |
| **DSVE009** | 0.0021 | 0.0002 | 0.0048 | 0.0003 | 0.0029 | 0.0003 | 0.001 | 0.0001 | 0.0143 | 0.0015 | 0.00961 | 0.0010 | **0.181** |
| **DSVE010** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0014 | 0.0005 | 0 | 0 | 0.00138 | 0.0003 | **0.034** |
| **DSVE011** | 0.0011 | 0.0001 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0014 | 0.0002 | 0 | 0 | 0.002255 | 0.0002 | **0.021** |
| **Yearly Totals** | | **0.001** | | **0.006** | | **0.0003** | | **0.002** | | **0.003** | | **0.005** | **1.751** |

0 Concentration – Not Detected.

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# F-AREA GROUNDWATER OPERABLE UNIT

## I. Introduction

This is the sixth five-year review for the F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit (OU). This review was conducted from July 2022 through November 2022. The review for this unit is conducted under the Savannah River Site (SRS) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) review requirements are met by the RCRA program; therefore, a review of the RCRA Corrective Action is summarized in this document. Contaminants remaining at the F-Area Groundwater OU are at levels that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedy in place at the F-Area Groundwater OU is protective of human health and the environment. This report documents the results of the review.

## II. OU Chronology

Table H-1 lists the chronology of site events for the F-Area Groundwater OU.

## III. Background

F-Area Groundwater OU, a media-specific OU, is listed as a RCRA unit in Appendix C of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for the SRS (FFA 1993). The media associated with the F-Area Groundwater OU is groundwater and surface water.

The F-Area Groundwater OU is the groundwater associated with the F-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HWMF).

### Physical Characteristics

The F-Area Groundwater OU lies in the central portion of SRS; approximately 8 km (5 mi) from the nearest site boundary (Figure H-1). The groundwater contamination plume associated with the three earthen unlined F-Area HWMF basins is called the F-Area Groundwater OU and is observed in a zone, which extends from the water table surface to

a maximum of approximately 40 m (130 ft) below ground surface and covers an area of approximately 81 hectares (200 acres).

**Land and Resource Use**

According to the *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report* (USDOE 1996), residential uses of the SRS land should be prohibited. The *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site* (WSRC 1999) designates the F-Area Groundwater OU as being within an industrial area. The future land use for the F-Area Groundwater OU is reasonably anticipated to remain industrial with the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) maintaining control of the land.

**History of Contamination**

The F-Area HWMF operated from 1955 until 1988. During that time, the facility received approximately 6.8 billion L (1.8 billion gal) of low-level waste effluents from F-Area chemical separations facilities such as the nitric acid recovery unit, waste storage system evaporator overheads, and general-purpose evaporator overheads. The effluents were acidic (wastewater with nitric acid) and low-activity waste solution containing a wide variety of radionuclides and dissolved metals. Tritium was the primary radionuclide released to the basins.

**Initial Response**

A groundwater monitoring network was installed in the 1950s. In 1986, the determination was made that the basins should be regulated under RCRA as hazardous waste disposal facilities, and closure plans were initiated. The basins were closed by dewatering, physically and chemically stabilizing the remaining sludge, and covering them with a protective multi-layer system to reduce rainwater infiltration. The basin closures were completed in 1991.

In 1992, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) issued to SRS a RCRA Permit Renewal that specified ongoing groundwater monitoring requirements and a Corrective Action Plan to remediate the contaminated portions of the

uppermost groundwater aquifer. Several of the contaminants exceeded regulatory limits and were targeted for remediation.

### Basis for Taking Action

The maximum detected levels of several contaminants (e.g., tritium, iodine-129, and strontium-90) in the F-Area groundwater currently exceed the National Primary Drinking Water Standards and state standards (i.e., maximum contaminant levels [MCLs]). However, potential exposures to the general public are minimized by the distance from the OU to the site boundary, natural attenuation and radionuclide decay, institutional controls (i.e., land use controls [LUCs]), and dilution in receiving streams. The remediation of the F-Area Groundwater OU was designed to meet, as far as practicable, the groundwater protection standards (GWPS) outlined in the 1992 SRS RCRA Permit Renewal.

The constituents for which monitoring is required are shown in Table H-2. These constituents are identified in the current SRS RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2021) and listed in the Interim Action Record of Decision (IROD) (WSRC 1995).

## IV. Remedial Actions

### Remedy Selection

An IROD for the F-Area Groundwater OU was issued in April 1995 (WSRC 1995). A final Record of Decision (ROD) for the F-Area Groundwater OU has not been issued. The final action for this media-specific OU will be documented by modifications to the RCRA permit renewal.

The selected interim action under CERCLA is no further action beyond that required by the corrective action as identified in the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal. As specified in the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal, the goal of remediation of the F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit is to lower contaminant concentrations in the groundwater associated with the F-Area HWMF to levels specified in the RCRA permit renewal and to minimize the discharge of contaminants to the adjacent stream. Under RCRA, the corrective action for the F-Area HWMF commenced in 1989, was certified closed in February 1991, and certification of

closure was approved by SCDHEC in April 1991 (WSRC 1995). The remedial action objectives (RAOs) of the interim remedial action are to address the potential ecological impacts at the seeplines along Fourmile Branch and to address the ambient water quality standards in Fourmile Branch by remediating this OU (WSRC 1995).

The SRS RCRA Permit Renewal set forth a phased approach to remediating the groundwater that required documented evaluations of the performance of the system to determine effectiveness toward meeting the RAOs. The Phase 1 remedy involved groundwater recovery and hydraulic control with treatment of mobile hazardous constituents and radionuclides (except tritium and nitrates) and injection of treated water into the shallow aquifer at the upgradient extent of the plume. The evaluation of this remedy (WSRC 2001) facilitated the following phased success measures to reach the RAOs that are in the current SRS RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2021):

- Phase 1) Objectives met:
    - Implement a groundwater extraction and injection system to capture and remediate those portions of the contaminant plume delineated by the 10,000 pCi/mL tritium isoconcentration contour.
    - Prevented portions of the plumes from further migration and discharge to Fourmile Branch. The groundwater extraction and injection system is no longer operating.
- Phase 2a) Objectives met:
    - Reduced the mass flux (Curies/year) of tritium discharging from the F-Area plume to Fourmile Branch by 70%.
    - Reduced the concentration of the remaining Appendix IVB-A constituents in Fourmile Branch (except tritium and I-129) to levels that are less than the GWPS.

- Phase 2b) before January 14, 2032:
  - Reduce the discharge from the F-Area plume of all Appendix IVB-A constituents in the surface water at the seepline to concentrations that are less than the GWPS (except tritium).
  - Reduce the concentration of I-129 in Fourmile Branch to levels that are less than the GWPS.
- Phase 3):
  - Submit a Phase 3 corrective action plan that, upon approval, will capture and remediate the entire contaminant plume (including tritium) above those concentrations listed in the GWPS and/or evaluate the applicability of Alternate Concentration Limits (ACL) and/or a Mixing Zone.

**Remedy Implementation**

Consistent with the phased approach of the RCRA permit renewal, the implementation of the remedy was structured to prevent the plumes from further migration and discharge to Fourmile Branch, treat and/or attenuate the contaminant plumes at and approaching the OU boundary (Fourmile Branch), and treat and/or attenuate all contaminants within the OU. Except for the initial treatment (pump-treat-reinjection), the permit identifies that development work would be needed to select and implement technologies to address the unique conditions presented at this OU. While the treatments that are and have been part of the remedy for this OU are presented chronologically in the following paragraphs, they work synergistically to address the permit requirements and RAOs.

***Active Treatment with Pump – Treat - Reinjection***

In 1997, SRS designed and built a pump-and-treat system using a water treatment unit (WTU) with a network of injection and extraction wells. The remediation system extracted groundwater downgradient of the seepage basins, passed it through the WTU to remove metals and radionuclides, and re-injected the treated water upgradient to maintain the recirculation loop. To reduce the migration of tritium to Fourmile Branch, the system

lengthened the tritium pathway in the extraction/reinjection loop, which allowed more time for tritium decay prior to discharging to Fourmile Branch. Over the course of pump-and-treat operations, due to increased water volume and gradient from injection of treated water and annual rainfall, the effectiveness of the system on reducing tritium flux to Fourmile Branch had diminished. This prompted termination of operations and implementation of new corrective actions (subsurface barriers and gates, and base injection). Operation of the pump and treat system was suspended October 2003 upon receipt of conditional approval by SCDHEC.

***Passive Control of Water Table Gradients and pH Treatment***

After successful completion of a small-scale pilot study to demonstrate that raising the pH value of the F-Area groundwater will immobilize metals and metallic radionuclides, a subsurface barrier and gate system and base (alkaline) solution injection system were constructed, replacing the groundwater pump-and-treat unit. In June 2005, the operation of the base injection system commenced. Base injection operations are currently ongoing and active injection occurs as needed to maintain desired pH levels. During June 2008, the base injection system was expanded to treat groundwater beneath the wetlands by injecting base through a series of injection wells. The engineered groundwater barriers were expanded in 2010 to add an additional gate and footage of wall. Operations in the new gate commenced in 2011.

The barriers were constructed across the preferential groundwater flow paths leading to the wetlands adjacent to Fourmile Branch. The subsurface barrier and gate system reduces the groundwater flow velocity (allowing more time for radioactive decay) and controls the flux of contaminants to Fourmile Branch. Within the gates, base injection is operated to immobilize metals and metallic radionuclides. With the expansion of the system, the barrier, composed of low permeability amendments, consists of four walls totaling 750 m (2,500 ft) in length and three gates/funnels. Construction utilized an in-situ soil mixing technique to blend acid resistant pozzolan cement and attapulgite clay with native soils. A small percentage of caustic was also added to the cement to facilitate curing. Upon hardening, the resulting soil/cement mixture formed a low permeability (less than

1E-06 cm/s [2.83E-03 ft/day]) subsurface barrier approximately 0.75 m (2.5 ft) thick on average. Vertically the wall was installed from just below ground surface to the base of the upper aquifer zone. The location of the original barrier, the extension, and the injection wells are shown in Figure H-2.

A silver chloride injection field pilot study began in March 2009 to test the potential to capture iodine-129 and form stable, insoluble silver iodide. The pilot study was effective, and a field scale demonstration was implemented in the small central gate. SCDHEC approved a permit modification allowing full-scale operation effective July 20, 2011. SRS injected half of the permitted and purchased quantity in 2011 and injected the remaining quantity on hand in 2015. In 2018, a UIC Permit was approved for the third deployment of silver chloride at the central gate. The third deployment of silver chloride was executed at the central gate to augment previous silver chloride injections and increase robustness through further development of a permeable in situ treatment zone. SRS is implementing silver chloride technology to reduce the concentration of iodine-129 in groundwater at F-Area HWMF and in FMB and continues to evaluate the need for additional silver chloride injection(s) in the future.

**System Operations/Operation and Maintenance**

Remedial activities are still in progress that require operations and maintenance (O&M).

Since 2005, the base injection system that stabilizes the pH in the target zone has operated with periodic injections of base to maintain pH downgradient of the barrier to support sorption of the metals and metallic radionuclides. Since 2005, 390.3 million L (103.1 million gal) of base solution were injected through the barrier wall gates. Beginning in 2008, 215.0 million L (56.8 million gal) of base solution have been injected through individual injection ports in the wetlands. A total of 605.3 million L (159.9 million gal) of base solution have been injected into the subsurface.

The injection of silver chloride into the plume at the central gate to stabilize iodine-129 as silver iodide occurred in 3 injection campaigns (2011, 2015 and 2018). Approximately 1,563,375 L (413,000 gal) of the ultra-fine ground silver chloride suspension (water +

silver chloride amendment) was placed into the subsurface during the three deployments. Based on the pilot test and the three rounds of injection at the central gate, silver chloride has been demonstrated effective at sequestering iodine-129 in situ. Variations in the degree of reduction have been observed during each deployment. Monitoring points closest to the injection show the greatest reduction in concentration and wells further away show less of an impact. SRS is continuing to evaluate the effectiveness of the permeable in situ treatment zone and continues to evaluate the need for additional silver chloride injection(s) in the future.

Costs associated with the selected interim remedy for F-Area Groundwater include O&M costs of the WTU, base injection, and institutional controls (i.e., LUCs). The actual O&M cost during FY2018 to FY2022 is $5,680,644. RCRA documentation does not require estimated project costs to be prepared. Therefore, none are included in this remedy review.

## V. Progress since Last Review

The previous protectiveness statement concluded that the interim remedial actions at the F-Area Groundwater OU are expected to be protective, and in the interim, exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being maintained by engineered subsurface barriers and a base injection treatment system and are monitored by the groundwater and surface water monitoring networks, which have all been functioning properly.

There were no recommendations and follow-up actions from the last five-year review.

The following actions have been completed:

- Silver chloride injection - Conducted a third deployment at the central gate and concluded that the silver chloride effectively sequesters iodine-129 and the silver chloride particles do not migrate a significant distance away from the treatment zone.
- Base injection operations are continuing as needed.

## VI. Five-Year Review Process

The following tasks were performed as part of the review:

- Reviewed the documents listed in Section XII. Documents Reviewed;
- Confirmed the implemented remedial actions are ongoing. Figure H-3 provides current photographs of the remedial actions;
- Reviewed all process and performance monitoring data provided by the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action reports and provided a technical assessment of whether the treatment systems are functioning as intended by the IROD and whether the shutdown criteria have been achieved;
- Inspected the OU, interviewed maintenance personnel and documented the results on the Inspection Checklist provided in Attachment H-1 with the purpose of assessing the protectiveness of the remedy and the functionality of the access controls and provided current photos of the treatment system (Figure H-3);
- Ensured that all actions required under the RCRA Permit Renewal were implemented; and
- Reviewed changes in standards and to-be-considered guidance.

***Data Review***

This OU has a unique set of subsurface conditions, facilitated in part by the carrier fluid for the process waste that was discharged to the seepage basins (groundwater contaminant source). This low pH liquid (acid) leached to the subsurface over a 30-plus year period creating a groundwater plume of low pH that has impacted the geochemistry of the subsurface soils, leaching natural metals and minerals, and minimizing the retardation of contaminants. As recognized by SRS, the pH must be addressed to have success in reaching the RAOs and RCRA permit renewal requirements. Because of the properties of the individual metal and radionuclide contaminants, one remedy will not address all the contaminants. In addition, the only viable approach to tritium, a main contaminant at this site, is increased travel time to receptors to allow for radioactive decay. Thus, the remedial approach implemented at SRS attempts to address all these facets. This technical assessment was conducted to assess progress in addressing the RAOs as per the IROD (WSRC 1995).

***Ecological Studies***

Ecological studies associated with the F-Area Groundwater OU are conducted as part of the Fourmile Branch Integrator Operable Unit (IOU). These studies include ecological benchmark comparisons that compare ecological screening values (ESVs) to sediment, sediment/soil, and surface water media constituent concentrations. The ESVs are derived from ecologically relevant criteria and standards such as National Ambient Water Quality Criteria. Review of the fifth periodic report for the Fourmile Branch IOU indicates that in terms of community level effects there is no evidence that metals discharged from F Area have degraded fish or macroinvertebrate communities in Fourmile Branch. Aluminum, barium, and mercury may pose a potential threat to wildlife. Aluminum and barium showed a potential threat to wildlife upgradient of SRS operations. Only mercury is a potential issue in lower and middle Fourmile Branch, but there is little evidence that this is associated with discharges from SRS operational areas (i.e., F-Area, H-Area) (SRNS 2016).

The decrease in pH of the groundwater due to the introduction of the low pH fluid became evident in the wetland areas in the form of a tree-kill zone. The ongoing base injection operations appear to be positively impacting this area. From a visual survey, vegetation in the tree-kill zone appears to be recovering.

***Groundwater and Surface Water Data***

This data review encompassed a review of concentration data, contaminant plume maps (SRNS 2018, SRNS 2019, SRNS 2020, SRNS 2021, SRNS 2022), and time trend data for sampling locations within the F-Area Groundwater OU.

As a condition of the RCRA permit renewal for the F-Area HWMF groundwater, SRS annually calculates and reports the tritium flux to Fourmile Branch. As shown in Table H-3, tritium flux discharges have been reduced by 70%.

A review of surface water data from stations FMC002H, FMC002HD, FM2BD, and FMC002F from 1997 to 2021 (was conducted to assess the effect of the F-Area Groundwater OU treatment systems on Fourmile Branch. Table H-4 presents the

contaminants that at any time during the review period were detected above the GWPS or MCL. The base injection went into operation in 2005. The data in Table H-4 provides evidence that the base injection operations are having a positive influence on the concentrations of all constituents except for iodine-129. The concentrations of the constituents are decreasing or are below the GWPS and/or MCL. SRS recognizes that iodine-129 will not be treated by the base injection system and thus is investigating and implementing other approaches to remediate the iodine (as discussed below). The data provides evidence that the remedial activities are having a positive impact on the groundwater and Fourmile Branch surface water (Tables H-3 and H-4, respectively). Because all constituents have not reached acceptable levels in the surface water, corrective action activities will continue.

A review of the seepline groundwater data from initial sampling in 2001 to 2021 was conducted to assess the effect of the F-Area Groundwater OU treatment systems on the seeplines. Table H-5 provides a summary of constituents from the seepline sampling locations that have exceeded the GWPS or MCL at any time during the period beginning in 2001 and ending December 31, 2021. Review of the seepline data indicates a downward trend in contaminant levels for the majority of constituents. Of the three constituents identified in the ecological studies as potential threats to wildlife, only mercury was detected above standard with concentrations decreasing after the barrier and gate system with base injection became operational.

***Summary of Inspections and Interviews***

Interviews were conducted with Phil Carter, O&M staff member, on August 30, 2022 and Brian Hanshew, O&M Site Manager, on August 30, 2022 at the O&M organization offices. No issues were identified for the F-Area Groundwater OU during this interview.

The F-Area Groundwater OU was inspected by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) and USDOE personnel on November 22, 2022. No issues were identified for the F-Area Groundwater OU during this inspection.

A site inspection will be conducted by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and SCDHEC personnel, accompanied by USDOE and SRNS personnel, prior to submittal of the Revision 1 of this document. It is anticipated that no significant problems regarding this OU will be identified during the inspection.

## VII. Technical Assessment

### Is the Remedy Functioning as Intended by the Decision Document?

The review of documents, Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs), risk assumptions, and results of the site inspection indicate that the remedy is functioning as intended by the IROD. The IROD identifies no further action beyond that required by the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal but stipulates the corrective action will address the potential ecological impacts at the seeplines along Fourmile Branch and will also serve to address the ambient water quality standards in Fourmile Branch by remediating this OU. The implemented treatment strategy is addressing the goal of the remediation, as described in the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal by lowering contaminant concentrations in the groundwater associated with the F-Area HWMF to levels specified in the RCRA permit renewal and by minimizing the discharge of contaminants to the adjacent stream. SRS has met the Phase 1 and Phase 2a goals outlined in the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal and are actively implementing corrective actions to meet the remaining goals.

Ecological assessment of Fourmile Branch indicates no impact from the F-Area HWMF. Of the three constituents (i.e., aluminum, barium, and mercury) identified in the ecological studies as potential threats to wildlife, only mercury was detected above the groundwater standard at the seepline. Review of available data from ecological studies indicate that mercury is a regional problem attributed to atmospheric deposition and upgradient mercury discharges to the Savannah River from offsite sources. As part of the Fourmile Branch IOU program, studies of ecological impacts to the Fourmile Branch are ongoing and show that the RAOs of the IROD are being met. The groundwater requirements of the RCRA permit renewal, which the IROD identified must also be satisfied, have not been met. However, the treatment approach is making positive progress towards those requirements.

The effective implementation of institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) has prevented exposure to, or ingestion of, contaminated groundwater and surface water.

According to the data reviewed, the site inspections, and the interviews, the remedy is functioning as intended by the IROD. There have been no changes in the physical conditions of the site that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

On February 11, 2014, the SCDHEC originally issued the 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal for the SRS (SCDHEC 2014). The SCDHEC modified the 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal on November 30, 2021, which became effective on December 15, 2021 (SCDHEC 2021).

The LUC requirements are discussed and approved as part of the closure/post-closure/permit application process and are governed by the RCRA Permit Renewal for the SRS (SCDHEC 2021). Therefore, a Land Use Control Implementation Plan is not required for this OU. The institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) that are in place to prevent exposure to or ingestion of contaminated groundwater include physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the F-Area Groundwater OU for industrial use only (SRS is a secured government facility with land use restrictions) and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program. No activities were observed that would have violated the institutional controls (i.e., LUCs).

**Are the Exposure Assumptions, Toxicity Data, Cleanup Levels, and Remedial Action Objectives Still Valid?**

The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives used at the time of remedy selection are still valid. There have been no changes in the physical conditions at the F-Area Groundwater OU that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

The action specific ARARs have been met with the shutting down and dismantling of the groundwater pump and treat system. The chemical specific ARARs focusing on radiological exposure of the public and personnel and location specific ARARs associated with groundwater remediation must still be met and have been evaluated.

The GWPS set forth in the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2021) for the monitored constituents were compared against MCLs, where available. The comparison found that when available, the MCL is the same as the GWPS. The comparison found two constituents where the GWPS differed from the MCL (Table H-6). The GWPS is more protective than the MCL for carbon-14, and cobalt-60; thus, SRS is adhering to a more stringent standard.

Fact sheets provided on the USEPA webpage (https://www.epa.gov/fedfac/emerging-contaminants-and-federal-facility-contaminants-concern) regarding emerging contaminants were reviewed for applicability to this OU. This webpage provides a link to specific fact sheets for each of the following contaminants: 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), 1,4-dioxane, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT), hexahydro-1,3,5-tri-nitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), nanomaterials, N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA), perchlorate, perflurorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and tungsten. The only emerging contaminant identified as applicable to this OU is 1,4-dixoane.

Due to the widespread usage of chlorinated solvents at SRS and the use of 1,4-dioxane as a stabilizer in chlorinated solvents, paint strippers, greases, and waxes, SRS began sampling for this constituent at selected wells within the F-Area Groundwater OU in 2007. Of the 196 records reviewed from twenty wells, only one sample detected 1,4-dioxane (31 J ug/L) at background well HSB 85A, providing evidence that 1,4-dioxane is not a constituent of concern for the F-Area Groundwater OU.

**Has any Other Information Come to Light that Could Call into Question the Protectiveness of the Remedy?**

No new information has come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

## VIII. Issues

There are no issues related to current operations, site conditions or activities that currently prevent the remedy from being protective.

## IX. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions

There are no recommendations or follow-up actions for F-Area Groundwater OU.

## X. Protectiveness Statement(s)

The remedy at the F-Area Groundwater OU is currently protective of human health and the environment because exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by the barrier wall, base injection treatment systems, silver chloride injections, groundwater monitoring, and implementation of LUCs including physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), and administrative controls that restrict site use to industrial use only (via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program). Protectiveness of the remedial action will be verified by continued groundwater and surface water monitoring.

## XI. Next Review

As shown in Appendix A, Table A-1, the next five-year review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment is scheduled for January 2029.

## XII. Documents Reviewed

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SCDHEC, 2014. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Hazardous and Mixed Waste Permit, Permit Number SC1 890 008 989, 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal for the Savannah River Site, issued on February 11, 2014, Module III - Postclosure Care and Module IV – Groundwater Requirements, Section B, F-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility, South Carolina Department of Health and

Environmental Control, Office of Environmental Quality Control, Bureau of Land and Waste Management, Columbia, SC

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SRNS, 2019. *2018 Annual Corrective Action Report for the F-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility, the H-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility, and the Mixed Waste Management Facility (U), Volume I,* SRNS-RP-2019-00111, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

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SRNS, 2021. *2020 Annual Corrective Action Report for the F-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility, the H-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility, and the Mixed Waste Management Facility (U) Volume I,* SRNS-RP-2021-00513, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

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USDOE, 1996. *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report*, U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 1993. *Final Record of Decision Remedial Alternative Selection for F-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (U)*, WSRC-RP-93-1042, Revision 1, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 1995. Interim Action Record of Decision Remedial Alternative Selection for F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit (U), WSRC-RP-94-1162, Revision 1, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 1999. *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site*, WSRC-RP-98-4125, Revision 1.1, latest update, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2001. *F-Area HWMF Corrective Action Phase 1 Evaluation*, WSRC-RP-2001-4014, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

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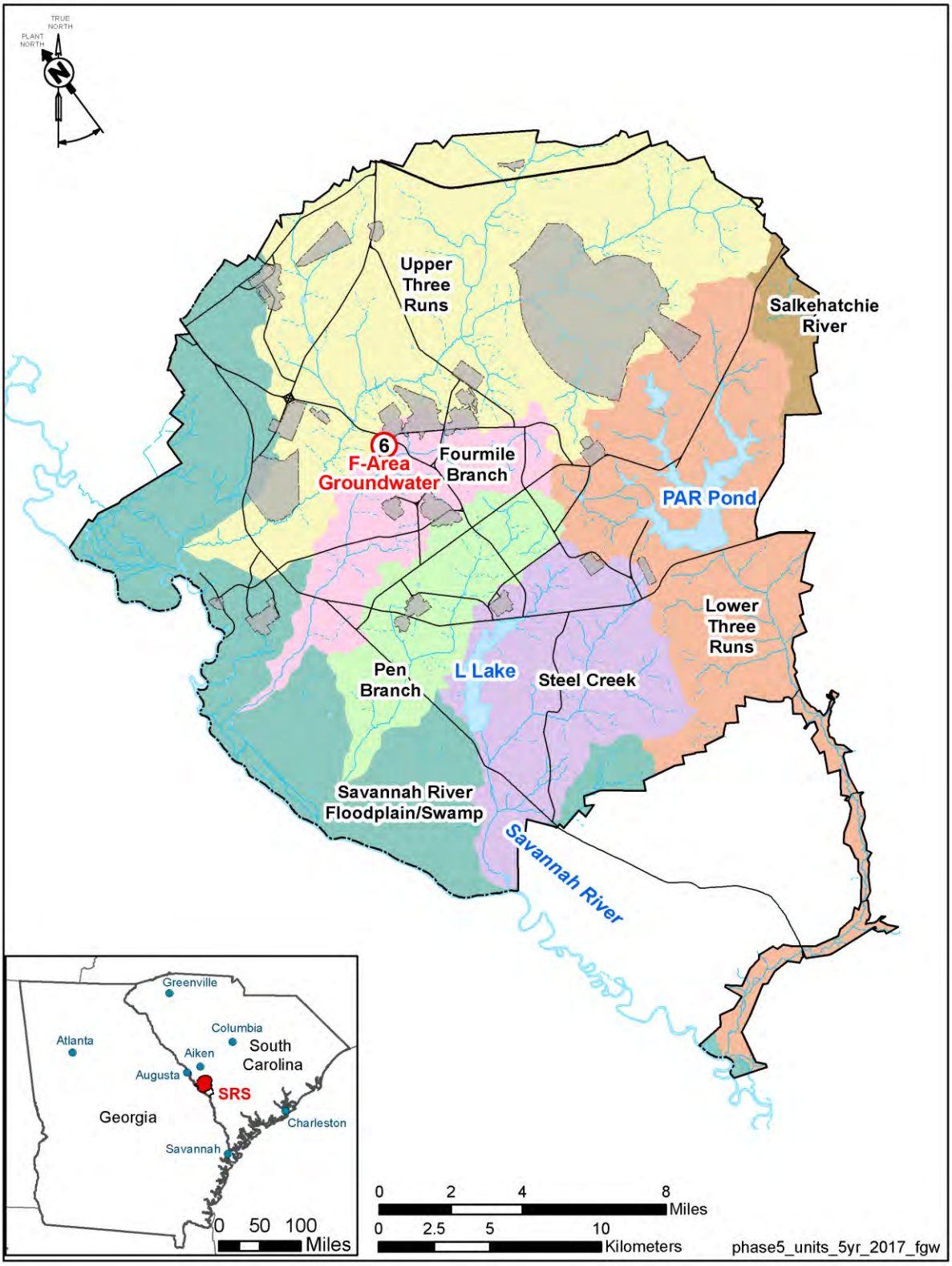



**Figure H-1. Location of F-Area Groundwater OU at Savannah River Site**

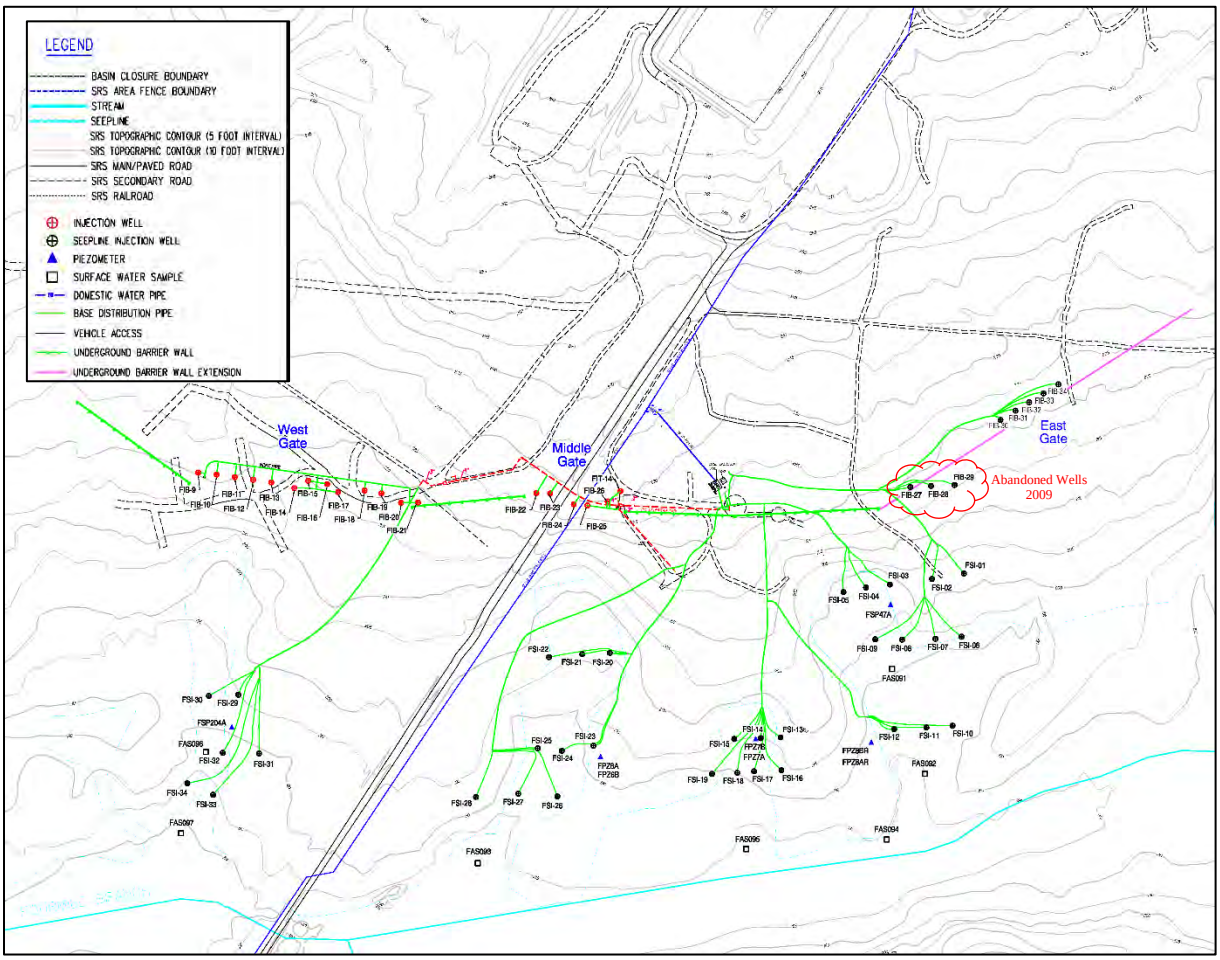



**Figure H-2. F-Area Groundwater OU Treatment Systems Locations**




**Figure H-3. 2022 Photographs of the F-Area Groundwater Treatment System**



**Figure H-4. 2022 Aerial Photograph of the F-Area Groundwater Treatment System and East Gates**



**Figure H-5. 2022 Aerial Photograph of the F-Area Groundwater West Gates**

**Table H-1. Chronology of OU Events**

| Event | Date |
|---|---|
| RCRA Closure Plan Approved | June 1989 |
| Corrective Action start | 1989 |
| RCRA Closure Certified | February 1991 |
| IROD Issuance | April 13, 1995 |
| Revised Corrective Action Plan submitted for Alternative Treatment | March 2003 |
| Previous Five-Year Reviews Issuance | June 30, 1997 / February 12, 2004 / February 4, 2009 / February 4, 2014 / December 5, 2018 |

**Table H-2. F-Area Groundwater OU/HWMF Monitored Hazardous Constituents**

| |
|---|
| **Inorganics** |
| Antimony, Arsenic, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Cobalt, Copper, Lead Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate, Selenium, Silver, Thallium, Vanadium, Zinc |
| **Organics** |
| Benzene, Chloroform, Methylene Chloride, Phenols, Tetrachloroethylene, Trichloroethylene, Trichlorofluoromethane |
| **Radionuclides** |
| Gross alpha, Gross (nonvolatile) beta, Total radium, Americium-241, Carbon-14, Cesium-137, Curium-242, Curium-243/244, Curium-246, Cobalt-60, Iodine-129, Plutonium-238, Plutonium-239/240, Radium-226, Radium-228, Strontium-90, Technetium-99, Thorium-228, Thorium-230, Thorium-232, Tritium, Uranium-233/234, Uranium-235, Uranium-238 |

Per the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2021)

**Table H-3. Summary of Calculated Tritium Flux to Fourmile Branch Associated with the F-Area Groundwater OU**

| Year | Calculated Tritium Flux (Curies/year) | % Tritium Reduction (Baseline year of 2000) |
|---|---|---|
| 2000 | 660[a] | NA |
| 2003 | 352[a] | 46 |
| 2004 | 352[a] | 46 |
| 2005 | 254[a] | 61 |
| 2006 | 177[a] | 73 |
| 2007 | 173[a] | 73 |
| 2008 | 168[a] | 74 |
| 2009 | 115[a] | 82 |
| 2010 | 240[a] | 63[b] |
| 2011 | 117[a] | 80 |
| 2012 | 141[a] | 79 |
| 2013 | 243[a] | 63[c] |
| 2014 | 256[a] | 61[c] |
| 2015 | 195[a] | 70 |
| 2016 | 187[a] | 72 |
| 2017 | 146[a] | 78 |
| 2018 | 133[a] | 80 |
| 2019 | 122[a] | 81 |
| 2020 | 159[a] | 76 |
| 2021 | 106[a] | 84 |

a - As reported in the Annual Corrective Action Report (SRNS 2022)

b - Extensive base injection in the wetlands during 2009 and 2010 led to a temporary increase in tritium flux to Fourmile Branch

c - Base injection in the wetlands along with significantly more precipitation than the 30-year average during 2013 led to a temporary increase in tritium flux to Fourmile Branch

**Table H-4. Summary of Constituents from the F-Area Groundwater OU Surface Waters of Fourmile Branch Detected Above Standards**

| Constituent | Unit | GWPS or MCL[1] | Maximum Concentration [# of samples] | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 2nd Remedy Review (1997-2001) | 3rd Remedy Review (2002–2006) | 4th Remedy Review (2007–2011) | 5th Remedy Review (2012–2016) | 6th Remedy Review (2017–2021) |
| Carbon-14 | pCi/L | 50 | | | | | 57.8 [22] [2] |
| Cesium-137 | pCi/L | 50 | 110 [12] | 12.7 [27] | 16.1 (J) [40] | 11.2 (J) [10] | ND [10] |
| Cobalt | µg/L | 3 | 4.71 (J) [14] | 1.3 [27] | 1.22 [21] | 4.07 (J) [36] | 12 [47] |
| Gross alpha | pCi/L | 15 | 155 [19] | 2.71 [51] | 2.3 [53] | 4.72 (J) [50] | 5.04 (J) [50] |
| Iodine-129 | pCi/L | 1 | 0.642 [10] | 5.88 [22] | 14.5 [53] | 10.1 [58] | 7.26 [54] |
| Nitrate | µg/L | 10,000 | 665 [23] | 4,260 [55] | 7,480 [51] | 1,120 [44] | 920 [52] |
| Nonvolatile beta | pCi/L | 50 | 207 [19] | 26.2 [51] | 23.6 [53] | 14.8 [50] | 14.7 [50] |
| Phenols | µg/L | 5,800 | ND [10] | ND [21] | 58 (J) [11] | ND [10] | 154 [10] [3] |
| Radium, total | pCi/L | 5 | 30.3 [15] | 0.66 [30] | 0.59 [31] | 1.35 [22] | 1.81 [22] |
| Radium-226 | pCi/L | 5 | 28.7 [15] | 0.64 [38] | 0.49 [31] | 1.12 [28] | 1.11 [22] |
| Radium-228 | pCi/L | 5 | 22.1 [16] | 4.93 [34] | 4.08 [24] | 1.3 (J) [13] | 0.59 (J) [11] |
| Strontium-90 | pCi/L | 8 | 13.2 [17] | 5.5 [18] | 5.6 [41] | 4.66 (J) [31] | 6.28 (J) [28] |
| Tritium | pCi/L | 20,000 | 506,000 [25] | 625,000 [261] | 337,000 [298] | 340,000 [335][4] | 169,000 [340] |

1 The more conservative of the MCL or GWPS was used for comparison.

2 All other records were below the MCL

3 Of the 10 records, 8 were non-detects and only one value was over the practical quantitation limit.

4 FMC-002H had two anomalous results with concentrations of 2,160,000 pCi/L and 1,220,000 pCi/L. The average concentration for the 5th Remedy Review period was 64,000 pCi/L.

ND – Non-detect

J – Estimated Value

**Table H-5. Summary of Constituents from the F-Area Groundwater OU Seepline Groundwater Detected Above Standards**

| Constituent | Unit | GWPS or MCL[1] | Maximum Concentration [# of samples] | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 2nd Remedy Review (1997-2001) | 3rd Remedy Review (2002–2006) | 4th Remedy Review (2007–2011) | 5th Remedy Review (2012–2016) | 6th Remedy Review (2017–2021) |
| Beryllium | µg/L | 4 | 21.9 [7] | 22.3 [254] | 10.8 [283] | 3.02 [94] | 2.69 [113] |
| Cadmium | µg/L | 5 | 14.2 [7] | 26.8 [268] | 22 [355] | 10.8 [367] | 6.97 [376} |
| Cobalt | µg/L | 3 | 36.7 [7] | 373 [264] | 294 [337] | 96.8 [275] | 67.9 [376] |
| Gross alpha | pCi/L | 15 | 543 [5] | 143 [371] | 90.1 [369] | 89.9 [379] | 77.1 [370] |
| Iodine-129 | pCi/L | 1 | 1620 [7] | 926 [302] | 392 [397] | 227 [404] | 358 [418] |
| Mercury | µg/L | 2 | ND [7] | 5.89 [272] | 2.3 [357] | 4.47 [363] | 3.82 [239] |
| Nitrate | µg/L | 10,000 | 173,000 [6] | 259,000 [351] | 201,000 [385] | 170,000 [370] | 108,000 [365] |
| Nonvolatile beta | pCi/L | 50 | 1070 [5] | 1730 [371] | 1870 [369] | 613 [379] | 477 [370] |
| Radium, total | pCi/L | 5 | 83.8 [6] | 98.4 [254] | 90.2 [194] | 47.6 [377] | 18.3 [368] |
| Radium-226 | pCi/L | 5 | 77.9 [5] | 100.2 [298] | 56.3 [370] | 39.4 [406] | 11.3 [381] |
| Radium-228 | pCi/L | 5 | 28.3 [6] | 417 [294] | 279 [369] | 181 [402] | 13.1 [379] |
| Strontium-90 | pCi/L | 8 | 393 [6] | 802 [174] | 392 [380] | 256 [378] | 192 [414] |
| Technetium-99 | pCi/L | 900 | 791 [5] | 403 [308] | 146 [266] | 123 [369] | 107 [374] |
| Tritium | pCi/L | 20,000 | 5,190,000 [7] | 6,530,000 [501] | 3,650,000 [564] | 1,940,000 [532] | 1,090,000 [675] |
| Uranium-233/234 | pCi/L | 15 | 238 [6] | 113 [307] | 48.2 [380] | 34.2 [365] | 37.3 [349] |
| Uranium-238 | pCi/L | 15 | 430 [6] | 201 [307] | 66.4 [380] | 45.1 [384] | 51.5 [355] |

Note: Analytical data reporting began in 2001.

[1] The more conservative of the GWPS or MCL was used for comparison purposes

**Table H-6. Comparison of Permitted GWPS for the H-Area Groundwater OU versus MCLs**

| Contaminant | Unit | GWPS | MCL |
|---|---|---|---|
| Carbon-14 | pCi/L | 50 | 2000 |
| Cobalt-60 | pCi/L | 50 | 100 |

## Attachment H-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit

| I. SITE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Site Name:** | **F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit** | **Date of Inspection:** | **07/26/22** |
| **Location and Region** | **SRS, USEPA Region 4** | **EPA ID:** | **SEMS #8** |
| **Agency, Office, or Company leading the Five-Year Review** | **USDOE** | **Weather/ Temperature** | **93°F and Partly Cloudy** |

**Remedy Includes:** *(Click all that apply)*

- ☐ Landfill Cover / Containment
- ☒ Access Controls
- ☒ Institutional Controls
- ☐ Groundwater Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Surface Water Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Monitored Natural Attenuation
- ☐ Groundwater Containment
- ☒ Vertical Barriers
- ☒ Other Base injection and silver chloride injections. The groundwater pump and treat system was shut down in 2003.

**Attachments:** ☐ Inspection team roster attached ☐ Inspection team roster attached

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)*

1. **O&M Site Manager:** Brian Hanshew (Name) | Post Closure Manager (Title) | 8/30/22 (Date)
   **Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4949
   **Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

2. **O&M Staff:** Phil Carter (Name) | EC&ACP Post Closure Waste Site Operations Engineering (Title) | 8/30/22 (Date)
   **Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4145
   **Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

## Attachment H-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued)*

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply) (Continued)*

**3. Local Regulatory Authorities and Response Agencies** (i.e., State and tribal offices, emergency response office, police department, office of public health or environmental health, zoning office, recorder of deeds or other city and county offices, etc.). Fill in all that apply.

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

**4. Other Interviews** *(Optional):* ☐ Report Attached _____

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Documents:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ O&M Manual | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ As-Built Drawings | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Maintenance Logs | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: _____

## Attachment H-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued)*

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED *(Continued)***

**2. Health and Safety Plans (HASPs):**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Site-Specific Health and Safety Plans | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Contingency Plan/Emergency Response Plan | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: Routine O&M activities do not require a site-specific health and safety plan (SSHASP) under 29 CFR 1910.120.HAZWOPER. A SSHASP is prepared if needed.

**3. O&M and OSHA Training Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Training Records are complete and up to date per EC&ACP training matrix

**4. Permits and Service Agreements:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Air Discharge Permit | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Effluent Discharge | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Waste Disposal; POTW | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ Other Permits | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |

Remarks: RCRA Permit Renewal for SRS, Underground Injection Control Permits

**5. Gas Generation Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**6. Settlement Monument Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**7. Groundwater Monitoring Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**8. Leachate Extraction Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**9. Discharge Compliance Records:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Air | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Water (Effluent) | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**10. Daily Access/Security Logs:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment H-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued)*

### IV. O&M COSTS

**1. O&M Organization:**

☐ State In-House ☐ Contractor for State
☐ PRP In-House ☐ Contractor for PRP
☒ Other: SRS

**2. O&M Cost Records:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☐ Funding mechanism/agreement in place
☒ Other: Project cost data is summarized in Section IV of this OU-specific review.

**Total annual cost by year for review period, if available**

From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached
From: _____ (Date) To: _____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

**3. Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period**

Describe costs and reasons: _____

### V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Fencing**

**1. Fencing Damage:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Gates secured ☒ N/A

Remarks: OU-specific perimeter fencing is not required by the remedial action.

**B. Fencing**

**1. Signs and Other Security Measures:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ N/A

Remarks: _____

## Attachment H-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued)*

**V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS *(Continued)***

**C. Institutional Controls**

**1. Implementation and Enforcement**

Site conditions imply ICs are not properly implemented: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Site conditions imply ICs are not being fully enforced: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive-by, etc.) Walkdown

Frequency: Once in 5 years

Responsible Party/Agent: USDOE Savannah River Field Office

Contact: Phil Prater (Name) IACD Program Manager (Title) 11/22/2022 (Date) 803-952-9333 (Phone No.)

Reporting is up-to-date: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Reports are verified by the lead agency: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Specific requirements in deed or decision documents have been met: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Violations have been reported: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Problems/Suggestions: ☐ Report Attached

**2. Adequacy:** ☒ ICs are adequate ☐ ICs are inadequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**D. General**

**1. Vandalism/Trespassing:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No vandalism is evident

Remarks:

**2. Land use changes onsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**3. Land use changes offsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment H-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued)*

| VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS |
|---|
| **A. Roads** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Roads damaged:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Roads adequate ☐ N/A<br>Remarks: |
| **B. Other Site Conditions** |
| Remarks: |
| **VII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **VIII. VERTICAL BARRIER WALLS** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Settlement:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Settlement not evident<br>Areal extent _____ Depth _____<br>Remarks: |
| **2. Performance Monitoring:**<br>Type of Monitoring: Potentiometric head _____ ☐ Performance not monitored<br>Frequency Quarterly ☐ Evidence of breaching Head Differential 10.3 Feet<br>Remarks: |

## Attachment H-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued)*

**IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES** ☒ **Applicable** ☐ **N/A**

**A. Groundwater Extraction Wells, Pumps, and Pipelines** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**1. Pumps, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**

☐ Good Condition ☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs Maintenance ☐ N/A

Remarks: The groundwater extraction system has been removed from service

**2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes, and Other Appurtenances:**

☐ Good Condition ☐ Needs Maintenance

Remarks:

**3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided

Remarks:

**B. Surface Water Collection Structures, Pumps, and Pipelines** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**C. Treatment System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**D. Monitoring Data**

**1. Monitoring Data:**

☒ Is routinely submitted on time ☒ Is of acceptable quality

**2. Monitoring Data:**

☐ Groundwater plume is effectively contained ☒ Contaminant concentrations are declining

**E. Monitored Natural Attenuation**

**1. Monitoring Wells** *(natural attenuation remedy)*:

☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good condition

☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**X. OTHER REMEDIES**

If there are remedies applied at the site, which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction.

**A. Groundwater Injection Wells, Pumps, and Pipelines** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Pumps, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**

☐ Good Condition ☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☒ N/A

Remarks: The base injection system and silver chloride injection are operated as needed to maintain desired groundwater parameters.

## Attachment H-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued)*

### X. OTHER REMEDIES *(Continued)*

**2. Injection System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes and Other Appurtenances:**

☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance

Remarks:

**3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**

☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided

Remarks:

### XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS

**A. Implementation of the Remedy**

Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emissions, etc.).

The groundwater extraction/treat/reinjection remedial system functioned as designed from 1999 to 2003. The engineered subsurface barriers with base injection in the gates replaced the groundwater pump and treat system, is the current remedy, and is operating as designed. A treatment for iodine-129 has been implemented and added as a remedy in the RCRA permit renewal. The combination of treatments is expected to lower contaminant concentrations in the groundwater associated with the F-Area HWMF to levels specified in the RCRA permit renewal and to minimize the discharge of contaminants to the adjacent stream. The remedies deployed address the potential ecological impacts at the seeplines along Fourmile Branch and the ambient water quality standards in Fourmile Branch by remediating this OU.

**B. Adequacy of O&M**

Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.

Operating and Maintenance programs are well established and functioning to ensure that remedial systems remain in effective service. There are no issues requiring corrective actions.

**C. Implementation of the Remedy**

Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.

N/A

## Attachment H-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – F-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued/end)*

| XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS *(Continued)* |
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| **D. Opportunities for Optimization** |
| Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.<br>NA |

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# H-AREA GROUNDWATER OPERABLE UNIT

## I. Introduction

This is the sixth five-year review for the H-Area Groundwater Operable Unit (OU). This review was conducted from July 2022 through November 2022. The review for this unit is conducted under the Savannah River Site (SRS) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) review requirements are met by the RCRA program; therefore, a review of the RCRA Corrective Action is summarized in this document. Contaminants remaining at the H-Area Groundwater OU are at levels that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedy in place at the H-Area Groundwater OU is protective of human health and the environment. This report documents the results of the review.

## II. OU Chronology

Table I-1 lists the chronology of site events for the H-Area Groundwater OU.

## III. Background

H-Area Groundwater OU, a media-specific OU, is listed as a RCRA Unit in Appendix C of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for the SRS (FFA 1993). The media associated with the H-Area Groundwater OU is groundwater and surface water.

The H-Area Groundwater OU is the groundwater associated with the H-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HWMF).

### Physical Characteristics

The H-Area Groundwater OU lies in the central portion of SRS; approximately 9.6 km (6 mi) from the nearest site boundary (see Figure I-1). The groundwater contamination plume associated with the four earthen unlined H-Area HWMF basins is the H-Area Groundwater OU and is observed in a zone which extends from the water table surface to

approximately 46 m (150 ft) below ground surface and covers an area of approximately 81.2 hectares (200 acres).

### Land and Resource Use

According to the *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report* (USDOE 1996), residential uses of the SRS land should be prohibited. The *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site* (WSRC 1999) designates the H-Area Groundwater OU as being within an industrial area. The future land use for the H-Area Groundwater OU is reasonably anticipated to remain industrial with the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) maintaining control of the land.

### History of Contamination

The major source of the H-Area Groundwater OU contamination was the H-Area HWMF. The H-Area HWMF, shown in Figure I-2, operated from 1955 until 1988. During that time, the facility received approximately 6.1 billion L (1.6 billion gal) of low-level waste effluents from H-Area chemical separation facilities such as the nitric acid recovery unit, waste storage system evaporator overheads, and general-purpose evaporator overheads. The effluents were acidic (wastewater with nitric acid) and low-activity waste solution containing a wide variety of radionuclides and dissolved metals. Significant amounts of nitrate and caustic were received. Tritium was the primary radionuclide released to the basins.

### Initial Response

A groundwater monitoring network was installed in the 1950s. In 1986, the determination was made that the basins should be regulated under RCRA as hazardous waste disposal facilities, and closure plans were initiated. The basins were closed by dewatering, physically and chemically stabilizing the remaining sludge, and covering them with a protective multi-layer system to reduce rainwater infiltration. The basin closures were completed in 1991.

In 1992, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) issued to SRS a RCRA Permit that specified ongoing groundwater monitoring requirements and a Corrective Action Plan to remediate the contaminated portions of the uppermost groundwater aquifer. Several contaminants exceeded regulatory limits and were targeted for remediation.

### Basis for Taking Action

The maximum detected levels of several contaminants (e.g., tritium, mercury, and strontium-90) in the H-Area groundwater currently exceed the National Primary Drinking Water Standards and state standards (i.e., maximum contaminant levels [MCLs]). However, potential exposures to the general public are minimized by the distance from the OU to the site boundary, natural attenuation and radionuclide decay, institutional controls (i.e. land use controls [LUCs]), and dilution in receiving streams. The remediation of the H-Area Groundwater OU was designed to meet, as far as practicable, the Groundwater Protection Standards (GWPS) outlined in the 1992 SRS RCRA Permit.

The contaminants requiring monitoring are shown in Table I-2. These contaminants are identified in the current SRS RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2021) and listed in the Interim Action Record of Decision (IROD) (WSRC 1995).

## IV. Remedial Actions

### Remedy Selection

An IROD for the H-Area Groundwater OU was issued in April 1995 (WSRC 1995). A Final ROD has not been issued. The final action for this media-specific OU will be documented by modifications to the RCRA permit renewal.

The selected interim action under CERCLA is no further action beyond that required by the corrective action as identified in the SRS RCRA Permit. As described in the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal, the goal of remediation of the H-Area Groundwater OU is to lower contaminant concentrations in the groundwater associated with the H-Area HWMF to levels specified in the RCRA permit renewal and to minimize the discharge of

contaminants to the adjacent stream (WSRC 1995). The remedial action objectives (RAOs) of the interim remedial action are to address the potential ecological impacts at the seeplines along Fourmile Branch and to address the ambient water quality standards in Fourmile Branch by remediating this OU (WSRC 1995).

The SRS RCRA Permit Renewal set forth a phased approach to remediating the groundwater that required documented evaluations of the performance of the system to determine effectiveness toward meeting the RAOs. The Phase 1 remedy was groundwater recovery and hydraulic control with treatment of mobile hazardous constituents and radionuclides (except tritium and nitrates) and injection of treated water into the shallow aquifer at the upgradient extent of the plume. The evaluation of this remedy (WSRC 2001) facilitated the following phased success measures to reach the RAOs that are in the current SRS RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2021):

- Phase 1) Objectives met:
    - Implement a groundwater extraction and injection system to capture and remediate those portions of the contaminant plume delineated by the 10,000 pCi/mL tritium isoconcentration contour.
    - Captured the mercury plume emanating from the H-3 basin.
    - Prevented portions of the plumes from further migration and discharge to Fourmile Branch. The groundwater extraction and injection system are no longer operating.
- Phase 2a) Objectives met:
    - Reduced the mass flux (Curies/year) of tritium discharging from the H-Area plume to Fourmile Branch by 70%.
    - Reduced the concentration of the remaining Appendix IVC-A constituents in Fourmile Branch (except tritium and I-129) to levels that are less than GWPS.
- Phase 2b) before January 14, 2032:
    - Reduce the discharge from the H-Area plume of all Appendix IVC-A constituents in the surface water at the seepline to concentrations that are less than the GWPS (except tritium).

- Phase 3):
    - Submit a Phase 3 corrective action plan that, upon approval, will capture and remediate the entire contaminant plume (including tritium) above those concentrations listed in the GWPS and/or evaluate the applicability of Alternate Concentration Limits (ACL) and/or a Mixing Zone.

**Remedy Implementation**

Consistent with the phased approach of the RCRA permit renewal, the implementation of the remedy was structured to prevent the plumes from further migration and discharge to Fourmile Branch, treat and/or attenuate the contaminant plumes at and approaching the OU boundary (Fourmile Branch), and finally to treat and/or attenuate all contaminants within the OU. Except for the initial treatment (pump-treat-reinjection), the permit identifies that development work would be needed to select and implement technologies to address the unique conditions presented at this OU. While the treatments that are and have been part of the remedy are presented chronologically in the following paragraphs, they work synergistically to address the permit requirements and RAOs.

***Active Treatment with Pump - Treat - Reinjection***

In 1997, SRS designed and built a pump-and-treat system using a water treatment unit (WTU) with a network of injection and extraction wells. The remediation system extracted groundwater downgradient of the seepage basins, passed it through a WTU to remove metals and radionuclides, and re-injected the treated water upgradient to maintain the recirculation loop. To reduce the migration of tritium to Fourmile Branch, the system lengthened the tritium pathway in the extraction/reinjection loop. This was expected to provide more time for decay prior to discharge to Fourmile Branch. The length of the tritium pathway between injection and extraction was not sufficient to support decay and significant breakthrough (due to increased water volume and gradient from the injection of treated effluent and annual rainfall), which prompted the termination of operations. Operation of the pump-and-treat system was suspended October 2003 upon receipt of conditional approval by SCDHEC.

***Passive Treatment with Subsurface Barrier System***

In 2004, two groundwater barriers were installed. One barrier was placed upgradient of Basin H-4 and a second barrier was placed downgradient of the basin for a total length of 948 m (3,160 ft). The subsurface barrier and gate system reduces the groundwater flow velocity (allowing more time for radioactive decay) and controls the flux of contaminants to Fourmile Branch. Construction utilized an in-situ soil mixing technique to blend acid resistant pozzolan cement and attapulgite clay with native soils. A small percentage of caustic was also added to the cement to facilitate curing. Upon hardening, the resulting soil/cement mixture formed a low permeability (less than 1E-06 cm/s) subsurface barrier approximately 0.75 m (2.5 ft) thick on average. Vertically the wall was installed from just below ground surface to the base of the upper aquifer zone. Placement of the barrier walls altered groundwater levels near the walls (groundwater gradient), thus altering groundwater flow paths and increasing groundwater travel times to surface water and seeplines.

In June 2010, a base injection system, comprised of injection wells, pumping station, and chemical metering system, was constructed to inject an alkaline solution approximately at a pH of 10 into the aquifer to immobilize metals. Figure I-3 shows the locations of the injectors that are placed downgradient of the barrier walls and upgradient of the seepline. The base injection system at H Area has operated for two separate injection campaigns. The initial campaign started in September 2010 and was completed in June of 2013. A second injection campaign began in July 2019 and was completed in May 2020. SRS is observing the effects of previous base injection at H Area, prior to potentially injecting additional base.

**System Operations/Operation and Maintenance**

Remedial activities are still in progress that require operations and maintenance (O&M).

- Since operation of the base injection system began in 2010, the pH in the target zone has stabilized. Periodic injections are ongoing to maintain pH in the target zone of the plume. H Area Base injection was not operated in 2017, 2018 or 2021 because pH

levels remained within the target zone. Through the end of 2021, 227.9 million L (60.2 million gal) of base solution have been injected (Table I-3).

In 2011, enhancements were made to the cover system over the H-Area HWMF basins. Specifically, the drainage system, consisting of concrete-lined swales, was re-graded and new concrete was installed. Also, modifications to tie the drainage layer from the cap to the swales were completed.

Costs associated with the selected interim remedy for H-Area Groundwater OU include O&M costs of WTU, base injection, and institutional controls. The actual O&M cost during fiscal year (FY) 2018 to FY2022 is $5,680,644. RCRA documentation does not require estimated project costs to be prepared. Therefore, none are included in this remedy review.

## V. Progress since Last Review

The previous protectiveness statement concluded that the interim remedial actions at the H-Area Groundwater OU are expected to be protective, and in the interim, exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being maintained by the barrier walls and base injection treatment system which have been functioning properly based on groundwater monitoring data.

There were no recommendations and follow-up actions from the last five-year review. Base injection operations are continuing as needed.

## VI. Five-Year Review Process

The following tasks were performed as part of the review:

- Reviewed the documents listed in Section XII. Documents Reviewed;
- Confirmed the implementation of the remedial action. Figure I-4 provides current photographs of the remedial actions;
- Reviewed all process and performance monitoring data provided by the annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action reports and provided a technical

assessment of whether the treatment systems are functioning as intended by the IROD and whether the shutdown criteria have been achieved;

- Inspected the OU, interviewed maintenance personnel and documented the results on the Inspection Checklist provided in Attachment I-1 with the purpose of assessing the protectiveness of the remedy and the functionality of the access controls;
- Ensured that all actions required under the RCRA Permit Renewal were implemented; and
- Reviewed changes in standards and to-be-considered guidance.

***Data Review***

The H-Area Groundwater OU and underlying geology have been impacted by the volumes of acidic waste discharged to the basins. The carrier fluid for the process waste to the seepage basins (groundwater contaminant source) was low pH acid that leached to the subsurface over a 30-plus year period creating a groundwater plume of low pH that has impacted the geochemistry of the subsurface soils, leached natural metals and minerals, and minimized the retardation of contaminants. As recognized by SRS, the pH must be addressed to have success in reaching the RAOs and RCRA permit requirements. Because of the properties of the individual metal and radionuclide contaminants, one remedy will not address all the contaminants. The only viable approach to tritium, a main contaminant at this site, is to decrease the rate of release from sources and slow the migration rates through the water table to the receptors. Thus, the remedial approach implemented at SRS attempts to address these facets. This technical review was conducted to assess progress in addressing the RAOs as per the IROD (WSRC 1995).

***Ecological Studies***

Ecological studies associated with the H-Area Groundwater OU are conducted as part of the Fourmile Branch Integrator Operable Unit (IOU). These studies include ecological benchmark comparisons that compare ecological screening values (ESVs) to sediment, sediment/soil, and surface water media constituent concentrations. The ESVs are derived from ecologically relevant criteria and standards such as National Ambient Water Quality

Criteria. Review of the fifth periodic report for the Fourmile Branch IOU indicates that in terms of community level effects there is no evidence that metals discharged from H Area have degraded fish or macroinvertebrate communities in Fourmile Branch (SRNS 2016). Aluminum, barium, and mercury may pose a potential threat to wildlife. Aluminum and barium showed a potential threat to wildlife upgradient of SRS operations. Only mercury is a potential issue in lower and middle Fourmile Branch, but there is little evidence that this is associated with discharges from SRS operational areas (i.e., F Area, H Area) (SRNS 2016).

***Groundwater and Surface Water Data***

This data review encompassed a review of concentration data, contaminant plume maps (SRNS 2018, SRNS 2019, SRNS 2020, SRNS 2021, SRNS 2022), and time trend data for sampling locations within the H-Area Groundwater OU.

As a condition of the RCRA permit renewal for the H-Area HWMF groundwater, SRS annually calculates and reports the tritium flux to Fourmile Branch. As shown in Table I-4, tritium flux discharges have been reduced by > 70 %.

A review of the surface water data from stations FM-2U, FM-H1, FM-H2, FM-2, FM-2A, FM-2D, FM-2B, FM-3A, FMC-002H and FMC-002HD was conducted to evaluate the impact of the H-Area Groundwater OU on Fourmile Branch. Table I-5 presents the contaminants that at any time during the review period were detected above the GWPS or MCL. The data in Table I-5 provides evidence that the subsurface barriers and base injection operations are having a positive influence on the concentrations of all constituents. H Area Base injection was not operated in 2017, 2018 or 2021. The 2019 total volume injected was 51.5 million L (13.6 million gal) and the 2020 total volume injected was 52.2 million L (13.8 million gal). The concentrations of the constituents are decreasing or are below the GWPS and/or MCL.

A review of the seepline groundwater data from initial sampling in 2001 to 2021 was conducted to assess the effect of the H-Areas Groundwater OU treatment systems on the seeplines. Table I-6 provides a summary of constituents from the seepline sampling

locations that have exceeded the GWPS or MCL at any time during the period beginning in 2001 (initial sampling) and ending December 2021. Review of the seepline data indicates decreasing concentrations over time for all constituents except iodine-129. SRS recognizes that iodine-129 will not be treated by the base injection system and thus is investigating other approaches to remediate the iodine.

While showing decreasing concentrations over time, there are several contaminants that remain above their standards. These contaminants are associated with existing plumes and are located downgradient of these plumes. Of the three constituents identified in the ecological studies as potential threats to wildlife, only mercury was detected above standard with concentrations decreasing to below the GWPS during the fifth five-year review cycle.

***Summary of Inspections and Interviews***

Interviews were conducted with Phil Carter, O&M staff member, on August 30, 2022 and Brian Hanshew, O&M Site Manager, on August 30, 2022 at the O&M organization offices. No issues were identified for the H-Area Groundwater OU during these interviews.

The H-Area Groundwater OU was inspected by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) and USDOE personnel on November 22, 2022. No issues were identified for the H-Area Groundwater OU during this inspection

A site inspection will be conducted by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and SCDHEC personnel, accompanied by USDOE and SRNS personnel, prior to submittal of the Revision 1 of this document. It is anticipated that no significant problems regarding this OU will be identified during the inspection.

## VII. Technical Assessment

### Is the Remedy Functioning as Intended by the Decision Document?

The review of documents, Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs), risk assumptions, and the results of site inspections indicate that the remedy is functioning as intended by the IROD. The IROD identifies no further action beyond that

required by the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal but stipulates the corrective action will address the potential ecological impacts at the seeplines along Fourmile Branch and will also serve to address the ambient water quality standards in Fourmile Branch by remediating this OU. The implemented treatment strategy is addressing the goal of the remediation, as described in the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal by lowering contaminant concentrations in the groundwater associated with the H-Area HWMF to levels specified in the RCRA permit renewal and by minimizing the discharge of contaminants to the adjacent stream. SRS has met the Phase 1 and Phase 2a goals outlined in the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal and are actively implementing corrective actions to meet the remaining goals.

Ecological assessment of Fourmile Branch indicates no impact from the H-Area HWMF. However, aluminum, barium, and mercury are potential threats to wildlife in Fourmile Branch in the area impacted by H-Area operations. As part of the Fourmile Branch IOU program, studies of ecological impacts to the branch will be ongoing. Based on the results of the ecological studies to date, the RAOs of the IROD are being met. The groundwater requirements of the RCRA permit renewal, which the IROD identified must also be satisfied, have not been met. However, the treatment approach is making positive progress towards those requirements. The effective implementation of institutional controls has prevented exposure to, or ingestion of, contaminated groundwater.

According to the data reviewed, the site inspections, and the interviews, the remedy is functioning as intended by the IROD. There have been no changes in the physical conditions of the site that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

On February 11, 2014, the SCDHEC originally issued the 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal for the SRS (SCDHEC 2014). The SCDHEC modified the 2014 RCRA Permit Renewal on November 30, 2021, which became effective on December 15, 2021 (SCDHEC 2021).

The LUC requirements are discussed and approved as part of the closure/post-closure/permit application process and are governed by the RCRA Permit Renewal for the SRS (SCDHEC 2021). Therefore, a Land Use Control Implementation Plan is not required for this OU. The institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) that are in place to prevent exposure to or ingestion of contaminated groundwater include physical access controls to prevent

unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the H-Area Groundwater OU for industrial use only (SRS is a secured government facility with land use restrictions) and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program. No activities were observed that would have violated the institutional controls (i.e., LUCs).

**Are the Exposure Assumptions, Toxicity Data, Cleanup Levels, and Remedial Action Objectives Still Valid?**

The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and RAOs used at the time of remedy selection are still valid. There have been no changes in the physical conditions at the H-Area Groundwater OU that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

The action specific ARARs have been met with the shutting down and dismantling of the groundwater pump-and-treat system. The chemical specific ARARs and location specific ARARs associated with groundwater remediation must still be met and have been evaluated.

The GWPS set forth in the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2021) for the constituents that were identified as present above those standards were compared against MCLs, where available. The comparison found two constituents where the GWPS differed from the MCL (Table I-7). The GWPS is more protective than the MCL for carbon-14, and cobalt-60; thus, SRS is adhering to a more stringent standard.

Fact sheets provided on the USEPA webpage (https://www.epa.gov/fedfac/emerging-contaminants-and-federal-facility-contaminants-concern) regarding emerging contaminants were reviewed for applicability to this OU. This webpage provides a link to specific fact sheets for each of the following contaminants: 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), 1,4-dioxane, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT), hexahydro-1,3,5-tri-nitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), nanomaterials, N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA), perchlorate, perflurorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl

ethers (PBDEs) and tungsten. The only emerging contaminant identified as applicable to this OU is 1,4-dixoane.

1,4-dioxane is a potential contaminant at this unit as it is found at sites where chlorinated solvents are present. The groundwater data for the H-Area wells that are monitored as per the RCRA permit renewal were evaluated for the period January 2000 through December 2021 for 1,4-dioxane. Four hundred and ninety-seven 1,4-dioxane records were reviewed from this period. There were 19 detected results from 4 wells (HSB-85A, 85B, 111D and 120C) with a maximum of 58 µg/L and an average value of 28 µg/L. SRS will continue to monitor for 1,4-dioxane as a potential contaminant for the H-Area Groundwater OU.

There have been no changes in MCLs (versus GWPS) that would impact the remedy. The remedy is progressing as expected.

**Has any Other Information Come to Light that Could Call into Question the Protectiveness of the Remedy?**

No new information has come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

## VIII. Issues

There are no issues related to current site operations, conditions or activities that currently prevent the remedy from being protective

## IX. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions

There are no recommendations or follow-up actions for H-Area Groundwater OU.

## X. Protectiveness Statement(s)

The remedy at the H-Area Groundwater OU is protective of human health and the environment.

Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by the engineered subsurface barriers and base injection, groundwater monitoring, and

implementation of physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the H-Area Groundwater OU for industrial use only and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program. Protectiveness of the remedial action will be verified by continued groundwater monitoring.

## XI. Next Review

As shown in Appendix A, Table A-1, the next five-year review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment is scheduled for January 2029.

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WSRC, 2001. *H-Area Corrective Action Phase 1 Evaluation,* WSRC-RP-2001-4015, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC




Figure I-1. Location of the H-Area Groundwater OU at the SRS



**Figure I-2. H-Area HWMF Basins Prior to Closure (1989)**

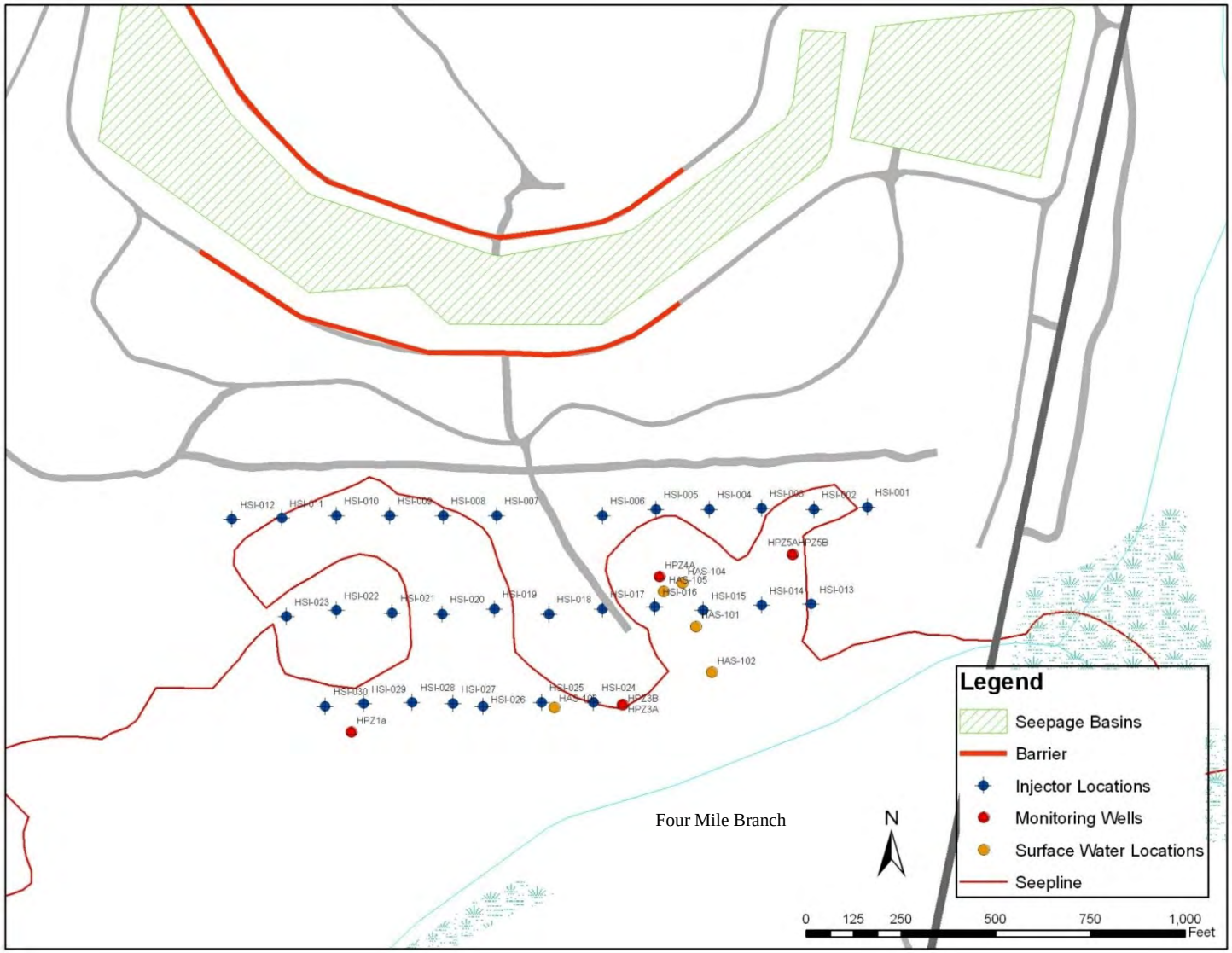



**Figure I-3. Treatment Systems for the H-Area Groundwater OU**



**Figure I-4. Current Photo of H-Area Groundwater (2022)**



**Figure I-5. Current Aerial Photo of H-Area Groundwater (2022)**



**Figure I-6. Current Photo of H-Area Groundwater Injection System (2022)**

**Table I-1. Chronology of OU Events**

| Event | Date |
|---|---|
| RCRA Closure Plan Approved | 1989 |
| Corrective Action Start | 1989 |
| RCRA Closure Certified | 1991 |
| IROD Issuance | April 13, 1995 |
| Previous Five-Year Reviews Issuance | June 30, 1997, February 12, 2004, February 4, 2009 / February 4, 2014 / December 5, 2018 |

**Table I-2. H-Area Groundwater OU / HWMF Monitored Hazardous Constituents**

| |
|---|
| **Inorganics** |
| Antimony, Arsenic, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Cobalt, Copper, Cyanide, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate-Nitrite as Nitrogen, Selenium, Silver, Thallium, Tin, Vanadium, Zinc |
| **Organics** |
| Benzene, Methylene chloride (Dichloromethane), Tetrachloroethylene (PCE), Trichloroethylene (TCE), Trichlorofluoromethane, |
| **Radionuclides** |
| Gross alpha, Gross (nonvolatile) beta, Total radium, Americium-241, Carbon-14, Cobalt-60, Curium-242, Curium-243/244, Curium-246, Iodine-129, Nickel-63, Plutonium-238, Plutonium-239/240, Radium-226, Radium-228, Strontium-90, Technetium-99, Thorium-228, Thorium-230, Thorium-232, Tritium, Uranium-233/234, Uranium-234, Uranium-235, Uranium-238 |

Per the SRS RCRA Permit Renewal (SCDHEC 2021)

**Table I-3. H-Area HWMF Base Injection Volumes Injected**

| Year | Total Volume (million gallons) |
|---|---|
| 2010[a] | 1.8[b] |
| 2011 | 8.1 [b c] |
| 2012 | 4.7 [b] |
| 2013 | 4.1 [b] |
| 2014 | 0 [b] |
| 2015 | 0.2 [b] |
| 2016 | 0 [b] |
| 2017 | 0 [b] |
| 2018 | 0 [b] |
| 2019 | 13.6 [b] |
| 2020 | 13.8 [b] |
| 2021 | 0 [b] |

a - Operation of system began in September 2010
b - SRNS 2022

**Table I-4. Summary of Calculated Tritium Flux to Fourmile Branch associated with the H-Area Groundwater OU (SRNS 2022)**

| Year | Calculated Tritium Flux (Curies/year) | % Tritium Reduction from Baseline Year of 2000 |
|---|---|---|
| 2000 | 240 | NA |
| 2003 | 221 | 8 |
| 2004 | 147 | 39 |
| 2005 | 114 | 52 |
| 2006 | 116 | 52 |
| 2007 | 81 | 66 |
| 2008 | 90 | 62 |
| 2009 | 67 | 72 |
| 2010 | 50 | 79 |
| 2011 | 56 | 77 |
| 2012 | 44 | 82 |
| 2013 | 50 | 79 |
| 2014 | 52 | 78 |
| 2015 | 54 | 77 |
| 2016 | 42 | 82 |
| 2017 | 41 | 83 |
| 2018 | 39 | 83 |
| 2019 | 42 | 82 |
| 2020 | 49 | 80 |
| 2021 | 34 | 86 |

**Table I-5. Summary of Constituents from the H-Area Groundwater OU Surface Waters of Fourmile Branch Detected Above Standards**

| Constituent | Unit | GWPS or MCL[1] | Maximum Concentration [# of Samples] | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 2nd Remedy Review (1997-2001) | 3rd Remedy Review (2002-2006) | 4th Remedy Review (2007-2011) | 5th Remedy Review (2012-2016) | 6th Remedy Review (2017-2021) |
| Antimony | µg/L | 6 | 10 [49] | 2.7 [93] | 0.21 [65] | All ND [38] | All ND [63] |
| Arsenic | µg/L | 10 | 6 [55] | 3.12 [105] | 27.1 [65] | 8.54 (J) [38] | 11.7 (J) [63] |
| Carbon-14 | pCi/L | 50 | 11.2 [66] | 162 [142] | 1140 [88] | 59.7 (J) [72] | 57.8 [62] |
| Cobalt | µg/L | 3 | 6.27 [52] | 15.7 [93] | 5.69 [65] | 8.25 [77] | 1.22 [147] |
| Gross alpha | pCi/L | 15 | 46.8 [68] | 7.06 [174] | 128 [207] | 12.5 [129] | 4.7 (J) [197] |
| Iodine-129 | pCi/L | 1 | All ND [59] | 4.69 [70] | 9 [206] | 3.44 (J) [134] | 3.32 (J) [201] |
| Non-volatile Beta | pCi/L | 50 | 192 [68] | 142 [174] | 268 [207] | 42 [129] | 30.7 [197] |
| Total radium | pCi/L | 5 | 13.5 [64] | 4.16 [94] | 7.44 [82] | 4.95 [38] | 2.4 [62] |
| Radium-226 | pCi/L | 5 | 12 [65] | 2.68 [134] | 5.55 [85] | 4.97 (J) [58] | 1.12 [65] |
| Radium-228 | pCi/L | 5 | 3.22 [66] | 6.05 [113] | 8.4 [69] | 1.74 (J) [29] | 0.97 (J) [45] |
| Strontium-90 | pCi/L | 8 | 9.54 [67] | 7.96 [57] | 18.1 [135] | 9.45 (J) [53] | 10.1 [87] |
| Thallium | µg/L | 2 | 10 [43] | 7.95 [93] | 2.52 [65] | 0.2 (J) [38] | 15.3 (J) [152] |
| Tin | µg/L | 2.6 | 10 [57] | 8.37 [87] | 0.62 [65] | All ND [31] | All ND [63] |
| Tritium | pCi/L | 20,000 | 312,000 [66] | 4,810,000 [455] | 2,760,000 [585] | 179,000 [266] | 890,000 [543] |
| Vanadium | µg/L | 4 | 10.8 [52] | 4.09 [93] | 30.9 [65] | 14.6 (J) [38] | 17.9 (J) [63] |

ND = Non-detect
J = Estimated value

**Table I-6. Summary of Constituents from the H-Area Groundwater OU Seepline Detected Above Standards**

| Constituent | Unit | GWPS or MCL[1] | Maximum Concentration [# of Samples] | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 2nd Remedy Review (1997-2001) | 3rd Remedy Review (2002-2006) | 4th Remedy Review (2007-2011) | 5th Remedy Review (2012-2016) | 6th Remedy Review (2017-2021) |
| Arsenic | µg/L | 10 | ND [8] | 59.8 [117] | 20.6 (J) [48] | ND [51] | ND [61] |
| Beryllium | µg/L | 4 | 1.55 (J) [8] | 9.87 [177] | 0.63 [101] | 2.74 [51] | 0.92 [61] |
| Carbon-14 | pCi/L | 50 | 221 [8] | 798.4 [197] | 268 [195] | 665 [173] | 399 [199] |
| Chromium | µg/L | 100 | 73.5 [8] | 659 [172] | 40.9 [48] | 66.7 (J) [51] | 32 [61] |
| Cobalt | µg/L | 3 | 9.8 [8] | 36.2 [181] | 4.4 [132] | 3.46 (J) [107] | 3.92 [184] |
| Methylene Chloride | µg/L | 5 | 8.31 [9] | 16 [65] | ND [38] | 4.02 (J) [49] | ND [50] |
| Gross Alpha | pCi/L | 15 | 48.5 [7] | 188 [199] | 40.1 [236] | 7.78 [212] | 21.3 [227] |
| Iodine-129 | pCi/L | 1 | 39.6 [9] | 50.7 [180] | 22.1 [241] | 77.4 [233] | 442 [239] |
| Lead | µg/L | 15 | 1920 [8] | 460 [173] | 9.01 [48] | 29.6 [62] | 31.6 [164] |
| Mercury | µg/L | 2 | ND [8] | 2.33 [180] | 1.1 [231] | 1.22 [210] | 1.57 [209] |
| Nickel | µg/L | 390 | 29.7 [8] | 267 [184] | 62 [68] | 16.2 [51] | 12.2 [61] |
| Nickel-63 | pCi/L | 50 | ND [8] | 63.3 [70] | 21.4 [70] | 7.72 (J) [56] | ND [56] |
| Nitrate-Nitrite as N | mg/L | 10 | 8.45 [8] | 60.2 [207] | 80.2 [234] | 35 [215] | 33.3 [206] |
| Non-Volatile Beta | pCi/L | 50 | 86.1 [7] | 302 [199] | 107 [236] | 100 [212] | 102 [229] |
| Total Radium | pCi/L | 5 | 8.04 [7] | 133 [167] | 7.51 [102] | 2.73 [53] | 10 [129] |
| Radium-226 | pCi/L | 5 | 13.3 [7] | 11.3 [198] | 1.98 [133] | 3.95 [52] | 1.6 [56] |
| Radium-228 | pCi/L | 5 | 18.1 [7] | 3.2 [198] | 6.74 [133] | 2.21 [55] | 3.29 (J) [57] |
| Technetium-99 | pCi/L | 900 | 34.7 [7] | 1080 [202] | 196 [162] | 159 [208] | 118 [207] |
| Tin | µg/L | 2.6 | 1340 [8] | 49.8 [118] | ND | 3.37 (J) [73] | 1.3 (J) [61] |
| Tritium | pCi/L | 20,000 | 5,900,000 [9] | 5,470,000 [204] | 2,930,000 [235] | 2,330,000 [218] | 1,380,000 [221] |
| Uranium-233/234 | pCi/L | 15 | 5.76 [7] | 16.8 [199] | 0.87 [135] | 0.383 [57] | 1.21 [67] |
| Uranium-238 | pCi/L | 15 | 2.77 [7] | 20.5 [199] | 0.87 [135] | 0.326 [57] | 1.44 [67] |
| Vanadium | µg/L | 4 | 81.1 [8] | 733 [146] | 10.5 [48] | 72.5 [146] | 81.3 [205] |

J = Estimated value

**Table I-7. Comparison of Permitted GWPS for the H-Area Groundwater OU versus MCLs**

| Contaminant | Unit | GWPS | MCL |
|---|---|---|---|
| Carbon-14 | pCi/L | 50 | 2000 |
| Cobalt-60 | pCi/L | 50 | 100 |

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## Attachment I-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – H-Area Groundwater Operable Unit

| I. SITE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Site Name:** | **H-Area Groundwater Operable Unit** | **Date of Inspection:** | **7/26/2022** |
| **Location and Region** | **SRS, USEPA Region 4** | **EPA ID:** | **SEMS #9** |
| **Agency, Office, or Company leading the Five-Year Review** | **USDOE** | **Weather/ Temperature** | **93°F and Partly Cloudy** |

**Remedy Includes:** *(Click all that apply)*

- ☐ Landfill Cover / Containment
- ☒ Access Controls
- ☒ Institutional Controls
- ☐ Groundwater Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Surface Water Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Monitored Natural Attenuation
- ☐ Groundwater Containment
- ☒ Vertical Barriers
- ☒ Other Base Injection

**Attachments:** ☐ Inspection team roster attached ☐ Inspection team roster attached

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Site Manager:** Brian Hanshew (Name) | Post Closure Manager (Title) | 8/30/22 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4949

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

**2. O&M Staff:** Phil Carter (Name) | **EC&**ACP Post Closure Waste Site Inspector/Maintenance Coord. (Title) | 8/30/22 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☐ At Office ☒ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4145

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

## Attachment I-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – H-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued)*

### II. INTERVIEWS *(Click all that apply) (Continued)*

**3. Local Regulatory Authorities and Response Agencies** (i.e., State and tribal offices, emergency response office, police department, office of public health or environmental health, zoning office, recorder of deeds or other city and county offices, etc.). Fill in all that apply.

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

_____

4. **Other Interviews** *(Optional):* ☐ Report Attached _____

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_____

### III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Documents:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ O&M Manual | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☒ As-Built Drawings | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Maintenance Logs | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |

Remarks: _____

_____

## Attachment I-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – H-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued)*

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED *(Continued)***

**2. Health and Safety Plans (HASPs):**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Site-Specific Health and Safety Plans | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Contingency Plan/Emergency Response Plan | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: Routine O&M activities do not require a site-specific health and safety plan (SSHASP) under 29 CFR 1910.120 HAZWOPER. A SSHASP is prepared if needed.

**3. O&M and OSHA Training Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Training Records are complete and up to date per EC&ACP training matrix.

**4. Permits and Service Agreements:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Air Discharge Permit | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Effluent Discharge | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Waste Disposal; POTW | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ Other Permits | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |

Remarks: RCRA Permit Renewal for the SRS and UIC Permit for H Base Injection System

**5. Gas Generation Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**6. Settlement Monument Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**7. Groundwater Monitoring Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**8. Leachate Extraction Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**9. Discharge Compliance Records:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Air | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Water (Effluent) | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**10. Daily Access/Security Logs:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment I-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – H-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued)*

### IV. O&M COSTS

**1. O&M Organization:**

☐ State In-House ☐ Contractor for State
☐ PRP In-House ☐ Contractor for PRP
☒ Other: SRS

**2. O&M Cost Records:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☐ Funding mechanism/agreement in place
☒ Other: Project cost data is summarized in Section IV of this OU-specific review.

**Total annual cost by year for review period, if available**

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

**3. Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period**

Describe costs and reasons: _____

### V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Fencing**

**1. Fencing Damage:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Gates secured ☒ N/A

Remarks: OU-specific perimeter fencing is not required by the remedial action.

**B. Signs**

**1. Signs and Other Security Measures:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ N/A

Remarks: _____

## Attachment I-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – H-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued)*

**V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS *(Continued)***

**C. Institutional Controls**

**1. Implementation and Enforcement**

Site conditions imply ICs are not properly implemented: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Site conditions imply ICs are not being fully enforced: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive-by, etc.) Walkdown

Frequency: Once in five years

Responsible Party/Agent: USDOE Savannah River Field Office

Contact: Phil Prater (Name) | IACD Program Manager (Title) | 11/22/2022 (Date) | 803-952-9333 (Phone No.)

Reporting is up-to-date: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Reports are verified by the lead agency: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Specific requirements in deed or decision documents have been met: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Violations have been reported: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Problems/Suggestions: ☐ Report Attached

**2. Adequacy:** ☒ ICs are adequate ☐ ICs are inadequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**D. General**

**1. Vandalism/Trespassing:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No vandalism is evident

Remarks:

**2. Land use changes onsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**3. Land use changes offsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment I-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – H-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued)*

**VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS**

**A. Roads** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Roads damaged:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Roads adequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**B. Other Site Conditions**

Remarks:

**VII. LANDFILL COVER/CONTAIMENT SYSTEMS** ☐Applicable ☒N/A

**VIII. VERTICAL BARRIER WALLS** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Settlement:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Settlement not evident

Areal extent Depth

Remarks:

**2. Performance Monitoring:**

Type of Monitoring: Potentiometric Head ☐ Performance not monitored

Frequency Quarterly ☐ Evidence of breaching Head Differential 10.5 Feet

*Remarks:*

**IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Groundwater Extraction Wells, Pumps, and Pipelines** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**1. Pumps, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**

☐ Good Condition ☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs Maintenance ☐ N/A

Remarks: The groundwater extraction system has been removed from service.

**2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes, and Other Appurtenances:**

☐ Good Condition ☐ Needs Maintenance

Remarks:

**3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided

Remarks:

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| | |
|---|---|
| **IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES** ☒ **Applicable** ☐ **N/A** | |
| **B. Surface Water Collection Structures, Pumps, and Pipelines** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A | |
| **C. Treatment System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A | |
| **D.** Monitoring Data ☒ **Applicable** ☐ **N/A** | |
| **1. Monitoring Data:** ☒ Is routinely submitted on time | ☒ Is of acceptable quality |
| **2. Monitoring Data:** ☐ Groundwater plume is effectively contained | ☒ Contaminant concentrations are declining |
| **E. Monitored Natural Attenuation** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A | |
| **X. OTHER REMEDIES** | |
| If there are remedies applied at the site, which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction. | |
| **A. Groundwater Injection Wells, Pumps, and Pipelines** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A | |
| **1. Pumps, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:** ☐ Good Condition ☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☒ N/A<br>Remarks: The base injection system is operated as needed to maintain desired groundwater parameters. | |
| **2. Injection System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes and Other Appurtenances:** ☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance<br>Remarks: | |
| **3. Spare Parts and Equipment:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided<br>Remarks: | |

## Attachment I-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – H-Area Groundwater Operable Unit *(continued/end)*

| XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS |
|---|
| **A. Implementation of the Remedy** |
| Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emissions, etc.).<br><br>The groundwater extraction/treat/reinjection remedial system functioned as designed from 1999 to 2003. The engineered subsurface barriers with base injection replaced the groundwater pump and treat system, is the current remedy, and is operating as designed. The remedy is expected to lower contaminant concentrations in the groundwater associated with the H-Area HWMF to levels specified in the RCRA permit renewal and to minimize the discharge of contaminants to the adjacent stream. The remedies deployed address the potential ecological impacts at the seeplines along Fourmile Branch and the ambient water quality standards in Fourmile Branch by remediating this OU. |
| **B. Adequacy of O&M** |
| Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.<br><br>The O&M programs are well established and functioning to ensure that remedial systems remain in effective service. There are no issues requiring corrective actions. |
| **C. Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Failure** |
| Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.<br><br>N/A |
| **D. Opportunities for Optimization** |
| Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.<br><br>N/A |

# M-AREA OPERABLE UNIT

## I. Introduction

This report is the third five-year review for the M-Area Operable Unit (MAOU). The review was conducted from July 2022 through November 2022. Contaminants have been left in place at the MAOU at levels that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedy in place at the MAOU is protective of human health and the environment. This report documents the results of the review.

## II. OU Chronology

Table J-1 lists the chronology of site events for the MAOU.

## III. Background

The MAOU is listed as a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)/ Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) unit in Appendix C of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for Savannah River Site (SRS) (FFA 1993). The media of concern is subsurface vadose zone soil.

An area-based remedial strategy has been implemented in M Area; remedial decisions for the M-Area waste units and facilities addressed by the M-Area Settling Basin Inactive Process Sewer Lines to Manhole 1 (081-M) (MIPSL) Record of Decision (ROD) will continue as planned (Appendix K). All other remedial actions are addressed by the MAOU ROD.

Groundwater contamination from the MAOU is regulated by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) RCRA Permit Renewal for the SRS (Hazardous and Mixed Waste Permit SC1 890 008 989) and addressed by the requirements of the M-Area and Metallurgical Laboratory Hazardous Waste Management Facilities Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Agreements.

### Physical Characteristics

MAOU is located in the northwest portion of SRS and comprises approximately 29.4 hectares (72.6 acres) (Figure J-1). The MAOU was divided into four distinct areas based on the historical operations at the unit (Figure J-2). These areas are:

- Production Area (313-M, 320-M, 321-M [including Component and Tube Cleaning sump, referred to as Underground Sump #001, and Extrusion Press Pit, referred to as Underground Sump #002], 322-M, 340-M, and 324-M [including the northern portions of the MIPSL and associated feeder lines]) - This area also includes two warehouses: 330-M and 331-M. The Production Area is where fuel and target assemblies were produced between 1952 and 1988. Slugs of depleted uranium were stored in the warehouses.
- Liquid Effluent Treatment Facility (341-M, 341-1M and 341-8M) - This facility was built in 1988 to treat all the liquid effluent from the production area.
- Test Reactor Facilities (305-A and 777-10A) - These two test reactor facilities were used to determine the appropriate properties for the fuel elements and the target assemblies before a new model was placed into production.
- Salvage Area (740-A, 743-A and 741-A) - This area stored excess materials and equipment, contained support facilities for the personnel involved in the management of excess material and reconditioned non-nuclear material. Reconditioning involved painting and cleaning with solvents.

### Land and Resource Use

According to the *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report* (USDOE 1996), residential uses of the SRS land should be prohibited. The *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site* (WSRC 1999) designates the MAOU as being within an industrial area. The future land use for the MAOU is reasonably anticipated to remain industrial with the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) maintaining control of the land.

### History of Contamination

The manufacturing processes in M Area consumed a large quantity of industrial cleaning solvents and water, and early practices were to discharge the spent solvents and water directly into the environment. Of the reported 1.6 million kg (3.5 million lbs) of solvents discarded, approximately 900,000 kg (2 million lbs) was discarded to the M-Area Settling Basin, located south of M Area, via a process sewer line. This resulted in volatile organic compound (VOC) and radionuclide contamination at the M-Area Settling Basin and process sewer lines within the MAOU. The basin was closed with the installation of a protective cap in 1991.

All of the major facilities in M Area used industrial cleaning processes and products (trichloroethylene [TCE], tetrachloroethylene [PCE], and trichloroethane) that were discarded to the M-Area Settling Basin via process sewer lines. The M-Area Settling Basin is part of the M-Area HWMF. The contaminated sewer lines were managed under the MIPSL OU and its ROD (WSRC 2006a).

Many of the buildings and facilities were dismantled to their slab foundations by the mid-2000s. However, as a result of the RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) work plan characterization (WSRC 2007a), areas of VOC, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), inorganic (metal), and radiological contamination still existed in and around the concrete slabs of buildings, in or near process sewer lines, and/or in soils surrounding these features and at the 741-A Salvage Yard (Figure J-3).

### Initial Response

Removal actions were performed in 2007 through 2008 at various buildings in the Production Area (WSRC 2007b) and at the 741-A Salvage Yard (WSRC 2006b) to prevent exposure of the future industrial worker to the maximum levels of contamination at M Area and to reduce the potential leaching of contaminants from the soils to groundwater. The key elements of each area are discussed below.

***313-M***

- Removal of concrete (sumps/pits) with uranium-238 activity exceeding 1,900 ρCi/g (principal threat source material [PTSM] criteria);
- Removal of concrete and soils containing PCE at concentrations greater than 50 mg/kg; and
- Collection of samples from the base of each excavation to verify the goals of the removal action were met.

***320-M***

- Removal of concrete, brick, and soils containing PCE or TCE concentrations greater than 50 mg/kg; and
- Collection of samples from the base of the Tube Cleaning excavation and from the base of each of the auger (excavation) holes at the west side of the building slab to verify the goals of the removal action were met.

***321-M***

- Removal of concrete where uranium-235 activity exceeded the PTSM level of 402 ρCi/g;
- Removal of concrete, brick, pipe and soil (to a depth of 12.6 m [42 ft]) containing PCE concentrations greater than 50 mg/kg and stockpiled on unit and backfilled with sandy soil;
- Radiological survey of ground surface after slab removal; and
- Collection of samples from the base of each of the auger (excavation) holes to verify the goals of the removal action were met.

***322-M***

- Removal of sumps, pipe (containing sludge), and soils contaminated with PTSM levels of uranium-238. The sumps with activity levels greater than 1,900 ρCi/g uranium-238

in the concrete, and the pipe containing sludge with activities greater than 1790 ρCi/g uranium-238 or 394 ρCi/g uranium-235 were removed.

- Collection of soil samples from the base of the exaction to verify the goals of the removal action were met.

***741-A Salvage Yard***

- Soil to a depth of 0.61 m (2 ft) was removed in 2008 to protect the future industrial worker from soil contaminated with arsenic, PAHs (i.e., benzo(a)anthracene, benzo(a) pyrene, and benzo(a)fluoranthene), and PCBs (i.e., Aroclor 1254 and Aroclor 1260) greater than 1E-06 risk. Figure J-4 shows the area of soil removal from the 741-A Salvage Yard.

The Removal Action Reports for the Production Area (WSRC 2008b) and the 741-A Salvage Yard (WSRC 2008c) summarize the remediation and confirmatory sample results.

Figures J-5, J-6, J-7, J-8, and J-9 show historical and current photos of MAOU.

**Basis for Taking Action**

The potential exposure to or ingestion of contaminated soil, exposure to other contaminated media (i.e., concrete) and its potential to contaminate groundwater poses a potential increased risk of cancer to human receptors and is the basis for taking action at the MAOU.

Concrete slabs, below grade concrete barriers and structures, soils surrounding and underneath buildings, process sewer lines, sumps, trenches, and process feeder pipelines were sampled and summarized in the RFI/RI combined document (WSRC 2007a). VOCs (i.e., PCE and TCE) were found to be contaminant migration (CM) constituents of concern (COCs) in the vadose zone soil. Additionally, PCE was found at PTSM levels in deep soils at 321-M. Figure J-3 shows the areas of contamination before the removal actions.

Following completion of the removal actions, only vadose zone soils contaminated with PCE and TCE remained as the contamination requiring remedial action other than land use controls (LUCs). These areas are shown on Figures J-3 and J-10. All concrete slabs and the 741-A Salvage Yard were effectively remediated to allow for industrial land use. PCE

and TCE remained as CM COCs at the Production Area (i.e., 313-M, 320-M, and 321-M facilities) in soils. Approximately 30% of the PCE contaminated soil at PTSM levels remained in deep soil (>3 m [>10 ft] below ground surface) after the removal action below the 321-M slab. This is the contaminated soil that was left in-between the auger excavations completed during the removal action.

## IV. Remedial Actions

### Remedy Selection

As stated in the ROD (WSRC 2008a), the remedial action objectives (RAOs) for the MAOU after completion of the removal actions are as follows:

- Prevent human exposure to contaminants that present a risk of greater than 1E-06 to a future resident. This RAO applies to all subunits/building remnants in the MAOU.
- Prevent migration of VOCs in building slabs, sumps, or vadose zone to groundwater above MCLs. This RAO applies to the following facilities in the Production Area and their associated inactive process sewer line:
  - Buildings 313-M and 321-M (PCE in soil media)
  - Building 320-M (TCE in soil media)

Following the removal actions, VOC contamination that poses a CM threat remains in the vadose zone soils at 313-M, 320-M, and 321-M. As stated in the ROD (WSRC 2008a), the remedial action selected to meet the RAOs for the MAOU is as follows:

- Passive Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) and Institutional Controls (i.e., LUCs)

An Explanation of Significant Difference (ESD) to the Revision 1 ROD for the M-Area Operable Unit was issued on July 9, 2009 to expand the selected remedy to include an additional treatment cell (i.e., the Passive SVE Cell) for contaminated soils that were excavated from 321-M during the removal action (SRNS 2009a). As described in the ESD, an infiltration control barrier made of flexible membrane liner (FML) would be placed over the soils/concrete media at the 321-M and Passive SVE Cell and sealed at the BaroBall™

wells, followed by 0.3 m (1 ft) of clean seeded common fill (i.e., vegetative cover) over the FML.

**Remedy Implementation**

The selected remedies met the RAOs at MAOU by implementing the following activities:

- Grouting of manholes to prevent access to the inactive process sewer lines.
- Installing four passive SVE wells at 313-M, 320-M, and Manhole 4A with depths between 10.7 and 15.2 m (35 and 50 ft).
- Constructing two VOC treatment cells (i.e., the 321-M Cell and the Passive SVE Cell) with a passive SVE treatment system using BaroBall$^{TM}$ wells to treat 841 $m^3$ (1,100 $yd^3$) (321-M) and 2,500 $m^3$ (3,250 $yd^3$) (passive SVE) of VOC contaminated soils. Average PCE soil concentrations were 6.6 mg/kg. Placement of an FML infiltration control barrier over the soils/concrete media at the 321-M and Passive SVE Cell followed by 0.3 m (1 ft) of clean seeded common fill (i.e., vegetative cover). The configurations of two cells can be seen in the Post Construction Report (PCR) (SRNS 2011) and/or in Figures J-2-8 through J-2-11 (Attachment J-2).
- Established LUCs (including restricting worker access to contaminated media, manholes, and pipelines, prohibiting public and residential development and use of the property, maintaining the integrity of any SVE systems or monitoring wells, and preventing access to or use of the groundwater until cleanup levels are met) for approximately 28.7 hectares (70.9 acres). This area excludes the MIPSL OU LUC area of 0.69 hectares (1.7 acres) (SRNS 2009b).

**System Operations/Operation and Maintenance**

The following system operations are ongoing:

As of December 6, 2022, the passive SVE wells are still in operation. Operation of passive SVE wells started on June 16, 2010. The BaroBall$^{TM}$ system is anticipated to operate until RGs are achieved (Table J-2).

Only LUCs including inspection and maintenance activities are required at MAOU as follows:

- Visual inspections for evidence of damage to the vegetative cover at the 321-M and Passive SVE due to erosion, settlement, or intrusion by burrowing animals are performed annually. The inspections also address upkeep of the passive SVE units, and access control barriers (e.g., the warning signs).
- Necessary repairs (e.g., replacing eroded or disturbed soil, sign repair, etc.) and vegetation management (e.g., mowing, removal of larger vegetation, etc.) are performed when required.
- Access controls and use restrictions are enforced to preclude access through the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance program and SRS site security.

Table J-3 compares the actual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for the five-year remedy review period to the estimated direct O&M costs from the ROD (WSRC 2008a). The estimated O&M cost for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 to FY2022 is $186,000 for the soil cover, passive SVE units, institutional controls (i.e., LUCs), and five-year remedy reviews. The actual cost for FY2018 to FY2022 is $810,315. The O&M costs from FY2018 to FY2022 are higher than estimated because the ROD estimate did not include the maintenance of the entire MAOU (e.g., mowing, etc.).

## V. Progress Since Last Review

The previous protectiveness statement satisfies the current conditions at the MAOU.

## VI. Five-Year Review Process

The following tasks were performed as part of the review:

- Reviewed the documents listed in Section XII, Documents Reviewed;
- Confirmed the implementation of the remedial action;

- Evaluated passive SVE well sampling data to determine if shutdown criteria have been achieved (Attachment J-2);
- Inspected the OU, interviewed maintenance personnel, and documented the results on the Inspection Checklist provided in Attachment J-1 with the purpose of assessing the protectiveness of the remedy and the functionality of the access controls; and
- Reviewed changes in standards and to-be-considered guidance.

***Data Review***

Attachment J-2 is the second monitoring report for the passive SVE activities at the MAOU and includes all data collected from 2017 through 2021. Included are diagrams of each passive SVE operation (Figures J-2-7 through J-2-11), data tables of each stations results (Tables J-2-1 through J-2-5), and narrative evaluations of each unit's remediation progress (Attachment J-2). All passive SVE systems in MAOU appear to be operating as designed. The systems continue to extract VOCs, but at a much lower rate.

***Summary of Inspections and Interviews***

Interviews were conducted with Phil Carter, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Project (EC&ACP) Post Closure Lead, and Brian Hanshew, SRNS EC&ACP Post-Closure Lead, on August 30, 2022 at the O&M organization offices. No issues were identified as an outcome of these interviews.

The MAOU was inspected by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) on July 26, 2022. No issues were identified for the MAOU during this inspection.

A site inspection was conducted by SRNS EC&ACP and USDOE personnel on December 6, 2022. No issues were identified during this inspection.

A site inspection will be conducted by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and SCDHEC personnel, accompanied by USDOE and SRNS personnel, prior to submittal of the Revision 1 of this document. No significant problems regarding the protection of the remedy for this OU as implemented are expected to be identified during the inspection.

Scheduled annual site inspections conducted from FY2018 through FY2022 identified the presence of ant mounds and boundary monuments not visible. These findings were documented on the field inspection checklist and resolved soon after discovery.

## VII. Technical Assessment

### Is the Remedy Functioning as Intended by the Decision Document?

The remedy is functioning as intended as demonstrated below:

- The selected remedy of LUCs is continuing to prevent human exposure to contaminated soils and concrete slabs. The Land Use Control Implementation Plan for MAOU governs LUC implementation, maintenance, monitoring, reporting, and enforcement of LUCs (SRNS 2009b). The LUCs that are in place include physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), use restrictions to prevent unauthorized contact, removal or excavation of contaminated media (i.e., soils, concrete slabs), restrictions to prevent unauthorized access to or use of groundwater until cleanup levels are met, and restrictions to prevent disturbance of the vegetative cover system. Warning signs are in good condition, and no activities were observed that would have violated the LUCs. All LUC objectives are being met. The annual inspections indicate that there are no intrusive activities and the soil covers over the passive SVE systems are intact.
- The selected remedy of a passive SVE treatment system is effective in preventing the migration of VOCs to the groundwater above MCLs. Per the MAOU PCR and Corrective Measures Implementation/Remedial Action Implementation Plan (SRNS 2009c) requirements, the passive SVE well sampling data at the treatment cells and passive SVE wells, and their evaluation are reported via the Five-Year Reviews. Semi-annual monitoring was done for the first year, followed by annually sampling.

Attachment J-2 provides the details, data summary, and evaluation of the past five years of passive SVE monitoring data. A summary of the data at each system is provided in Table J-4. The passive SVE systems are effectively removing VOCs at low concentrations from

the vadose zone and SVE cells. Operation and monitoring of these systems is proposed to continue. No confirmatory soil samples are proposed to be collected to compare to RGs at this time.

**Are Exposure Assumptions, Toxicity Data, Cleanup Levels, and Remedial Action Objectives still valid?**

The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives used at the time of remedy selection are still valid. There have been no changes in standards the physical conditions at the MAOU that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

The USEPA standards and toxicity values have been updated since the last five-year remedy review as shown in Appendix B. The changes to the values for COCs at the MAOU were not significant, and the RAOs continue to be met by the remedial action. No new standards or to-be-considered guidance have been identified that call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

Fact sheets provided on the USEPA webpage (https://www.epa.gov/fedfac/emerging-contaminants-and-federal-facility-contaminants-concern) regarding emerging contaminants were reviewed for applicability to this site. This webpage provides a link to specific fact sheets for each of the following contaminants: 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), 1,4-dioxane, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT), hexahydro-1,3,5-tri-nitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), nanomaterials, N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA), perchlorate, perflurorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and tungsten. None of the listed emerging contaminants were identified as applicable to this OU.

**Has any Other Information Come to Light that Could Call into Question the Protectiveness of the Remedy?**

No new information has come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

## VIII. Issues

There are no issues related to current site conditions or activities that currently prevent the remedy from being protective.

## IX. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions

There are no recommendations or follow-up actions for this OU.

## X. Protectiveness Statement(s)

The remedy at MAOU is protective of human health and the environment.

Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by LUCs to prevent exposure to or ingestion of contaminated soil and concrete media. The passive SVE treatment systems are effective in preventing the migration of VOCs to the groundwater above MCLs. All threats to contaminated media at the MAOU are being addressed through physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the MAOU for industrial use only, and warning signs and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program.

## XI. Next Review

As shown in Appendix A, Table A-1, the next five-year review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment is scheduled for January 2029.

## XII. Documents Reviewed

FFA, 1993. *Federal Facility Agreement for the Savannah River Site,* Administrative Docket No. 89-05-FF (Effective Date: August 16, 1993)

SRNS, 2009a. *Explanation of Significant Difference to the Revision 1 Record of Decision for the M Area Operable Unit (MAOU) (U)*, SRNS-RP-2009-00406, Revision 1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2009b. *Land Use Control Implementation Plan (LUCIP) for the M-Area Operable Unit (U)*, WSRC-RP-2008-4067, Revision 1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2009c. Corrective Measures Implementation/Remedial Action Implementation Plan (CMI/RAIP) for the M-Area Operable Unit (MAOU) (U), WSRC-RP-2008-4063, Revision 1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2011. *Post-Construction Report for the M-Area Operable Unit (U)*, Revision 1, February 2011, SRNS-RP-2010-00991, Revision 1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

USDOE, 1996. *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report*, U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 1999. *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site*, WSRC-RP-98-4125, Revision 1.1, latest revision, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2006a. Record of Decision Remedial Alternative Selection for the M Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines Operable Unit (081-M) (U), WSRC-RP-2006-4001, Revision 1, Washington Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken SC

WSRC, 2006b. Removal Site Evaluation Report/Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the Contaminated Surficial Soils in the 741-A Salvage Yard at the M Area Operable Unit (U), WSRC-RP-2006-4053, Revision 1, Washington Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken SC

WSRC, 2007a. RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) Work Plan, RFI/RI Report with Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA) and Corrective Measures Study/Feasibility Study (CMS/FS) for M Area Operable Unit (U), WSRC-RP-2006-4060, Revision 1, Washington Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken SC

WSRC, 2007b. Removal Site Evaluation Report/Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis at the Production Area of M Area Operable Unit (U), WSRC-RP-2006-4059, Revision 1, Washington Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken SC

WSRC, 2008a. *Record of Decision Remedial Alternative Selection for the M-Area Operable Unit (U)*, WSRC-RP-2008-4030, Revision 1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2008b. *Removal Action Report for the Production Area of M-Area Operable Unit (U)*, WSRC-RP-2008-4055, Revision 1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2008c. *Removal Action Report for the Contaminated Surficial Soil in the 741-A Salvage Yard at the M-Area Operable Unit (U)*, WSRC-RP-2008-4027, Revision 1, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

Various - Inspection Data Sheets – *Field Inspection Checklist, M-Area Operable Unit (U)*, ER-IDS-019-057, Inspection period 2018 through 2022 (annually)




**Figure J-1. Location of MAOU at Savannah River Site**

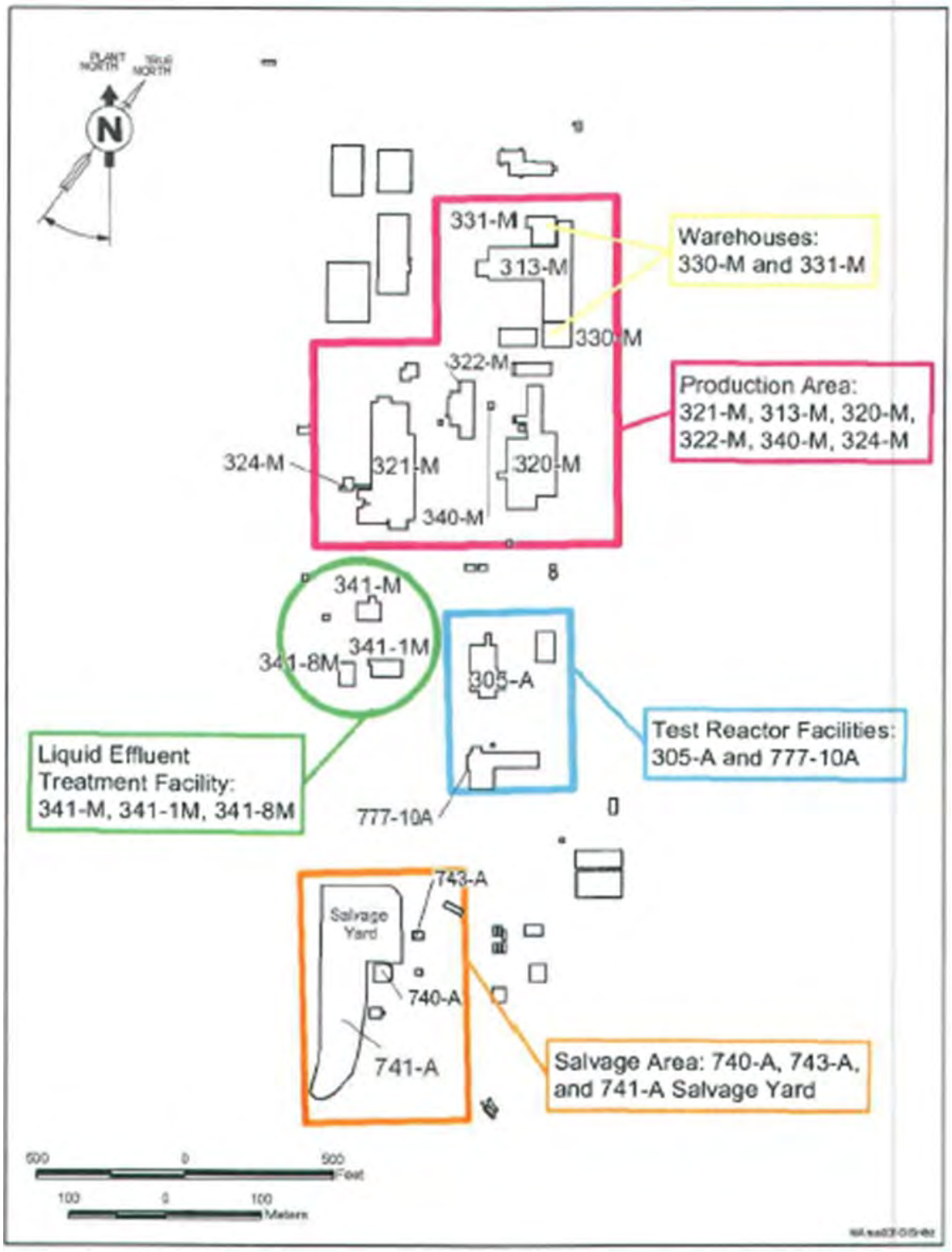



**Figure J-2. Location of MAOU Subunits**

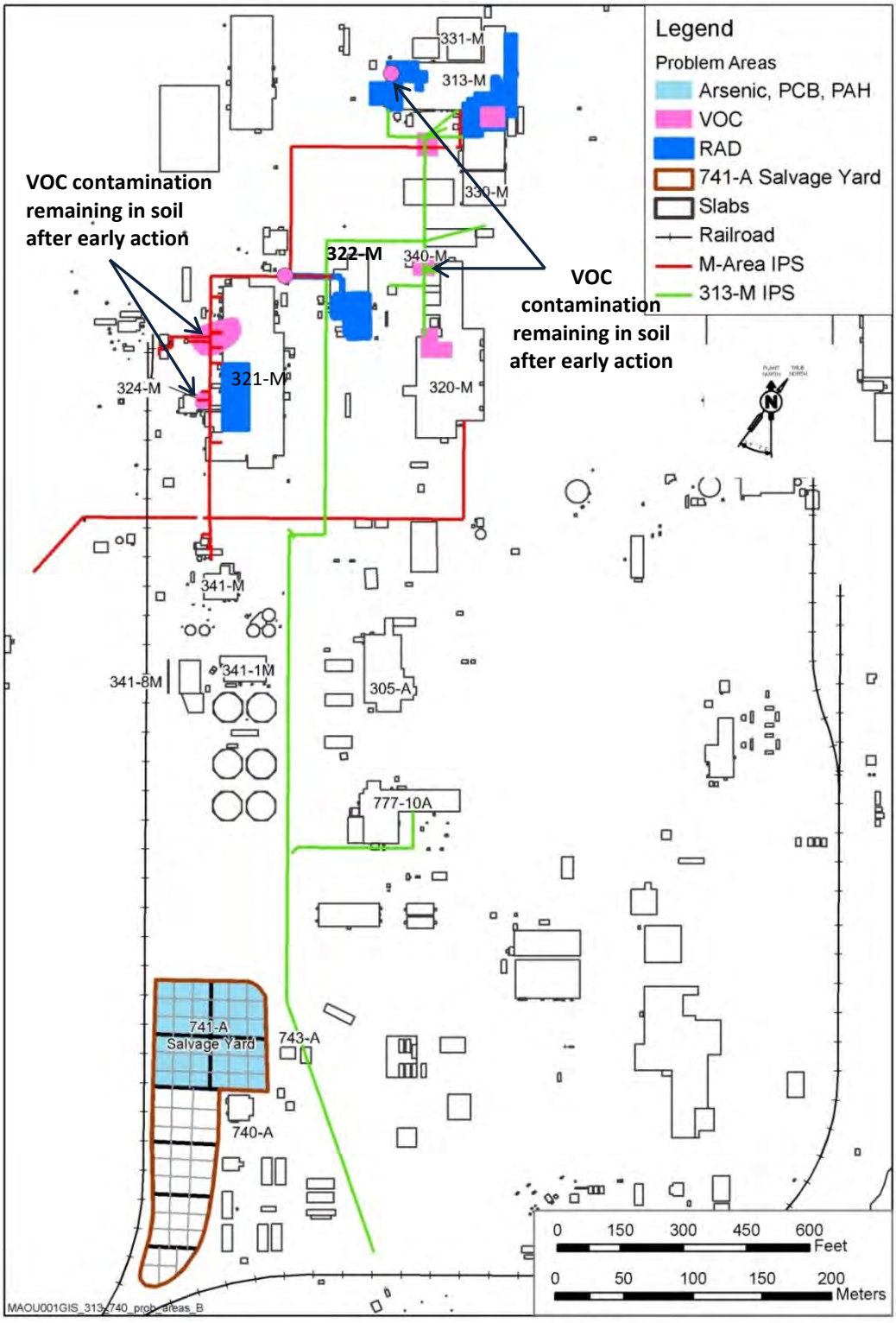



**Figure J-3. Previous Areas of Contamination at the MAOU Before Removal Actions**

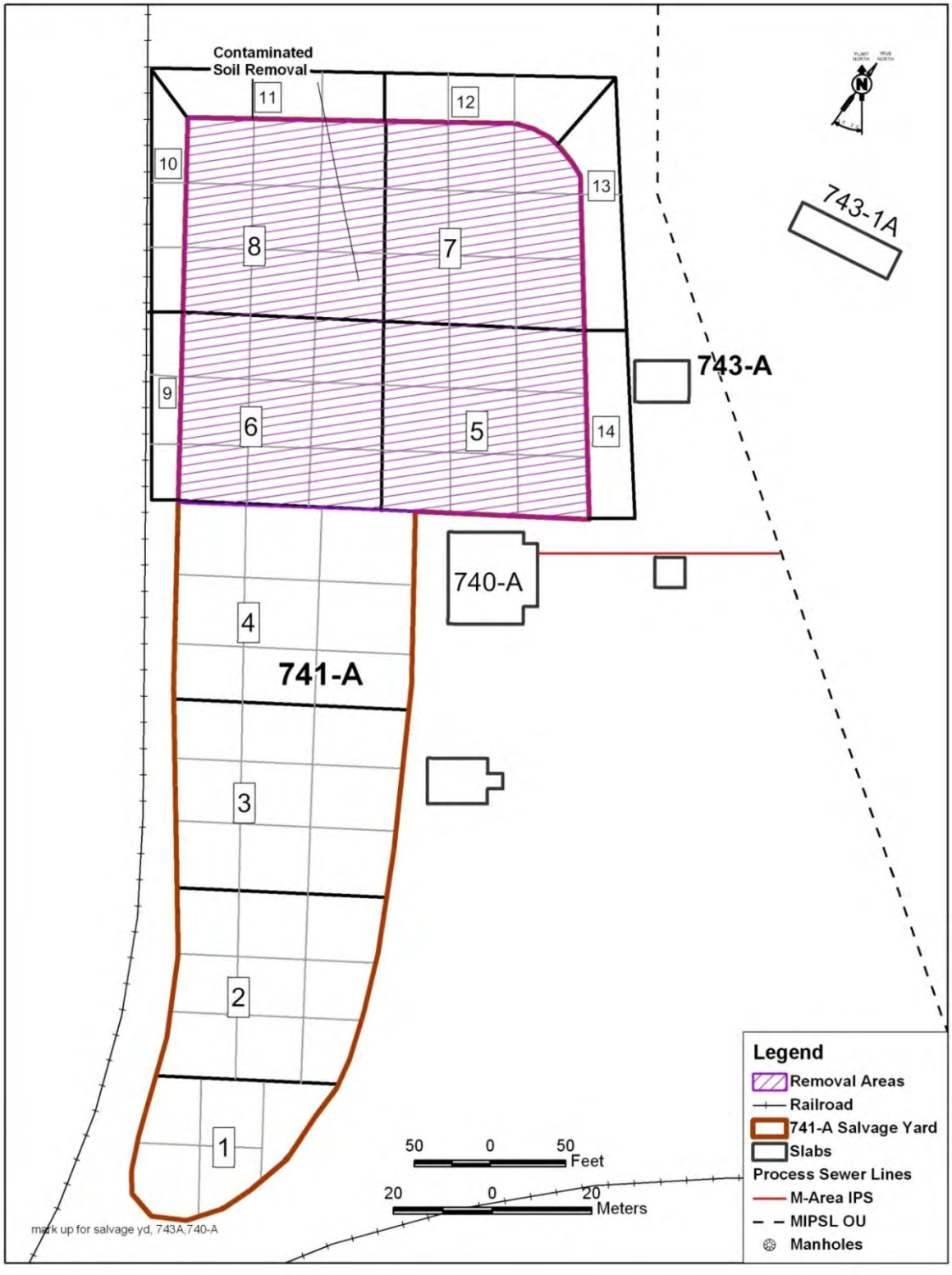



**Figure J-4. Area of Contaminated Soil Removal at the 741-A Salvage Yard**



**Figure J-5. Aerial Photo of MAOU (Production Area) Before Deconstruction (Prior to 2003)**



**Figure J-6. Current (2022) Aerial Photo of MAOU**



**Figure J-7. Current (2022) Photo of Vegetative Cover at 321-M**



**Figure J-8. Current (2022) Photo of MAOU Passive SVE System**




**Figure J-9. Current (2022) Photo of MAOU Warning Sign**

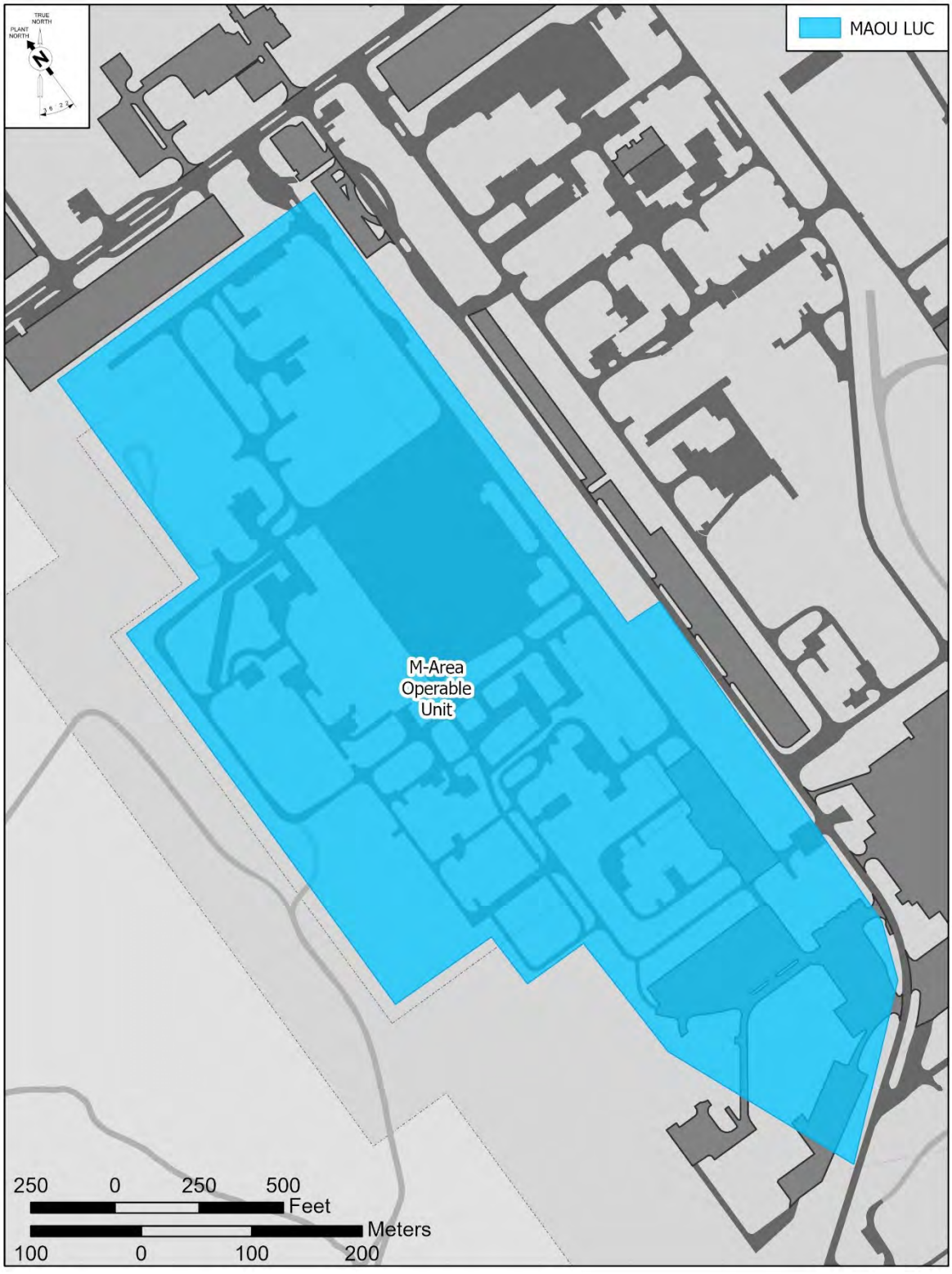



**Figure J-10. MAOU LUC Boundary**

**Table J-1. Chronology of OU Events**

| Event | Date |
|---|---|
| Removal Action Start / Complete | February 21, 2007 / April 10, 2008 |
| ROD Issuance | February 5, 2009 |
| ESD to the ROD Issuance | July 9, 2009 |
| Remedial Action Construction Start / Finish | August 10, 2009 / July 21, 2010 |
| Remedial Action Operations Start / Finish | June 16, 2010 / On-going |
| Previous Five-Year Reviews Issuance | February 4, 2014 / December 5, 2018 |

**Table J-2. Final RCOC RGs**

| RCOC | Type RCOC | RG |
|---|---|---|
| PCE at 313-M | CM | 1.80 mg/kg |
| PCE at 321-M | CM | 3.00 mg/kg |
| TCE at 320-M MIPSL Tie-in | CM | 15.00 mg/kg |

**Table J-3. Actual versus Estimated O&M Costs**

| | FY2018 | FY2019 | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022 | 5-Year Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Actual O&M Costs ($) | 117,459 | 142,760 | 140,492 | 192,371 | 217,233 | 810,315 |
| Total ROD Estimated Direct O&M Costs ($) | 42,000 | 42,000 | 0 | 0 | 102,000 | 186,000 |

**Table J-4. Summary of Passive SVE Monitoring Data**

| | | 2017 Max | | 2018 Max | | 2019 Max | | 2020 Max | | 2021 Max | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| System | Units | PCE | TCE | PCE | TCE | PCE | TCE | PCE | TCE | PCE | TCE |
| 313-M | ppmv | 0.47 | 0.027(U) | 0.13 | 0.027(U) | 0.36 | 0.012 | 1.0 | 0.020 | 0.47 | 0.14 |
| 321-M Cell | ppmv | 0.14 | 0.029 | 0.028(U) | 0.027(U) | 6.1 | 0.36 | 23 | 1.1 | 5.9 | 0.15 |
| Passive SVE Cell | ppmv | 0.85 | 0.073 | 0.69 | 0.08 | 0.075 | 0.018(U) | 0.48 | 0.01(U) | 0.59 | 0.055 |
| 320-M | ppmv | 0.22 | 5.9 | 0.87 | 3.5 | 0.88 | 6.2 | 2.0 | 8.4 | 1.7 | 5.4 |
| Manhole 4A (at 321-M) | ppmv | 0.028(U) | 0.027(U) | 8.7 | 0.027(U) | 8.8 | 0.014(U) | 3.7 | 0.01(U) | 4.1 | 0.13 |

N/A – not applicable

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## Attachment J-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – M-Area Operable Unit

| I. SITE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Site Name:** | **M-Area Operable Unit** | **Date of Inspection:** | **7/13/2022** |
| **Location and Region** | **SRS, USEPA Region 4** | **EPA ID:** | **SEMS #92** |
| **Agency, Office, or Company leading the Five-Year Review** | **USDOE** | **Weather/ Temperature** | **93°F and Partly Cloudy** |

**Remedy Includes:** *(Click all that apply)*

- ☒ Landfill Cover/Containment
- ☒ Access Controls
- ☒ Institutional Controls
- ☐ Groundwater Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Surface Water Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Monitored Natural Attenuation
- ☐ Groundwater Containment
- ☐ Vertical Barriers
- ☒ Other Soil Vapor Extraction, soil fracturing

**Attachments:** ☐ Inspection team roster attached ☐ Inspection team roster attached

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Site Manager:** Brian Hanshew (Name) | Post Closure Manager (Title) | 08/30/2022 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4949

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

**2. O&M Staff:** Phil Carter (Name) | EC&ACP Post Closure Waste Site Inspector/Maintenance Coord (Title) | 08/30/2022 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4145

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

## Attachment J-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – M-Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

**II. INTERVIEWS *(Click all that apply) (Continued)***

3. **Local Regulatory Authorities and Response Agencies** (i.e., State and tribal offices, emergency response office, police department, office of public health or environmental health, zoning office, recorder of deeds or other city and county offices, etc.). Fill in all that apply.

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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4. **Other Interviews** *(Optional):* ☐ Report Attached _____

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**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Documents:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ O&M Manual | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ As-Built Drawings | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Maintenance Logs | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: See *Waste Unit Inspection and Maintenance, ER-SOP-019, Field Inspection Checklist for MAOU*, ER-IDS-019-057.

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## Attachment J-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – M-Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED *(Continued)***

**1. Health and Safety Plans (HASPs):**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Site-Specific Health and Safety Plans | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Contingency Plan/Emergency Response Plan | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: Routine O&M activities do not require a site-specific health and safety plan (SSHASP) under 29 CFR 1910.120 HAZWOPER. A SSHASP is prepared if needed.

**2. O&M and OSHA Training Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Training Records are complete and up to date per EC&ACP training matrix.

**3. Permits and Service Agreements:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air Discharge Permit | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Effluent Discharge | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Waste Disposal; POTW | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Other Permits | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**4. Gas Generation Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**5. Settlement Monument Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**6. Groundwater Monitoring Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**7. Leachate Extraction Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**8. Discharge Compliance Records:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Water (Effluent) | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**9. Daily Access/Security Logs:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

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### IV. O&M COSTS

**1. O&M Organization:**

☐ State In-House ☐ Contractor for State
☐ PRP In-House ☐ Contractor for PRP
☒ Other: SRS

**2. O&M Cost Records:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☐ Funding mechanism/agreement in place
☒ Other: Project cost data is summarized in Section IV of this OU-specific review.

**Total annual cost by year for review period, if available**

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

**3. Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period**

Describe costs and reasons: _____

### V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Fencing**

**1. Fencing Damage:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Gates secured ☒ N/A

Remarks: OU-specific perimeter fencing is not required by the remedial action.

**B. Signs**

**1. Signs and Other Security Measures:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A

Remarks: Signs are in good condition.

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**V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS *(Continued)***

**C. Institutional Controls**

**1. Implementation and Enforcement**

Site conditions imply ICs are not properly implemented: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Site conditions imply ICs are not being fully enforced: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive-by, etc.) Walkdown

Frequency: Once in five years

Responsible Party/Agent: USDOE Savannah River Field Office

Contact: Karen Adams (Name) | Federal Project Director (Title) | 12/06/2022 (Date) | 803-952-7871 (Phone No.)

Reporting is up-to-date: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Reports are verified by the lead agency: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Specific requirements in deed or decision documents have been met: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Violations have been reported: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Problems/Suggestions: ☐ Report Attached

**2. Adequacy:** ☒ ICs are adequate ☐ ICs are inadequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**D. General**

**1. Vandalism/Trespassing:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No vandalism is evident

Remarks:

**2. Land use changes onsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**3. Land use changes offsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

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**VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS**

**A. Roads** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Roads damaged:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Roads adequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**B. Other Site Conditions**

Remarks: The annual inspections indicate there are no intrusive activities and the soil covers over the passive SVE systems are intact.

**VII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Landfill Surface**

**1. Settlement** (Low spots)**:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Settlement not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks:

**2. Cracks:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Cracking not evident

Lengths _____ Widths _____ Depths _____

Remarks:

**3. Erosion:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Erosion not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks:

**4. Holes:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Holes not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks:

**5. Vegetative Cover:** ☒ Grass ☒ Cover properly established ☒ No signs of stress

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks:

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| VII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT *(Continued)* |
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| **6. Alternative Cover (armored rock, concrete, etc.):** ☒ N/A<br>Remarks:_____ |
| **7. Bulges:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Bulges not evident<br>Areal extent_____ Depth_____<br>Remarks:_____ |
| **8. Wet Areas / Water Damage:** ☒ Wet areas/water damage not evident<br>☐ Wet areas ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent_____<br>☐ Ponding ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent_____<br>☐ Seeps ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent_____<br>☐ Soft subgrade ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent_____<br>Remarks:_____ |
| **9. Slope Instability:** ☐ Slides ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No evidence of slope instability<br>Areal extent_____<br>Remarks:_____ |
| **B. Benches** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A<br>(Horizontally constructed mounds of earth placed across a steep landfill side slope to interrupt the slope in order to slow down the velocity of surface runoff and intercept and convey the runoff to a lined channel) |
| **C. Letdown Channels** ☐ Applicable ☒N/A<br>(Channel lined with erosion control mates, riprap, grout bags, or gabions that descend down the steep side slope of the cover and will allow the runoff water collected by the benches to move off of the landfill cover without creating erosion gullies) |
| **D. Cover Penetrations** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **E. Gas Collection and Treatment** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **F. Cover Drainage Layer** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **G. Detention/Sedimentation Ponds** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **H. Retaining Walls** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **I. Perimeter Ditches/Offsite Discharge** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |

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|---|---|
| **VIII. VERTICAL BARRIER WALLS** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A | |
| **IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A | |
| **X. OTHER REMEDIES** | |
| If there are remedies applied at the site, which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction. | |
| **A. Soil Vapor Extraction System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A | |
| **1. Blowers, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:** | |
| ☒ Good Condition ☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A | |
| Remarks: Passive SVE systems are in service. | |
| **2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes and Other Appurtenances:** | |
| ☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance | |
| Remarks: | |
| **3. Spare Parts and Equipment:** | |
| ☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided | |
| Remarks: | |

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| XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS |
|---|
| **A. Implementation of the Remedy** |
| Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emissions, etc.).<br><br>The remedial action for the MAOU is Passive SVE to prevent the migration of VOCs from the contaminated soils to groundwater above the MCLs, vegetative soil cover, and institutional controls to protect remedial workers and future industrial workers from unacceptable exposure to VOCs. As reported in Section VII, the Passive SVE operations demonstrate that these actions are effective and that the remedies are functioning as designed. |
| **B. Adequacy of O&M** |
| Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.<br><br>The O&M procedures are adequately maintaining the integrity of the Passive SVE Systems. The O&M procedures consisting of annual site inspections and site maintenance (vegetative cover and warning signs) and site controls (SRS Site Use and Site Clearance Programs, which restrict invasive and permanent installation activities at the OU) have been implemented. There are no issues requiring corrective actions. |
| **C. Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Failure** |
| Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.<br><br>N/A |
| **D. Opportunities for Optimization** |
| Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.<br><br>N/A |

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## Attachment J-2. Passive SVE Monitoring Data

Passive soil vapor extraction (SVE) is used at 313-M, 320-M, 321-M, Manhole 4A and the Passive SVE Cell to remove volatile organic compounds (VOC) in the vadose zone and in excavated soil and concrete rubble (321-M Cell and Passive SVE Cell) at the M Area Operable Unit (MAOU). Contaminant migration (CM) issues center around tetrachloroethylene (PCE), and trichloroethylene (TCE). PCE is the CM constituent for the 313-M, 321-M, Manhole 4A and Passive SVE Cell, and TCE is the CM issue for 320-M. The remedial objective of the Passive SVE systems is to remove VOCs from the vadose zone, soil, and debris excavated during the MAOU removal action so that the remaining VOCs no longer represent a CM threat. Figure J-2-1 illustrates the location of the MAOU Passive SVE systems at 313-M (MSVE-313), 321-M (321-M Cell), Manhole 4A (MSVE-4A), Passive SVE Cell, and 320-M. All these systems have one or more BaroBall™ that operate solely on barometric pressure change and do not have mechanical support. Each of the systems and their monitoring results collected from 2017 to 2021 are described in more detail below. Samples were not collected during 2021 at MSVE-1B and MSVE-3B.

### *313-M*

The 313-M Passive SVE system consists of a single, vertical well (MSVE-313) installed to a total depth of 15.2 m (50 ft) with a screened interval between 4.6 and 13.7 m (15 and 45 ft) below ground surface (bgs).

The 313-M Passive SVE system was sampled on 12/13/2017, 12/18/2018, 12/10/2019, 11/23/2020, and 12/6/2021. The data indicate that the primary contaminant is PCE. TCE is present but as lower concentrations. The maximum detection of PCE (1.04 parts per million vapor [ppmv]) was during the 2020 sampling event. The lowest detection of PCE (0.13 ppmv) occurred during the 2018 sampling event. Figure J-2-7 provides a time series graph of PCE and TCE concentrations at SVE well MSVE-313. PCE concentrations at MSVE-313 declined from 2010 to 2017 and has been relatively stable through 2021. TCE concentrations were low to below detection from 2010 to 2019. Since 2019, TCE

concentrations are increasing through 2021, although concentrations are still less than PCE concentrations in 2021. Table J-2-1 presents the analytical results from 2010 to 2021.

***321-M Passive SVE Cell***

The 321-M Passive SVE Cell consists of a series of five perforated horizontal pipes placed on top of the vertical excavation area adjacent to the 321-M building, and one horizontal perforated pipe placed within the backfilled area of the excavation. Figures J-2-2 and J-2-3 illustrate the planar and vertical configurations of the cell, respectively. The five horizontal pipes are connected via a manifold and are sampled at locations MSVE-321-1A, MSVE-321-2A, MSVE-321-3A, MSVE-321-4A, and MSVE-321-5A once per year. The single horizontal pipe in the backfill is sampled at location MSVE-321-6A once per year.

The 321-M Passive SVE Cell was sampled on 12/13/2017, 12/18/2018, 12/10/2019, 11/23/2020, and 12/6/2021. The samples from locations MSVE-321-1A to 6A indicate that the primary VOC is PCE. The highest concentration of PCE (22.7 ppmv) occurred in the 2020 sampling event at location MSVE-321-3A; the lowest concentration of PCE (.056 ppmv) occurred in the 2017 sampling event at location MSVE-321-3A . Figure J-2-8 through Figure J-2-13 provides time series graphs of PCE and TCE concentrations at SVE wells MSVE-321-1A through 6A, respectively. The general trend of PCE and TCE concentrations are declining at MSVE-321-1A through MSVE-321-5A. There have been sharp increases in PCE and TCE concentrations periodically, as observed in 2012, 2017, and 2021. The PCE and TCE concentrations at MSVE-321-6A are similar to the other five horizontal wells, but with muted concentration increases in 2017 and 2021. Table J-2-2 presents the analytical results from 2010 to 2021.

***Passive SVE Cell***

The Passive SVE Cell, located south of the M-1 Air Stripper (Figure J-2-1), consists of five horizontal perforated pipes installed in the contaminated soil and concrete debris from the 320-M and 321-M buildings removal actions. Figures J-2-4 and J-2-5 illustrate the planar and vertical configurations of the passive SVE cell, respectively. The Passive SVE

Cell is currently monitored at locations MSVE-1B, MSVE-2B, MSVE-3B, MSVE-4B, and MSVE-5B, once per year.

The passive SVE cell was sampled on 12/13/2017, 12/18/2018, 12/10/2019, 11/23/2020, and 12/6/2021. The samples from locations MSVE-1B through MSVE-5B indicate that the primary VOC is PCE. The highest concentration for PCE (0.85 ppmv) occurred in the 2017 sampling event at station MSVE-5B. The lowest concentration of PCE (0.044 ppmv) occurred in the 2019 sampling event at station MSVE-1B. Figure J-2-14 through Figure J-2-19 provides time series graphs of PCE and TCE concentrations at SVE wells MSVE-1B through MSVE-5B. Similar to the 321-M Passive SVE Cell, PCE and TCE concentrations are generally decreasing since operation started with periodic increases in concentration in 2012 and 2016. MSVE-5B has experienced the highest concentrations of the five horizontal wells and has a steadily decreasing trend. Table J-2-3 presents the analytical results from 2010 to 2021.

***320-M***

The 320-M Passive SVE system has two passive, vertical SVE wells, MSVE-320-1 and MSVE-320-2. The wells were placed between vertical excavation areas from the early removal actions and support VOC removal in a similar fashion as the 321-M cell. Figure J-2-6 shows the location of the wells with respect to the vertical excavations. Both wells were installed to a total depth of 10.5 m (35 ft) and are screened between 2.7 and 10.5 m (9 and 35 ft) bgs.

The wells were sampled on 12/13/2017, 12/18/2018, 12/10/2019, 11/23/2020, and 12/6/2021. The primary constituent at the 320-M Passive SVE system is TCE with lesser concentrations of PCE. The highest (8.414.76 ppmv) and lowest (0.13 ppmv) TCE concentration was during 2020 and 2018, respectively, at well MSVE-320-1. Figure J-2-20 and Figure J-2-21 provides time series graphs of TCE and PCE concentrations at SVE wells MSVE-320-1 and MSVE-320-2. The TCE and PCE concentration trends tend to mimic each other with time but with PCE having lower concentrations; therefore, only TCE trends will be discussed. At MSVE-320-1, TCE concentrations peaked in 2011, declined in 2012, and have been slowly increasing ever

since. TCE concentrations started much higher at MSVE-320-2 and declined until 2016 when concentrations leveled off and became stable. Table J-2-4 presents the analytical results from 2010 to 2021.

***Manhole 4A (MSVE-4A)***

The Passive SVE system at manhole 4A, located west of building 321-M, consists of a single, vertical SVE well (MSVE-4A) installed to a total depth of 15.2 m (50 ft) with a screened interval between 3.2 and 13.8 m (10.4 and 45.4 ft) bgs.

The Passive SVE well, MSVE-4A, was sampled on 12/13/2017, 12/19/2018, 12/10/2019, 11/23/2020, and 12/6/2021. The samples indicate that the primary VOC is PCE. The highest concentration of PCE was detected in the 2019 sampling event at 8.83 ppmv. Figure J-2-22 provides a time series graph of PCE and TCE concentrations at MSVE-4A. The PCE concentration at MSVE-4A was stable until 2016 and 2017 when concentration had sharp decline. After 2017, PCE concentrations rebounded and are slightly decreasing from 2018 to 2021. TCE concentrations have been low to below detection limits through 2021. Table J-2-5 presents the analytical results from 2010 to 2021.

***Conclusion***

All passive soil vapor extraction systems in MAOU appear to be operating as designed. The systems continue to extract VOC mass from the vadose zone and designed SVE Cells. The VOC concentrations at the designed SVE Cells at 321-M and the Passive SVE Cell have some of the lowest VOC concentrations but are the most variable with time. These two units continue to remove small amount of mass from the subsurface which is an indication that mass remains. At most of the vertical SVE wells (i.e. MSVE-313, MSVE-320-2, and MSVE-4A), the VOC trends show declining trends or stable trends which indicate mass continues to be removed from the vadose zone, but that residual sources are still present. MSVE-320-1 is the only SVE well that has a slightly increasing trend, although concentrations are still low (i.e., less than 10 ppmv). It will continue to be watched during the next five-year cycle to see if additional actions need to be taken. Concentrations are not yet believed to be low enough to achieve remedial goals; therefore,

continued passive operation and yearly monitoring of the passive SVE systems is expected until vapor levels drop and level off to diminishing returns. No confirmatory soil samples are proposed to be collected at this time.

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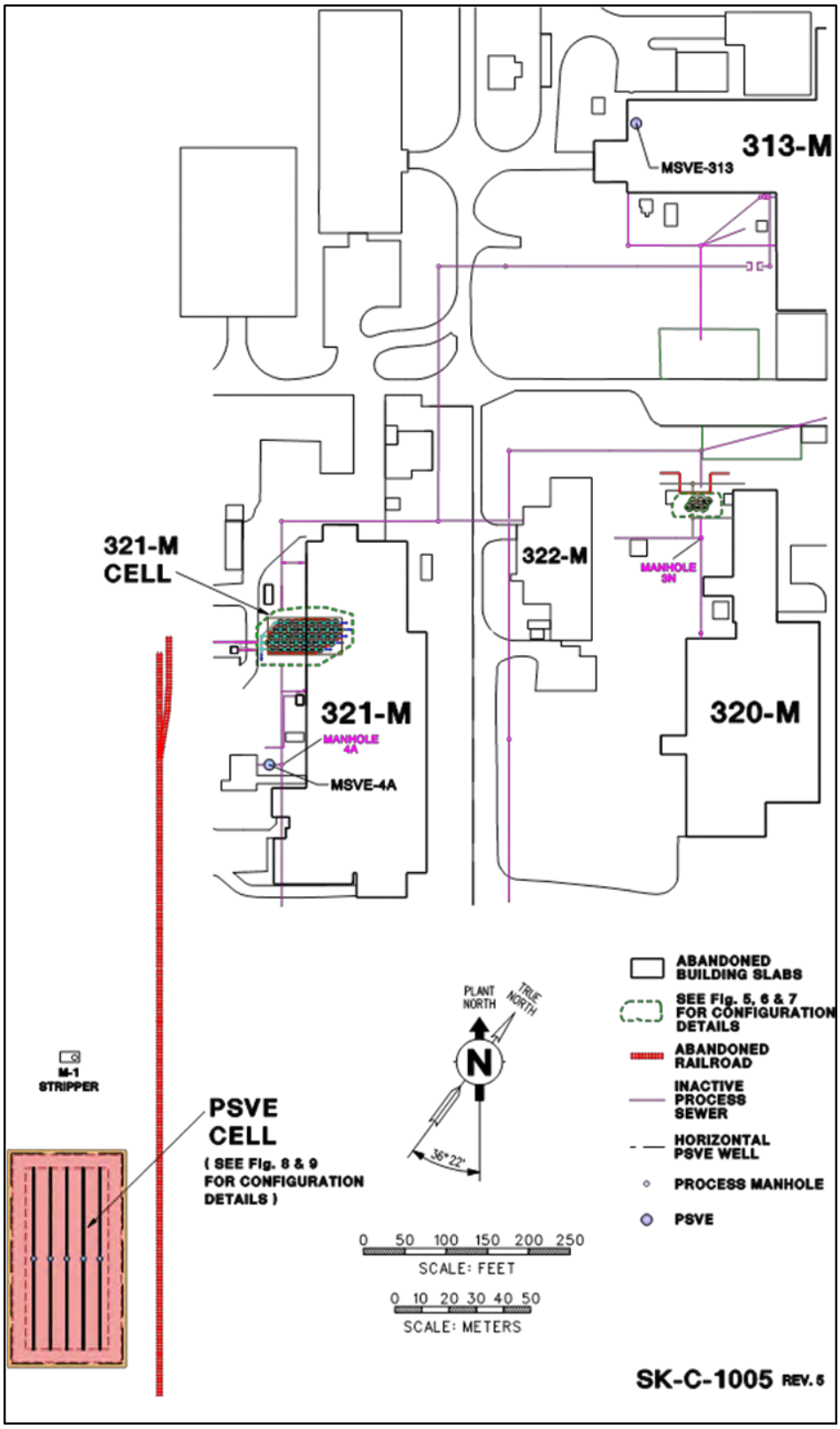



**Figure J-2-1. Location of the Passive Soil Vapor Extraction Systems in MAOU**

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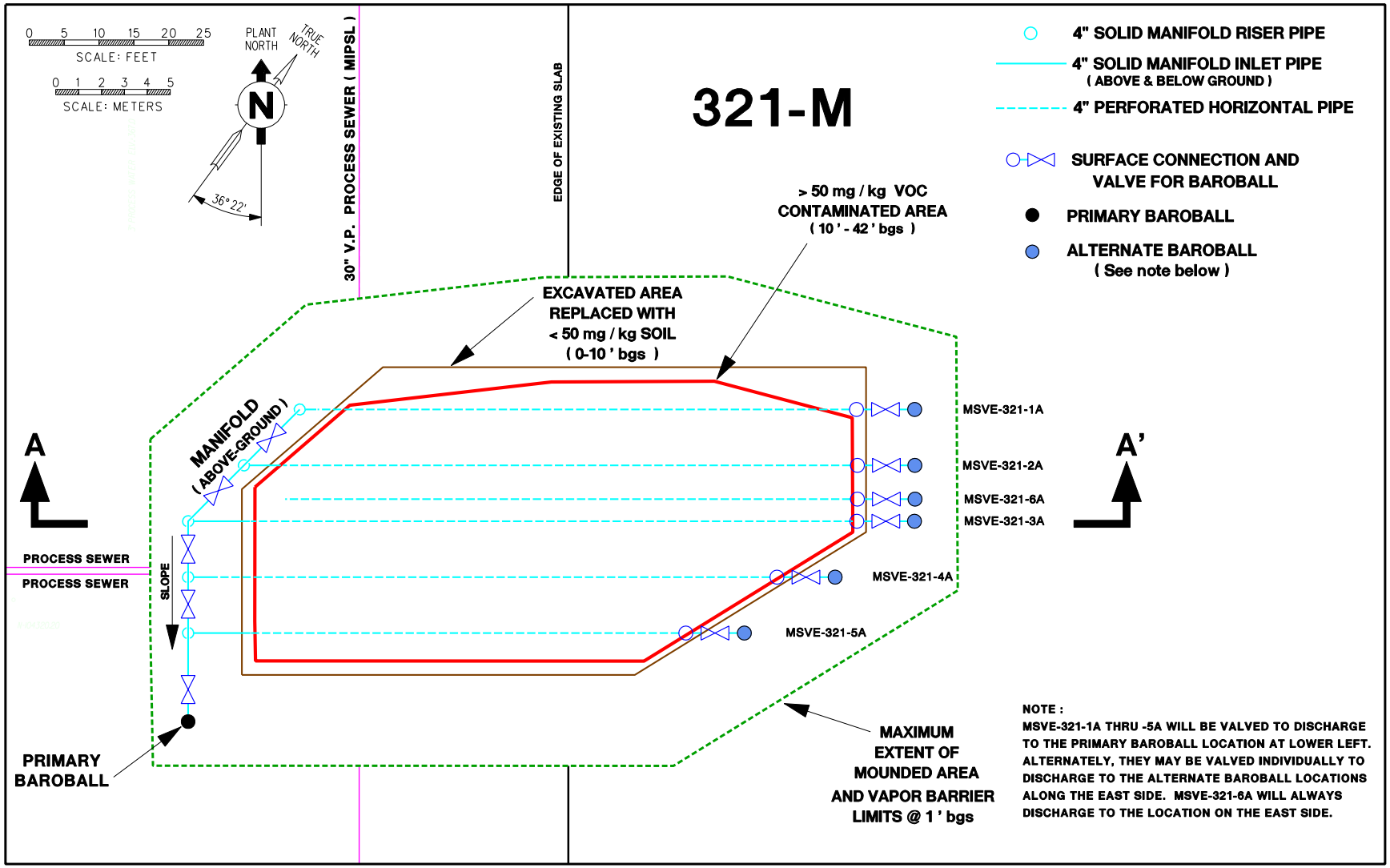



**Figure J-2-2. Planar Configuration of the 321-M Passive SVE Cell**

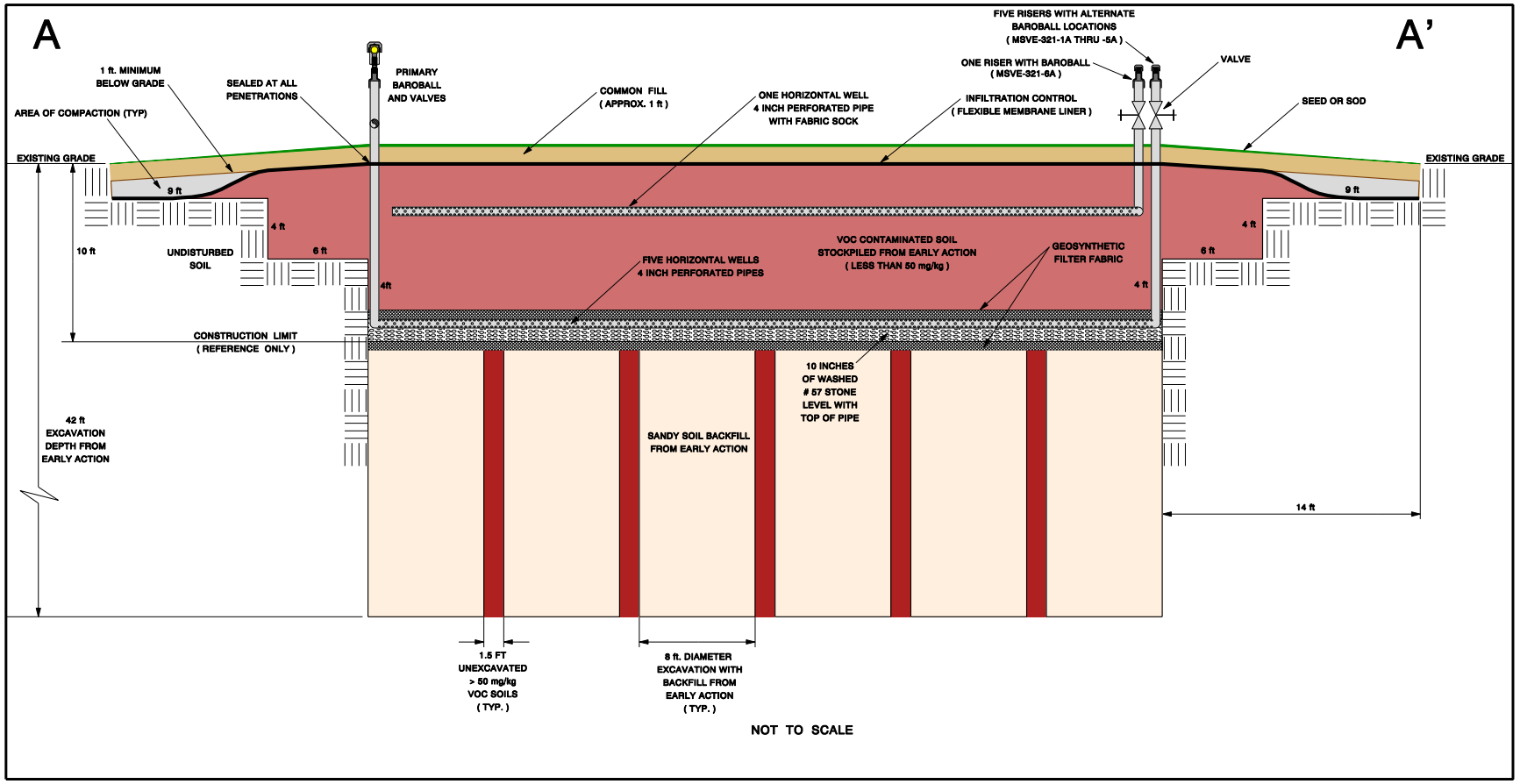



**Figure J-2-3. Vertical Configuration of the 321-M Passive SVE Cell, Showing Piping Above the Vertical Excavations and within the Fill**

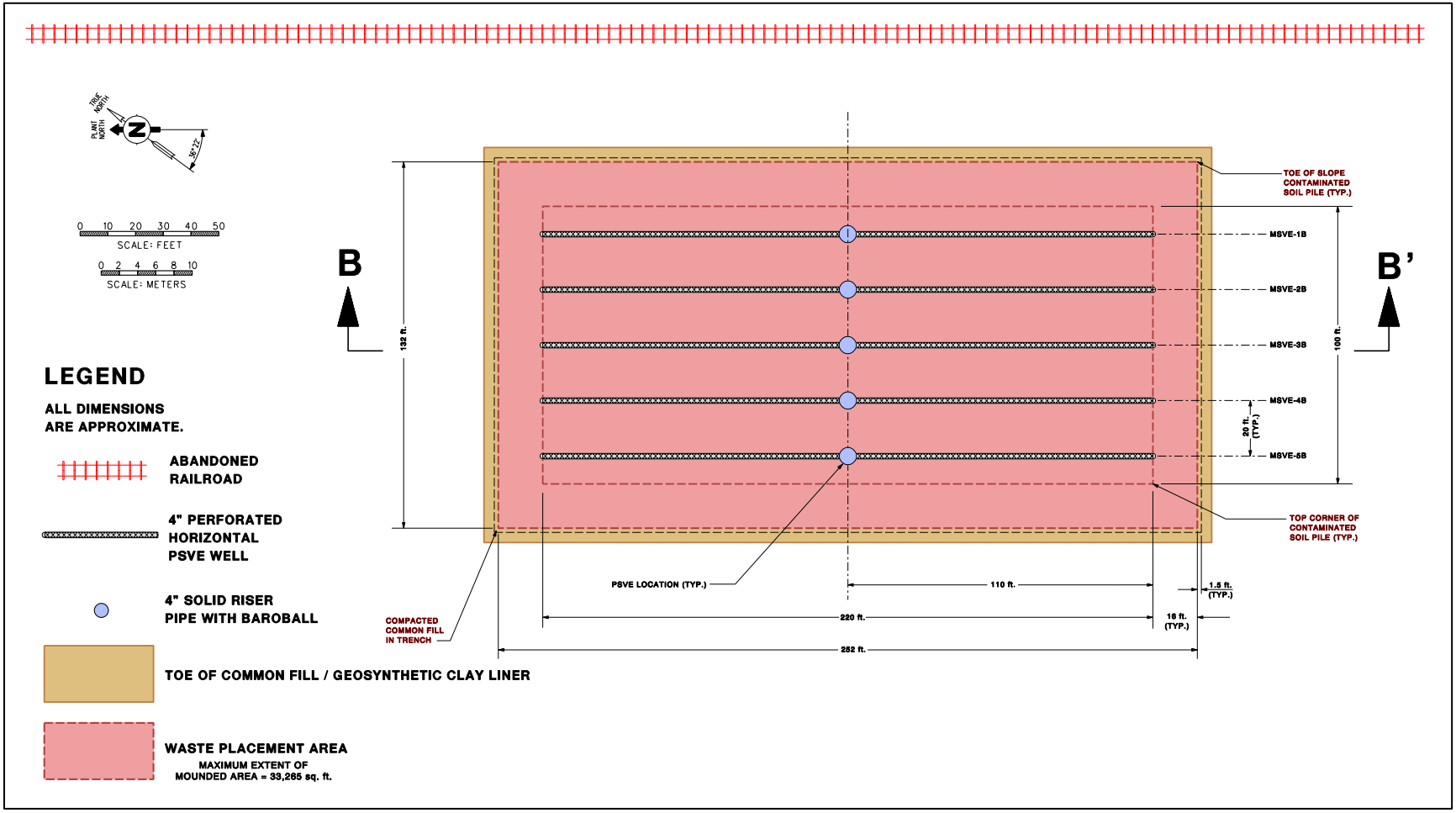



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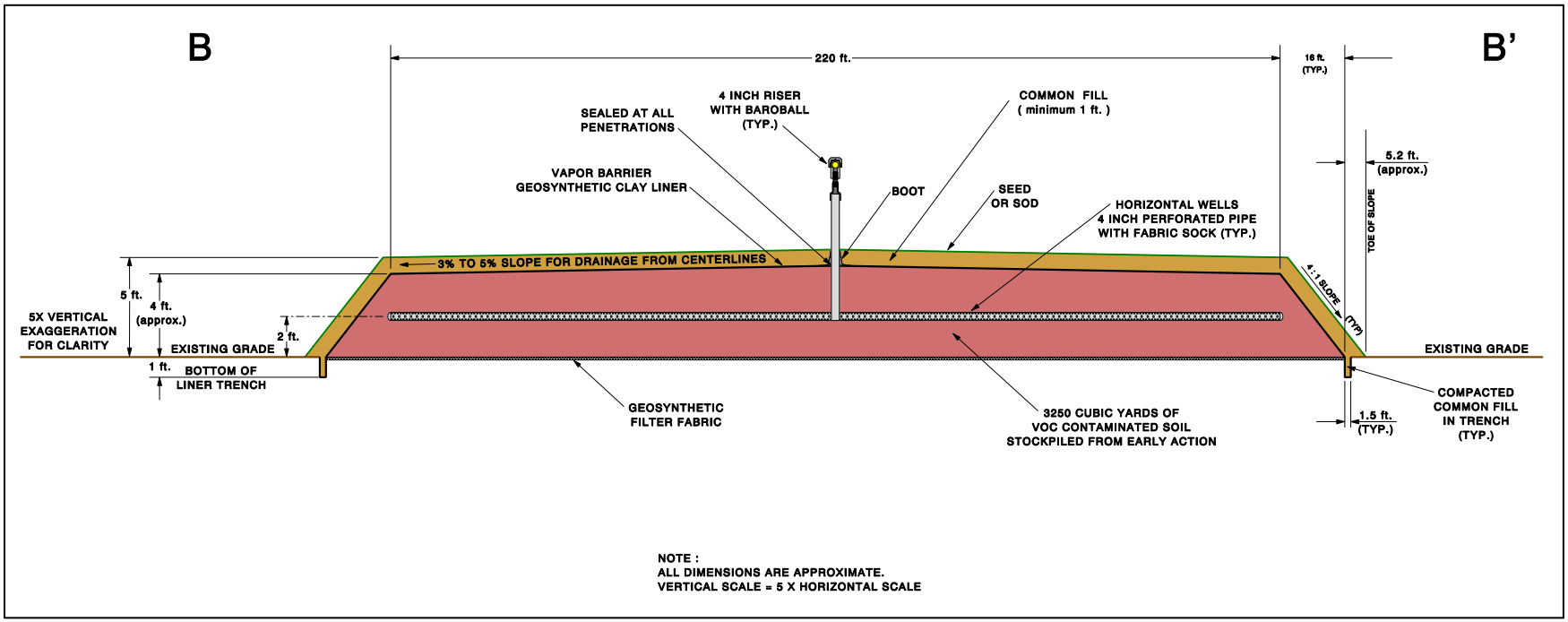



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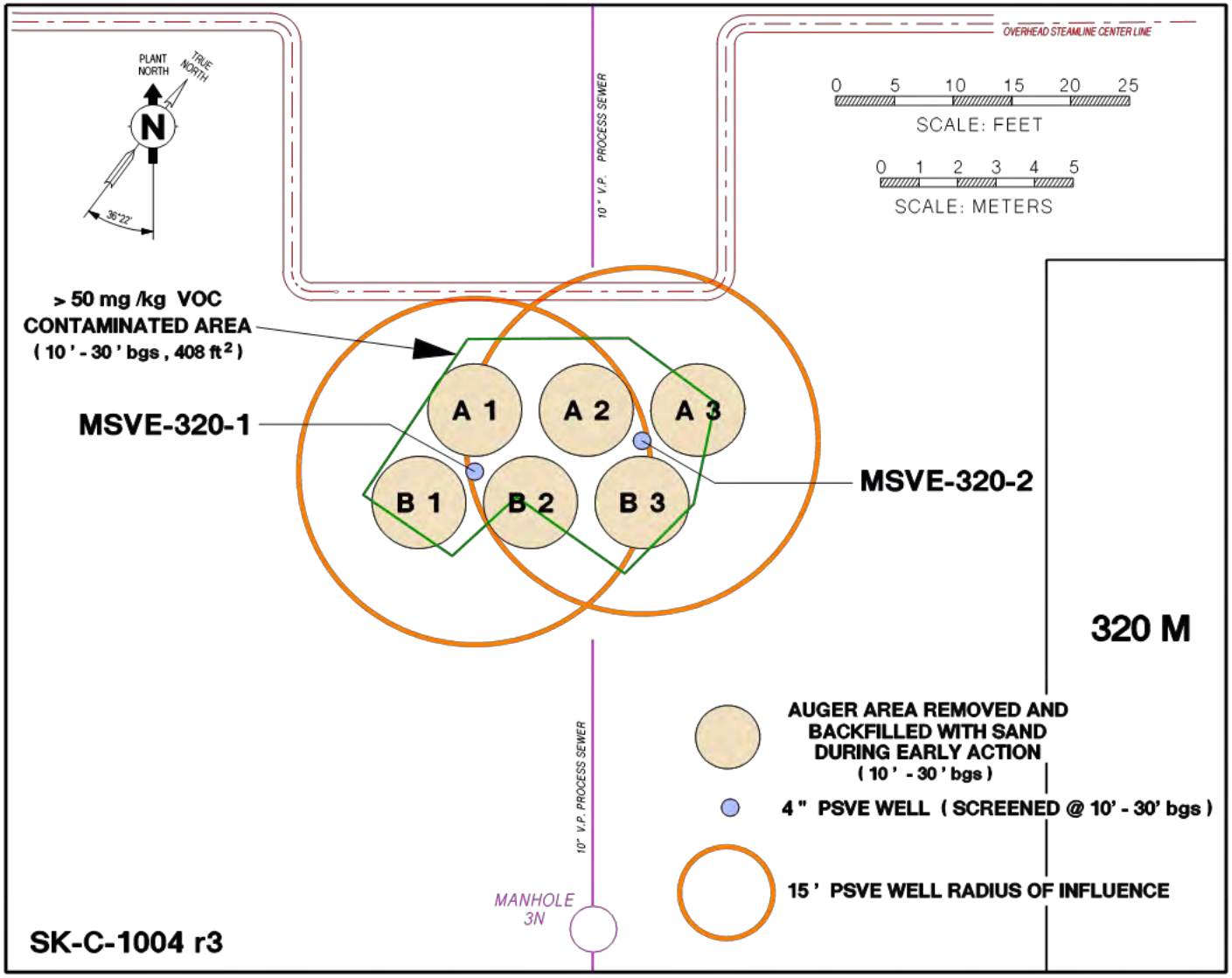



**Figure J-2-6. Location of the Passive SVE wells 320-1 and 320-2 with Respect to Vertical Excavations**

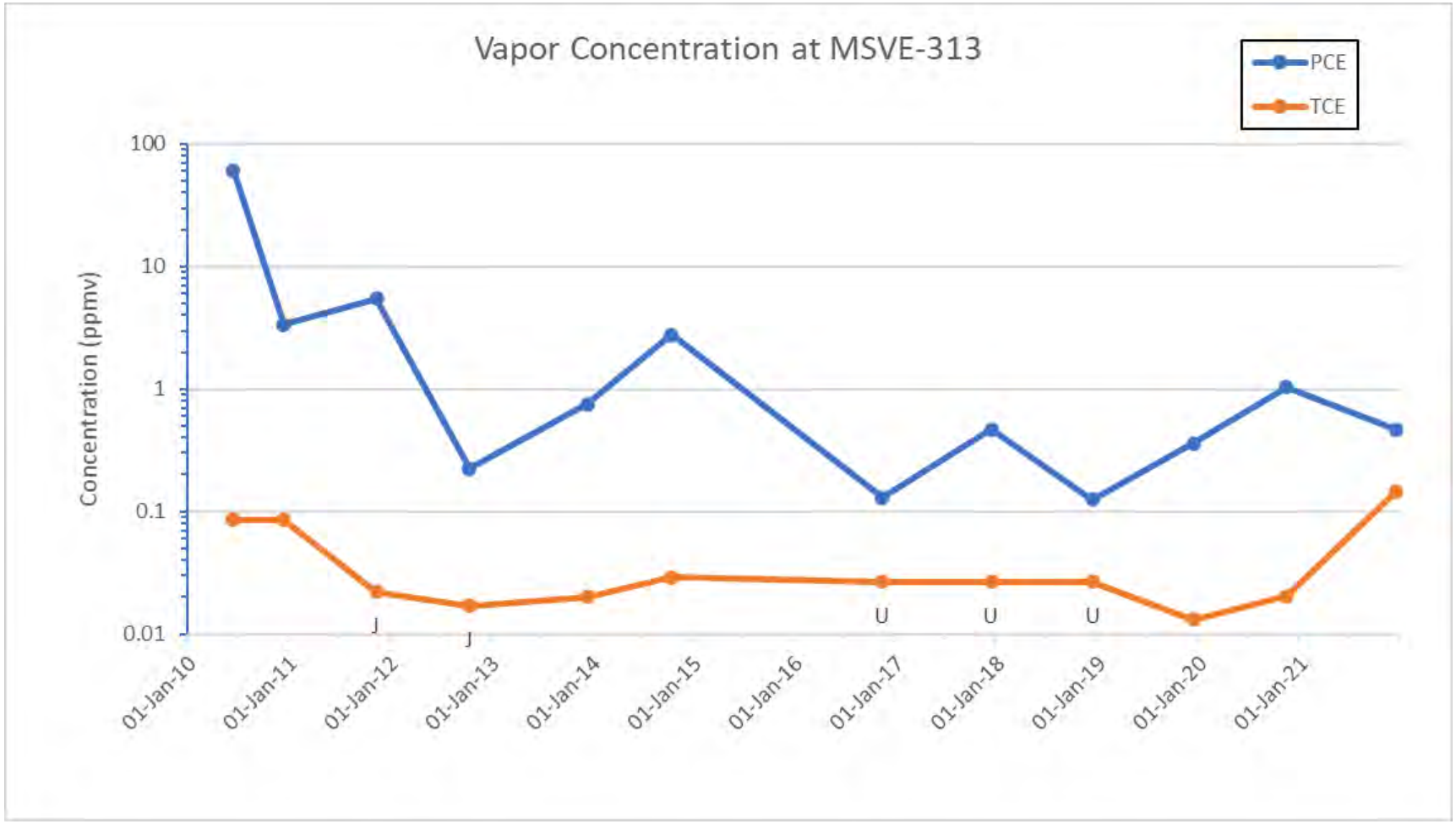



**Figure J-2-7. VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-313.**

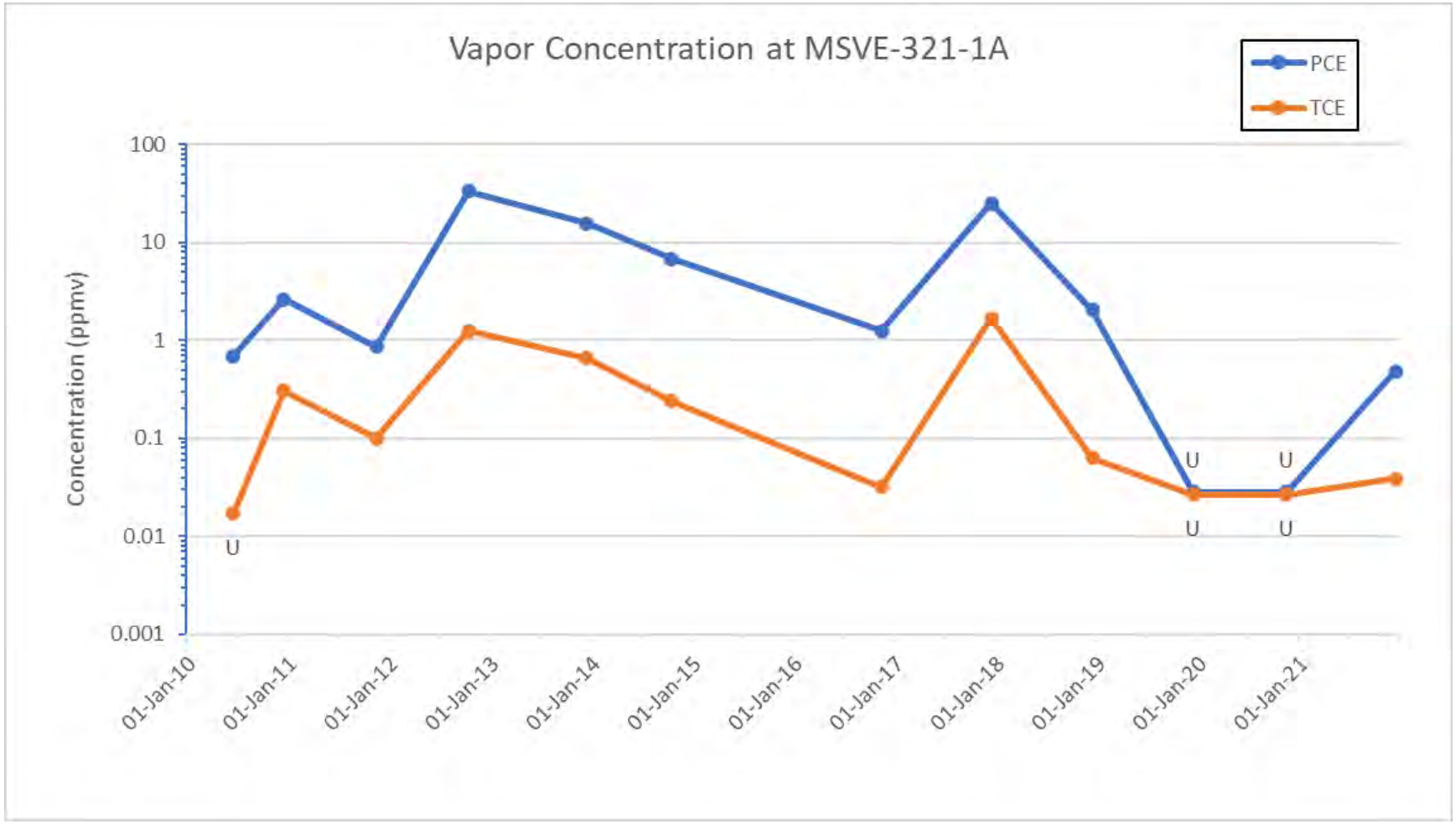



**Figure J-2-8. VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-321-1A.**

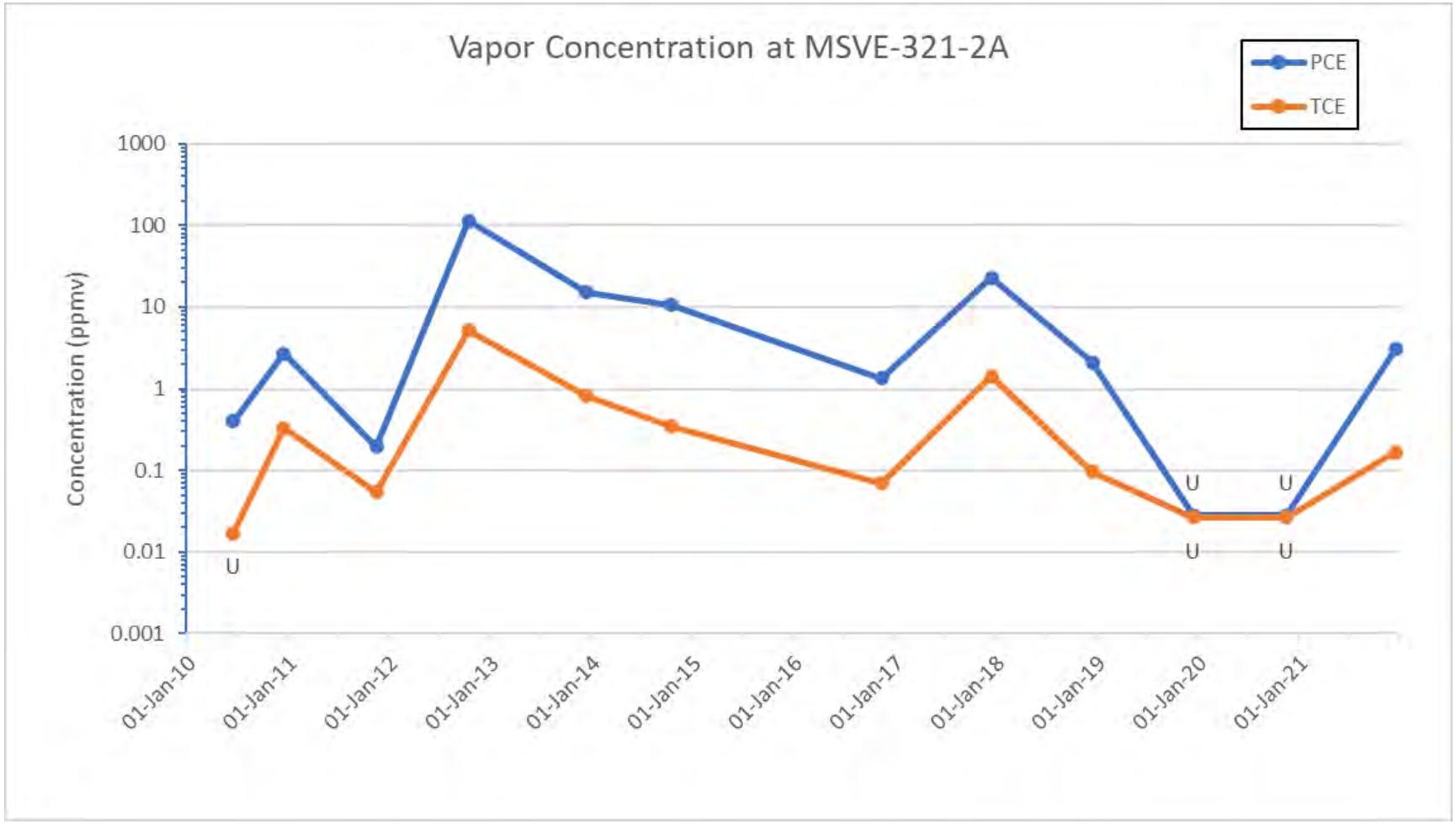



**Figure J-2-9. VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-321-2A.**

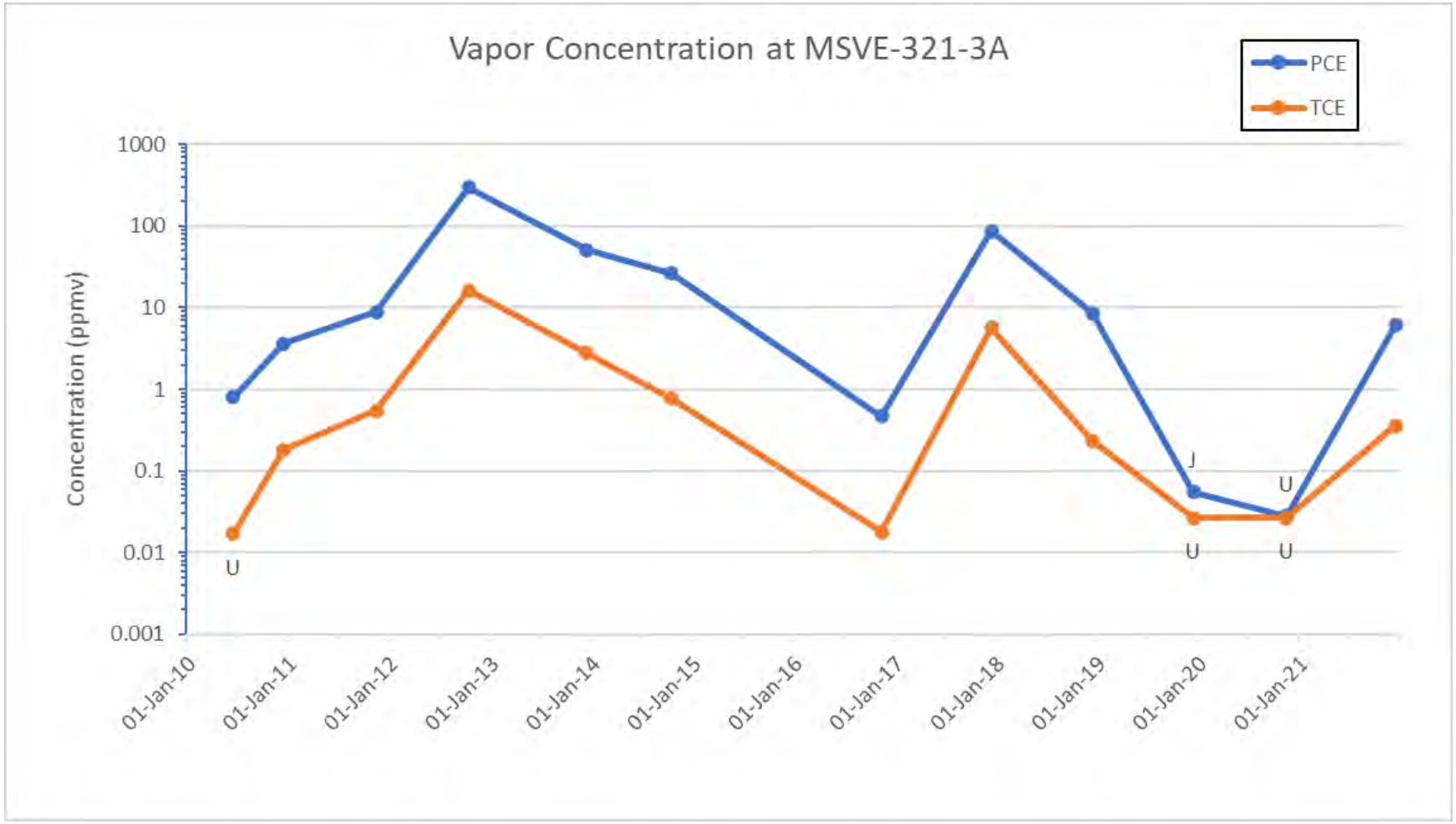



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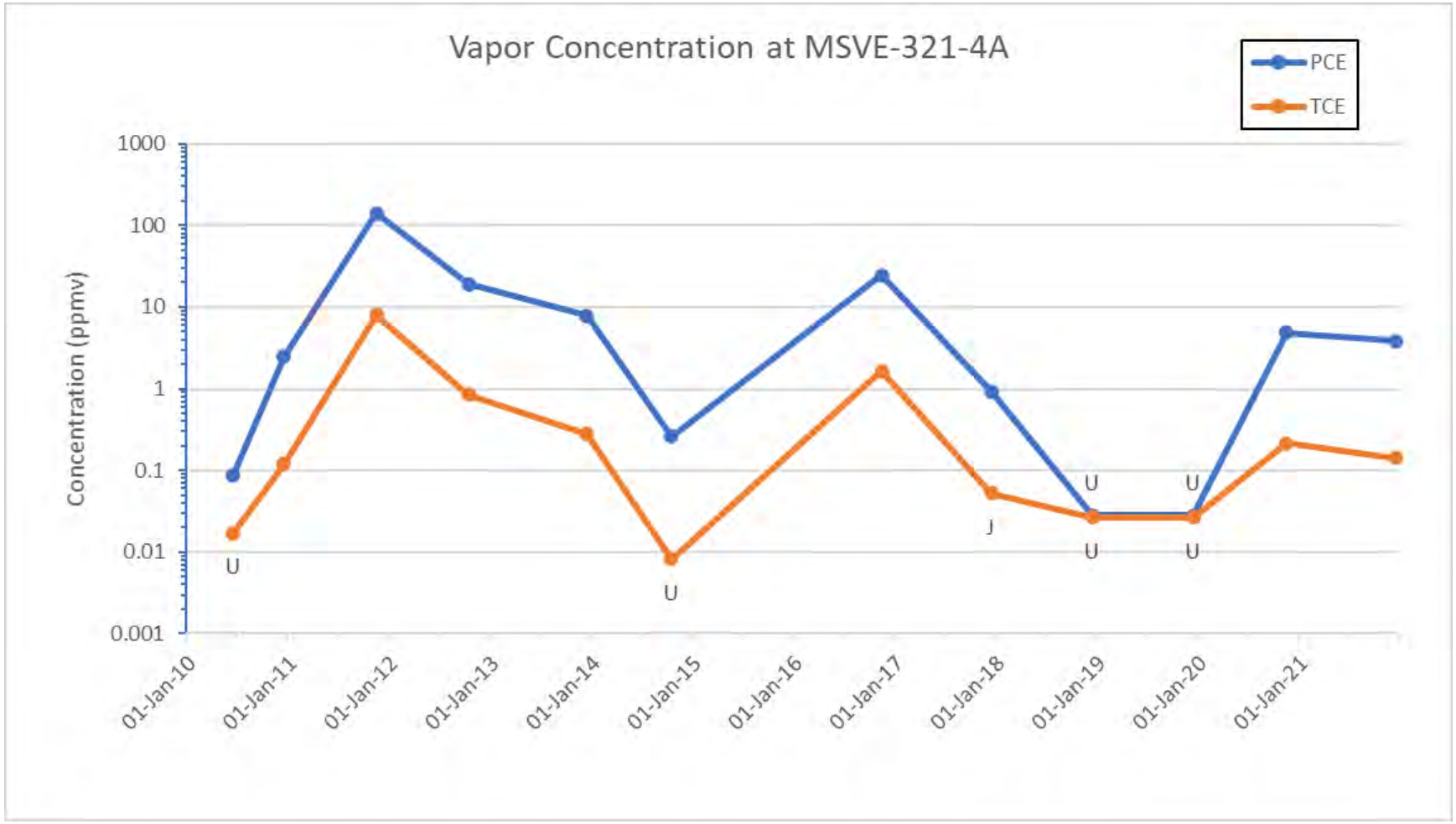



**Figure J-2-11.VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-321-4A.**

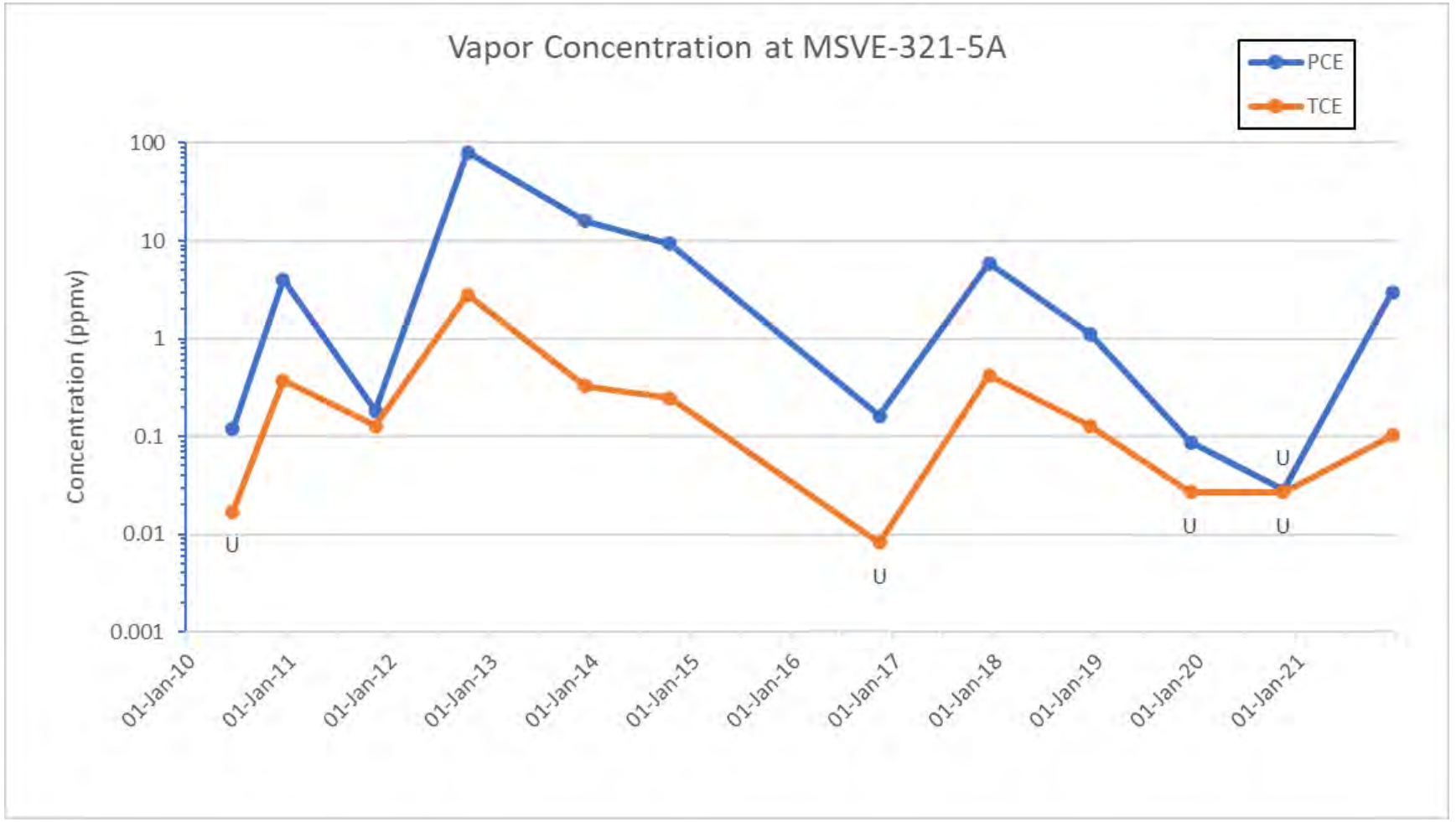



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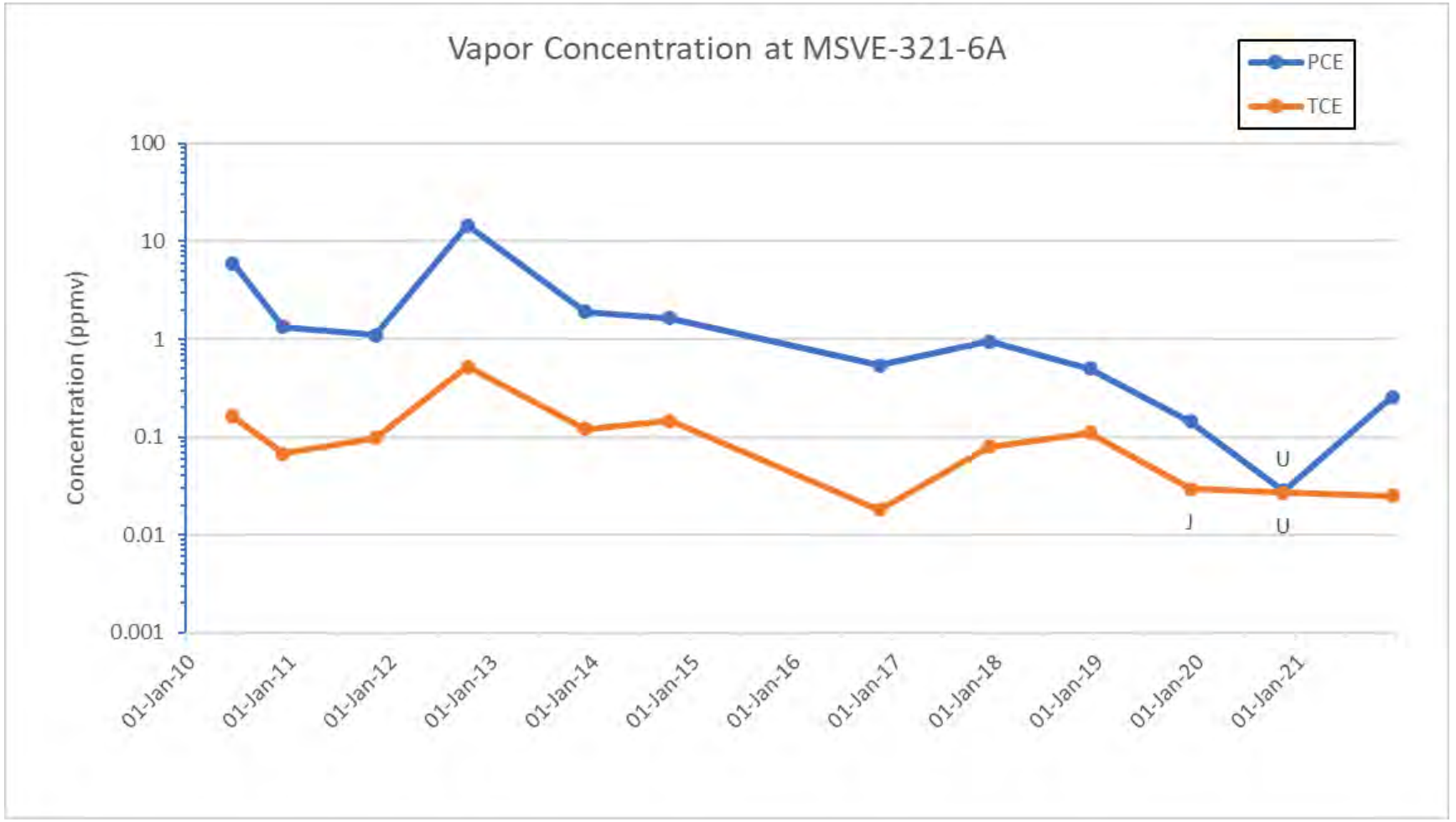



**Figure J-2-13.VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-321-6A.**

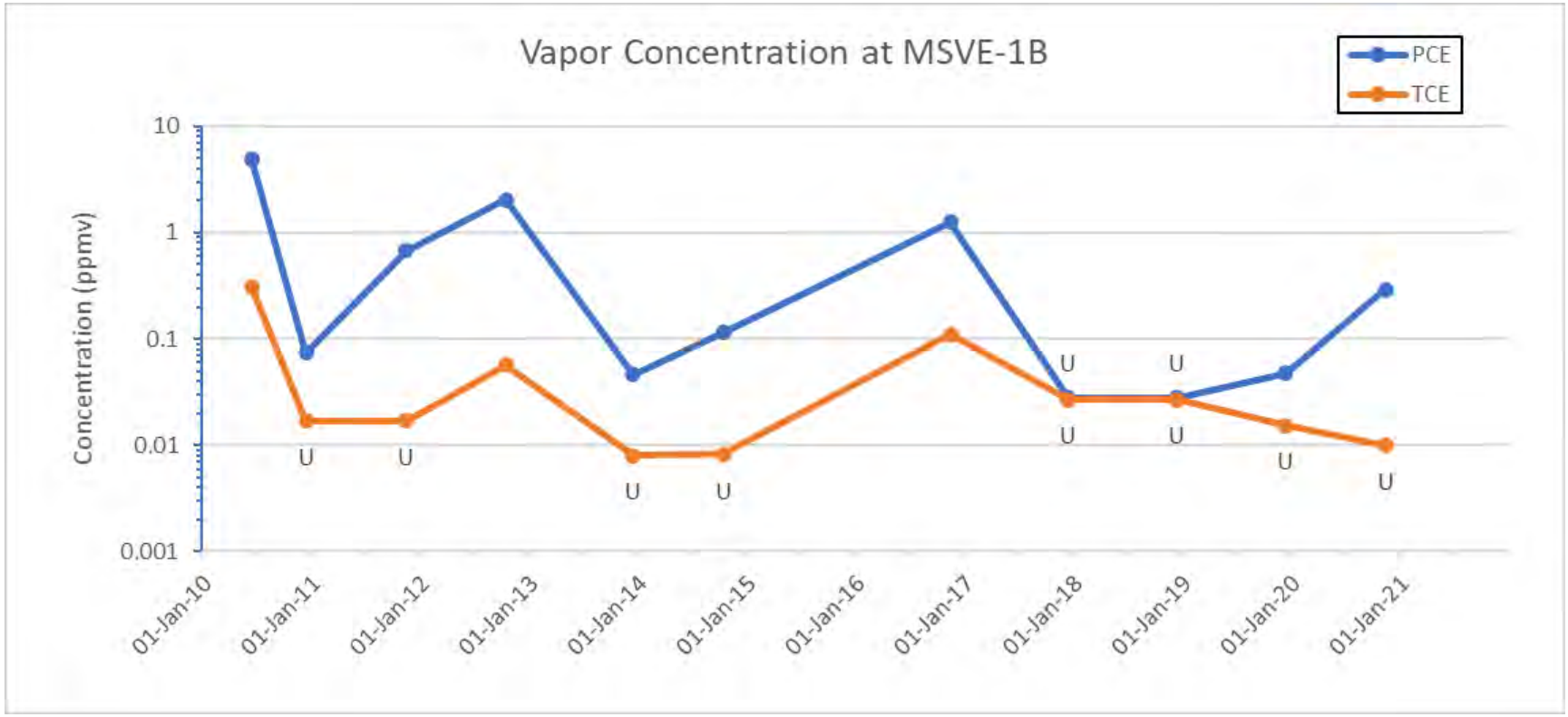



**Figure J-2-14.VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-1B.**

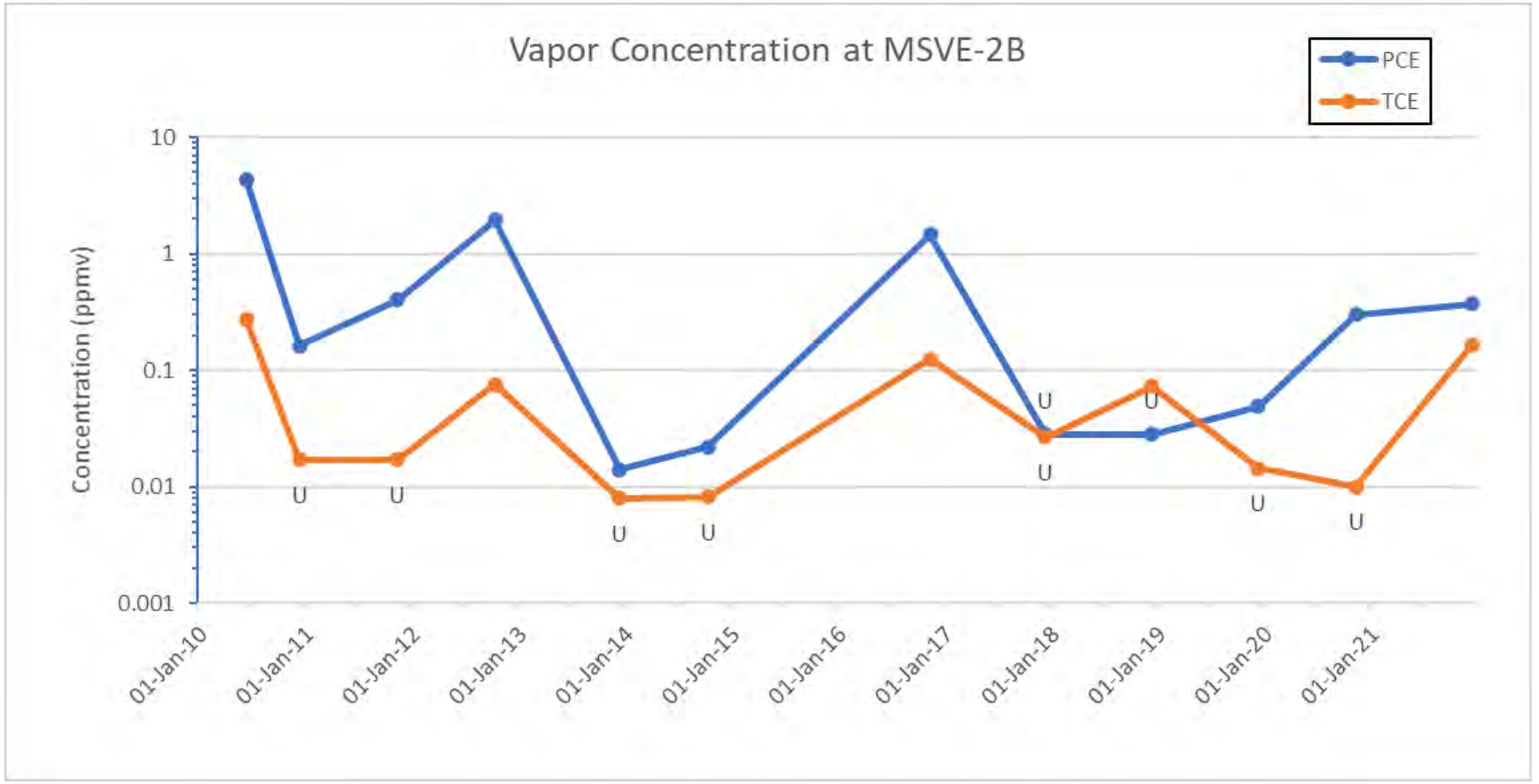



**Figure J-2-15.VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-2B.**

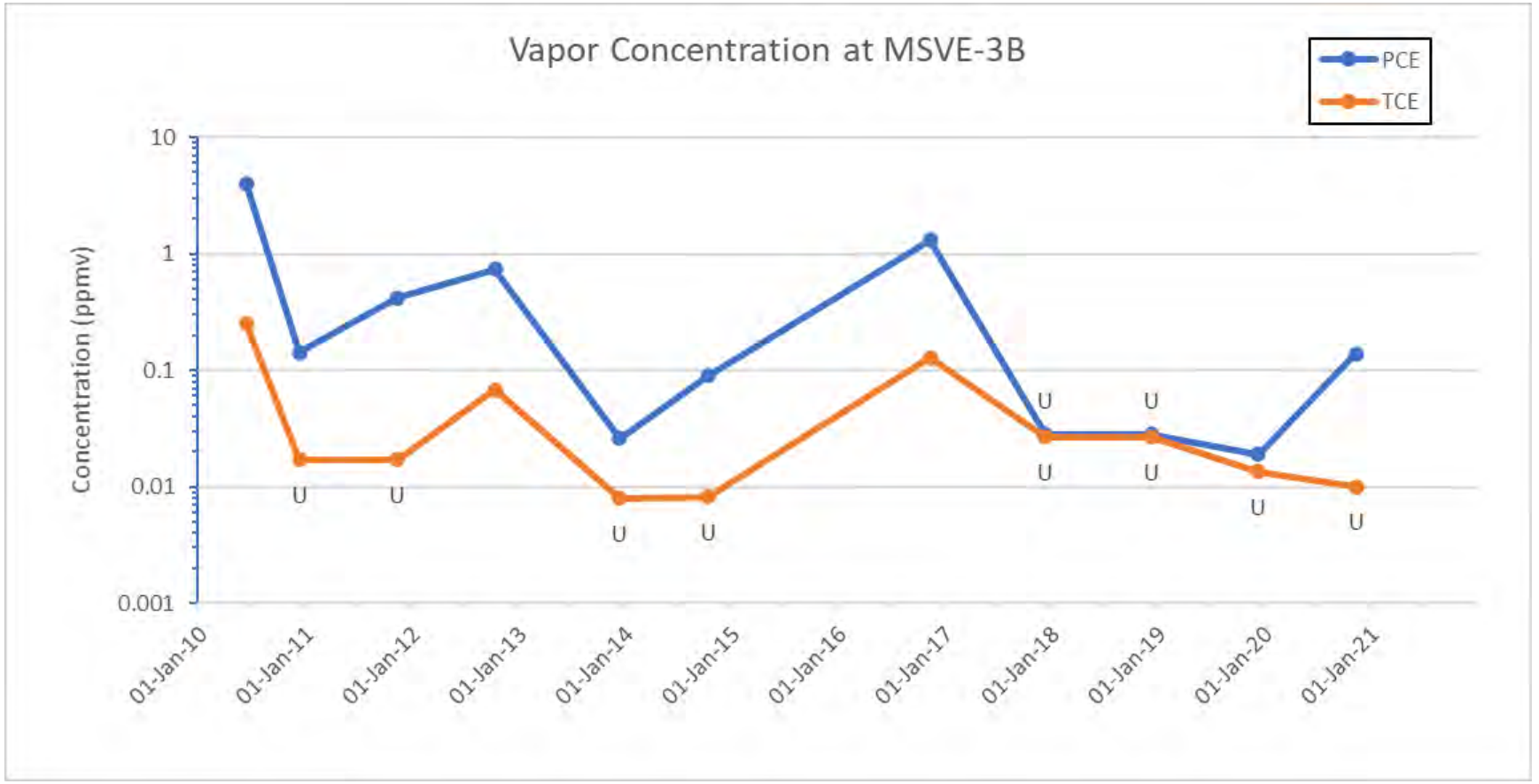



**Figure J-2-16.VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-3B.**

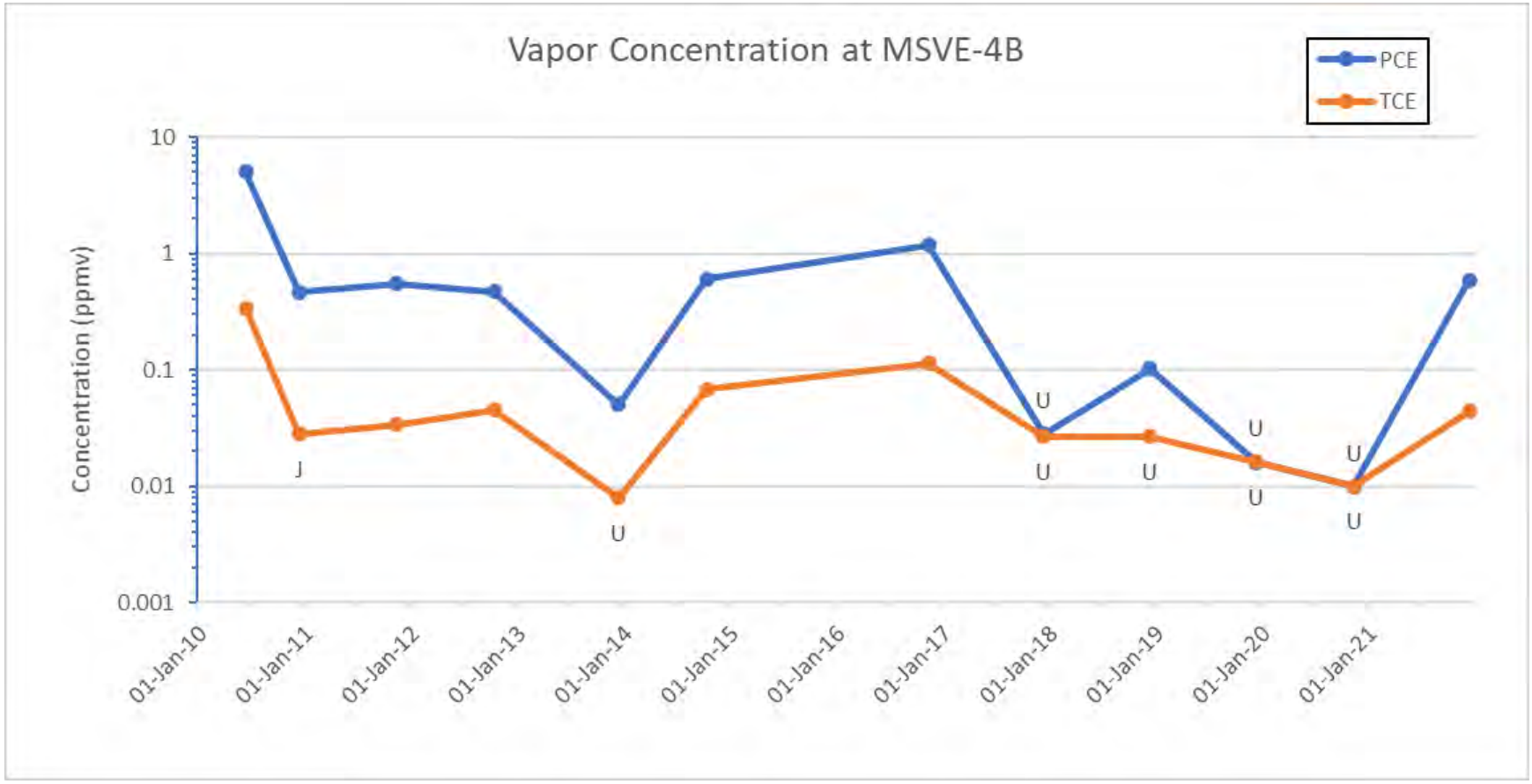



**Figure J-2-17.VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-4B.**

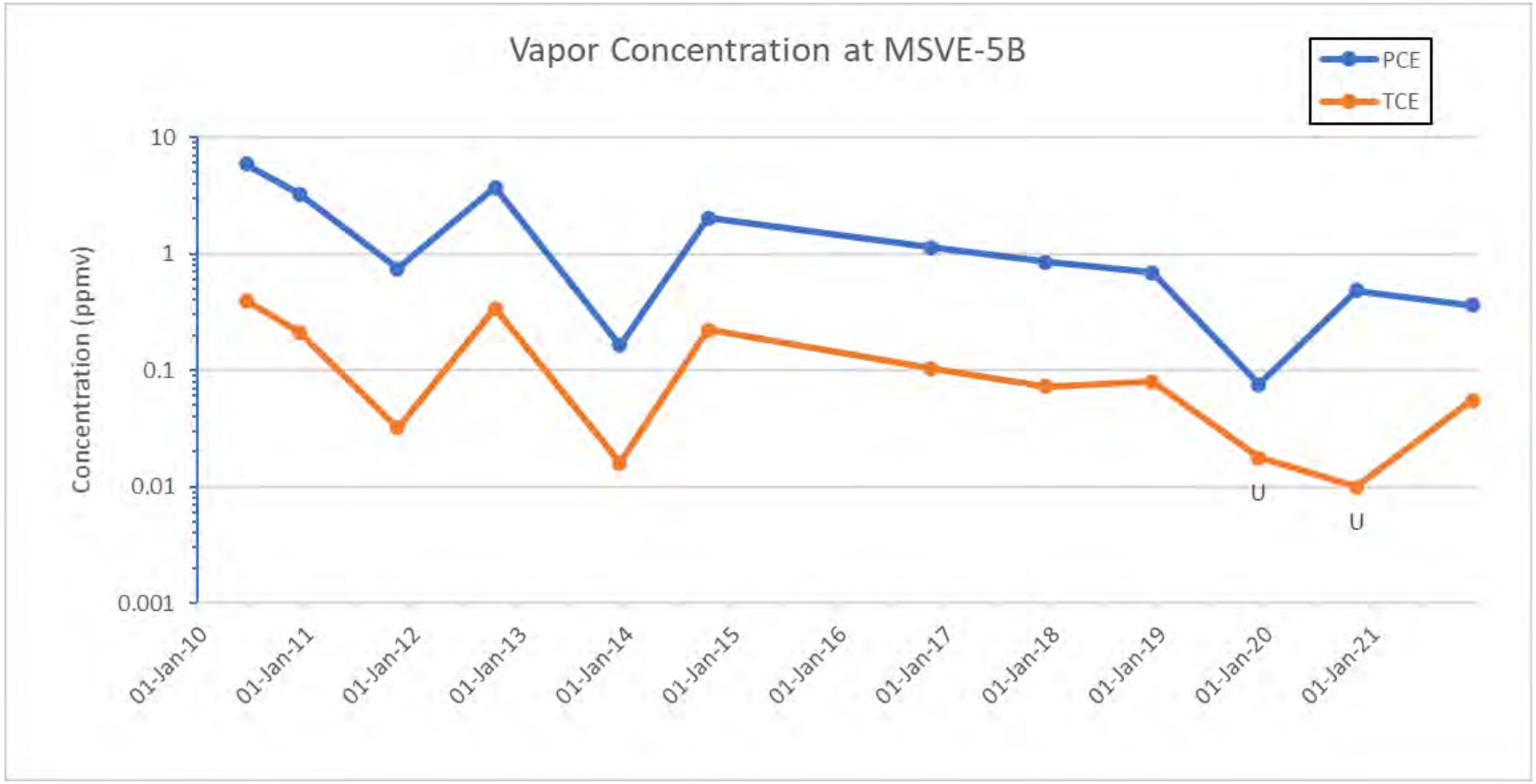



**Figure J-2-18.VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-5B.**

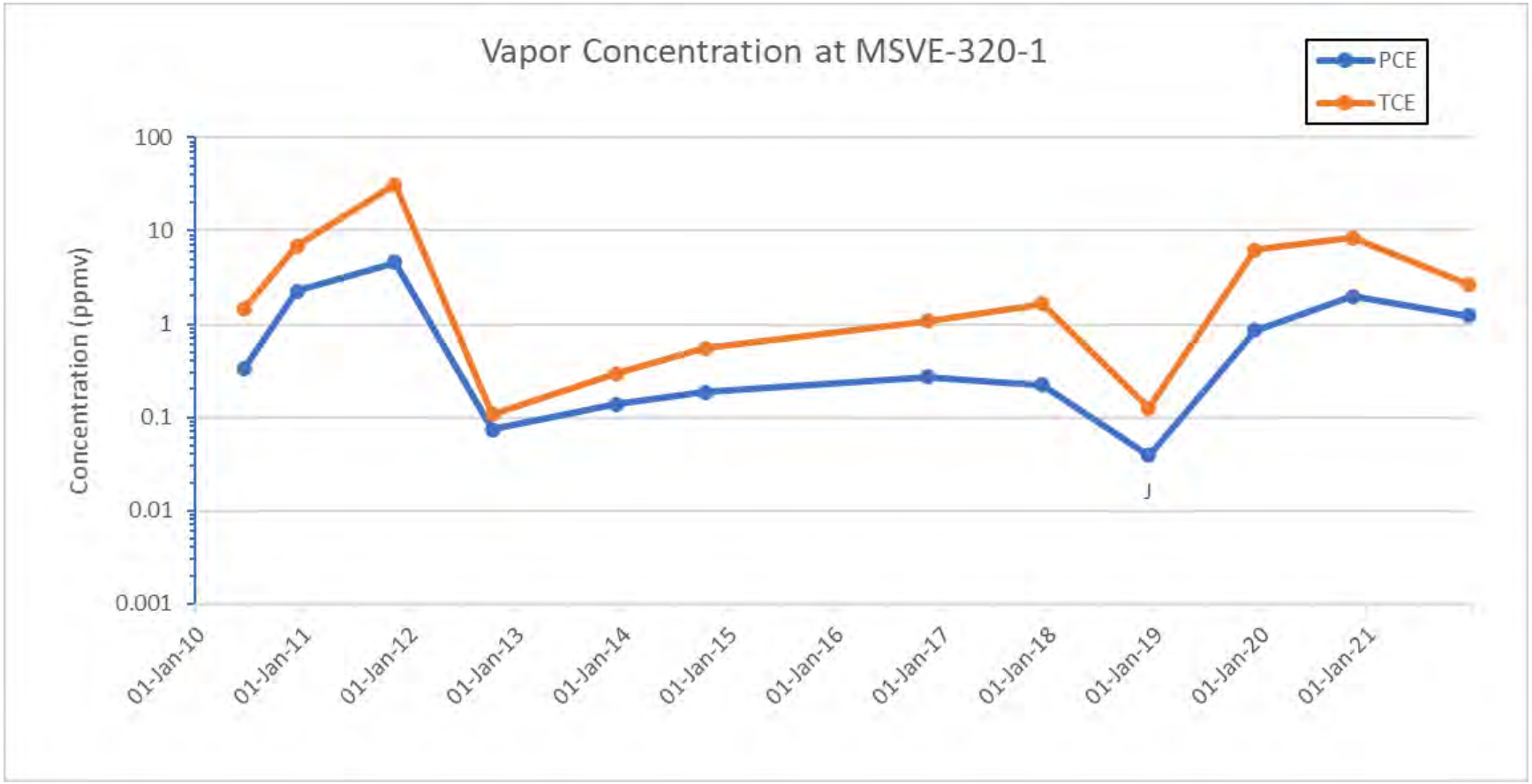



**Figure J-2-19.VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-320-1.**

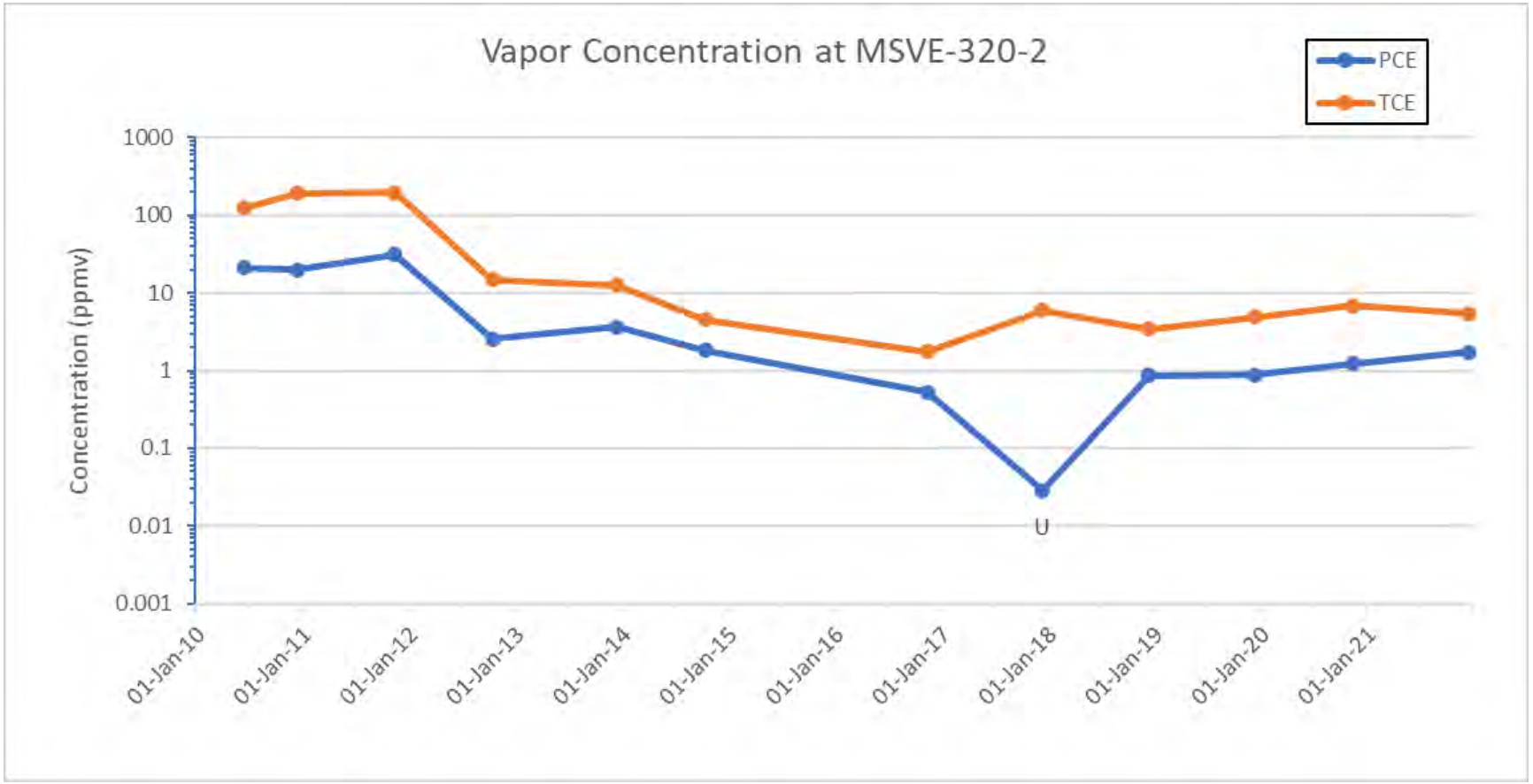



**Figure J-2-20.VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-320-2.**

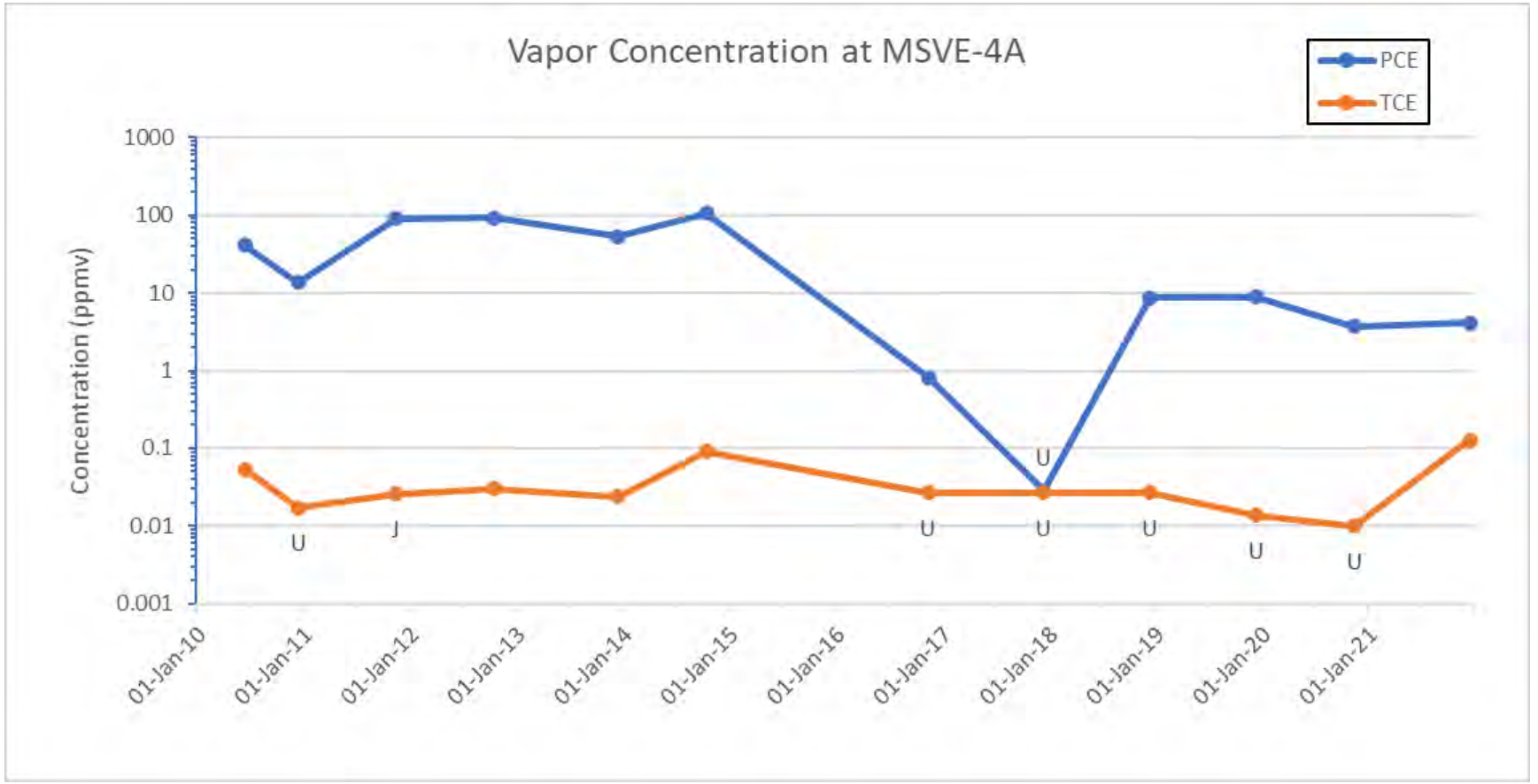



Figure J-2-21. VOC concentrations at SVE well MSVE-4A.

**Table J-2-1. Analytical Data for 313-M**

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-313 | 6/28/2010 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 61.074 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 12/14/2010 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 3.37 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 11/29/2011 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 5.492 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 10/4/2012 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.224 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 12/11/2013 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.748 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 10/9/2014 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.788 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 11/14/2016 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.1301 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 12/13/2017 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.4695 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 12/18/2018 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.1255 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 12/10/2019 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.362 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 11/23/2020 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.04 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 12/6/2021 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.47 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 6/28/2010 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.086 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 12/14/2010 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.085 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 11/29/2011 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.022 | ppmv | J |
| MSVE-313 | 10/4/2012 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | J |
| MSVE-313 | 12/11/2013 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.02 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 10/9/2014 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.029 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 11/14/2016 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-313 | 12/13/2017 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-313 | 12/18/2018 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-313 | 12/10/2019 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0131 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 11/23/2020 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0202 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-313 | 12/6/2021 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.144 | ppmv | |

U = non-detect
J = estimated value

**Table J-2-2. Analytical Data for 321-M Passive SVE Cell**

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-321-1A | 14-Jan-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.695 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 28-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.628 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 14-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.856 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 29-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 33.156 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 08-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 15.561 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 10-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 6.77 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 07-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.253 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 02-Dec-15 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 25.1 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 09-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.052 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-1A | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-1A | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.486 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 4.53 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 06-Dec-21 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.9 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 14-Jan-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-1A | 28-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.303 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 14-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.1 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 29-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 1.246 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 08-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.658 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 10-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.241 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 07-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.032 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 02-Dec-15 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 1.69 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 09-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0635 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-1A | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-1A | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0386 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.221 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-1A | 06-Dec-21 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0785 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 14-Jan-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.399 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 28-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.691 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 14-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.196 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 29-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 114.36 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 08-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 15.162 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 10-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 10.6 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 07-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.353 | ppmv | |

**Table J-2-2. Analytical Data for 321-M Passive SVE Cell *(continued)***

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-321-2A | 02-Dec-15 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 23 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 09-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.11 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-2A | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-2A | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 3.05 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 9.71 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 06-Dec-21 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 5.94 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 14-Jan-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-2A | 28-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.331 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 14-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.054 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 29-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 5.182 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 08-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.81 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 10-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.348 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 07-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.07 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 02-Dec-15 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 1.41 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 09-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0964 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-2A | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-2A | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.167 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.537 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-2A | 06-Dec-21 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.149 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 14-Jan-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.8 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 28-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 3.653 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 14-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 8.902 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 29-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 298.75 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 08-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 51.133 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 10-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 26.1 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 07-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.47 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 02-Dec-15 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 87.2 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 09-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 8.529 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0555 | ppmv | J |
| MSVE-321-3A | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-3A | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 6.09 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 22.7 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 06-Dec-21 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.71 | ppmv | |

**Table J-2-2. Analytical Data for 321-M Passive SVE Cell *(continued)***

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-321-3A | 14-Jan-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-3A | 28-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.181 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 14-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.548 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 29-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 16.162 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 08-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 2.772 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 10-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.772 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 07-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.018 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 02-Dec-15 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 5.73 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 09-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.2336 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-3A | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-3A | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.359 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 1.1 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-3A | 06-Dec-21 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0597 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 14-Jan-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.088 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 28-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.446 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 29-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 139.95 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 08-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 19.259 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 10-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 7.85 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 07-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.259 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 02-Dec-15 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 24.4 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 09-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.9232 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-4A | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-4A | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 4.85 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 3.84 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 06-Dec-21 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.215 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 14-Jan-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-4A | 28-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.119 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 29-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 7.999 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 08-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.844 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 10-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.279 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 07-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0082 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-4A | 02-Dec-15 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 1.62 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 09-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0527 | ppmv | J |

**Table J-2-2. Analytical Data for 321-M Passive SVE Cell *(continued)***

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-321-4A | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-4A | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-4A | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.215 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.143 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-4A | 06-Dec-21 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0888 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 14-Jan-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.118 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 28-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 4.017 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 14-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.182 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 29-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 80.412 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 08-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 15.88 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 10-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 9.32 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 07-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.163 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 02-Dec-15 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 5.94 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 09-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.122 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0865 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-5A | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.96 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 4.12 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 06-Dec-21 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.92 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 14-Jan-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-5A | 28-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.373 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 14-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.128 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 29-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 2.8 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 08-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.325 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 10-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.247 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 07-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0082 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-5A | 02-Dec-15 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.418 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 09-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.1275 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-5A | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-5A | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.103 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.25 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-5A | 06-Dec-21 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0969 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 14-Jan-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 5.946 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 28-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.343 | ppmv | |

**Table J-2-2. Analytical Data for 321-M Passive SVE Cell *(continued/end)***

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-321-6A | 14-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.104 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 29-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 14.589 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 08-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.895 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 10-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.64 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 07-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.539 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 02-Dec-15 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.946 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 09-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.4979 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.1439 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-6A | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.256 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.37 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 06-Dec-21 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.23 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 14-Jan-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.163 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 28-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.068 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 14-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.098 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 29-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.523 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 08-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.12 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 10-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.146 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 07-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.018 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 02-Dec-15 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.08 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 09-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.111 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0293 | ppmv | J |
| MSVE-321-6A | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-321-6A | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0248 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0909 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-321-6A | 06-Dec-21 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.162 | ppmv | |

U = non-detect
J = estimated value

**Table J-2-3. Analytical Data for the Passive SVE Cell**

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-1B | 23-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 4.957 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-1B | 13-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.074 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-1B | 28-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.679 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-1B | 04-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.031 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-1B | 09-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.046 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-1B | 08-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.116 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-1B | 14-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.261 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-1B | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-1B | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-1B | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0477 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-1B | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.293 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-1B | 23-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.311 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-1B | 13-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-1B | 28-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-1B | 04-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.057 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-1B | 09-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.008 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-1B | 08-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0082 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-1B | 14-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.1102 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-1B | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-1B | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-1B | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0153 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-1B | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.01 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-2B | 23-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 4.334 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 13-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.162 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 28-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.399 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 04-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.949 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 09-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.014 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 08-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.022 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 14-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.448 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-2B | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-2B | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0491 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.299 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 06-Dec-21 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.37 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 23-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.273 | ppmv | |

**Table J-2-3 Analytical Data for the Passive SVE Cell *(continued)***

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-2B | 13-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-2B | 28-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-2B | 04-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.075 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 09-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.008 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-2B | 08-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0082 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-2B | 14-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.1241 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-2B | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0726 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-2B | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0144 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-2B | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.01 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-2B | 06-Dec-21 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.164 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 23-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 3.981 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 13-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.142 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 28-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.415 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 04-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.731 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 09-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.026 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 08-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.089 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 14-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.314 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-3B | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-3B | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.019 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.139 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 23-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.254 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 13-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-3B | 28-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-3B | 04-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.068 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 09-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.008 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-3B | 08-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0082 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-3B | 14-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.1274 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-3B | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-3B | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-3B | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0135 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-3B | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.01 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4B | 23-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 5.031 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 13-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.464 | ppmv | |

**Table J-2-3 Analytical Data for the Passive SVE Cell *(continued)***

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-4B | 28-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.548 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 04-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.469 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 09-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.05 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 08-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.6 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 14-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.185 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4B | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.1025 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.016 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4B | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0099 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4B | 06-Dec-21 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.586 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 23-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.336 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 13-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.028 | ppmv | J |
| MSVE-4B | 28-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.034 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 04-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.045 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 09-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.008 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4B | 08-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.068 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 14-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.1133 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4B | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4B | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4B | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0163 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4B | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.01 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4B | 06-Dec-21 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0442 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 23-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 5.833 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 13-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 3.259 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 28-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.743 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 04-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 3.714 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 09-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.165 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 08-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.017 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 14-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.13 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.8532 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.691 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0752 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.481 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 06-Dec-21 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.36 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 23-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.395 | ppmv | |

**Table J-2-3 Analytical Data for the Passive SVE Cell *(continued/end)***

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-5B | 13-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.211 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 28-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.032 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 04-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.337 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 09-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.016 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 08-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.221 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 14-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.1038 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0728 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.08 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-5B | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0178 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-5B | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.01 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-5B | 06-Dec-21 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0548 | ppmv | |

U = non-detect
J = estimated value

**Table J-2-4. Analytical Data for 320-M**

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-320-1 | 28-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.331 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 13-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.272 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 29-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 4.565 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 04-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.074 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 11-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.137 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 09-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.187 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 09-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.27 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.2239 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0391 | ppmv | J |
| MSVE-320-1 | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.863 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.98 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 06-Dec-21 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.22 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 28-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 1.446 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 13-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 6.92 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 29-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 31.132 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 04-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.108 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 11-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.295 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 09-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.551 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 09-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 1.086 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 1.6545 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.125 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 6.22 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 8.4 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-1 | 06-Dec-21 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 2.64 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 28-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 20.985 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 13-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 20.023 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 29-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 31.171 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 04-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 2.574 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 11-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 3.67 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 09-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.82 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 14-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.5265 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-320-2 | 18-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.8667 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.883 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.23 | ppmv | |

**Table J-2-4. Analytical Data for 320-M *(continued)***

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-320-2 | 06-Dec-21 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 1.71 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 28-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 124.718 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 13-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 192.899 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 29-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 196.587 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 04-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 14.757 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 11-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 12.6 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 09-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 4.56 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 14-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 1.763 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 5.9398 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 18-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 3.466 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 4.91 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 6.82 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-320-2 | 06-Dec-21 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 5.4 | ppmv | |

U = non-detect
J = estimated value

**Table J-2-5. Analytical Data for the Manhole 4A Passive SVE**

| Location | Sample Date | Analyte | Result | Units | Lab Qualifier |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MSVE-4A | 28-Jun-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 41.178 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 13-Dec-10 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 13.658 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 29-Nov-11 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 90.789 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 08-Oct-12 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 93.184 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 11-Dec-13 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 53.3 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 09-Oct-14 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 105.6 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 14-Nov-16 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.8211 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 13-Dec-17 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 0.0282 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4A | 19-Dec-18 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 8.721 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 10-Dec-19 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 8.83 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 23-Nov-20 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 3.74 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 06-Dec-21 | TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (PCE) | 4.13 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 28-Jun-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.053 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 13-Dec-10 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.017 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4A | 29-Nov-11 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.026 | ppmv | J |
| MSVE-4A | 08-Oct-12 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.03 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 11-Dec-13 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.024 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 09-Oct-14 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.091 | ppmv | |
| MSVE-4A | 14-Nov-16 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4A | 13-Dec-17 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4A | 19-Dec-18 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0268 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4A | 10-Dec-19 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.0138 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4A | 23-Nov-20 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.01 | ppmv | U |
| MSVE-4A | 06-Dec-21 | TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) | 0.128 | ppmv | |

U = non-detect
J = estimated value

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# M-AREA INACTIVE PROCESS SEWER LINES OPERABLE UNIT (081-M)

## I. Introduction

This report is the fourth five-year review for the M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines to Manhole 1 (081-M) (MIPSL) Operable Unit (OU). The review was conducted from July 2022 through November 2022. Contaminants have been left in place at the MIPSL OU at levels that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedy in place at the MIPSL OU is protective of human health and the environment. This report documents the results of the review.

## II. OU Chronology

Table K-1 lists the chronology of site events for the MIPSL OU.

## III. Background

MIPSL OU is listed as a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)/ Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) unit in Appendix C of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for Savannah River Site (SRS) (FFA 1993). The media associated with the MIPSL OU is vadose zone soil. Groundwater is not addressed under this OU. Any groundwater contamination resulting from the MIPSL OU is regulated by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) RCRA Permit Renewal for the SRS (Hazardous and Mixed Waste Permit SC1 890 008 989) and addressed by the requirements of the M-Area and Metallurgical Laboratory Hazardous Waste Management Facilities Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action agreements.

### Physical Characteristics

MIPSL OU is in M Area in the northwest portion of SRS (Figure K-1). It is comprised of portions of the M-Area Inactive Process Sewer (MIPS) and 313-MIPS, including the segment of pipe from the slab of the 320-M Alloy Building to the Former Security Fence and the segment of pipeline starting adjacent to the slab of the 322-M Metallurgical

Laboratory and extending to the A-014 Outfall (Figure K-2). The sections of MIPS not included in the MIPSL OU are associated with the M-Area Operable Unit.

The MIPSL OU includes approximately 1,140 m (3,800 ft) of underground piping and extends from the edges of the buildings (or former buildings) to the downstream discharge points of each line (WSRC 2006). The sewer pipes are made of vitrified clay, with diameters ranging from 30 to 75 cm (12 to 30 in) and pipe depths ranging from about 2.1 to 3.6 m (7 to 12 ft) below ground surface (bgs). High-density polyethylene pipe liner, installed inside portions of the MIPS and 313-MIPS pipelines in 1983, range from 18.6 to 30 cm (6 to 12 in) in diameter.

Pre-cast concrete or brick manholes along the MIPS and 313-MIPS allowed access to the pipelines for inspection, maintenance, effluent sampling, etc. The manholes are spaced approximately 105 to 120 m (350 to 400 ft) apart along the MIPS and 313-MIPS sewer lines. An engineering review examined the construction, effluent capacity, and operational history for MIPS and 313-MIPS and found little probability of process overflows at the manholes.

The primary contaminant release mechanism at the MIPSL OU is leakage of effluents from the process sewer lines serving multiple facilities in M Area. Surficial soils in M Area consist of fine-grained sediments to a depth of approximately 9 m (30 ft). This low-permeability formation is referred to as the "Upland Unit". The Upland Unit has limited contaminant mobility to a significant degree although volatile organic compounds have migrated downward, principally by diffusion from the source zone.

Figures K-3, K-4, and K-5 are photos of the area prior to remediation and the current state (2022).

**Land and Resource Use**

According to the *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report* (USDOE 1996), residential uses of the SRS land should be prohibited. The *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site* (WSRC 1999) designates MIPSL OU as being within an industrial area. The future land use for MIPSL OU is reasonably anticipated to remain industrial with the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) maintaining control of the land.

### History of Contamination

From 1958 until early 1985, several M-Area facilities (313-M, 320-M, and 321-M) manufactured reactor fuel and target assemblies (WSRC 2006). Associated operations included support buildings, maintenance operations, laboratories, and infrastructure for managing waste. Effluents from M Area were transported through two separate networks of vitrified clay pipes (Figure K-2). The MIPS network discharged waste to the M-Area Settling Basin; the 313-MIPS network released waste to the A-014 Outfall, which flowed to a tributary of Tims Branch. In May 1982, the 313-MIPS process waters were diverted from Tims Branch to conjoin with MIPS process waters already flowing to the M-Area Settling Basin, increasing the flow from an average of 1.6 to 3 million L/day (430,000 to 800,000 gal/day). In November 1982, process waters from 313-MIPS were redirected back to Tims Branch through the A-014 Outfall, resulting in a reduction of the flow to the M-Area Settling Basin to 950,000 L/day (250,000 gal/day) by the end of 1982 (WSRC 2003).

M-Area effluent wastes included chlorinated solvents (used for degreasing fuel and target assemblies), acids, caustics, heavy metals, and minor amounts of radioactive constituents. Specific constituents of interest include trichloroethylene (TCE), tetrachloroethylene (PCE), 1,1,1-trichloroethane, aluminum, copper, iron, lead, magnesium, manganese, mercury, nickel, zinc, and uranium.

### Initial Response

By May 2003, M-Area facilities had been sufficiently deactivated. Decommissioning of various buildings, including Buildings 313-M, 322-M, 320-M, and 321-M, was completed prior to implementation of the remedial action for the MIPSL OU.

### Basis for Taking Action

Findings from the risk assessment indicate that there are no exposure pathways for human or ecological receptors at the MIPSL OU (WSRC 2005).

Extensive characterization and modeling activities predicted that TCE and PCE could travel to groundwater within 1,000 years at levels that exceed maximum contaminant levels

(MCLs). TCE and PCE were identified as contaminant migration (CM) constituents of concern (COCs) in the vadose zone soil adjacent to and beneath the manholes at depths greater than 1.2 m (4 ft) bgs. The higher contaminant concentrations were located beneath the manholes.

A remedial action was necessary at the MIPSL OU because there is a potential that TCE and PCE could leach to groundwater at concentrations that would exceed MCLs and present an unacceptable risk to human receptors. For TCE, the CM remedial goal (RG) is 0.0408 mg/kg and the CM RG for PCE is 0.307 mg/kg. Exceedances of these values in soils indicate that TCE and PCE may leach to groundwater at levels above the MCL (5 µg/L). Final RGs for MIPSL OU are shown in Table K-2.

## IV. Remedial Actions

### Remedy Selection

As stated in the Record of Decision (ROD) (WSRC 2006), the remedial action objective (RAO) for the MIPSL OU is to prevent TCE and PCE from leaching to groundwater above MCLs.

The selected remedy for the MIPSL OU was Phased Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) enhanced with Soil Fracturing and Institutional Controls (i.e., Land Use Controls [LUCs]).

The following LUC objectives for the MIPSL OU are necessary to ensure protectiveness of the selected remedy:

- Restrict worker access and prevent unauthorized contact, removal, or excavation of contaminated media (i.e., vadose zone soil and pipelines);
- Prohibit the development and use of property for residential housing, elementary and secondary schools, childcare facilities and playgrounds;
- Maintain the integrity of any current or future remedial or monitoring system, such as SVE systems or groundwater monitoring wells; and
- Prevent access or use of contaminated groundwater until cleanup levels are met.

**Remedy Implementation**

The selected final remedy for the MIPSL OU provides the greatest level of protection to human health and ecological receptors. The remedy included the following:

- Installed four fractured wells at each of the four manhole locations for SVE. Hydraulic fracturing was used to improve the permeability of the fine-grained soils ("Upland Unit") where residual contamination remains. One deep SVE well was installed at the center of each fracture well area. A threshold value of 10 ppmv was recognized as appropriate for transition from active SVE to passive SVE;
- Grouted the process sewer connections at all the manholes and the sewer discharge point at the A-014 Outfall was plugged; and
- Established LUCs for 2.14 hectares (5.29 acres) (Figure K-6) to include the following:
  - Providing access controls for on-site workers via the Site Use/Site Clearance Program. Other administrative controls to ensure worker safety include work controls, worker training, and worker briefings of health, safety requirements, and identification of signs located at the waste unit boundaries;
  - Notifying U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and SCDHEC in advance of any changes in land use or excavation of waste:
  - Providing access controls against trespassers, as described in the 2013 RCRA Permit Renewal Application, Volume I, Section F.1, which describes the security procedures and equipment, 24-hour surveillance system, artificial or natural barriers, control entry systems, and warning signs in place at the SRS boundary.
  - In the long term, if the property or any portion thereof, is ever transferred from USDOE, notice of the type and quantity of any hazardous substances that were known to have stored (for more than one year), released, or disposed of on the property will be provided. In addition, if the property or any portion thereof, is every transferred by deed, the U.S. Government will satisfy the requirements of

CERCLA 120(h)(3) to include a description of the remedial action taken, a covenant, and an access clause.

**System Operations/Operation and Maintenance**

The following system operation was discontinued in July 2020 and consisted of:

- A portable soil vapor extraction unit (SVEU) and
- 5 Microblowers™, 16 fracture wells, and 6 pressure monitoring wells.
- The MIPSL OU SVE system removed 4,445 and 1,105 lbs of PCE and TCE, respectively, throughout its operational life between 2008 and 2020 (Figures K-5 and K-6).

The following maintenance activities are ongoing:

- Annual site inspections and site maintenance; and
- Site controls and land use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance program, which restricts invasive and permanent installation activities at the MIPSL OU.

Table K-3 compares the actual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for the five-year remedy review period to the estimated direct O&M costs from the ROD (WSRC 2006). The estimated cost for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 to FY2022 is $217,500 for O&M of the SVE system, MicroBlowers™, institutional controls (i.e., LUCs), and five-year remedy reviews. The actual O&M cost for FY2018 to FY2022 is $336,648. The actual O&M costs from FY2018 to FY2022 are as expected.

## V. Progress Since Last Review

The previous protectiveness statement concluded that the remedial action at MIPSL OU is expected to be protective of human health and the environment. Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks have been controlled through institutional controls (i.e., LUCs). There were no recommendations or follow-up actions from the last five-year remedy review.

## VI. Five-Year Review Process

The following tasks were performed as part of the review:

- Reviewed the documents listed in Section XII, Documents Reviewed;
- Confirmed the implementation of the remedial action;
- Reviewed all process and performance monitoring data provided by the annual performance evaluation reports (PERs) (SRNS 2018, SRNS 2019, and SRNS 2020) and provided a technical assessment that the SVE system achieved shutdown criteria;
- Inspected the OU, interviewed maintenance personnel and documented the results on the Inspection Checklist provided in Attachment K-1 with the purpose of assessing the protectiveness of the remedy and the functionality of the access controls; and
- Reviewed changes in standards and to-be-considered guidance.

***Data Review***

The data and results presented in the 2019 PER were reviewed (SRNS 2020).

The active SVE system at the MIPSL OU started operations in 2008. The contamination exists primarily within fine-grained sediments of the Upland Formation; therefore, the active SVE system will only operate for short periods of time before the mobile contaminants are exhausted. Hydraulic fracturing was used to increase the surface area available for vapor extraction and improve permeability.

A portable active SVEU was cycled between the four manhole (MH) locations (i.e., MH-01, MH-11, MH-12, and MH-13) to better match the depletion and rebound behavior of soil vapor in the Upland Formation. At each MH, there are four fractured wells, one conventional SVE well, and one or two pressure monitoring wells. When the MHs were not undergoing active SVE a MicroBlower™ was connected to the conventional SVE well and the four fractured wells.

The last 3 years of operation (2017-2019) the active SVE system at the MIPSL OU was only connected to the wells at MH-01 and removed 848 lbs of PCE and 228 lbs of TCE (Figure K-5) and the MicroBlowers™ have removed 87.7 lbs of PCE and 18.6 lbs of TCE. Cumulative amounts of VOC removed are shown in Figure K-6.

Beginning in October 2019, the MIPSL SVEU was temporarily shutdown for soil-sampling between October 7, 2019 and December 5, 2019. No rebound was demonstrated after the SVEU was not operated for fifty-nine consecutive days in this time period. No rebound is demonstrated by both the sample results from individual wells and the SVEU stack collected in the late November and early December time frame.

The 2019 soil sampling event collected vadose zone soil samples at MH-01, MH-11, MH-12, and MH-13 (SRNS 2018b) and the results revealed that the RGs for TCE and PCE have been met with the MIPSL SVE system. Recommendations to discontinue operation of the MIPSL SVE system were included in the 2019 PER. In a meeting with the Core Team in June 2020, the proposal for permanent shutdown of the SVE system at MIPSL was presented. Approval of the proposal was provided by USEPA and SCDHEC in July 2020 and the SVE system was shut down.

***Summary of Inspections and Interviews***

Interviews were conducted with Phil Carter, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Projects (EC&ACP) Post-Closure Lead, and Brian Hanshew, SRNS EC&ACP Post-Closure Lead, on August 30, 2022 at the O&M organization offices. No issues were identified as an outcome of these interviews.

The MIPSL OU was inspected by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) personnel on July 13, 2022. No issues were identified for the MIPSL OU during these inspections.

A site inspection was conducted by SRNS EC&ACP and USDOE personnel on December 6, 2022. No issues were identified during this inspection.

A site inspection will be conducted by USEPA and SCDHEC personnel, accompanied by USDOE and SRNS personnel, prior to submittal of the Revision 1 of this document. It is anticipated that no significant problems regarding the protection of the remedy for this OU as implemented are expected to be identified during the inspection.

Scheduled annual site inspections conducted from FY2018 through FY2022 identified the presence of ant mounds, signs needing replacement, boundary monuments not visible, and overgrown vegetation. These findings were documented on the field inspection checklist and resolved soon after discovery.

## VII. Technical Assessment

### Is the Remedy Functioning as Intended by the Decision Document?

The remedy is functioning as intended as demonstrated below:

- The selected remedy of Phased SVE enhanced with Soil Fracturing and institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) was effective in preventing TCE and PCE from leaching to groundwater above MCLs. Soil results collected in 2019 showed that RGs for soil were achieved and the SVE system was shut down in July 2020. The Land Use Control Implementation Plan for MIPSL OU governs LUC implementation, maintenance, monitoring, reporting, and enforcement of LUCs (WSRC 2007). The LUCs that are in place include physical access to controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), use restrictions to prevent unauthorized contact, removal or excavation of contaminated soils, and restrictions to prevent unauthorized access to or use of groundwater until cleanup levels are met. Warning signs are in good condition, and no activities were observed that would have violated the LUCs. All LUC objectives are being met.

### Are Exposure Assumptions, Toxicity Data, Cleanup Levels, and Remedial Action Objectives still valid?

The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives used at the time of final remedy selection are still valid. There have been no changes the physical conditions at the MIPSL OU that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

The USEPA standards and toxicity values have been updated since the last five-year remedy review as shown in Appendix B. The changes to the values for COCs at the MIPSL OU were not significant, and the RAOs continue to be met by the remedial action. No new standards or to-be-considered guidance have been identified that call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

Fact sheets provided on the USEPA webpage (https://www.epa.gov/fedfac/emerging-contaminants-and-federal-facility-contaminants-concern) regarding emerging contaminants were reviewed for applicability to this site. This webpage provides a link to specific fact sheets for each of the following contaminants: 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), 1,4-dioxane, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT), hexahydro-1,3,5-tri-nitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), nanomaterials, N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA), perchlorate, perflurorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and tungsten. None of the listed emerging contaminants were identified as applicable to this OU.

**Has any Other Information Come to Light that Could Call into Question the Protectiveness of the Remedy?**

No new information has come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

## VIII. Issues

There are no issues related to current site conditions or activities that currently prevent the remedy from being protective.

## IX. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions

Recommendations for the MIPSL OU are provided in Table K-4.

## X. Protectiveness Statement(s)

The remedy at MIPSL OU is protective of human health and the environment.

Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by institutional controls (i.e. LUCs) to prevent exposure to or ingestion of contaminated groundwater and soil media. All threats to contaminated vadose zone soil at the MIPSL OU are being addressed through SVE systems and implementation of physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the MIPSL OU for industrial use only, and warning signs and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program.

## XI. Next Review

As shown in Appendix A, Table A-1, the next five-year review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment is scheduled for January 2029.

## XII. Documents Reviewed

FFA, 1993. *Federal Facility Agreement for the Savannah River Site*, Administrative Docket No. 89-05-FF (Effective Date: August 16, 1993)

SRNS, 2018. *Performance Evaluation Report of 2017 for the M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (MIPSL) (081-M) Operable Unit (OU) (U) January through December 2017*, SRNS-RP-2018-00161, Revision 0, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2019. *Performance Evaluation Report of 2018 for the M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (MIPSL) (081-M) Operable Unit (OU) (U) January through December 2018*, SRNS-RP-2019-00066, Revision 0, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

SRNS, 2020. *Performance Evaluation Report of 2019 for the M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (MIPSL) (081-M) Operable Unit (OU) (U) January through December 2019*, SRNS-RP-2020-00046, Revision 0, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

USDOE, 1996. *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report*, U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 1999. *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site*, WSRC-RP-98-4125, Revision 1.1, latest revision, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2003. *M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (MIPSL) and 313-M Area Inactive Process Sewer (313-MIPS) Manhole Overflow Evaluation (U)*, ERD-EN-2003-0169, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2005. *RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) Work Plan, RFI/RI Report with Baseline Risk Assessment, and Corrective Measures Study/Feasibility Study (CMS/FS) for the M Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (081-M) (U)*, WSRC-RP-2004-4214, Revision 1.1, Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2006. *Record of Decision Remedial Alternative Selection for the M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines Operable Unit (U)*, WSRC-RP-2006-4001, Revision 1, Washington Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2007a. *Land Use Control Implementation Plan (LUCIP) for the M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines Operable Unit (081-M) (U)*, WSRC–RP–2006-4068, Revision 1, Washington Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

Various - Inspection Data Sheets – *Field Inspection Checklist, M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (U)*, ER-IDS-019-050, Inspection period 2018 through 2022 (annually)

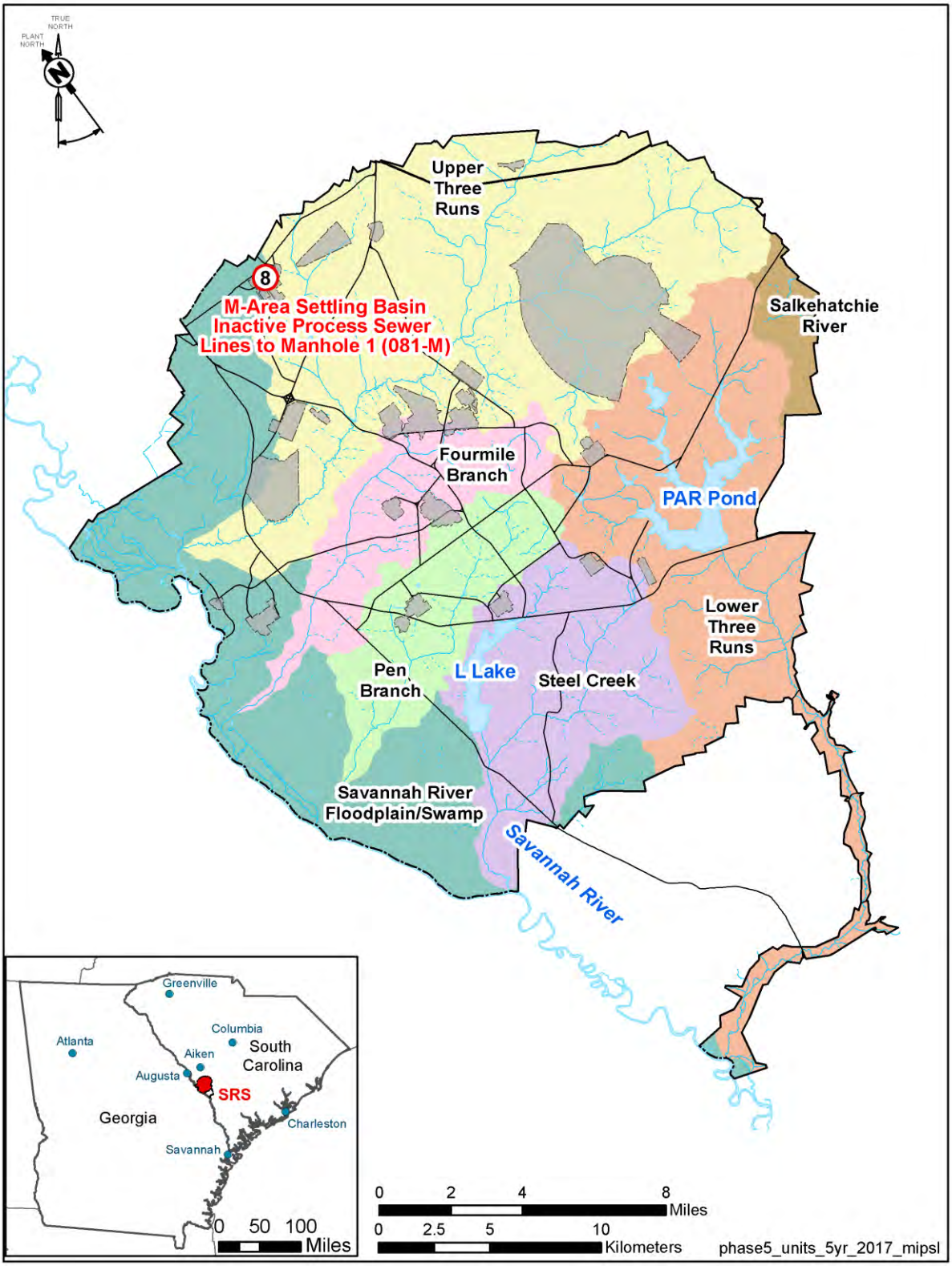



**Figure K-1. M-Area Inactive Sewer Line OU at Savannah River Site**

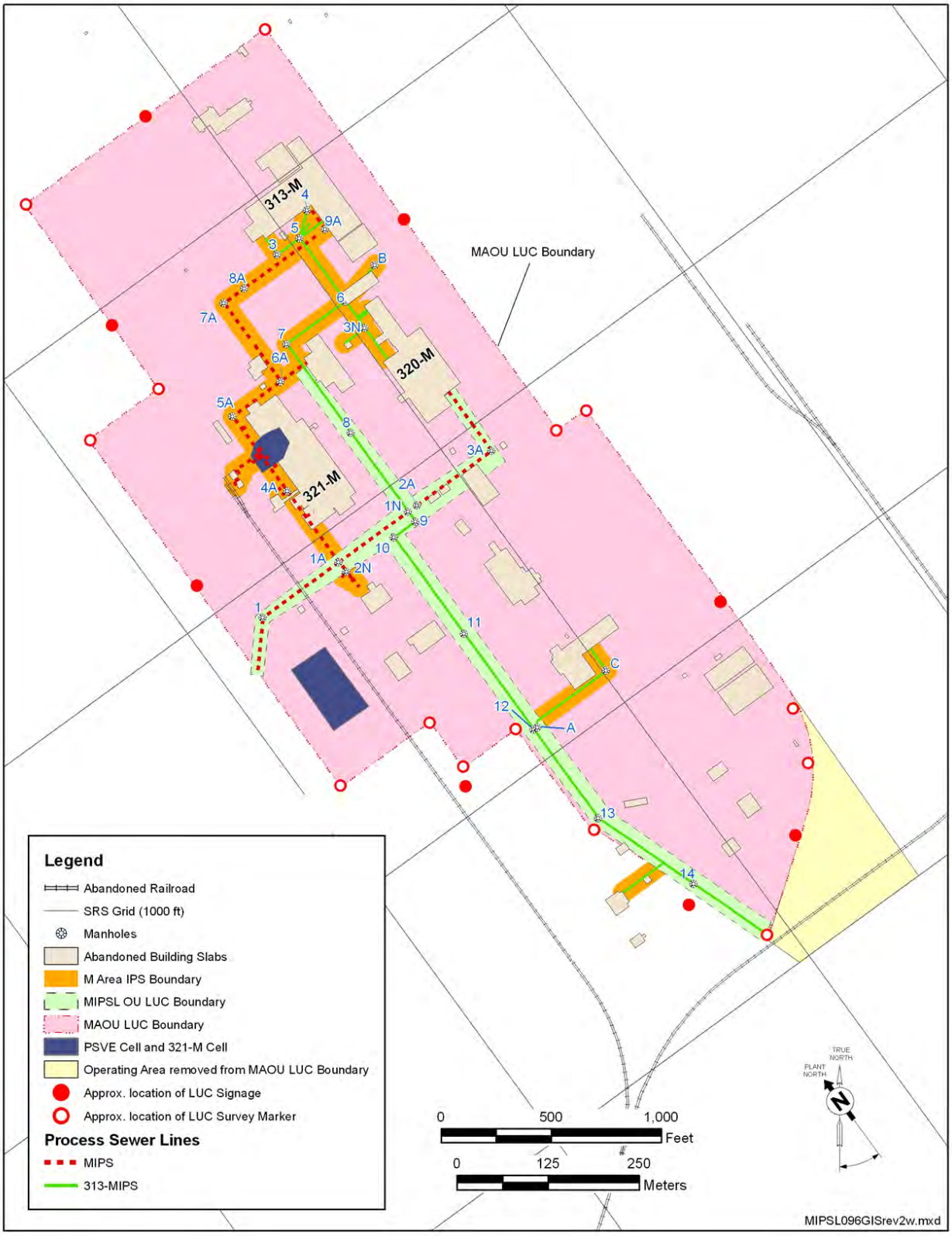



**Figure K-2. Layout of the MIPSL OU**







**Figure K-3. Photos of MIPSL OU Before Remediation Activities (1991)**



**Figure K-4. Current Photos of MIPSL OU (2022)**




**Figure K-5. Current Photo of MIPSL OU Warning Sign (2022)**




**Figure K-6. MIPSL OU LUC Boundary**

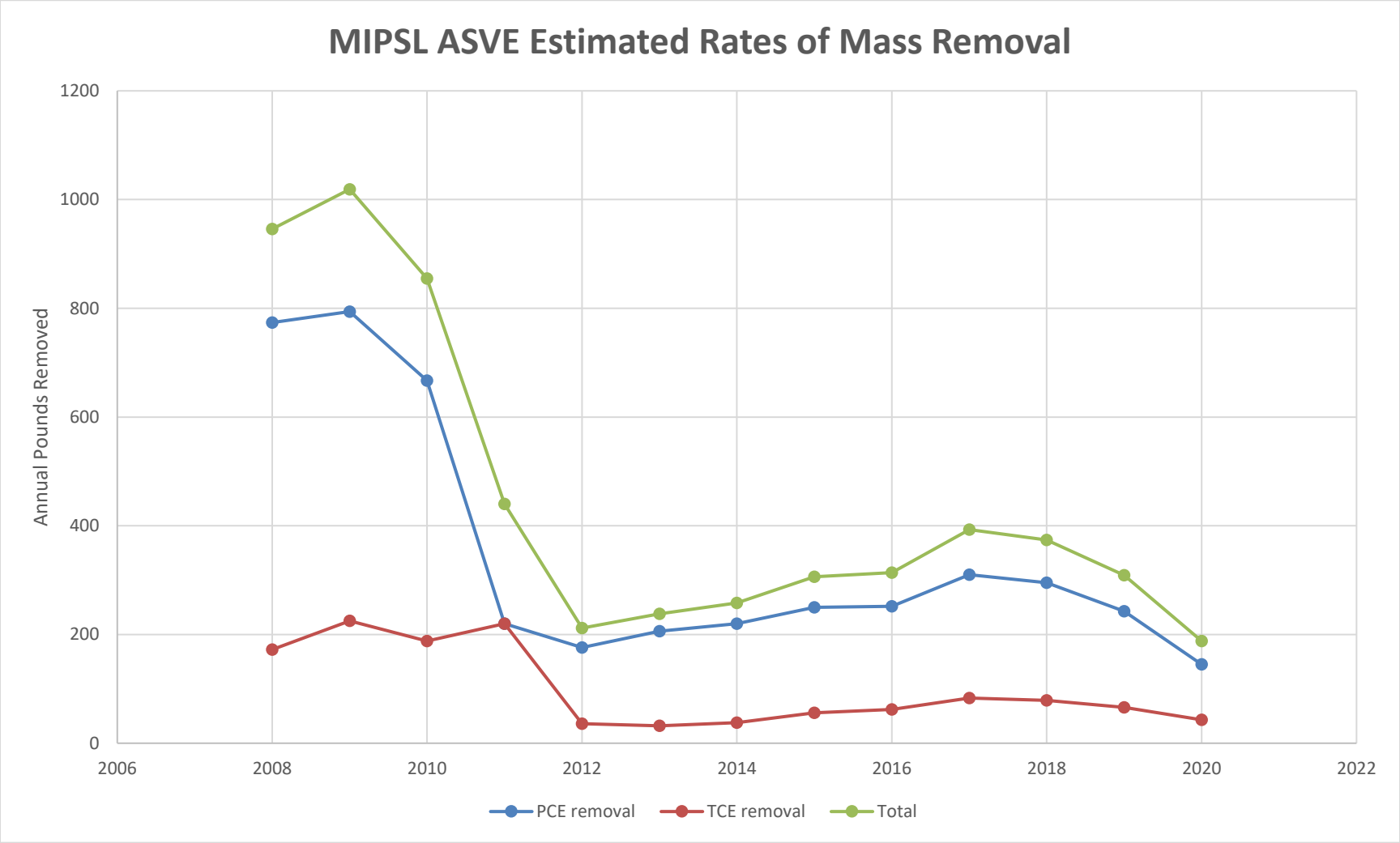



**Figure K-7 MIPSL ASVE Estimated Rates of Mass Removal**

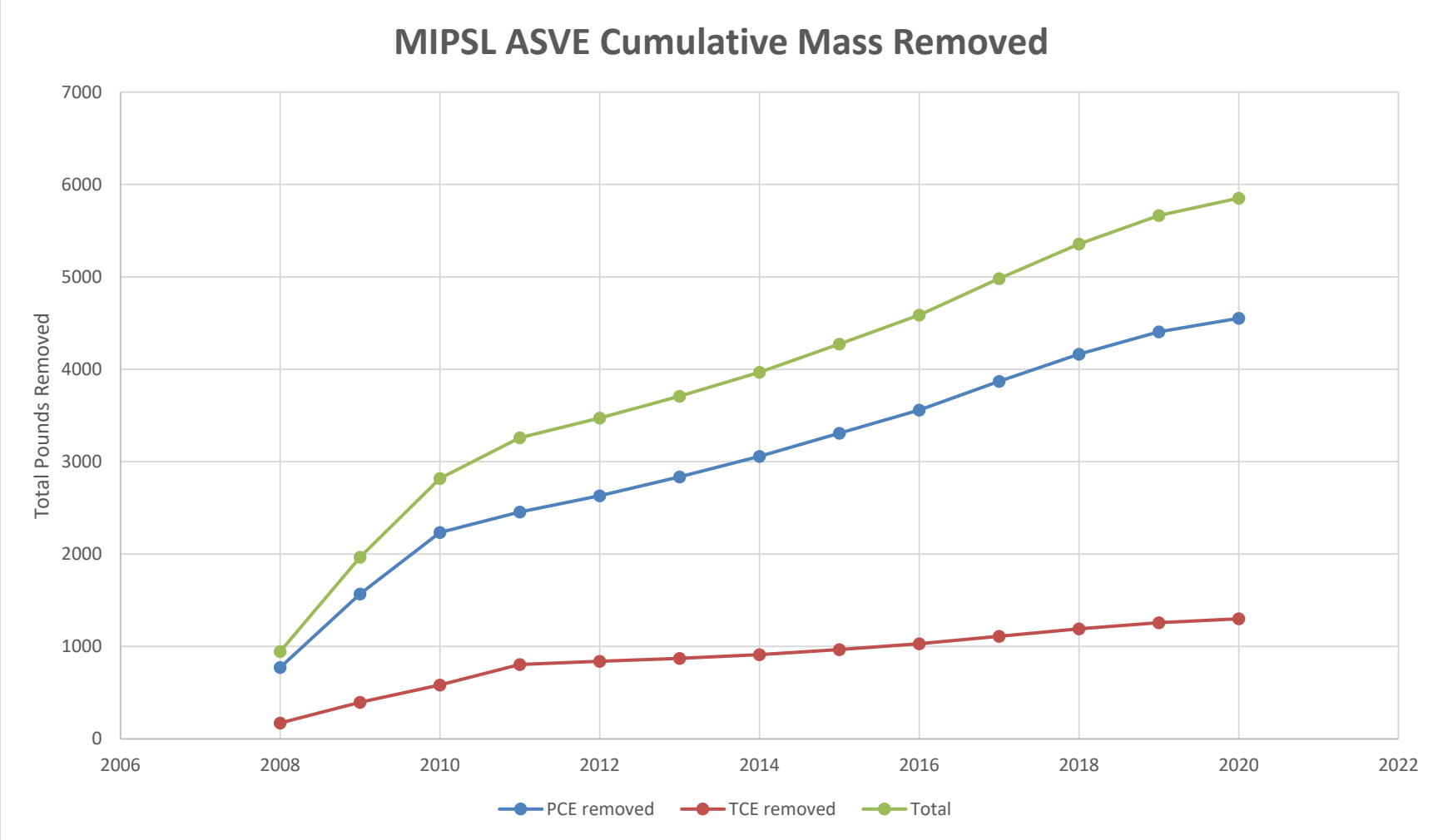



**Figure K-8 MIPSL ASVE Cumulative Mass Removed**

**Table K-1. Chronology of OU Events**

| Event | Date |
|---|---|
| Characterization Field Start | July 28, 2003 |
| ROD Issuance | April 26, 2007 |
| Remedial Action Construction Start / Completion | June 25, 2007 / April 30, 2008 |
| Remedial Action Operations Start / Complete | January 1, 2008 / ongoing |
| Previous Five-Year Reviews Issuance | February 4, 2009 / February 4, 2014 / December 5, 2018 |

**Table K-2. MIPSL RCOCs with Final Remedial Goals**

| Medium | RCOC | Type of COC | RG (mg/kg) | Basis |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Soil | Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) | CM | 3.07E-01 | CM soil clean up level |
| | Trichlorethylene (TCE) | CM | 4.08E-02 | CM soil clean up level |

RCOC – refined COC

**Table K-3. Actual versus Estimated O&M Costs ($)**

| | FY2018 | FY2019 | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022 | Five-Year Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Actual O&M Costs ($) | 73,463 | 88,106 | 137,484 | 14,776 | 22,818 | 336,648 |
| Total ROD Estimated Direct O&M Costs ($) | 40,500 | 40,500 | 40,500 | 40,500 | 55,500 | 217,500 |

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**Table K-4. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions for the MIPSL OU**

| Issue | Recommendations/ Follow-up Actions | Party Responsible | Oversight Agency | Milestone Date | Affects Protectiveness? (Y/N) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Current | Future |
| MIPSL OU no longer has equipment operating a remedial system. | Since the SVE system has been taken offline, SRS recommends moving the MIPSL OU from the Operating Equipment group to the Native Soil Cover and/or LUCs group. This recommendation would take effect during the Seventh Five-Year Remedy Review Report for the SRS OUs. | USDOE | SCDHEC/ USEPA | December 2023 | N | N |

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## Attachment K-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (MIPSL) Operable Unit (OU)

| I. SITE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Site Name:** | **M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (MIPSL) Operable Unit (OU)** | **Date of Inspection:** | **7/13/22** |
| **Location and Region** | **SRS, USEPA Region 4** | **EPA ID:** | **SEMS #92** |
| **Agency, Office, or Company leading the Five-Year Review** | **USDOE** | **Weather/ Temperature** | **93°F and Partly Cloudy** |

**Remedy Includes:** *(Click all that apply)*

- ☐ Landfill Cover / Containment
- ☒ Access Controls
- ☒ Institutional Controls
- ☐ Groundwater Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Surface Water Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Monitored Natural Attenuation
- ☐ Groundwater Containment
- ☐ Vertical Barriers
- ☒ Other Soil Vapor Extraction

**Attachments:** ☐ Inspection team roster attached ☐ Inspection team roster attached

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Site Manager:** Brian Hanshew (Name) | Post Closure Manager (Title) | 8/30/22 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.:803-952-4949

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

**2. O&M Staff:** Phil Carter (Name) | EC&ACP Post Closure Waste Site Inspector Maintenance Coord (Title) | 8/30/22 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4145

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

## Attachment K-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (MIPSL) Operable Unit (OU) *(continued)*

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)(Continued)*

**3. Local Regulatory Authorities and Response Agencies** (i.e., State and tribal offices, emergency response office, police department, office of public health or environmental health, zoning office, recorder of deeds or other city and county offices, etc.). Fill in all that apply.

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

**4. Other Interviews** *(Optional):* ☐ Report Attached _____

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Documents:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ O&M Manual | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ As-Built Drawings | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Maintenance Logs | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: See *Waste Unit Inspection and Maintenance, ER-SOP-019, Field Inspection Checklist for M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines*, ER-IDS-019-050.

## Attachment K-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (MIPSL) Operable Unit (OU) *(continued)*

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED *(Continued)***

**2. Health and Safety Plans (HASPs):**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Site-Specific Health and Safety Plans | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Contingency Plan/Emergency Response Plan | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: Routine O&M activities do not require a site-specific health and safety plan (SSHASP) under 29 CFR 1910.120.HAZWOPER. A SSHASP is prepared if needed.

**3. O&M and OSHA Training Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Training Records are complete and up to date per EC&ACP training matrix.

**4. Permits and Service Agreements:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air Discharge Permit | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Effluent Discharge | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Waste Disposal; POTW | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ Other Permits | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |

Remarks: Underground Injection Control Permit for fracturing was active from December 2007 to February 2012.

**5. Gas Generation Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**6. Settlement Monument Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**7. Groundwater Monitoring Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**8. Leachate Extraction Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**9. Discharge Compliance Records:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Water (Effluent) | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**10. Daily Access/Security Logs:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment K-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (MIPSL) Operable Unit (OU) *(continued)*

### IV. O&M COSTS

**1. O&M Organization:**

☐ State In-House ☐ Contractor for State
☐ PRP In-House ☐ Contractor for PRP
☒ Other: SRS

**2. O&M Cost Records:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☐ Funding mechanism/agreement in place
☒ Other: Project cost data is summarized in Section IV of this OU-specific review.

**Total annual cost by year for review period, if available**

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

**3. Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period**

Describe costs and reasons: _____

### V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Fencing**

**1. Fencing Damage:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Gates secured ☒ N/A

Remarks: OU-specific perimeter fencing is not required by the remedial action.

**B. Signs**

**1. Signs and Other Security Measures:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A

Remarks: Signs are in good condition.

## Attachment K-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (MIPSL) Operable Unit (OU) *(continued)*

**V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS *(Continued)***

**C. Institutional Controls**

**1. Implementation and Enforcement**

Site conditions imply ICs are not properly implemented: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Site conditions imply ICs are not being fully enforced: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive-by, etc.) Walkdown

Frequency: Once in five years

Responsible Party/Agent: USDOE Savannah River Field Office

Contact: Karen Adams (Name) | Federal Project Director (Title) | 12/06/2022 (Date) | 803-952-7871 (Phone No.)

Reporting is up-to-date: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Reports are verified by the lead agency: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Specific requirements in deed or decision documents have been met: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Violations have been reported: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Problems/Suggestions: ☐ Report Attached

**2. Adequacy:** ☒ ICs are adequate ☐ ICs are inadequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**D. General**

**1. Vandalism/Trespassing:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No vandalism is evident

Remarks:

**2. Land use changes onsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**3. Land use changes offsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment K-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (MIPSL) Operable Unit (OU) *(continued)*

**VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS**

**A. Roads** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Roads damaged:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Roads adequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**B. Other Site Conditions**

Remarks: Annual site inspections conducted from FY2018 through FY2022 identified the presence of ant mounds and a sign needing replacement. These findings were resolved soon after discovery.

**VII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**VIII. VERTICAL BARRIER WALLS** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**X. OTHER REMEDIES**

If there are remedies applied at the site, which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction.

**A. Soil Vapor Extraction System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Blowers, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**

☒ Good Condition ☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes and Other Appurtenances:**

☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance

Remarks:

**3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**

☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided

Remarks:

## Attachment K-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – M-Area Inactive Process Sewer Lines (MIPSL) Operable Unit (OU) *(continued/end)*

| XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS |
|---|
| **A. Implementation of the Remedy** |
| Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emissions, etc.).<br><br>The remedial action for the MIPSL OU was SVE and Soil Fracturing to prevent TCE and PCE in vadose zone soils from leaching to groundwater above MCLs. Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled through LUCs. The remedy is fully established and functioning as designed. |
| **B. Adequacy of O&M** |
| Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.<br><br>The O&M procedures consisting of annual site inspections and site maintenance (verify no invasive activities have occurred and condition of warning signs) and site controls (SRS Site Use and Site Clearance Programs, which restrict invasive and permanent installation activities at the OU) have been implemented. The O&M procedures are adequately maintaining MIPSL and the condition of its warning signs is good. There are no issues requiring corrective actions. |
| **C. Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Failure** |
| Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.<br><br>N/A |
| **D. Opportunities for Optimization** |
| Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.<br><br>N/A |

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# P-AREA BURNING/RUBBLE PIT (131-P) (PBRP) OPERABLE UNIT

## I. Introduction

This report is the fourth five-year review for the P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P) (PBRP) Operable Unit (OU). The review was conducted from July 2022 through November 2022. Contaminants have been left in place at the PBRP OU at levels that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedy in place at the PBRP OU is protective of human health and the environment. This report documents the results of the review.

## II. OU Chronology

Table L-1 lists the chronology of site events for the PBRP OU.

## III. Background

The PBRP OU is listed as a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)/ Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) unit in Appendix C of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for the Savannah River Site (SRS) (FFA 1993). The media of concern is soil and groundwater.

### Physical Characteristics

The PBRP OU is located in the central portion of the SRS in Barnwell County more than 8.0 km (5 mi) from the site boundary and is approximately 244 m (800 ft) west of the P-Area perimeter fence (Figure L-1). The PBRP OU is located within the Steel Creek watershed approximately 68 m (223 ft) north of Steel Creek. The OU consists of five subunits: PBRP, a small drainage ditch near PBRP, a seepline located along an embankment of Steel Creek, a segment of Steel Creek adjacent to the OU, and groundwater in the water table aquifer (Figure L-2). Characteristics of each subunit are described below:

- PBRP subunit is a single, inactive burial pit approximately 61 m (200 ft) long by 9 m (30 ft) wide. The depth of the pit ranges from 2.4 m (8 ft) below ground surface (bgs) in the western end to 3.4 m (11 ft) bgs in the eastern end.

- The ditch subunit is approximately 23 m (75 ft) to the southwest of PBRP. It is 0.3 m (1 ft) to 0.6 m (2 ft) deep and may, at times, receive surface water runoff from the vicinity of the western end of PBRP. Surface water occasionally collects in the ditch, but in general the ditch is dry.

- The seepline subunit is present on a terrace approximately 3 m (10 ft) above Steel Creek. The area identified as the seepline is approximately 3 m (10 ft) wide and 61 m (200 ft) long. Surface water is locally present at the seepline for much of the year. However, the seepline is not a significant source of surface water, as most of the seepline area has surface water only after heavy rainfall events. The seepline often dries up completely in the summer.

- The segment of Steel Creek subunit is approximately 68 m (223 ft) south of PBRP. There is a narrow (<7.6 m [25 ft] wide) floodplain along Steel Creek. Steel Creek is a discharge point for the water table aquifer southwest of PBRP.

- The groundwater subunit is the water table aquifer, which is the "upper" aquifer zone of the Upper Three Runs aquifer and is composed of interbedded sands, silts, and clays. The top of the water table is approximately 10.7 m (35 ft) bgs. The upper aquifer zone is approximately 17.4 m (57 ft) thick; it extends from the water table to a locally continuous clay layer (the "tan clay") at a depth of approximately 24.4 m (80 ft) bgs. The general groundwater flow direction is to the southwest where it outcrops to Steel Creek.

Figures L-3 and L-4 are photos of the area prior to remediation and the current state (2022), respectively.

**Land and Resource Use**

The *Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site* (WSRC 1999) designates PBRP OU as being outside of a site industrial zone. However, according to the *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report* (USDOE 1996), residential uses of the SRS land should be prohibited. The future land use for the PBRP OU is reasonably

anticipated to be industrial with the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) maintaining control of the land.

**History of Contamination**

The following summarizes the contamination at the PBRP OU subunits:

- PBRP subunit - From 1951 to 1973, the PBRP was used for periodic burning of combustible materials. Disposal records of individual burials were not kept for this unit; however, information obtained from historical records and from characterization of similar burning/rubble pits at SRS indicates that materials such as wood, cardboard, paper, plastics, rubber, rags, oils, and organic liquids of unknown origins were disposed of in the pit and burned on a monthly basis. In 1973, burning in open pits was discontinued at SRS, and a soil layer was placed over the pit contents. The pit continued to receive inert debris such as construction materials until 1978 when the pit reached capacity.
- Ditch subunit - No waste was placed in the ditch. The ditch was assessed to determine potential impacts from PBRP runoff and erosion.
- Seepline subunit - No waste was placed along the seepline. The seepline was assessed to determine potential impacts from PBRP leaching and seepage.
- Segment of Steel Creek and groundwater subunits - No waste associated with PBRP was placed in Steel Creek. Prior to 1997, cooling water, process sewer water, and stormwater runoff from P-Area were discharged to Steel Creek at a location upgradient of PBRP. In addition, groundwater in the water table aquifer under P-Area discharges to Steel Creek. Consequently, Steel Creek has been contaminated by upgradient sources in P-Area unrelated to the PBRP OU. All process/cooling water discharges were discontinued in February 1997.

### Initial Response

When the PBRP reached capacity in 1978, the debris was covered with approximately 1.2 m (4 ft) of clean soil to grade. Seven groundwater monitoring wells were installed in 1983. No removal actions have been performed at the unit.

The ditch, seepline, a segment of Steel Creek, and the groundwater subunits were assessed as part of this OU to determine if there had been an impact from PBRP from runoff and/or erosion, leaching, or seepage.

### Basis for Taking Action

The exposure to or ingestion of contaminated soil and groundwater poses a potential increased risk of cancer to human receptors and is the basis for taking action at the PBRP OU.

Based on the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI)/Remedial Investigation (RI) with Baseline Risk Assessment report (WSRC 2001), the PBRP OU soil poses a threat to human receptors as it is contaminated with polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Human health refined constituents of concern (RCOCs) for the current on-site worker include benzo[a]anthracene, benzo[a]pyrene, benzo[b]fluoranthene, benzo[k]fluoranthene, dibenzo[a,h]anthracene, and indeno[1,2,3-c,d]pyrene. Human health RCOCs for the future on-site resident include these constituents plus chrysene, fluoranthene, phenanthrene, and pyrene (Table L-2).

Nine constituents at PBRP present a contaminant migration (CM) (i.e., leachability) threat to groundwater. These CM constituents of concern (COCs) include antimony, chromium, copper, nickel, zinc, dibenzofuran, tetrachloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), and Aroclor 1242 (a polychlorinated biphenyl [PCB]). These constituents were predicted to exceed maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) or risk-based concentrations (RBCs) within 1,000 years. The volume of contaminated soil is 2,678 $m^3$ (3,500 $yd^3$) per the Record of Decision (ROD) (WSRC 2002). There are no RCRA listed or characteristic wastes and no principal threat source material at this OU.

Groundwater also poses a threat to human health. Groundwater was determined to be contaminated with 1,1-dichloroethene (1,1-DCE) and TCE above the MCLs of 7 µg/L and 5 µg/L, respectively.

The small drainage ditch near PBRP, the seepline located along an embankment of Steel Creek, and the segment of Steel Creek adjacent to the OU were determined to not be impacted by PBRP OU. Although Steel Creek is contaminated, the contamination did not originate from the PBRP OU, but from an unrelated upgradient source in P-Area. Contamination in Steel Creek is being addressed separately under the Integrator Operable Unit program.

## IV. Remedial Actions

### Remedy Selection

In 2002, a final ROD was issued to address the soil and groundwater contamination at PBRP (WSRC 2002). As stated in the ROD, the remedial action objectives (RAOs) are as follows:

- Protect current workers from the exposure to benzo[a]pyrene in surface soil at concentrations that exceed 53.3 mg/kg
- Protect hypothetical future industrial workers from exposure to benzo[a]anthracene (2.56 mg/kg), benzo[a]pyrene (0.256 mg/kg), benzo[b]fluoranthene (2.56 mg/kg), benzo[k]fluoranthene (25.6 mg/kg), dibenzo[a,h]anthracene (0.256 mg/kg), and indeno[1,2,3-c,d]pyrene (2.56 mg/kg) in surface and subsurface soils at concentrations that exceed target risk levels.
- Protect hypothetical future industrial workers from exposure to 1,1-DCE (7.0 µg/L) and TCE (5.0 µg/L) in groundwater at concentrations that exceed MCLs.
- Protect groundwater resources from contaminant migration of antimony (4.588 mg/kg), chromium (35.22 mg/kg), copper (40.8 mg/kg), nickel (11.432 mg/kg), zinc (1,110 mg/kg), dibenzofuran (0.195 mg/kg), PCE (0.00338 mg/kg), TCE (0.00153

mg/kg), and Aroclor 1242 (0.00843 mg/kg) in PBRP soil that would impact the groundwater above MCLs or RBCs.

As stated in the ROD, the selected remedial actions for the PBRP OU are as follows:

- Engineered cover system with BaroBalls™;
- Institutional controls (i.e., land use controls [LUCs]);
- Natural biodegradation; and
- Continued groundwater monitoring and reporting.

In 2013, 1,4-dioxane was also added to the analyte list based on a recommendation in the Fourth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for the SRS (SRNS 2014). 1,4-Dioxane does not have an MCL; therefore, the USEPA tap water RSL (0.46 µg/L) has been applied.

**Remedy Implementation**

The implementation of the final remedial action included the following activities:

- Constructing a 0.24-hectares (0.6-acres) engineered cover system (e.g., native soil cover with a hydraulic conductivity of approximately 1E-05 cm/sec) over PBRP to (1) prevent exposure to contaminants in surface soil, (2) reduce rainwater infiltration and resulting leaching, and (3) slow the rate of contaminant migration through the soil to groundwater so that there is more time for natural processes such as biodegradation to reduce the leachability risk;
- Installing four passive soil venting wells (BaroBall$^{TM}$) to allow volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the soil to vent to the atmosphere instead of leaching to groundwater;
- Monitoring the groundwater quality to confirm that a discernible groundwater plume above MCLs does not develop; and

- Implementing 0.36 hectares (0.89 acres) LUCs (i.e., site maintenance, warning signs, and institutional controls) to prevent unauthorized intrusion into the buried contamination (Figure L-5).

**System Operations/Operation and Maintenance**

The following operation at the PBRP OU is now complete.

- The vapor phase monitoring of the BaroBall™ wells (PSV-10, PSV-11, PSV-12, and PSV-13) was discontinued in 2006 as concentrations dropped to below the remedial goal (RG) of 10 parts per million vapors. The wells were left in place to continue passive operation until groundwater objectives are met. The location of the BaroBall™ wells is shown on Figure L-6.

The following activities are ongoing:

- Groundwater monitoring for three wells (PRP 5, PRP 6, and PRP 7) (Figure L-6). Sampling will continue until MCLs have been attained for three consecutive years. The results were reported via annual Environmental Monitoring Reports since 2004. Starting in 2008, the monitoring results for PBRP OU were combined with the K-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-K) and K-Area Rubble Pile (631-20G) OU and L-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-L) / Gas Cylinder Disposal Facility (131-2L) / L-Area Rubble Pile (131-3L) OU monitoring reports into a single abbreviated annual groundwater data summary, with full detailed reports every five years (WSRC 2008). The second five-year detailed report was submitted in June 2017. The third five-year detailed report was submitted in June 2022 (SRNS 2022).
- Annual site inspections and site maintenance (repair of erosion damage, cover maintenance, and warning signs).
- Site controls (SRS Site Use and Site Clearance Programs, which restrict invasive and permanent installation activities at the waste unit).

Table L-3 compares the actual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for the five-year remedy review period to the estimated direct O&M costs from the ROD (WSRC 2002).

The estimated cost for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 to FY2022 was $128,346 for O&M of the passive SVE system, soil cover, groundwater monitoring, institutional controls (i.e., LUCs), and five-year remedy reviews. The actual O&M cost for FY2018 to FY2022 was $75,190. The actual O&M costs from FY2018 to FY2022 are lower than estimated because soil cover repairs expected every five years have not been necessary and inspections are performed annually instead of monthly as originally estimated.

## V. Progress Since Last Review

The previous protectiveness statement concluded that the remedy of a soil cover at the PBRP OU with institutional controls (i.e. LUCs) and groundwater monitoring are protective of human health and the environment. This continues to be true as the soil cover and LUCs eliminate the exposure path to the contaminated soil and groundwater at the PBRP OU. However, improvements to the groundwater monitoring network at the PBRP OU are being made to address concerns regarding the triangulation and extent of contamination within the OU. To better define the groundwater flow direction beneath the PBRP OU, seven wells will be used to help evaluate the potentiometric surface/groundwater flow in the area (Figure L-7). To better define the extent of contamination at the PBRP OU and to ensure that concentrations sourced from the unit are not adversely affecting Steel Creek, additional surface-water sampling for 1,4-dioxane will be conducted at surface-water stations SC-02 and SC-03 (Figure L-7).

## VI. Five-Year Review Process

The following tasks were performed as part of the review:

- Reviewed the documents listed in Section XII, Documents Reviewed;
- Confirmed implementation of the remedial action;
- Reviewed the groundwater monitoring data by comparing it to MCLs (Table L-4);
- Inspected the OU, interviewed maintenance personnel, and documented the results on the Inspection Checklist provided in Attachment L-1 with the purpose of assessing the protectiveness of the remedy and the functionality of the access controls; and

- Reviewed changes in standards and to-be-considered guidance.

***Data Review***

Annual groundwater reports or data summaries have been submitted for the PBRP OU since 2003 and were thoroughly reviewed for this Five-Year Remedy Review. The latest 2022 report includes time-series plots of 1,1-DCE, 1,4-dioxane, and TCE, hydrographs, a plume map, and a comprehensive review and discussion of the monitoring activities and monitoring results (SRNS 2022). The CM COCs are analyzed every five years. The last sampling of these constituents took place in 2021 and are also included in the 2022 report.

***Summary of Inspections and Interviews***

Interviews were conducted with Phil Carter, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Project (EC&ACP) Post-Closure Lead, and Brian Hanshew, SRNS EC&ACP Post-Closure Lead, on August 30, 2022 at the O&M organization offices. No issues were identified as an outcome of these interviews.

The PBRP OU was inspected by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) on July 26, 2022. No issues were identified for the PBRP OU during this inspection.

A site inspection was conducted by SRNS EC&ACP and USDOE personnel on November 22, 2022. No issues were identified during this inspection.

A site inspection will be conducted by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control personnel, accompanied by USDOE and SRNS personnel, prior to submittal of the Revision 1 of this document. No significant problems regarding the protection of this remedy for this OU as implemented are expected to be identified during the inspection.

Scheduled annual site inspections conducted from FY2018 through FY2022 identified the presence of ant mounds, a fallen tree on the outlet side of the drainage ditch, and small woody saplings growing on the soil cover. These findings were documented on the field inspection checklist and resolved soon after discovery.

## VII. Technical Assessment

### Is the Remedy Functioning as Intended by the Decision Document?

The remedy is functioning as intended as demonstrated below:

- LUCs are effective in preventing current and hypothetical future industrial workers from exposure to PAHs in the soil. LUCs continue to prevent human exposure to contaminated groundwater.
- The cover system is mitigating further migration of CM refined constituents of concern (RCOCs), as listed in Table L-2, to the groundwater. Groundwater monitoring data of the CM RCOCs indicates the integrity of the cover is intact. The 2021 groundwater data is summarized in Table L-4.
- Groundwater monitoring of the groundwater RCOCs continue to be effective in assessing groundwater contamination beneath the PBRP OU. The 2021 groundwater data is summarized in Table L-4, concentrations of 1,1-DCE and TCE are discussed below. Time series plots are provided in Figure L-8.

As of 2019, the 1,1-DCE groundwater concentrations had been decreasing over the past several years as concentrations declined to 6.6 µg/L, from the 2004 maximum of 34.8 µg/L. TCE concentrations also remained below the 5.0 µg/L MCL from 2007 to 2019. However, in 2020 and 2021, there was a significant increase in 1,1-DCE and TCE concentrations at well PRP 6, which may be related to the increased water levels over the last few years (Figure L-9). A similar increase in 1,1-DCE and TCE occurred in 2003 when water levels increased to historically high levels. The more recent increase in water elevations near historic levels may have mobilized some residual contamination within the capillary fringe into the water table. If 1,1-DCE or TCE exceed the recent 2020 maximums at well PRP 6 during the fourth quarter 2022 sampling event, the sampling frequency will be increased to semi-annual at PRP 6 and PRP 7. The background well, PRP 5, remains non-detect for all VOC analyses. Figure L-6 shows the location of the wells with listed contaminant concentrations, the areas of elevated concentrations, and the potentiometric surface at PBRP.

The above remedial activities are meeting the RGs established for the PBRP OU, as discussed in Section IV, by eliminating or controlling all routes of exposure to human health.

The Land Use Control Implementation Plan for the PBRP OU is located in Appendix E of the Post-Construction Report and governs LUC implementation, maintenance, monitoring, reporting, and enforcement (WSRC 2004). The LUCs that are in place include physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), use restrictions to prevent unauthorized contact, removal or excavation of contaminated soils, restrictions to prevent unauthorized access to or use of groundwater until cleanup levels are met, and restrictions to prevent disturbance of the engineered cover system. Warning signs are in good condition, and no activities were observed that would have violated the LUCs. All LUC objectives are being met.

**Are Exposure Assumptions, Toxicity Data, Cleanup Levels, and Remedial Action Objectives still valid?**

The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives used at the time of remedy selection are still valid. There have been no changes in the physical conditions at the PRBP OU that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

The USEPA standards and toxicity values have been updated since the last five-year remedy review as shown in Appendix B. The changes to the values for COCs at the PBRP OU were not significant, and the RAOs continue to be met by the remedial action. No new standards or to-be-considered guidance have been identified that call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

Fact sheets provided on the USEPA webpage (https://www.epa.gov/fedfac/emerging-contaminants-and-federal-facility-contaminants-concern) regarding emerging contaminants were reviewed for applicability to this site. This webpage provides a link to specific fact sheets for each of the following contaminants: 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), 1,4-dioxane, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT), hexahydro-1,3,5-tri-nitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), nanomaterials, N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA), perchlorate,

perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and tungsten. The only listed emerging contaminant identified as applicable to this OU is 1,4-dioxane.

**Has any Other Information Come to Light that Could Call into Question the Protectiveness of the Remedy?**

No new information has come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

## VIII. Issues

There are no issues related to the PBRP OU since the previous Five-Year Remedy Review.

## IX. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions

There are no recommendations and/or follow-up actions for the PBRP OU since the previous Five-Year Remedy Review.

## X. Protectiveness Statement(s)

The remedy at the PBRP OU is protective of human health and the environment.

Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) to prevent exposure to, or the ingestion of, contaminated soil and groundwater. All threats to contaminated soil at the PBRP OU have been addressed through implementation of the soil cover, physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain the PBRP OU for industrial use only, and warning signs and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program.

## XI. Next Review

As shown in Appendix A, Table A-1, the next five-year review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment is scheduled for January 2029.

## XII. Documents Reviewed

FFA, 1993. *Federal Facility Agreement for the Savannah River Site*, Administrative Docket No. 89-05-FF (Effective Date: August 16, 1993)

SRNS, 2014. *Fifth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for the Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment (U)*, SRNS-RP-2017-00567, Revision 1, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

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USDOE, 1996. *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report*, U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

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WSRC, 2004. *Post-Construction Report for the P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (131-P) (U)*, WSRC-RP-2004-4051, Revision 1, Westinghouse, Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

WSRC, 2008. *Proposal to Standardize Sampling and Reporting Requirements of Groundwater Data for P, L, and K Area Burning/Rubble Pit Operable Units*, ACP-08-133, Revision 0, Washington Savannah River Company, Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC

Various - *Inspection Data Sheets – Field Inspection Checklist P-Area Burning/Rubble Pits (U)*, ER-IDS-019-030, Inspection period 2018 through 2022 (annually)

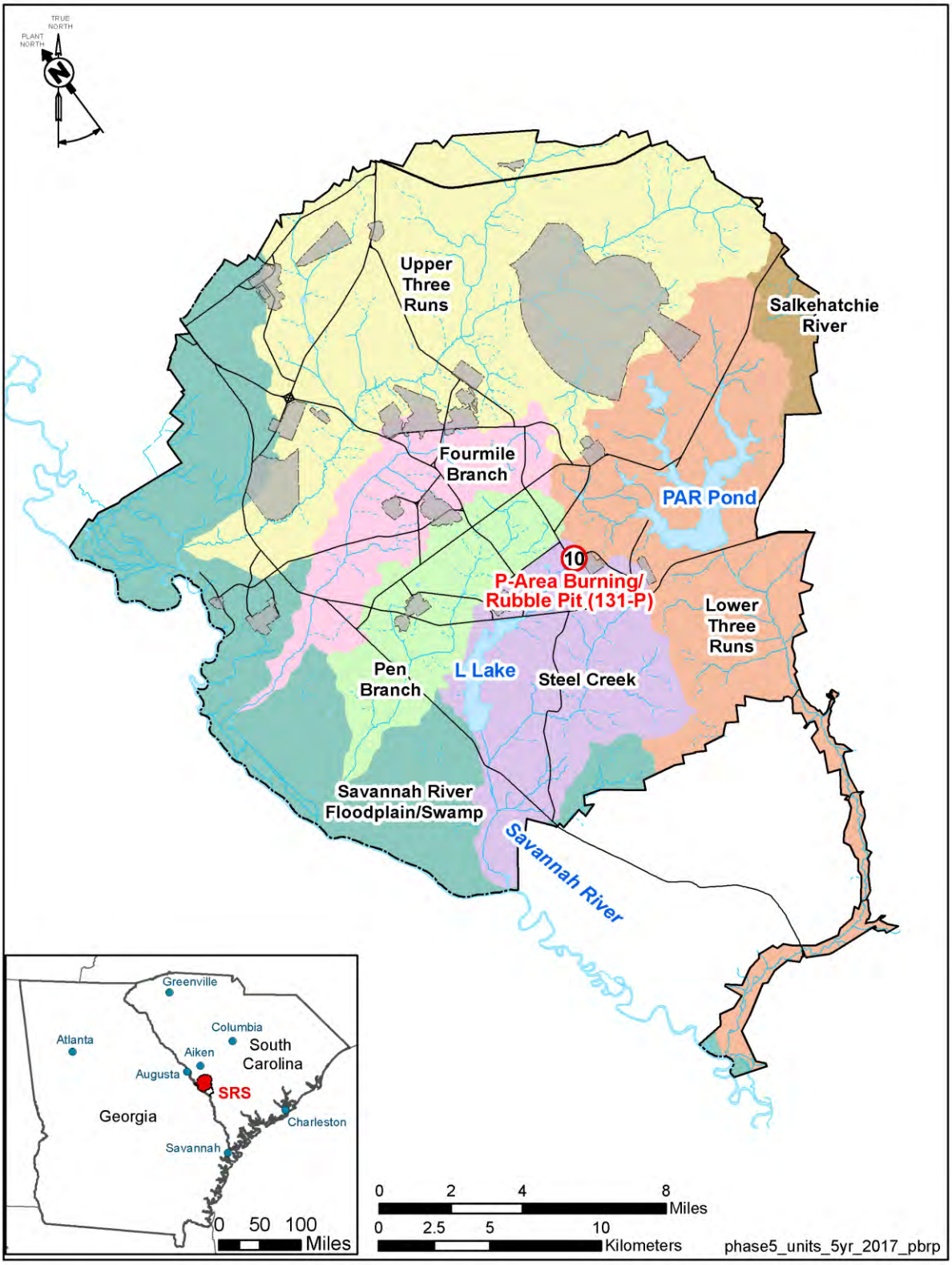



**Figure L-1. Location of the PBRP OU at SRS**

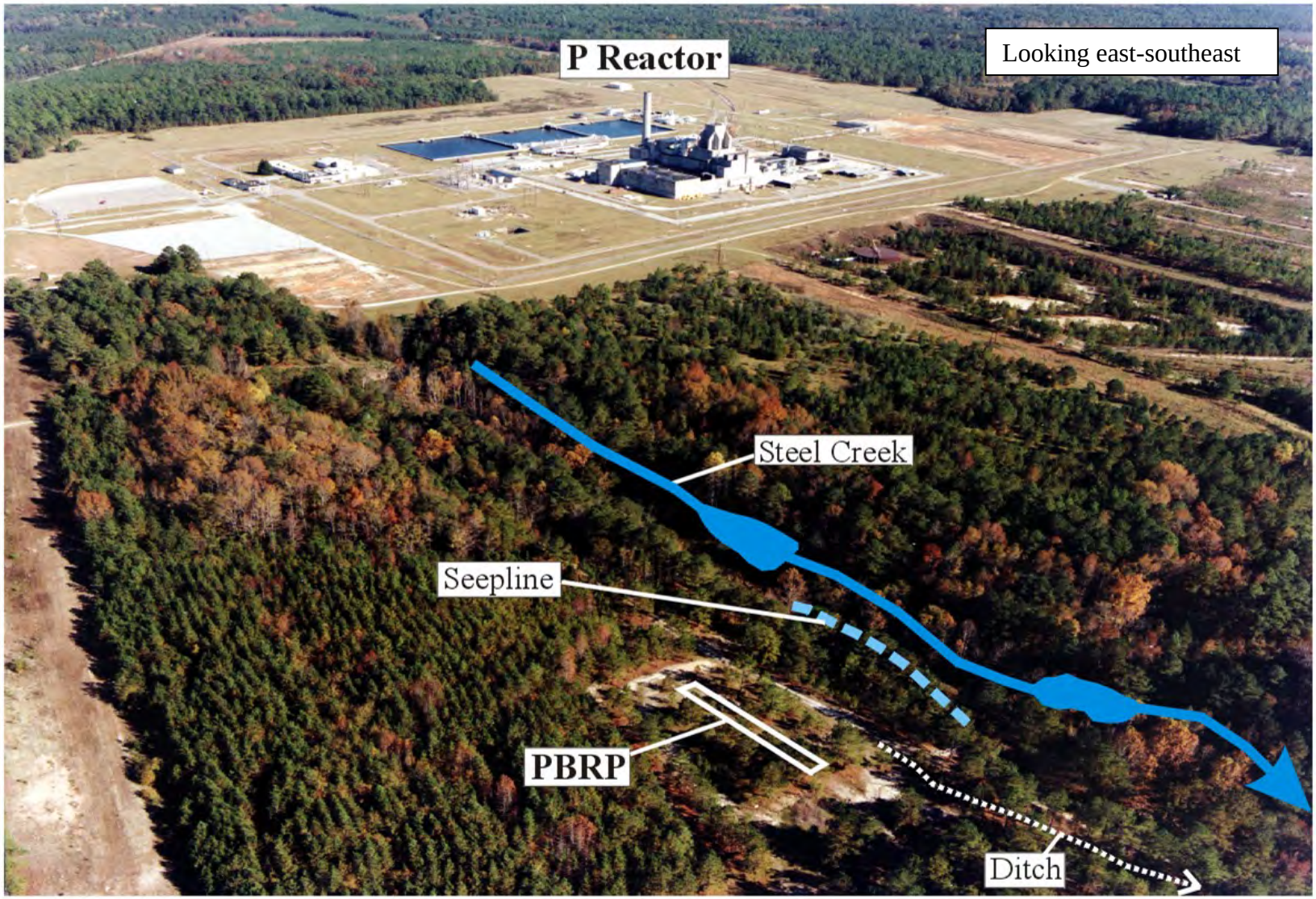



**Figure L-2. Layout of the PBRP OU (1987)**

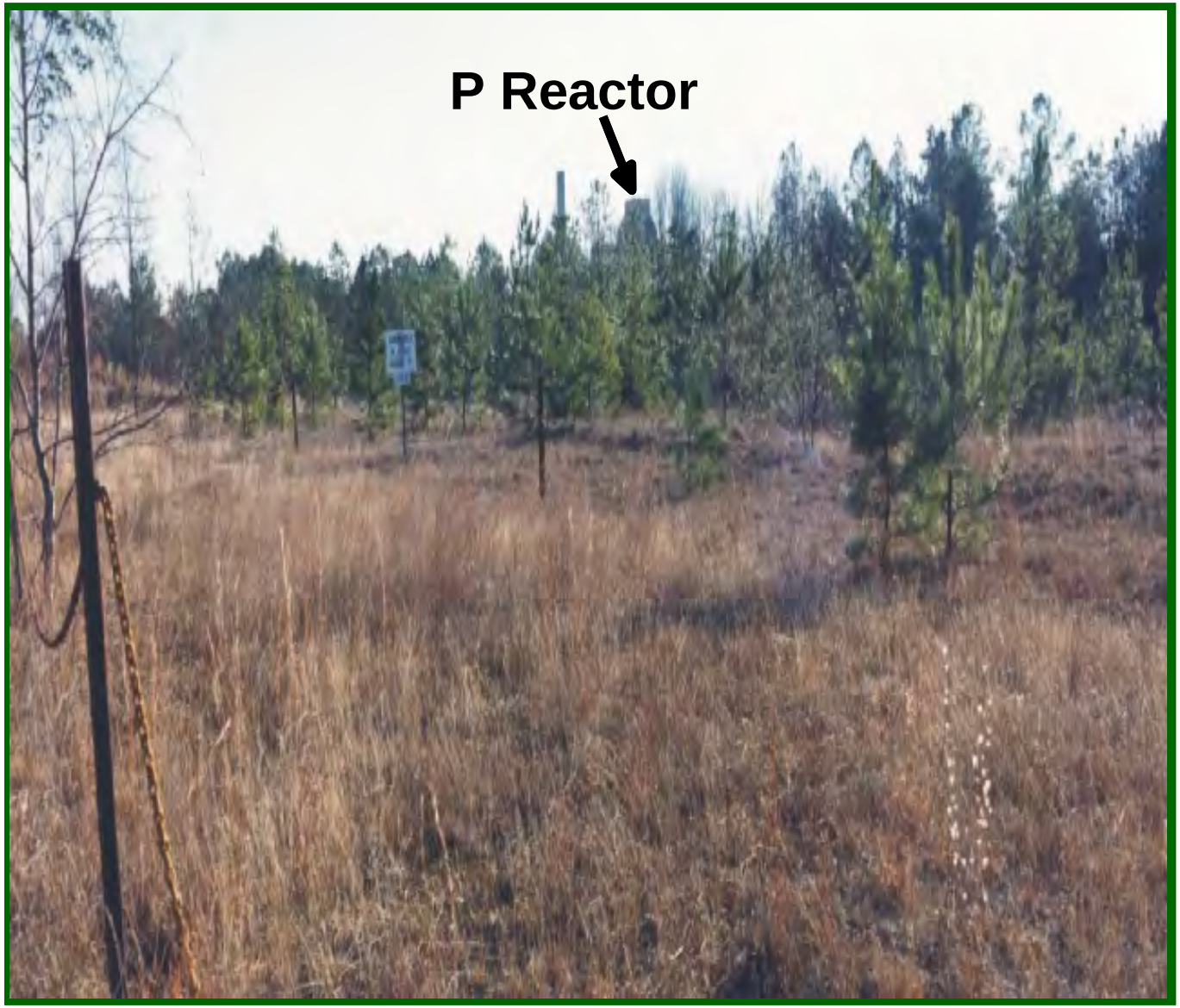



**Figure L-3. Photo of PBRP Before Remediation Activities (1987)**




**Figure L-4. Photo of PBRP Currently (2022)**

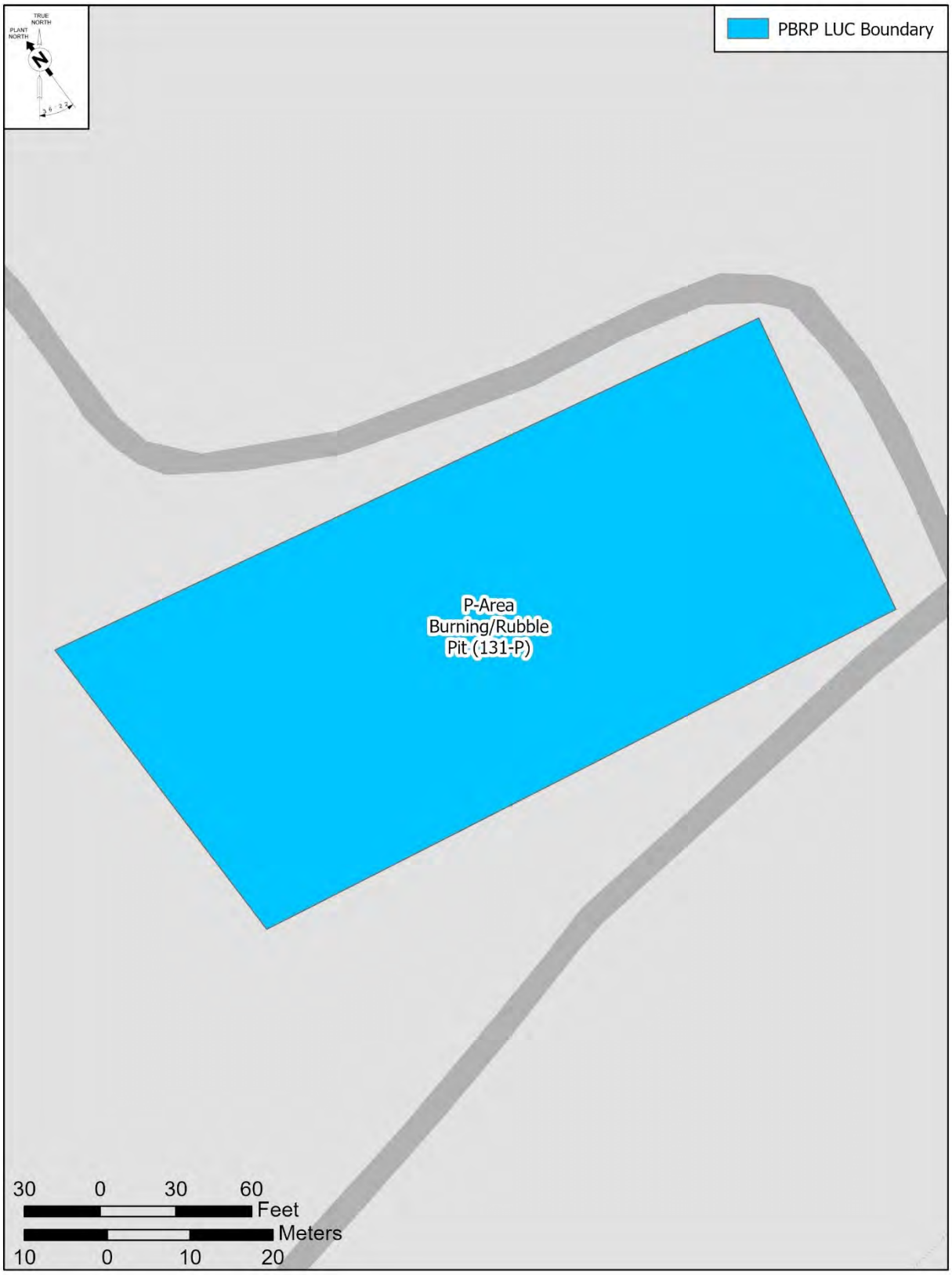



**Figure L-5. PBRP LUC Boundary**

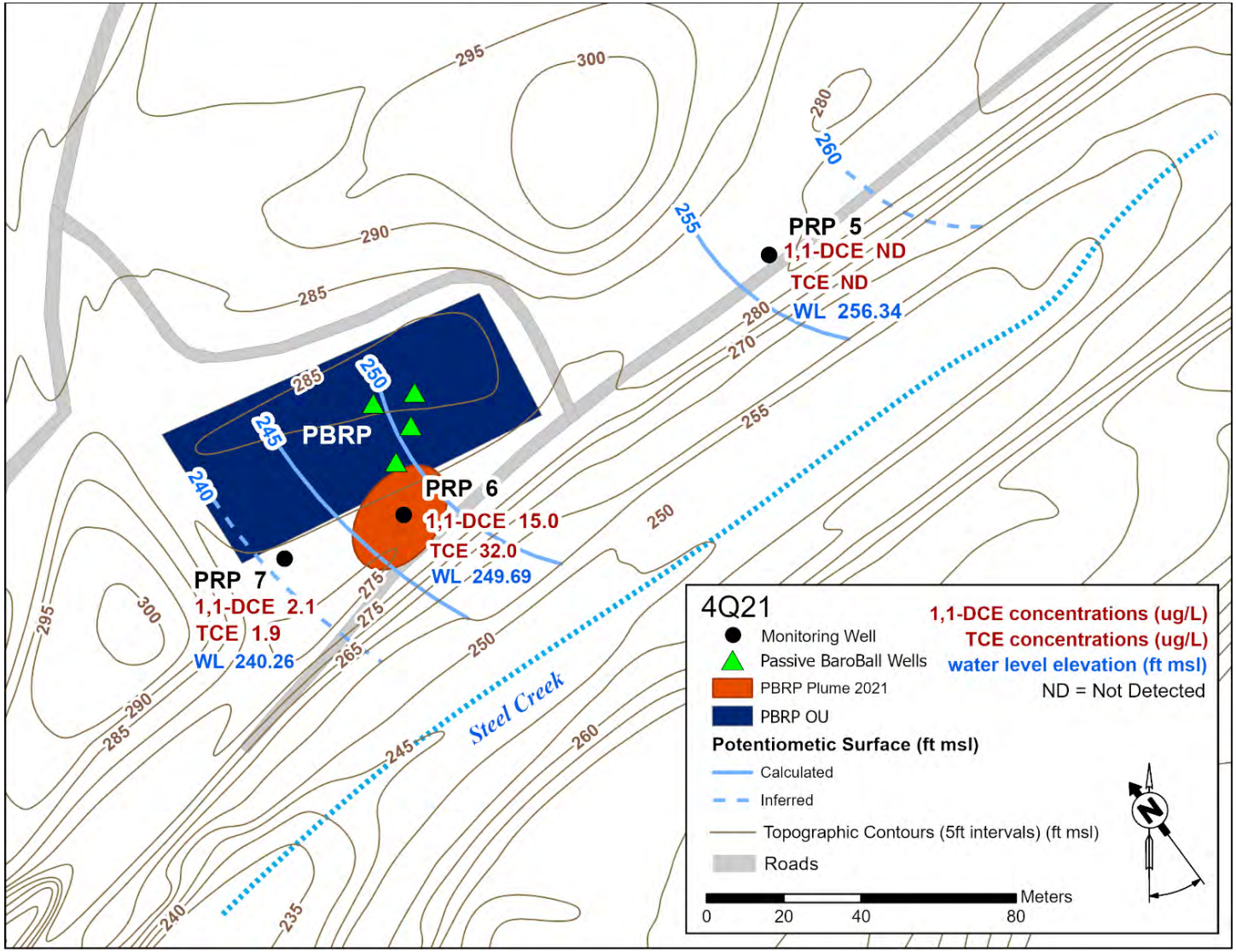



**Figure L-6. 2021 1,1-DCE Plume and Potentiometric Surface at PBRP**

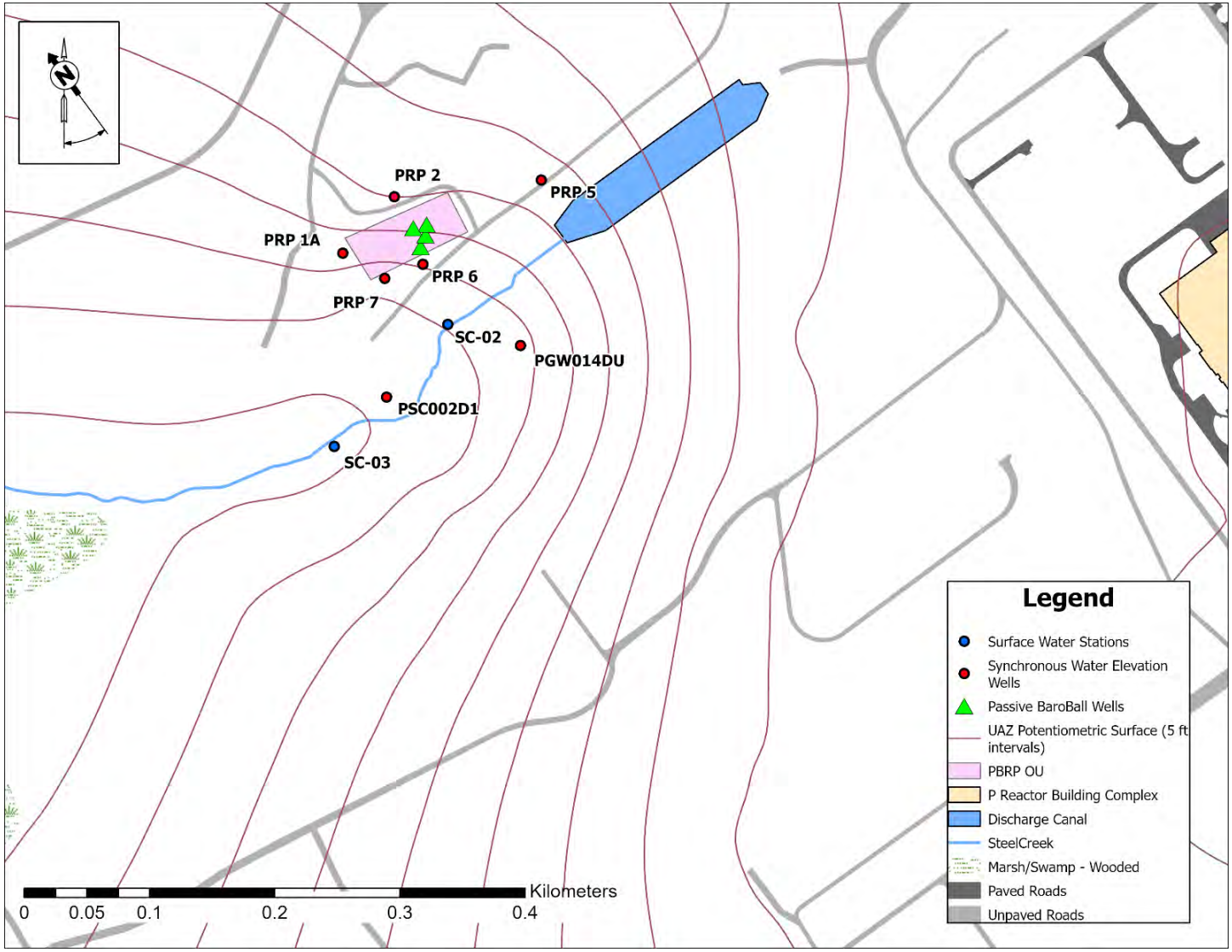
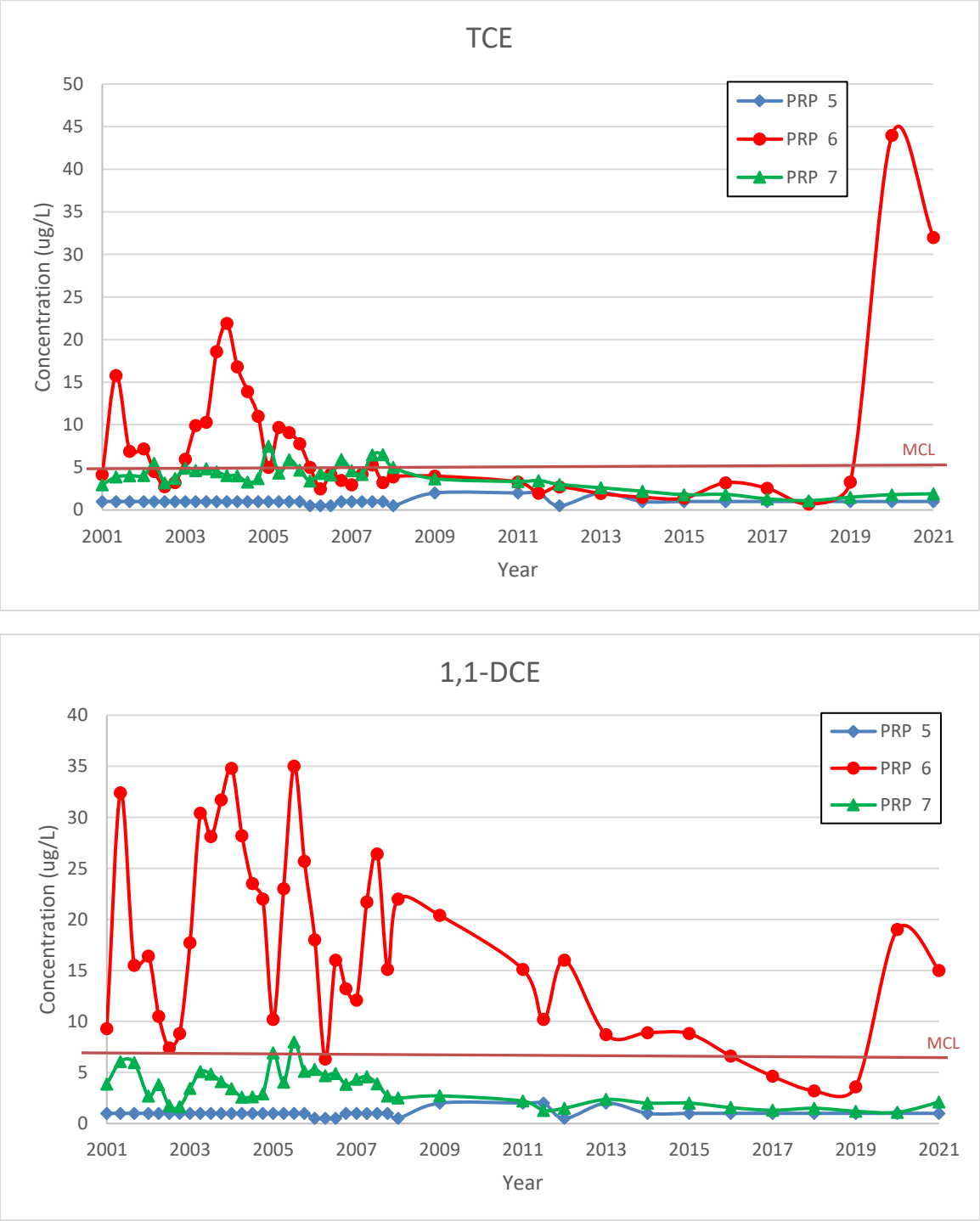



**Figure L-7. 2022 PBRP OU Optimized Monitoring Network**




Non-detects are plotted as 0.5 µg/L (PRP 5 values)

**Figure L-8. Time-series plots of 1,1-DCE and TCE at wells PRP 5, PRP 6, and PRP 7**

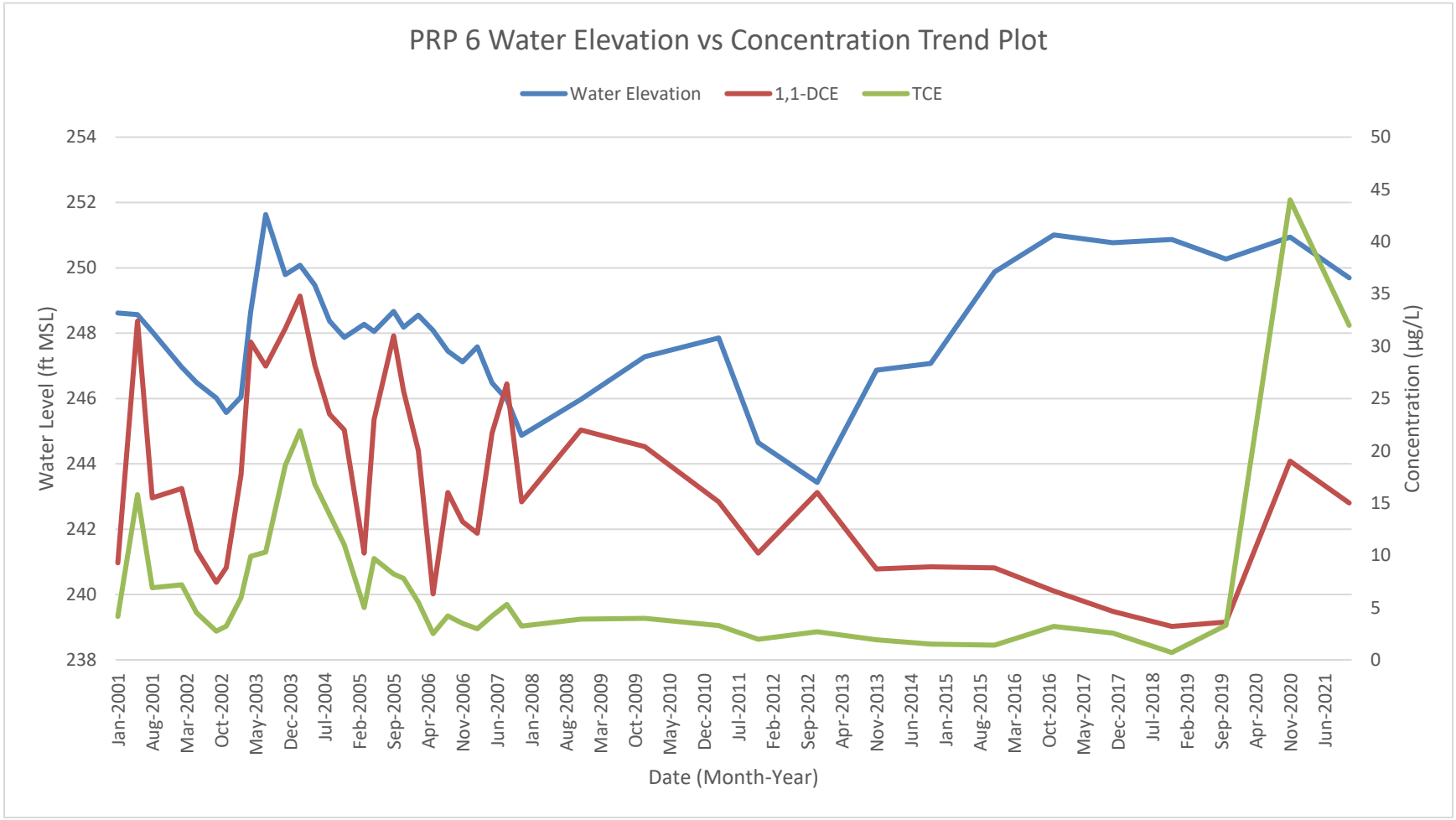



**Figure L-9. PRP 6 Water Elevation vs Concentration Trend Plot**

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**Table L-1. Chronology of OU Events**

| Event | Date |
|---|---|
| RFI/RI Start/Complete | 1997 / May 21 ,2001 |
| Record of Decision (ROD) Issuance | August 8, 2003 |
| Remedial Action (RA) Construction Start / Completion | November 14, 2003/ June 8, 2004 |
| RA Operations Start / Completion | February 24, 2004 / Ongoing |
| Previous Five-Year Reviews Issuance | February 4, 2009 / February 4, 2014 / December 5, 2018 |

**Table L-2. PBRP RCOCs by Medium and Subunit with Final Remedial Goals**

| Medium (Units) | RCOC | Type of RCOC | | | RG | Basis |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | ARAR | CM | HH | | |
| Soil - PAHs (mg/kg) | Benzo[a]anthracene | | | $X_{Res, IW}$ | 2.56 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Benzo[a]pyrene | | | $X_{Res, IW, CW}$ | 0.256 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Benzo[b]fluoranthene | | | $X_{Res, IW}$ | 2.56 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Benzo[k]fluoranthene | | | $X_{Res, IW}$ | 25.6 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Chrysene | | | $X_{Res}$ | 256 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene | | | $X_{Res, IW}$ | 0.256 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Fluoranthene | | | $X_{Res}$ | 2670 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Indeno[1,2,3-c,d] pyrene | | | $X_{Res, IW}$ | 2.56 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Phenanthrene | | | $X_{Res}$ | 3270 | 1E-06 risk level |
| | Pyrene | | | $X_{Res}$ | 2000 | 1E-06 risk level |
| Soil – CM COC (mg/kg) | Antimony | | X | | 4.588 | 95$^{th}$ percentile background |
| | Chromium | | X | | 35.22 | 95$^{th}$ percentile background |
| | Copper | | X | | 40.8 | CM soil clean up level |
| | Nickel | | X | | 11.432 | 95$^{th}$ percentile background |
| | Zinc | | X | | 1110 | CM soil clean up level |
| | Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) | | X | | 0.00338 | CM soil clean up level |
| | Trichloroethylene (TCE) | | X | | 0.00153 | CM soil clean up level |
| | Aroclor 1242 | | X | | 0.00843 | CM soil clean up level |
| | Dibenzofuran | | X | | 0.195 | CM soil clean up level |
| Groundwater (µg/L) | 1,1-Dichloroethylene | X | | $X_{Res, IW}$ | 7.0 | MCL |
| | Trichloroethylene | X | | $X_{Res}$ | 5.0 | MCL |

ARAR – applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement
CM – contaminant migration
CW – current worker
HH – human health
IW – industrial worker
MCL – maximum contaminant level
Res – Resident
RG – remedial goal

**Table L-3. Actual versus Estimated O&M Costs**

| | FY2018 | FY2019 | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022 | 5-Year Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Actual O&M Costs ($) | 27,359 | 7,570 | 7,836 | 7,223 | 25,202 | 75,190 |
| Total ROD Estimated Direct O&M Costs ($) | 17,600 | 17,600 | 17,600 | 17,600 | 57,946 | 128,346 |

**Table L-4. Comparison of RGs and Groundwater Monitoring Data from 2021**

| RCOC | RG (MCL) (µg/L) | 2021 Maximum Concentration (µg/L) | Well with Maximum Concentration |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1,1,1-trichloroethane | 200 | 3.2 | PRP 6 |
| 1,1-DCE* | 7.0 | 15 | PRP 6 |
| 1,4-dioxane | 0.46 | 5.1 | PRP 6 |
| Chloroethene (Vinyl Chloride) | 2 | ND | NA |
| Cis-1,2,-dichloroethylene | 70 | 3.9 | PRP 6 |
| TCE* | 5.0 | 32 | PRP 6 |
| PCE | 5.0 | 1.9 | PRP 7 |
| Antimony | 6.0 | ND | NA |
| Chromium | 100 | ND | NA |
| Copper | 1,300 | 11.9 | PRP 6 |
| Nickel | 1,800 | 4.57 | PRP 6 |
| Zinc | 11,000 | 15 J | PRP 6 |
| Aroclor 1242 | 0.034 | ND | NA |
| Dibenzofuran | N/A | ND | NA |

*Time-series plots of 1,1-DCE and TCE are available in Figure L-6.

NA not applicable
ND non-detect
MCL maximum contaminant level
RCOC refined constituent of concern
RG remedial goal

## Attachment L-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (PBRP) (131-P) Operable Unit

| I. SITE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Site Name:** | **P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (PBRP) (131-P) Operable Unit** | **Date of Inspection:** | **7/26/22** |
| **Location and Region** | **SRS, USEPA Region 4** | **EPA ID:** | **SEMS #59** |
| **Agency, Office, or Company leading the Five-Year Review** | **USDOE** | **Weather/ Temperature** | **93°F and Partly Cloudy** |

**Remedy Includes:** *(Click all that apply)*

- ☒ Landfill Cover / Containment
- ☒ Access Controls
- ☒ Institutional Controls
- ☐ Groundwater Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Surface Water Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Monitored Natural Attenuation
- ☐ Groundwater Containment
- ☐ Vertical Barriers
- ☒ Other Passive SVE, groundwater monitoring

**Attachments:** ☐ Inspection team roster attached ☐ Inspection team roster attached

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Site Manager:** Brian Hanshew (Name) | Post Closure Manager (Title) | 8/30/22 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4949

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

**2. O&M Staff:** Phil Carter (Name) | EC&ACP Post Closure Waste Site Inspector/Maintenance Coord. (Title) | 8/30/22 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4145

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

## Attachment L-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (PBRP) (131-P) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**II. INTERVIEWS *(Click all that apply) (Continued)***

3. **Local Regulatory Authorities and Response Agencies** (i.e., State and tribal offices, emergency response office, police department, office of public health or environmental health, zoning office, recorder of deeds or other city and county offices, etc.). Fill in all that apply.

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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4. **Other Interviews** *(Optional):* ☐ Report Attached _____

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**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Documents:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ O&M Manual | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ As-Built Drawings | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Maintenance Logs | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: See *Waste Unit Inspection and Maintenance, ER-SOP-019, Field Inspection Checklist for P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit*, ER-IDS-019-030.

## Attachment L-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (PBRP) (131-P) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED *(Continued)***

**1. Health and Safety Plans (HASPs):**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Site-Specific Health and Safety Plans | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Contingency Plan/Emergency Response Plan | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: Routine O&M activities do not require a site-specific health and safety plan (SSHASP) under 29 CFR 1910.120.HAZWOPER. A SSHASP is prepared if needed.

**2. O&M and OSHA Training Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Training Records are complete and up to date per EC&ACP training matrix.

**3. Permits and Service Agreements:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Air Discharge Permit | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Effluent Discharge | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Waste Disposal; POTW | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Other Permits | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**4. Gas Generation Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**5. Settlement Monument Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**6. Groundwater Monitoring Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**7. Leachate Extraction Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**8. Discharge Compliance Records:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Air | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Water (Effluent) | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**9. Daily Access/Security Logs:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment L-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (PBRP) (131-P) Operable Unit *(continued)*

### IV. O&M COSTS

**1. O&M Organization:**

☐ State In-House ☐ Contractor for State
☐ PRP In-House ☐ Contractor for PRP
☒ Other: SRS

**2. O&M Cost Records:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☐ Funding mechanism/agreement in place
☒ Other: Project cost data is summarized in Section IV of this OU-specific review.

**Total annual cost by year for review period, if available**

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

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From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

**3. Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period**

Describe costs and reasons: _____

### V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Fencing**

**1. Fencing Damage:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Gates secured ☒ N/A

Remarks: OU-specific fencing is not required by the remedial action

**B. Signs**

**1. Signs and Other Security Measures:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A

Remarks: Signs are in good condition.

## Attachment L-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (PBRP) (131-P) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS *(Continued)***

**C. Institutional Controls**

**1. Implementation and Enforcement**

Site conditions imply ICs are not properly implemented: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Site conditions imply ICs are not being fully enforced: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive-by, etc.) Walkdown

Frequency: Once in five years

Responsible Party/Agent: USDOE Savannah River Field Office

Contact: Phil Prater (Name) | IACD Program Manager (Title) | 11/22/2022 (Date) | 803-952-9333 (Phone No.)

Reporting is up-to-date: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Reports are verified by the lead agency: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Specific requirements in deed or decision documents have been met: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Violations have been reported: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Problems/Suggestions: ☐ Report Attached

**2. Adequacy:** ☒ ICs are adequate ☐ ICs are inadequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**D. General**

**1. Vandalism/Trespassing:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No vandalism is evident

Remarks:

**2. Land use changes onsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**3. Land use changes offsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment L-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (PBRP) (131-P) Operable Unit *(continued)*

**VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS**

**A. Roads** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Roads damaged:** ☒ Location shown on site map ☒ Roads adequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**B. Other Site Conditions**

Remarks: Annual site inspections conducted from FY2018 to FY2022 identified the presence of ant mounds, a fallen tree on the outlet side of the drainage ditch and small woody saplings growing on the soil cover. These findings were resolved soon after discovery.

**VII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Landfill Surface**

**1. Settlement** (Low spots)**:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Settlement not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks:

**2. Cracks:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Cracking not evident

Lengths _____ Widths _____ Depths _____

Remarks:

**3. Erosion:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Erosion not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks:

**4. Holes:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Holes not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks:

**5. Vegetative Cover:** ☒ Grass ☒ Cover properly established ☒ No signs of stress

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: Vegetation is mowed routinely.

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**VII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT *(Continued)***

**6. Alternative Cover (armored rock, concrete, etc.):** ☒ N/A

Remarks: _____

**7. Bulges:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Bulges not evident

Areal extent _____ Depth _____

Remarks: _____

**8. Wet Areas / Water Damage:** ☒ Wet areas/water damage not evident

- ☐ Wet areas ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent _____
- ☐ Ponding ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent _____
- ☐ Seeps ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent _____
- ☐ Soft subgrade ☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent _____

Remarks: _____

**9. Slope Instability:** ☐ Slides ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No evidence of slope instability

Areal extent _____

Remarks: _____

**B. Benches** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

(Horizontally constructed mounds of earth placed across a steep landfill side slope to interrupt the slope in order to slow down the velocity of surface runoff and intercept and convey the runoff to a lined channel)

**C.** Letdown Channels ☐ **Applicable** ☒ **N/A**

**(Channel lined with erosion control mates, riprap, grout bags, or gabions that descend down the steep side slope of the cover and will allow the runoff water collected by the benches to move off of the landfill cover without creating erosion gullies)**

**D.** Cover Penetrations ☐ **Applicable** ☒ **N/A**

**E.** Gas Collection and Treatment ☐ **Applicable** ☒ **N/A**

**F.** Cover Drainage Layer ☐ **Applicable** ☒ **N/A**

**G.** Detention/Sedimentation Ponds ☐ **Applicable** ☒ **N/A**

**H.** Retaining Walls ☐ **Applicable** ☒ **N/A**

## Attachment L-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – P-Area Burning/Rubble Pit (PBRP) (131-P) Operable Unit *(continued)*

| VII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT *(Continued)* | |
|---|---|
| **I. Perimeter Ditches/Offsite Discharge** | ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Siltation:** | ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Siltation not evident<br>Areal extent_____ Depth_____<br>Remarks:_____ |
| **2. Vegetative Growth:** | ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A<br>☒ Vegetation does not impede flow<br>Areal extent_____ Type_____<br>Remarks:_____ |
| **3. Erosion:** | ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Erosion not evident<br>Areal extent_____ Depth_____<br>Remarks:_____ |
| **4. Discharge Structure:** | ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ N/A<br>Remarks:_____ |
| **VIII. VERTICAL BARRIER WALLS** | ☐ **Applicable** ☒ **N/A** |
| **IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES** | ☒ **Applicable** ☐ **N/A** |
| **A. Groundwater Extraction Wells, Pumps, and Pipelines** | ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **B. Surface Water Collection Structures, Pumps, and Pipelines** | ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **C. Treatment System** | ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |

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**IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES *(Continued)***

**D. Monitoring Data** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Monitoring Data:**

☒ Is routinely submitted on time ☒ Is of acceptable quality

**2. Monitoring Data:**

☒ Groundwater plume is effectively contained ☐ Contaminant concentrations are declining

**E. Monitored Natural Attenuation** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**1. Monitoring Wells** *(natural attenuation remedy)***:**

☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good condition
☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A

Remarks: _____

**X. OTHER REMEDIES**

If there are remedies applied at the site, which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction.

**A. Soil Vapor Extraction System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Blowers, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**

☒ Good Condition ☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A

Remarks: Soil Vapor Extraction System via BaroBall™

**2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes and Other Appurtenances:**

☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance

Remarks: _____

**3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**

☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided

Remarks: _____

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| XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS |
|---|
| **A. Implementation of the Remedy** |
| Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emissions, etc.).<br><br>The remedy for the PBRP is an engineered cover system with BaroBall™ wells, natural biodegradation, groundwater monitoring and reporting and LUCs to prevent exposure to contaminants in soil and groundwater. The remedy is fully established and functioning as designed. |
| **B. Adequacy of O&M** |
| Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.<br><br>The O&M procedures consisting of annual site inspections and site maintenance (verify no invasive activities have occurred and warning signs) and site controls (SRS Site Use and Site Clearance Programs, which restrict invasive and permanent installation activities at the OU) have been implemented. The O&M procedures are adequately maintaining PBRP OU and the condition of warning signs is good. There are no issues requiring corrective actions. |
| **C. Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Failure** |
| Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.<br><br>N/A |
| **D. Opportunities for Optimization** |
| Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.<br><br>N/A |

## TNX AREA OPERABLE UNIT

### I. Introduction

This report is the sixth five-year review for the TNX Area Operable Unit (OU). The review was conducted from July 2022 through November 2022. Contaminants have been left in place at the TNX Area OU at levels that do not allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the remedy in place at the TNX Area OU is protective of human health and the environment. This report documents the results of the review.

### II. OU Chronology

Table M-1 lists the chronology of site events for the TNX Area OU.

### III. Background

The TNX Area OU is listed as a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)/ Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) unit in Appendix C of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for Savannah River Site (SRS) (FFA 1993). The media of concern is soil, sediment, surface water, and groundwater.

An area-based remedial strategy has been implemented in T Area; remedial decisions for the T-Area waste units and facilities addressed by the TNX Area OU Record of Decision (ROD) will continue as planned. All other remedial actions are addressed by the T-Area OU (TAOU) ROD.

#### Physical Characteristics

TNX Area OU is located in T Area in the southwestern portion of SRS, approximately 0.4 km (0.25 mi) east of the Savannah River (Figure M-1) between Upper Three Runs Creek to the north and Fourmile Branch to the south. The OU is at an elevation of 45 m (150 ft) above mean sea level. Local topography is relatively flat and slopes westward toward the Savannah River. Almost all of the TNX Area was covered by buildings and laboratories. The area was highly congested with structures, overhead obstructions, and underground obstructions; much of the available ground surface was covered with asphalt.

The TNX Area OU includes these subunits:

- New TNX Seepage Basin (904-102G) (NTSB)/Inactive Process Sewer Line (IPSL);
- TNX Burying Ground (643-5G) (TBG)/ Vadose Zone;
- Old TNX Seepage Basin (904-076G) (OTSB)/IPSL/Upper Discharge Gully (UDG); and
- TNX Groundwater (082-G) (TNXGW).

The NTSB was an unlined earthen basin approximately 78 by 120 m (260 by 400 ft) in size. The NTSB included an inactive process sewer line, a smaller settling area (Inlet Basin), a larger basin (Main Basin), an Overflow Discharge Area (ODA), and a gravity fed IPSL. The Main Basin was connected to the Inlet basin and received the "decanted" wastewater. The ODA was an irregularly shaped area defined by site topography with an approximate area of 24,300 $m^2$ (27,000 $ft^2$). The IPSL was approximately 60 m (200 ft) long, running west-northwest from the Inlet Basin to a manhole located on the west side of Road 4A.

The OTSB was an unlined earthen basin approximately 24 by 52.5 m (80 by 175 ft). The OTSB includes an Inlet Basin, a Main Basin, IPSLs that run east and north, and the UDG.

The TBG/Vadose Zone consisted of four trenches at 1.8 to 2.4 m (6 to 8 ft) below ground surface and was created in 1953 to dispose of debris from the accidental explosion of an experimental evaporator. The debris included materials such as conduits, drums, and structural steel.

The TNXGW is the groundwater beneath the TNX Area OU surface units, beneath the TNX Outfall Delta (TNXOD) which is a subunit of the TAOU and extending to the Savannah River (Figure M-2). Groundwater at TNX can be divided into two main aquifer systems, one shallow and one deep. The shallow system can be further subdivided into an upper unconfined water table aquifer (10.5 to 12 m [35 to 40 ft] thick) that outcrops in the TNX floodplain and a lower semi-confined aquifer. Groundwater flows progressively from deep to shallow aquifers (i.e., upward hydraulic gradient) and to the Savannah River. No contamination has been found in the deep aquifer, located below the Crouch Branch

Confining Unit.

**Land and Resource Use**

According to the *Savannah River Site Future Use Project Report* (USDOE 1996), residential uses of the SRS land should be prohibited. *The Land Use Control Assurance Plan for the Savannah River Site* (WSRC 1999) designates the TNX Area OU as being within an industrial area. The future land use for the TNX Area OU is reasonably anticipated to remain industrial with the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) maintaining control of the land.

**History of Contamination**

The TNX Area was a pilot-scale testing and evaluation facility that supported nuclear fuel and target manufacturing chemical processes and the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF). Past operations within the TNX Area resulted in contamination of the vadose zone and groundwater. Potential sources of groundwater contamination included seepage from unlined basins (OTSB, NTSB), leakage from the process sewers, leachate from contaminated media in the TBG, and leachate from other sources at TNX (e.g., a temporary storage facility for 55-gallon drums during the 1950s and an equipment staging area).

The OTSB operated from the mid-1950s until 1980 and received radioactive, organic, and inorganic contaminated process wastewaters generated from TNX facilities.

The NTSB began operation in 1980 after closure of the OTSB. From 1981 to 1988, the basin received water flow from pilot-scale simulations conducted at TNX in support of the DWPF and the Separations Area. Wastewaters consisted primarily of simulated, nonradioactive sludge along with other wastes such as small amounts of glass frit and laboratory sink discharges. In August 1988, the NTSB was removed from operation, at which time wastewaters were routed to the TNX Effluent Treatment Facility. Until the NTSB was covered as part of the TAOU cover system, the main section of the basin accumulated rainwater year-round.

The TBG was created in 1953 to dispose of contaminated debris from an accidental explosion of an experimental evaporator that was being used to concentrate a solution of

uranyl nitrate (0.4 curies) and nitric acid. The debris included materials such as conduits, drums, and structural steel. Between 1982 and 1984, most of the buried material was excavated and sent to the SRS Radioactive Waste Burial Ground. The five small areas that were not excavated contain an estimated 0.02 Ci of uranyl nitrate. In 1996, an additional disposal area was discovered with three buried drums containing materials contaminated with radionuclides and metals, predominantly iron, aluminum, and mercury. The drums were removed and disposed in the SRS Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility. At which time, the area was characterized.

**Initial Response**

The OTSB was closed in 1981 by backfilling the basin with clean sand and clay that was covered with clay. A portion of the cover was vegetated and an asphalt cover was placed over the remainder. The overflow discharge pipe was re-routed to drain stormwater runoff from the vegetated and asphalt surfaces covering the OTSB to the Lower Discharge Gully (LDG). Monitoring of the TNX groundwater has been performed since the 1980s. The monitoring identified volatile organic compound (VOC) contamination. In January 1999, the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI)/Remedial Investigation (RI) with Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA) report was approved by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). In September 2002, the Addendum to the RFI/RI/BRA report was approved by USEPA and SCDHEC.

**Basis for Taking Action**

The nature and extent of contamination in soil, sediment, surface water, and groundwater at TNX Area OU were characterized. Results from the RFI/RI/BRA demonstrated that the TNXGW exceeded the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for VOCs, primarily trichloroethylene (TCE), and to a lesser extent, tetrachloroethylene (PCE), carbon tetrachloride, nitrate, mercury, and gross alpha. Groundwater beneath the TNXOD exceeded the MCL for gross alpha, uranium, and mercury. The refined contaminants of concern (RCOCs) and remedial goals (RGs) identified in the ROD for human health (HH), ecological (ECO) receptors, and contaminant migration (CM) are presented in Table M-2

for soil and sediment and Table M-3 for the groundwater.

## IV. Remedial Actions

### Remedy Selection

To control and remediate VOC source material and the groundwater plume, an Interim Action Record of Decision (IROD) for the TNX Area OU was issued on November 16, 1994 (WSRC 1994). The purpose of the interim action was to serve as an incremental step in part of an overall remedy to address groundwater contamination with the Hybrid Groundwater Corrective Action (HGCA). The HGCA consisted of two components: (1) a pump and treat system (recovery well network and low-profile air stripper) to treat and inhibit further migration of the 500 µg/L TCE plume core, and (2) an airlift recirculation well, located at the heart of the plume to expedite remediation. Testing performed in 1996 demonstrated that the recirculation well system was ineffective in the TBG area because of geological factors and the nature of the contamination. Furthermore, it was determined that the pump and treat system could adequately achieve the interim RGs. Consequently, the IROD was modified in 1997 with an Explanation of Significant Difference (ESD) to discontinue operation of the recirculation well (WSRC 1997).

A second ESD for the TNX Area OU (WSRC 2001) was signed by USEPA and SCDHEC on May 15, 2013 and May 16, 2013, respectively. This ESD modifies the remedy selected in the IROD for the TNXOU groundwater component as follows:

- Permanent removal of service of the T-1 Air Stripper.
- Addition of edible oil treatment as needed. A sustained rebound lasting over 1 year in excess of 75 µg/L of TCE, PCE, or carbon tetrachloride in any well will represent a viable trigger for injection of edible oil as determined appropriate by the USDOE, USEPA, and SCDHEC.

The basic remedy for the TNX OU groundwater (i.e., pump and treat) remains unaltered, and the cleanup level specified in the IROD will be met by the edible oil treatment. The scope, performance goals, and consistency with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) are unchanged and the cost of the remedy modification is no greater

than the known operational costs of the original remedy.

The ROD for the TNX Area OU was issued April 2004 (WSRC 2004b). The remedial action objectives (RAOs) were developed as a result of the characterization and risk assessment and screening of remedial alternatives. The RAOs can be summarized as follows:

- Protect future industrial workers from exposure to contaminants in the NTSB/IPSL sediments and LDG soils and groundwater above the MCL;
- Protect biota from exposure to contaminated sediments and surface water of the NTSB;
- Remove or treat contamination exceeding principal threat source material (PTSM) criteria in subsurface soils of the OTSB/IPSL and the 678-T and 677-T sumps to the extent practicable;
- Prevent leaching of contaminants above the MCL from soils of the OTSB/IPSL/UDG and LDG;
- Prevent or minimize perched water contact with PTSM or mercury in the OTSB/IPSL/Discharge Gully exceeding the CM RG;
- Identify and reduce the secondary source of VOCs representing PTSM in the vadose zone in order to reduce the time to achieve groundwater RAOs;
- Return groundwater to beneficial uses within a reasonable time period by remediating to ARARs (i.e., MCLs);
- Prevent, minimize, or eliminate discharge of contaminated groundwater to surface water that would result in unacceptable risk to human or ecological receptors; and
- Minimize adverse impact to the wetland ecosystem of the TNX Area flood plain through careful consideration and implementation of remedial actions.

The remedial actions selected to meet the RAOs for the TNX Area OU are summarized as follows:

- The NTSB is located across a paved road from the OTSB/Discharge Gully and the TBG (Figure M-3). Because this facility was not to be placed under the perimeter of the

engineered cover, the remedial action involved *in situ* grouting of the IPSL, discharge of any surface water in the NTSB to an approved location, followed by backfill with clean soil.

- The OTSB, associated IPSL, discharge gully, and TBG are located in close proximity and are within the perimeter of the engineered cover for the TAOU. For the OTSB/IPSL/Discharge Gully, actions included excavation of soil, pipelines and sumps, disposal of all PTSM contaminated soil and pipeline at an approved disposal facility, plugging any sections of IPSL remaining, and placement of clean backfill where practical prior to installation of the engineered cover system. In addition, one vadose zone piezometer (i.e. TSB001L) was installed to determine the impact, if any, to groundwater of leaving waste in place. No actions were required for the TBG. VOC contamination in the vadose zone below the TBG required remedial action, as describe below.

- Identification of VOCs in the vadose zone in the area close to the TBG, resulted in installation and operation of a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system to facilitate removal of an ongoing secondary source of contamination to the groundwater. Testing of SVE units was conducted in 1997 and 1998 followed by operation of a portable SVE unit beginning in 2002. The portable SVE unit was shut down in 2006 during the placement of the engineered cover system. In 2007 this system was replaced by five MicroBlowers™.

- The groundwater actions have changed overtime in an effort to decrease the time to reach MCLs. A pump-and-treat system (recovery well network and air stripper) began operation in 1996 and was part of the remedy identified in the ROD (WSRC 2004b). The system operated until 2007 when its operation was suspended to facilitate the treatability study of edible oil technology to address the groundwater contamination. After a successful edible oil demonstration, a removal action removed the T-1 Air Stripper from service as documented in an ESD to the ROD issued on June 12, 2013. The T-1 Air Stripper was permanently removed from service in 2013.

- Institutional controls (i.e. land use controls [LUCs]) are in place for this OU

(Figure M-4). The controls consist of access controls, walkdowns, maintenance, deed restrictions and administrative directives and land use restrictions via the Site Use/Site Clearance Program, prohibiting installation of drinking water wells to prevent use of groundwater beneath TNX where concentrations of contaminants are above MCLs. These controls will remain in effect until the USDOE, USEPA, and SCDHEC concur those contaminants of concern (COC) concentrations in groundwater do not present unacceptable risk to receptors.

**Remedy Implementation**

The selected remedies met the RAOs at TNX Area OU (WSRC 2007a) by implementing the following activities:

- The NTSB remedial action was initiated by discharge of surface water to the ground in the vicinity of the NTSB after sampling confirmed acceptability. Approximately 690 $m^3$ (900 $yd^3$) of stone was placed into the basin bottom prior to backfilling the Main and Inlet Basins with clean surplus soil to grade. The associated IPSL was stabilized in situ.
- The OTSB remedial action was initiated by removing the accessible IPSL and grouting the inaccessible IPSL. The Main Basin of the OTSB was excavated resulting in the removal of approximately 1,670 $m^3$ (2,180 $yd^3$) of PTSM with remaining soil retained for use as backfill. The Inlet Basin was excavated to a 3-m (10-ft) depth and soil retained for use as backfill. The excavated suspect soil was placed into the OTSB as backfill, followed by clean common fill to achieve proper grading. To monitor moisture in the vadose zone, a piezometer was installed.
- The sumps associated with 678-T and 677-T, as well as a small area of contamination on the western exterior of Building 678-T had potential PTSM levels of material and were excavated and evaluated (WSRC 2005). Approximately 17 $m^3$ (22 $yd^3$) of contaminated soil was removed and disposed in an approved off-site disposal facility.
- Confirmatory soil sampling was conducted for all excavations of PTSM identified soil. Results of all samples indicated contaminant levels were below RGs prior to placement

of fill materials.

- Groundwater remediation efforts began in 1996 with installation of a pump-and-treat system consisting of four recovery wells feeding an air stripper (WSRC 1994). In 2007, the pump and treat system was shutdown to allow a treatability study of edible oils to treat the residual VOCs in the source (vadose zone/groundwater interface and near source groundwater). In 2013, edible oil became the remedial action reducing the treatment time to achieve MCLs by approximately 20 years. Edible oil treatment is ongoing and most monitoring wells within the treatment zone have VOC concentrations less than the maximum contaminant level ([MCL], 5 µg/L).
- Based on the successful SVE treatability study in 1997 and 1999, the active SVE network was expanded (WSRC 2001) and operated through 2005. In 2007, the active SVE system was transitioned to a passive system (MicroBlowers™). The passive SVE system consists of five MicroBlowers™ rotated between the SVE well network.
- LUCs were established for 0.5 hectares (1.24 acres) were incorporated into the TAOU LUC area.

**System Operations/Operation and Maintenance**

The system operation requirements include the following activities:

- SVE operations in the high concentration areas of the vadose zone extracted approximately 17.7 kg (39 lbs) of VOCs from 2002 through 2021. In 2006, the system was shut down temporarily during the placement of the engineered cover system over the former TNX Area. The SVE system remained in operation during the edible oil treatability study.
- Operation of the pump and treat system ceased operations in 2007 and the T-1 Air Stripper system was dismantled and removed in 2013.
- There are no operation and maintenance activities associated with the edible oil remedial action.

The following activities are ongoing:

- Operation of five MicroBlowers™,
- Groundwater monitoring at 43 monitoring wells
- Edible oil injections were conducted in 2008, 2010, and 2015 and groundwater monitoring is being conducted to verify if additional edible oil treatment is needed based on criteria established in the second ESD to the ROD; and
- Institutional controls (i.e., LUCs) are being enforced to preclude access through the SRS Site Use/ Site Clearance program and SRS site security.

Maintenance and inspection activities associated with the engineered cover system over the OTSB/Discharge Gully and TBG and the cover system for the NTSB are integrated into the TAOU. Therefore, review of the operation and maintenance (O&M) activities associated with the cover system are addressed in the five-year remedy review for the TAOU.

Table M-4 compares the actual O&M costs for the five-year remedy review period to the estimated direct O&M costs from the ROD (WSRC 2004b). The estimated cost for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 to FY2022 is $788,860 for the O&M costs of the SVE systems, institutional controls (i.e., LUCs), and five-year remedy reviews. The actual O&M cost for FY2018 to FY2022 is $1,234,149. The actual O&M costs from FY2018 to FY2022 are as expected.

## V. Progress Since Last Review

The previous protectiveness statement concluded that the remedy is protective of human health and the environment. Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by removing TCE from the most concentrated portion of the contaminated plume and through institutional controls (i.e., LUCs).

## VI. Five-Year Review Process

The following tasks were performed as part of the review:

- Reviewed the documents listed in Section XII, Documents Reviewed;

- Confirmed the implementation of the remedial action;
- Reviewed all process and performance monitoring data provided by the annual effectiveness monitoring strategy reports (SRNS 2018a, SRNS 2019a, SRNS 2020a, SRNS 2021, and SRNS 2022a) and provided a technical assessment of whether the groundwater remedial actions are performing as expected;
- Inspected the OU and documented the results on the Inspection Checklist provided in Attachment M-1 with the purpose of assessing the protectiveness of the remedy and the functionality of the access controls; and
- Reviewed changes in standards and to-be-considered guidance

***Data Review***

Central to the TNX groundwater remedial efforts has been remediating the VOCs (TCE, PCE and carbon tetrachloride) to reach ARARs (i.e., MCLs), which has been conducted in a phased approach. The initial efforts were identified in the IROD as the HGCA, which consisted of pump-and-treat systems: a classic system of pumping followed by treatment in an air stripper; and an in-situ system - airlift recirculation well (WSRC 1994). The recirculation well was identified as being ineffective in addressing the interim action goals and was removed from the HGCA system in 1997 (WSRC 1997). The recovery well network and air stripper was the sole engineered remediation system for this OU until 2002. The impact of the pump-and-treat system on the TCE plume was a measurable reduction in the 500 µg/L contour (Figure M-5). This system continued to operate until 2007 at which time operation was suspended to evaluate the use of edible oils to address the remaining secondary/residual contaminants in the groundwater. The pump and treat system was permanently shut down in 2013 when the second ESD to the TNX ROD (SRNS 2012b) was approved making edible oil the selected remedial action.

With the approval of an ESD to the IROD (WSRC 2001), the next phase of the cVOCs remediation addressed the contaminants in the vadose zone, an ongoing source of contamination to the groundwater representing PTSM, by using SVE technology. At TNX Area OU, a conventional active SVE system was operated from 2002 through 2004 and transitioned to a passive system (MicroBlowers™) in 2007 (Figure M-6). The only

extended shut down of the system was in 2005 and 2006 when the TAOU cover system was being constructed. Passive SVE systems are most effective at removing low/residual concentrations of volatile in the unsaturated zone. They are considered a polishing technology when active SVE performance no longer warrants its operating costs (SRNS 2010b). As shown in Figure M-7, the MicroBlowers™ are effectively removing cVOC mass from the vadose zone. During 2017-2021, the MicroBlowers™ have removed 3.86 pounds of cVOCs from the vadose.

In 2008, a treatability study began injections of edible oils (first in 2008, second in 2010, and third in 2015) to treat the residual VOCs in the source (vadose zone and near source groundwater) (Figure M-8). Effectiveness monitoring of this remedial technology treatability study was conducted from 2008 through 2011. Based on the positive results of this treatability study (SRNS 2012), an ESD to the ROD (SRNS 2012b) was approved by SCDHEC and USEPA changing the groundwater remedy to edible oil treatment. The ESD established criteria that additional edible oil treatment will be applied if a sustained rebound lasting over one (1) year in excess of 75 µg/L (ppb) of TCE, PCE, or carbon tetrachloride in any well if determined appropriate by the USDOE, USEPA, and SCDHEC.

In 2015, a third amendment of edible oil was applied to a larger area outside of the originally targeted treatment zone (SRNS 2015a). This injection was initiated based on TCE results at TBG 3 and TVM 1M that came close to exceeding the greater than75 ppb increase sustained for one year. Although the trigger criteria were not exceeded, additional edible oil was injected to take advantage of the high-water table and to prevent future increases in TCE concentration. Results from the 2015 injections indicate reductive conditions are being created and VOC concentrations are decreasing. It is estimated that edible oil has reduced the TCE mass in the groundwater plume by 96% from 2007 to 2021 (Figure M-9). After the 2015 injections, TCE concentrations were less than the MCL (i.e., 5 µg/L) within the edible oil treatment area through 2020. Reductive conditions (i.e., dissolved oxygen, oxidation/reduction potential, etc.) are trending back towards natural aerobic conditions. In 2021, TCE concentrations rebounded in TVM 1M which is located within the edible oil treatment area. TCE concentrations continue to be less than the MCL at all other monitoring wells within the treatment area indicating that the edible oil

injections have significantly reduced the TCE plume. Downgradient of the edible oil treatment area TCE concentrations are exceeding the MCL at two monitoring wells (i.e., TNX 28D, and TRW 2) which defines a groundwater plume that is detached from the source area (Figure M-10). The combination of the TAOU cover system, pump-and-treat with air-stripping, passive SVE, and edible oil has had a positive impact on TCE concentrations by reducing the footprint of the TCE plume. The current remedial actions (i.e., edible oil and SVE) continue to provide effective treatment and source reduction of the groundwater at TNX Area OU.

The X-008 Ditch received process wastewater from the TNX facilities and effluent from the air stripper. In 2013, data from the X-008C National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System sampling location confirm that TCE and PCE were not present in the outfall (SRNS 2013a). With shutdown of the air stripper, the X-008C was rendered incapable of discharge in November 2013 and has not been sampled since 2013 (SRNS 2014a). Although no more TNX facilities provide water to the X-008 ditch, water is present. This water is attributed to groundwater flow as the X-008 ditch intersects the water table. Three sampling locations along the X-008 ditch were identified and sampled in the second quarter 2022. All results from that sampling event were less than the MCL for TCE and PCE. Future sampling of the X-008 ditch is planned to verify these results.

In 2021, adjusted gross alpha, combined radium, cis-1,2-dichloroethylene, and uranium were also detected at concentrations or activities greater than their respective MCLs.

1,4-Dioxane analysis for groundwater samples was initiated in 2013, based on comments on the Fourth Five Year Remedy Review Report. In 2019, 1,4-dioxane was analyzed for using two methods, EPA 8260BSIM and EPA 522. Method EPA 8260BSIM is certified by the SCDHEC. Method EPA 522 is not certified by SCDHEC but is the only method that can achieve detection limits lower than the Regional Screening Level for tap water (0.46 µg/L). 1,4-Dioxane concentrations are less than detections limits at most monitoring wells at the TNX Area OU but are detected at monitoring wells associated with the TBG (i.e., TBG 3 and TBG 5). In 2021, a localized groundwater plume was depicted at TBG 3 and TBG 5.

In 2021, adjusted gross alpha, combined radium, cis-1,2-dichloroethylene, and uranium were also detected at concentrations or activities greater than their respective MCLs, but these exceedances are localized and do not represent discernible groundwater plumes.

***Summary of Inspections and Interviews***

Interviews were conducted with Phil Carter, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Project (EC&ACP) Post-Closure Lead, and Brian Hanshew, SRNS EC&ACP Post-Closure Lead, on August 30, 2022 at the O&M organization offices. No issues were identified as an outcome of these interviews.

The TNX Area OU was inspected by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) on July 26, 2022. No issues were identified for the TNX Area OU during this inspection.

A site inspection was conducted by SRNS EC&ACP and USDOE personnel on November 22, 2022. No issues were identified during this inspection.

A site inspection will be conducted by USEPA and SCDHEC personnel, accompanied by USDOE and SRNS personnel, prior to submittal of the Revision 1 of this document. It is anticipated that no significant problems regarding the protection of the remedy for this OU as implemented are expected to be identified during the inspection.

Scheduled annual site inspections conducted from FY2018 through FY2022 identified the presence of ant mounds, vegetation in outlet drainage ditch, signs overgrown with vegetation, fallen tree, and sign damaged due to fallen tree. These findings were documented on the field inspection checklist and resolved soon after discovery. Hog fencing, which is not part of the selected remedy, was installed in 2016 as a SRS maintenance action (i.e., OU-specific fencing is not required per the ROD or other FFA regulatory documents) and has been successful in reducing/minimizing the damage caused by feral hogs.

## VII. Technical Assessment

**Is the Remedy Functioning as Intended by the Decision Document?**

The remedy is functioning as intended as demonstrated below:

- The removal of PTSM soils associated with the OTSB and the sumps has achieved the remedial objectives to remove or treat contamination exceeding PTSM criteria in subsurface soils.
- The removal and consolidation under a TAOU geosynthetic cover system is effective in protecting future industrial and ecological receptors from exposure to contaminants (SRNS 2017a). Additionally, the TAOU cover system has the effect of decreasing contaminant loading by reducing surface water loading and transport through the contaminated vadose zone directly under the cover to the groundwater; thus, positively impacting groundwater treatment.
- The combined groundwater treatment approaches of pump-and-treat (ceased), edible oil (ongoing), and passive SVE (ongoing) are effective in decreasing the volume of contaminants in the groundwater and vadose zone. The 500 µg/L TCE contour has been eliminated, TCE concentrations within the edible oil treatment area are mostly less than the MCL, and a detached TCE plume continues to be present downgradient of the treatment area. The application of the edible oil has reduced the mass of TCE in the system by 96% from 2007 through 2021.

The Land Use Control Implementation Plan for TNX Area OU governs LUC implementation, maintenance, monitoring, reporting, and enforcement (WSRC 2004a). The LUCs that are in place include physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), use restrictions to prevent unauthorized contact, removal or excavation of contaminated soils, restrictions to prevent unauthorized access to or use of groundwater until cleanup levels are met, and restrictions to prevent disturbance of the engineered cover system. Warning signs are in good condition, and no activities were observed that would have violated the LUCs. All LUC objectives are being met.

**Are Exposure Assumptions, Toxicity Data, Cleanup Levels, and Remedial Action Objectives still valid?**

The exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and RAOs used at the time of remedy selection are still valid. There have been no changes in the physical conditions at

the TNX OU that would affect the protectiveness of the remedy.

The USEPA standards and toxicity values have been updated since the last five-year remedy review as shown in Appendix B. The changes to the values for COCs at the TNX OU were not significant, and the RAOs continue to be met by the remedial action. No new standards or to-be-considered guidance have been identified that call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

Fact sheets provided on the USEPA webpage (https://www.epa.gov/fedfac/emerging-contaminants-and-federal-facility-contaminants-concern) regarding emerging contaminants were reviewed for applicability to this site. This webpage provides a link to specific fact sheets for each of the following contaminants: 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), 1,4-dioxane, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT), 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT), hexahydro-1,3,5-tri-nitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), nanomaterials, N-nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA), perchlorate, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and other per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), polybrominated biphenyls, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and tungsten. The only listed emerging contaminant identified as applicable to this OU is 1,4-dioxane.

### Has any Other Information Come to Light that Could Call into Question the Protectiveness of the Remedy?

No new information has come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy.

## VIII. Issues

No issues have been identified for the TNX Area OU.

## IX. Recommendations and Follow-up Actions

SRS recommends performing an evaluation of the SVE system at TNX Area OU. The total annual pounds of solvent removed from the MicroBlowers™ have decreased with time with approximately one pound of solvent removed per year during the last five years. With diminishing mass removal rates, a proposal to evaluate the SVE system was presented to the Core Team on May 26, 2022. It was determined at that meeting that a summary of

the proposed evaluation be included as Appendix F in the *2021 Annual Comprehensive TNX Area Groundwater Monitoring and Remedial Action Effectiveness Interim Report* (SRNS 2022) which was submitted in August 2022. The SVE evaluation will be utilized to determine the following:

- VOC concentrations and mass removal rates at each SVE well;
- Evaluate the location of residual VOC mass in the vadose zone;
- Optimize SVE wells to maximize future mass removal; and
- Establish criteria for SVE system shutdown.

The SVE evaluation is currently planned to be conducted in fiscal year 2024 or 2025.

Sampling of the three new surface water locations along the X-008 ditch was conducted in the second quarter 2022. An additional sampling event is planned for the fourth quarter of 2022. Based on the fourth quarter results, a recommendation for future sampling at these sampling locations will be included in the 2022 annual report.

## X. Protectiveness Statements

The remedy at the TNX Area OU is protective of human health and the environment.

Exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled by removing TCE from the most concentrated portion of the contaminated plume and through institutional controls (i.e., LUCs). LUCs include physical access controls to prevent unauthorized entry to SRS (fences, guards, security patrols, etc.), administrative controls that maintain this site for industrial use only (SRS is a secured government facility with land use restrictions), and warning signs and use restrictions via the SRS Site Use/Site Clearance Program.

## XI. Next Review

As shown in Appendix A, Table A-1, the next five-year review for SRS OUs with Operating Equipment is scheduled for January 2029.

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**Figure M-1. Location of TNX Area OU at Savannah River Site**

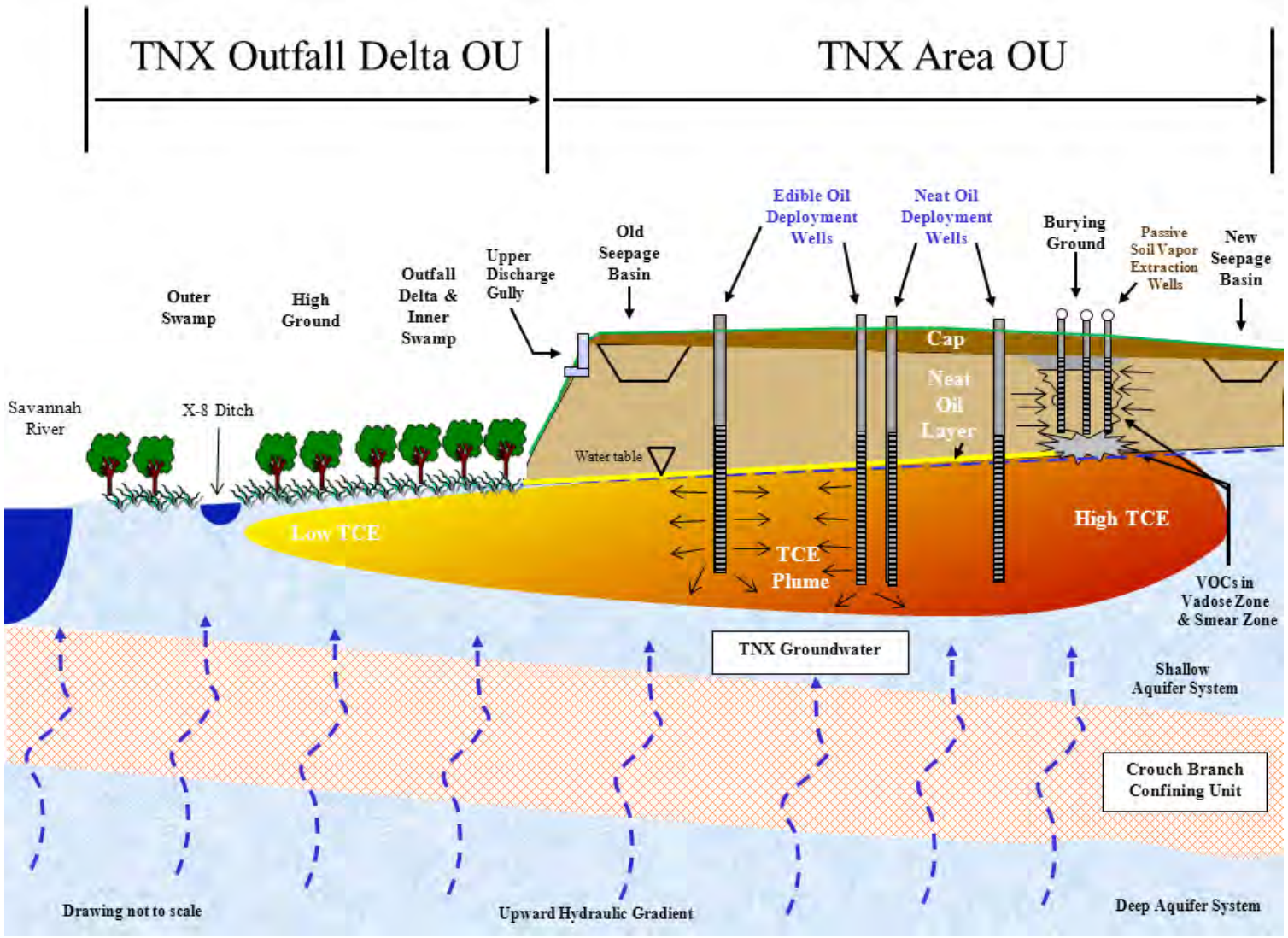



**Figure M-2. Schematic Cross Section of TNX Area OU and Interim Action**

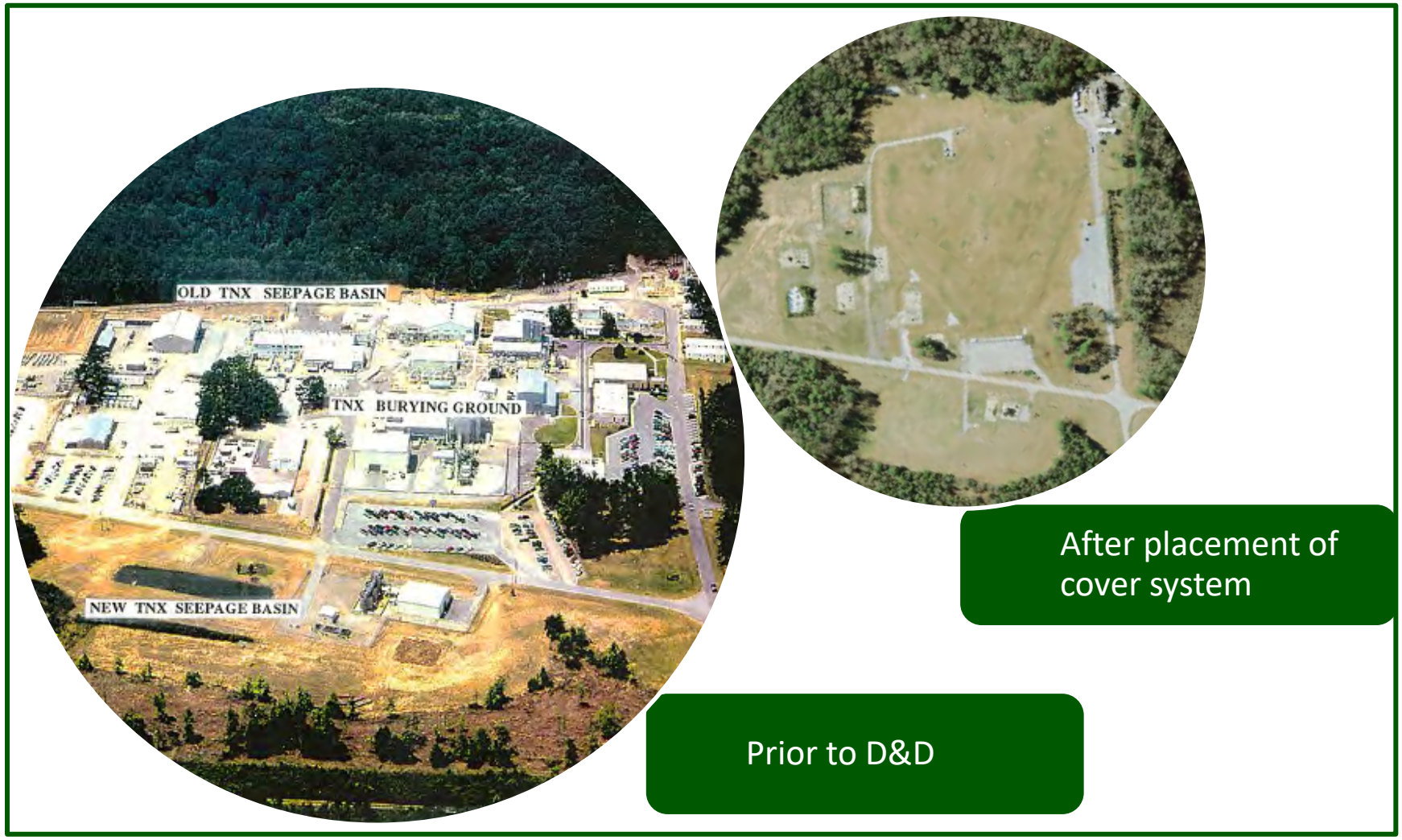



**Figure M-3. Layout of the TNX Area OU before (pre-2004) and after D&D and remedial actions (post-2006)**




**Figure M-4. TNX Area LUC Boundary**

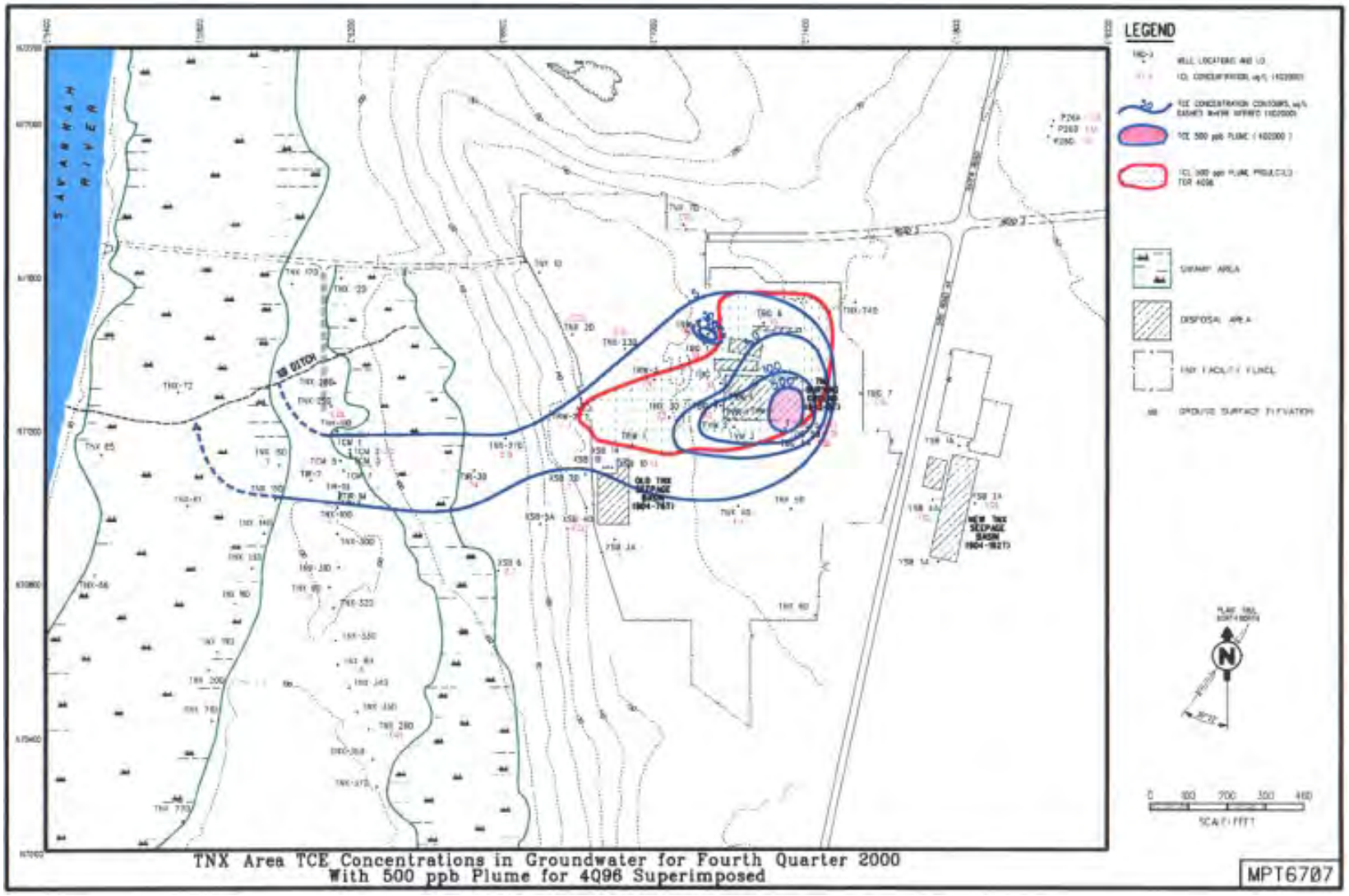



**Figure M-5. 2000 TCE Contours with 4Q96 500 µg/L TCE Contour**



**Figure M-6. Photograph of a MicroBlower™ Field Setup powered by a Solar Panel (2022)**

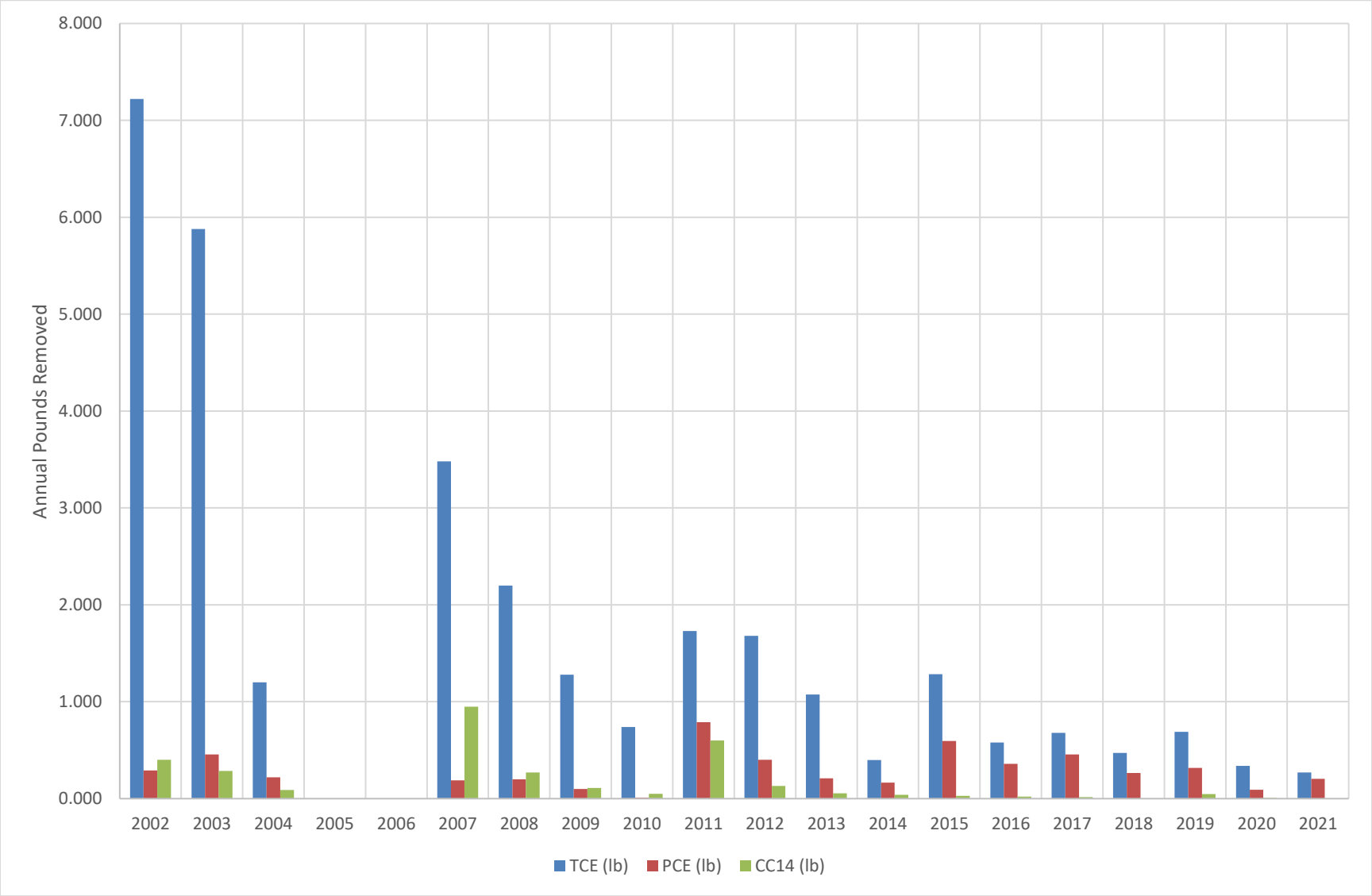



**Figure M-7. Mass Removal Rates by Year for the TNX Area OU Passive SVE (MicroBlower™) System**

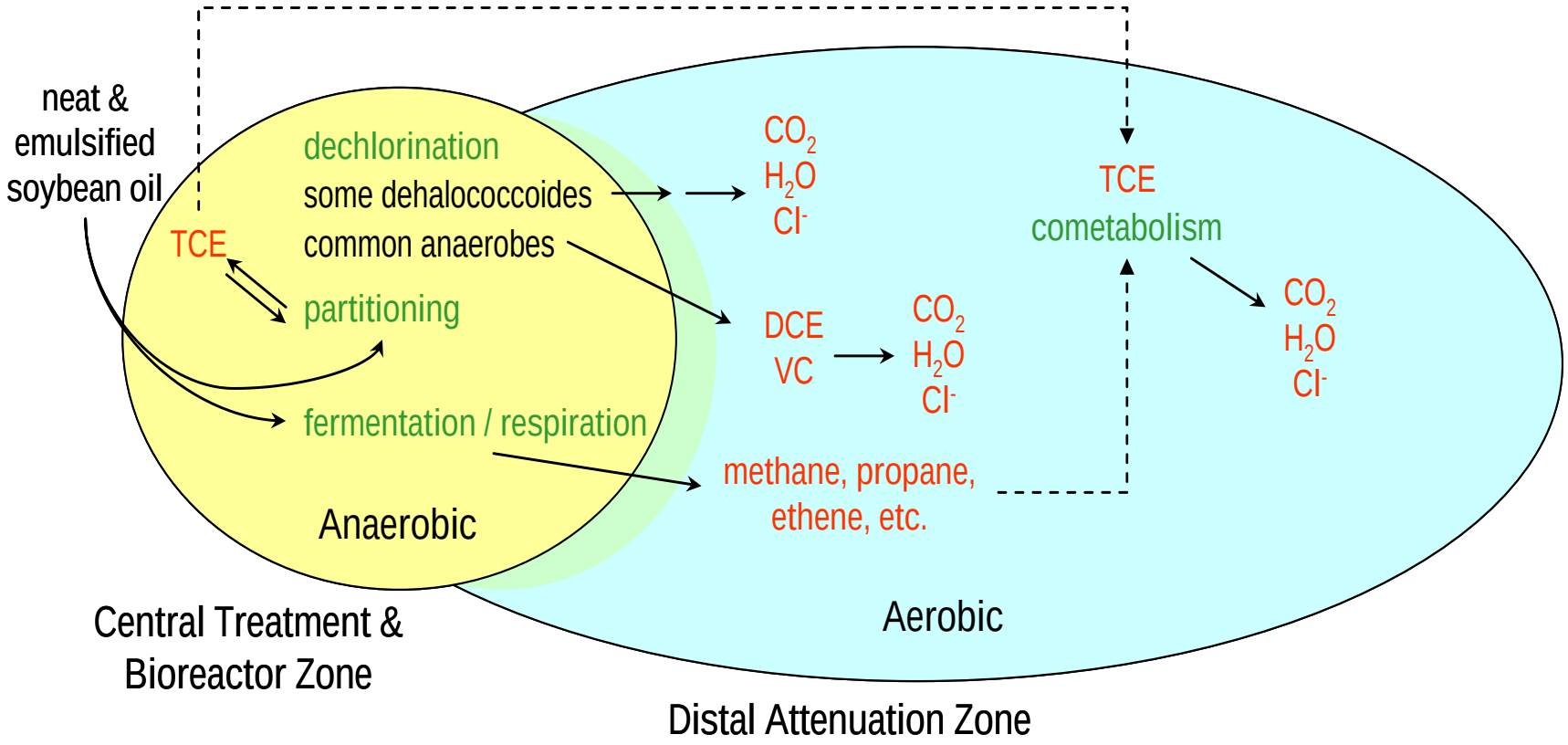



**Figure M-8. Schematic of Edible Oil Reduction Processes (SRNS 2012a)**

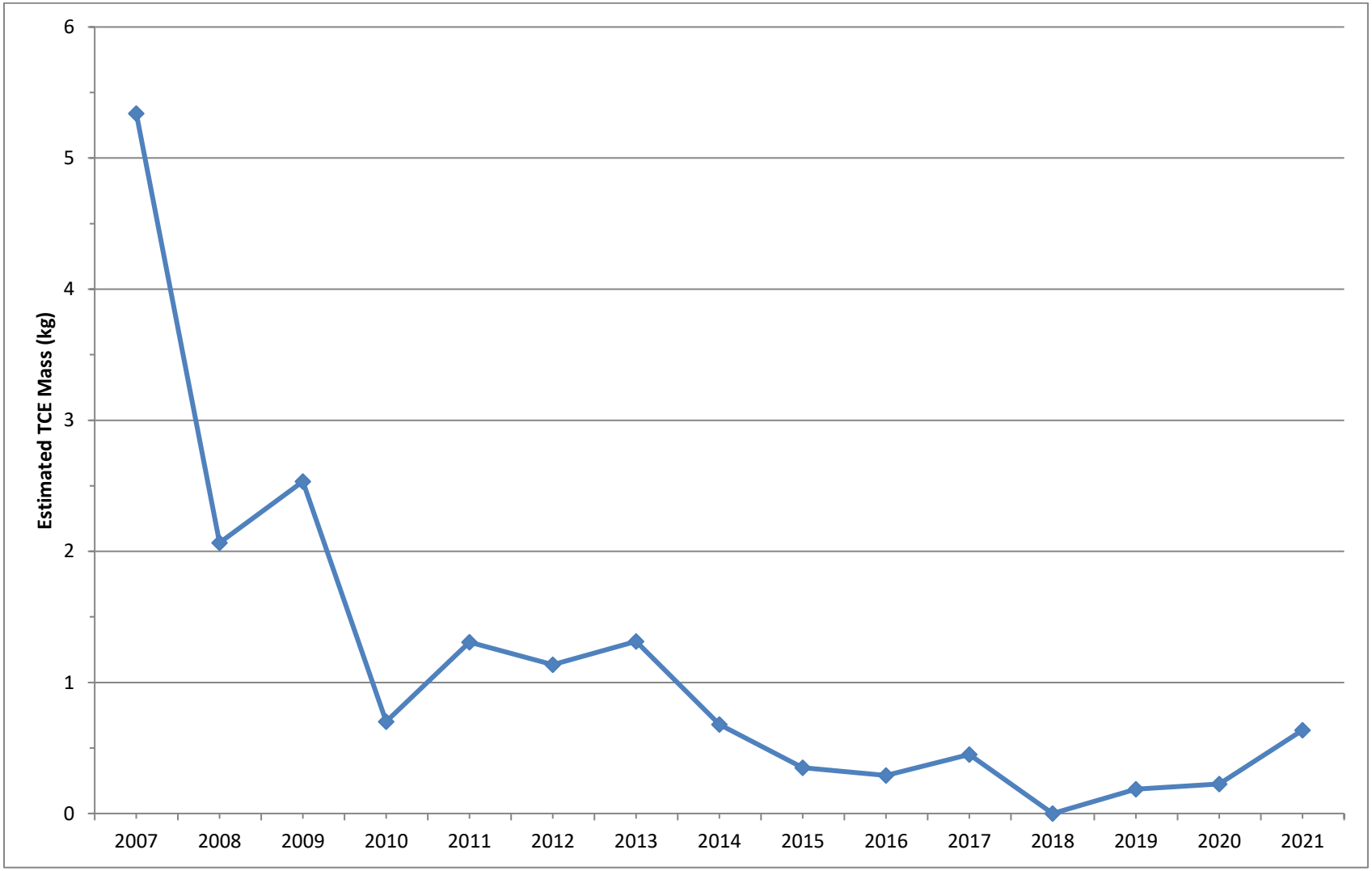



**Figure M-9. Estimate of TCE Plume Mass Reduction and Rate (SRNS 2012a)**

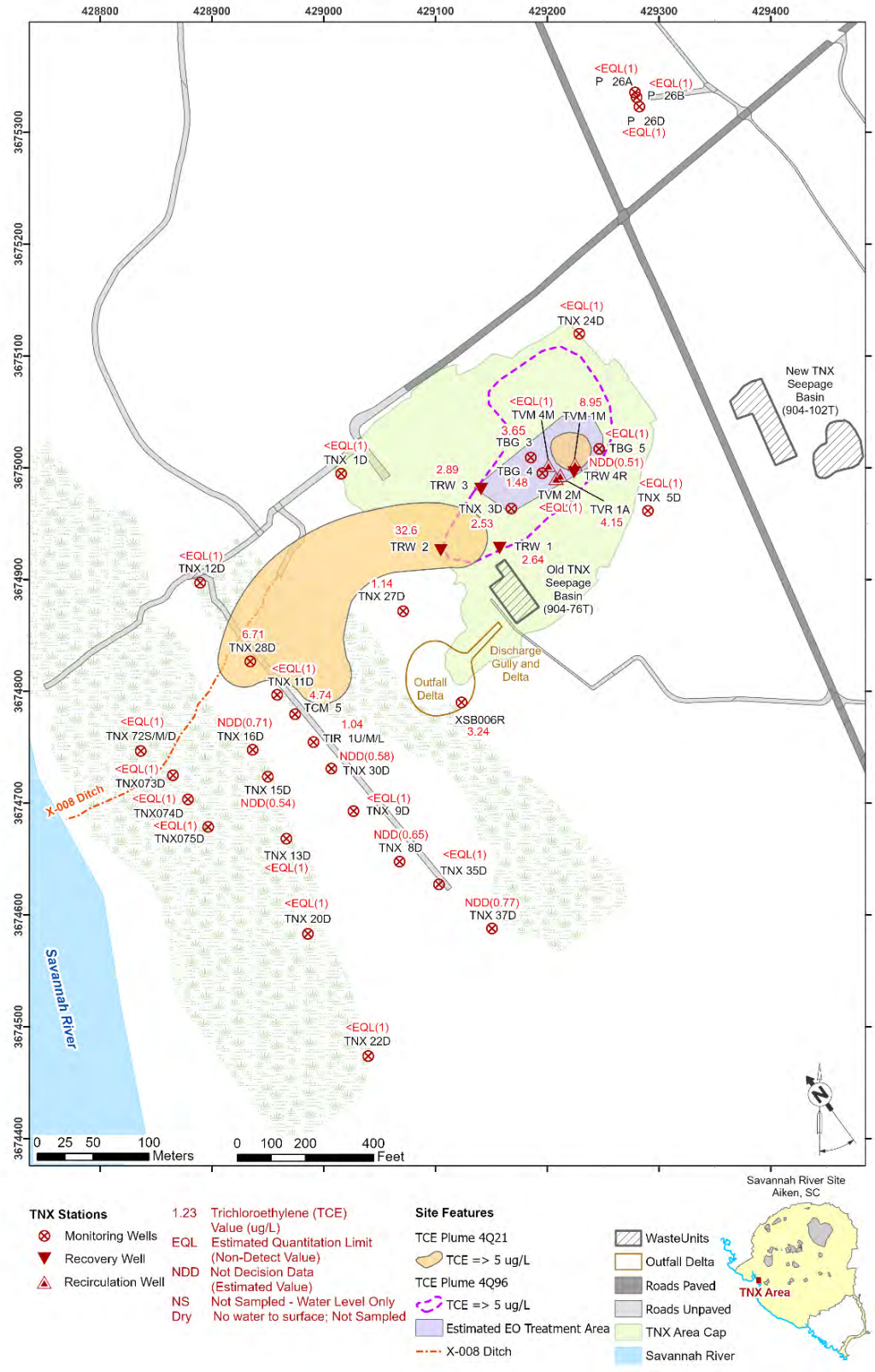



**Figure M-10. 2021 TCE Plume (SRNS 2022a)**

**Table M-1. Chronology of OU Events**

| Event | Date |
|---|---|
| Interim Record of Decision (IROD) Issuance for TNX Area Groundwater OU | November 16, 1994 |
| Interim Remedial Action start | September 16, 1996 |
| Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) Issuance for the TNX Area Groundwater OU | October 10, 1997 |
| ESD Issuance to the Revision 1 IROD for the TNX Area Groundwater OU | May 19, 2003 |
| ROD Issuance for TNX Area OU | April 7, 2004 |
| ESD Issuance for TNX Area OU ROD | November 5, 2005 |
| Remedial Action Start / Completion of Construction of the RA | August 12, 2004/May 4, 2006 |
| ESD Issuance for TNX Area OU ROD | June 12, 2013 |
| Edible Oil Deployments | April 2008 / October 2010 / August 2015 |
| Previous Five-Year Reviews Issuance | June 30, 1997 / February 12, 2004 / February 4, 2009 / February 4, 2014 / December 5, 2018 |

**Table M-2. Soil and Sediment RCOCS and RGs**

| Media (subunit) | RCOC | Type of RCOC | RG |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Sediment (NTSB)** | Radium-226 | HH-future worker | 0.16 ρCi/g |
| | Arsenic | ECO | 8.2 mg/kg |
| | Chromium | ECO | 80 mg/kg |
| | Copper | ECO | 70 mg/kg |
| | Lead | ECO | 35 mg/kg |
| | Mercury | ECO | 0.15 mg/kg |
| | Nickel | ECO | 30 mg/kg |
| | Silver | ECO | 1.0 mg/kg |
| | Zinc | ECO | 150 mg/kg |
| **Soil (OTSB/IPSL)** | Mercury | CM | 0.078 mg/kg |
| **Soil (UDG)** | Mercury | CM | 0.13 mg/kg |
| **Soil (LDG)** | Uranium -233/234 | CM | 1.31 ρCi/g |
| | Uranium-235 | CM | 0.06 ρCi/g |
| | Uranium -238 | CM | 1.31 ρCi/g |
| | Actinium-228 | HH-future worker | 0.07 ρCi/g |
| | Cesium-137 | HH-future worker | 0.10 ρCi/g |
| | Lead-212 | HH-future worker | 0.73 ρCi/g |
| | Radium-228 | HH-future worker | 0.07 ρCi/g |
| | Thorium-228 | HH-future worker | 0.04 ρCi/g |
| | Thorium -234 | HH-future worker | 45.43 ρCi/g |
| | Uranium -233/234 | HH-future worker | 68.80 ρCi/g |
| | Uranium-235 | HH-future worker | 0.82 ρCi/g |
| | Uranium -238) | HH-future worker | 3.13 ρCi/g |

**Table M-3. Groundwater RCOCs and RGs for Future Industrial Worker at TNX Area OU**

| RCOC | RG/MCL |
|---|---|
| Carbon tetrachloride | 5 µg/L |
| Tetrachloroethylene | 5 µg/L |
| Trichloroethylene | 5 µg/L |
| Gross alpha | 15 ρCi/L |
| Total uranium | 30 µg/L |
| Total radium (226 + 228) | 5 ρCi/L |
| Mercury | 2 µg/L |

**Table M-4. Actual versus Estimated O&M Costs**

| | FY2018 | FY2019 | FY2020 | FY2021 | FY2022 | Five-Year Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Actual O&M Costs ($) | 147,007 | 155,041 | 106,161 | 172,602 | 208,048 | 788,860 |
| Total ROD Estimated Direct O&M Costs ($) | 238,845 | 238,845 | 238,845 | 238,845 | 278,769 | 1,234,149 |

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## Attachment M-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – TNX Area Operable Unit

| I. SITE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Site Name:** | **TNX Area Operable Unit** | **Date of Inspection:** | **07/26/22** |
| **Location and Region** | **SRS, USEPA Region 4** | **EPA ID:** | **SEMS #21 and 29** |
| **Agency, Office, or Company leading the Five-Year Review** | **USDOE** | **Weather/ Temperature** | **93°F and partly cloudy** |

**Remedy Includes:** *(Click all that apply)*

- ☐ Landfill Cover / Containment
- ☒ Access Controls
- ☒ Institutional Controls
- ☐ Groundwater Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Surface Water Pump and Treatment
- ☐ Monitored Natural Attenuation
- ☐ Groundwater Containment
- ☐ Vertical Barriers
- ☒ Other Enhanced Bioremediation/Edible Oils Injection; Solvent Vapor Extraction (Microblowers™ and Baroballs™); Mineral Amendments (apatite)

**Attachments:** ☐ Inspection team roster attached ☐ Inspection team roster attached

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Site Manager:** Brian Hanshew (Name) | Post Closure Manager (Title) | 8/30/2022 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.: 803-952-4949

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

**2. O&M Staff:** Phil Carter (Name) | EC&ACP Post Closure Waste Site Inspector/Maintenance Coord. (Title) | 8/30/2022 (Date)

**Interviewed:** ☐ At Site ☒ At Office ☐ By Phone Phone No.:803-952-4145

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached

## Attachment M-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – TNX Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

**II. INTERVIEWS** *(Click all that apply)(Continued)*

3. **Local Regulatory Authorities and Response Agencies** (i.e., State and tribal offices, emergency response office, police department, office of public health or environmental health, zoning office, recorder of deeds or other city and county offices, etc.). Fill in all that apply.

**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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**Agency:** _____

**Contact:** _____ (Name) _____ (Title) _____ (Date) _____ (Phone No.)

**Problems/Suggestions:** ☐ Report Attached _____

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4. **Other Interviews** *(Optional):* ☐ Report Attached _____

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**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED** *(Click all that apply)*

**1. O&M Documents:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ O&M Manual | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☒ As-Built Drawings | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☒ Maintenance Logs | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |

Remarks: _____

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## Attachment M-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – TNX Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

**III. ONSITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED *(Continued)***

**2. Health and Safety Plans (HASPs):**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Site-Specific Health and Safety Plans | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Contingency Plan/Emergency Response Plan | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: Routine O&M activities do not require a site-specific health and safety plan (SSHASP) under 29 CFR 1910.120.HAZWOPER. A SSHASP is prepared if needed.

**3. O&M and OSHA Training Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Training Records are complete and up to date per EC&ACP training matrix.

**4. Permits and Service Agreements:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Air Discharge Permit | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☒ Effluent Discharge | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Waste Disposal; POTW | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |
| ☐ Other Permits | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks: SCDHEC Title V Air Quality Permit

**5. Gas Generation Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**6. Settlement Monument Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**7. Groundwater Monitoring Records:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**8. Leachate Extraction Records:** ☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**9. Discharge Compliance Records:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☒ Air | ☒ Readily Available | ☒ Up to Date | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Water (Effluent) | ☐ Readily Available | ☐ Up to Date | ☒ N/A |

Remarks:

**10. Daily Access/Security Logs:** ☒ Readily Available ☒ Up to Date ☐ N/A

Remarks: Daily operation logs

## Attachment M-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – TNX Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

### IV. O&M COSTS

**1. O&M Organization:**

☐ State In-House ☐ Contractor for State
☐ PRP In-House ☐ Contractor for PRP
☒ Other: SRS

**2. O&M Cost Records:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Up to Date ☐ Funding mechanism/agreement in place
☒ Other: Project cost data is summarized in Section IV of this OU-specific review.

**Total annual cost by year for review period, if available**

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

From:_____ (Date) To:_____ (Date) _____ (Total Cost) ☐ Breakdown attached

**3. Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period**

Describe costs and reasons: _____

### V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**A. Fencing**

**1. Fencing Damage:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Gates secured ☐ N/A

Remarks: OU-specific perimeter fencing is not required by the remedial action.

**B. Signs**

**1. Signs and Other Security Measures:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A

Remarks: Signs at this site are in good condition.

## Attachment M-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – TNX Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

**V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS *(Continued)***

**C. Institutional Controls**

**1. Implementation and Enforcement**

Site conditions imply ICs are not properly implemented: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Site conditions imply ICs are not being fully enforced: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive-by, etc.) Walkdown

Frequency: Once in five years

Responsible Party/Agent: USDOE Savannah River Field Office

Contact: Phil Prater (Name) | IACD Program Manager (Title) | 11/22/2022 (Date) | 803-952-9333 (Phone No.)

Reporting is up-to-date: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Reports are verified by the lead agency: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Specific requirements in deed or decision documents have been met: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Violations have been reported: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Problems/Suggestions: ☐ Report Attached

**2. Adequacy:** ☒ ICs are adequate ☐ ICs are inadequate ☐ N/A

Remarks:

**D. General**

**1. Vandalism/Trespassing:** ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ No vandalism is evident

Remarks:

**2. Land use changes onsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

**3. Land use changes offsite:** ☒ N/A

Remarks:

## Attachment M-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – TNX Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

| VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS |
|---|
| **A. Roads** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Roads damaged:** ☒ Location shown on site map ☒ Roads adequate ☐ N/A<br>Remarks: |
| **B. Other Site Conditions** |
| Remarks: Scheduled annual site inspections conducted from FY2012 through FY2017 identified the presence of ant mounds and minor erosion of the soil cover, a crack in the drain cleanout plug, debris in the drainage ditches resulting from an ice storm, and damage from hogs. These findings were resolved soon after discovery. |
| **VII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **VIII. LANDFILL COVER / CONTAINMENT** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **IX. VERTICAL BARRIER WALLS** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |
| **X. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **A. Groundwater Extraction Wells, Pumps, and Pipelines** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A |
| **1. Pumps, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**<br>☒ Good Condition ☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs Maintenance ☐ N/A<br>Remarks: TRW 1,2,3, and 4R |
| **2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes, and Other Appurtenances:**<br>☒ Good Condition ☐ Needs Maintenance<br>Remarks: |
| **3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**<br>☒ Readily Available ☒ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided<br>Remarks: |
| **B. Surface Water Collection Structures, Pumps, and Pipelines** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A |

## Attachment M-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – TNX Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

**IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES *(Continued)***

**C. Treatment System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Treatment Train** (Check components that apply)**:**

☐ Metals removal ☐ Oil/water separation ☐ Bioremediation
☐ Air stripping ☐ Carbon adsorbers
☐ Filters_____
☐ Additive (e.g., chelation agent, flocculent)_____
☒ Others (see below)_____
☐ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance
☐ Sampling ports properly marked and function
☐ Sampling/maintenance log displayed and up-to-date
☐ Equipment properly identified
☐ Quantity of groundwater treatment annually 100 gpm maximum, 75 gpm average
☐ Quantity of surface water treatment annually_____
Remarks: Enhanced Bioremediation/Edible Oils Injection; Solvent Vapor Extraction (Microblowers and Baroballs); Mineral Amendments (apatite)

**2. Electrical Enclosures and Panels** *(properly rated and function)***:**

☒ N/A ☐ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance
Remarks:_____

**3. Tanks, Vaults, Storage Vessels:**

☒ N/A ☐ Good Condition ☐ Proper secondary containment ☐ Needs maintenance
Remarks:_____

**4. Discharge Structure Appurtenances:**

☒ N/A ☐ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance
Remarks:_____

**5. Treatment Building(s):**

☒ N/A ☐ Good Condition (especially roof and doorways ☐ Needs repair
☐ Chemicals and equipment properly stored
Remarks:_____

## Attachment M-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – TNX Area Operable Unit *(continued)*

**IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES *(Continued)***

**6. Monitoring Wells** *(pump and treatment remedy)***:**

☒ Properly secured/locked ☒ Functioning ☒ Routinely sampled ☒ Good condition
☒ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A

Remarks:_____

**D. Monitoring Data** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Monitoring Data:**

☒ Is routinely submitted on time ☒ Is of acceptable quality

**2. Monitoring Data:**

☒ Groundwater plume is effectively contained ☒ Contaminant concentrations are declining

**E. Monitored Natural Attenuation** ☐ Applicable ☒ N/A

**XI. OTHER REMEDIES**

If there are remedies applied at the site, which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction.

**A. Soil Vapor Extraction System** ☒ Applicable ☐ N/A

**1. Blowers, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical:**

☐ Good Condition ☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs maintenance ☐ N/A

**Remarks:**_____

**2. Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes and Other Appurtenances:**

☐ Good Condition ☐ Needs maintenance

**Remarks:**_____

**3. Spare Parts and Equipment:**

☐ Readily Available ☐ Good Condition ☐ Requires Upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided

**Remarks:**_____

## Attachment M-1. Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist – TNX Area Operable Unit *(continued/end)*

| XII. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS |
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| **A. Implementation of the Remedy** |
| Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emissions, etc.).<br><br>The remedy included excavation of contaminated soil and addition of amendments (apatite) to wetlands soils/sediments, pump-and-treat of groundwater contaminants (ceased), SVE to attenuate the leachability of VOCs and radiological contaminants in soils, and LUCs to prevent exposure to contaminants in soil and groundwater. Edible oil injections have also been successfully implemented resulting in enhanced microbial activity in the subsurface and are effective in reducing concentrations of solvents in the groundwater. The remedy is fully established and effective and functioning as designed and the results are reported in the annual Groundwater Monitoring and Remedial Action Effectiveness Interim Report for TNX Area OU. |
| **B. Adequacy of O&M** |
| Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.<br><br>The O&M procedures are adequately maintaining the integrity of cap/cover systems and SVE systems, which in turn maintains the effectiveness of the systems to mitigate leaching of contaminants into the groundwater. The O&M procedures consisting of annual site inspections and site maintenance (repair of erosion damage, cover maintenance, and warning signs) and site controls (SRS Site Use and Site Clearance Programs, which restrict invasive and permanent installation activities at the OU) have been implemented. There are no issues requiring corrective actions. |
| **C. Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Failure** |
| Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.<br><br>N/A |
| **D. Opportunities for Optimization** |
| Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.<br><br>The total annual pounds of solvent removed from the MicroBlowers has decreased with time with approximately one pound of solvent removed per year during the last five years. With diminishing solvent mass removal rates, a proposal to evaluate the SVE system for potential optimization was presented to USEPA and the SCDHEC on May 26, 2022. An evaluation of the SVE well network is currently planned by SRS for a future Fiscal Year. |

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