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PREFACE TO DESIGN CRITERIA

These design criteria have been written in a generic form that summarizes criteria applicable for remedial action and long-term management activities associated with the radioactive wastes at the FUSRAP and SFMP sites. Site-specific information is provided in the appendices to this generic document. As a specific scope of work for a site is determined, design bases and work plans for each of the sites will be developed.

Appendix A contains definitions of terms used in these design criteria and referenced documents. Appendix B provides a listing of FUSPAP and SFMP sites by WBS number and contains estimated waste quantities at the sites. Appendix C contains the residual contamination and waste control criteria. Appendix D lists site information for specific sites which will be required as a remedial action for the specific site is developed. This information will be included in the work plan for each site.

The design criteria will be referenced by the designation 14501-00-DC-01.

These design criteria will be periodically revised, as appropriate, to reflect new practices, additional information, revisions of applicable regulations, and standard revisions.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 SCOPE

This document defines the design criteria for the identification of materials, evaluation of remedial action alternatives, selection of design parameters for site cleanup remedial actions and interim storage, and long-term management methods for handling FUSRAP and SFMP radioactive wastes.

1.2 OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) and Surplus Facilities Management Program (SFMP) projects is to stabilize, decontaminate, and/or dispose of FUSRAP and SFMP derived wastes in such a manner as to minimize the radiological risks posed by these wastes and to enable certification of the cleaned up FUSRAP and SFMP sites for unrestricted future use. At some sites, remedial action may be in situ long-term management with monitoring as necessary to detect any contaminant migration from the site in excess of radiological design criteria. At other sites, an interim storage program may be established until a decision for final disposition is made.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

Appendix A contains definitions of terms that are used in these design criteria as well as in the referenced documents.

1.4 CHANGES TO CRITERIA

The criteria for FUSRAP and SFMP remedial actions set forth in this document are based on elements of various federal orders, regulations, and standards that may be subject to change. This document will be revised to reflect changed criteria as authorized and approved by DOE.

2.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

2.1 GENERAL

The intent of these design criteria is to use DOE Orders where applicable. Applicable orders, regulations and standards, and sections thereof, as well as industry standards, will be investigated on a site-specific basis to formulate the design bases for the specific site.

2.2 FEDERAL ORDERS, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS

The following federal orders, regulations, and standards contain elements that are generally applicable to the FUSRAP and SFMP projects, and are summarized for these criteria.

2.2.1 Quality Assurance

DOE Order 5700.6A--Quality Assurance and DOE/OR-FUSRAP-82-001 Plan for Quality Assurance. The Project Quality Assurance Program complies with DOE Order 5700.6A, and the FUSRAP Plan for Quality Assurance (DOE/OR-FUSRAP-82-001).

For each remedial action site, and interconnecting activities (such as transportation), a formal evaluation (Quality Assurance Assessment) will be made of the consequences of failure of equipment and facilities to perform satisfactorily in service. This Assessment, which will be an adjunct to design engineering with subsequent modifications as may be required, will give full consideration to safety, environment, costs, schedule delays, programmatic goals, public reaction, or any other factor important to achieving project objectives.

When the formal evaluation indicates that consequences of failure may be unacceptable, significant, or unknown and the probability of failure is high or unknown, additional deliberate actions to find

and prevent quality problems are mandatory. The additional actions to assure quality of design and engineering, and particularly to assure implementation of that design and engineering, will be documented using a Quality Action Plan.

2.2.2 Radiation Protection

DOE Order 5480.1A. This order establishes control over the environmental protection, safety, and health protection programs. Chapter XI, Requirements for Radiation Protection, Attachment XI-1, defines radiation protection guides for concentration in air and water above natural background which will be used as criteria for releases from DOE's FUSRAP and SFMP operations. Chapter XII, Prevention, Control, and Abatement of Environmental Pollution, provides requirements for the control of sources of environmental pollution in accordance with the substantive and procedural aspects of all applicable federal, state, and local pollution control standards.

DOE Order 5480.2--Hazardous and Radioactive Mixed Waste Management. This order establishes hazardous waste management procedures for facilities operated under authority of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA). The procedures will follow, to the extent practicable, regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA).

DOE Order 5481.1--Safety Analysis and Review System. This DOE Order establishes requirements for the preparation and review of safety analyses for each DOE operation, including: identification of hazards and their elimination or control; assessment of risk; documented management authorization of operation; and transportation of hazardous materials.

2.2.3 Land Disposal of Radioactive Wastes

Elements of the DOE Orders and federal regulations mentioned in the following sections provide technical guidelines for long-term, near-surface land burial facilities and ancillary facilities.

DOE Order 6430.1--General Design Criteria Manual. This order contains basic architectural and engineering design requirements for new DOE facilities; provides technical specification requirements; and outlines planning and design requirements for new facilities, facility additions, facility alterations, and building acquisitions to achieve economy of construction, operation, and maintenance.

40 CFR 192--Standards for Remedial Action at Inactive Uranium Processing Sites. This regulation defines remedial action criteria for inactive uranium processing sites. Some elements of these standards are applicable to the FUSRAP and SFMP programs. Service life of a mill tailings disposal site is defined in this regulation and has been adopted for FUSRAP and SFMP projects. Specific service life and release control requirements for interim storage sites and long-term management sites are noted in Section 3.2 of these Design Criteria.

2.2.4 Handling, Transportation, and Storage

DOE Order 1540.1--Materials Transportation and Traffic Management. Hazardous materials at FUSRAP and SFMP sites shall be shipped in accordance with DOE Order 1540.1. This document outlines DOE's policies and procedures for the management of materials transportation to ensure that it is accomplished in a manner commensurate with:

(1) Operational requirements for transportation services

(2) Established practices and procedures for transportation safety, economy, efficiency, and cargo security

(3) The National Transportation Policy as established by Congress and cognizant federal agencies

(4) Applicable federal, state, local, and international transportation regulations.

Intra-building and intra-site transfers are excluded from the provisions of this order.

DOE Order 5480.1A--Environmental Protection, Safety, and Health Protection Program for DOE Operations. Chapter 3 of this Order contains safety requirements for packaging of fissile and radioactive material. It also defines the requirements for design, evaluation, and testing of containers used for the transport of DOE's fissile and radioactive materials.

49 CFR 171-179--Transportation of Hazardous Materials. These regulations specify requirements for bulk shipments of uranium or thorium ores and physical or chemical concentrations of those ores and uranium metal or natural thorium metal, or alloys of these materials.

2.2.5 Health and Safety

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR 1910. This section contains the health and safety regulations for general industry.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR 1926. This section establishes the general health and safety regulations for construction.

2.2.6 Surveys

Surveys for characterization and remedial action will be performed in accordance with the following specifications.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

- "Classification, Standards of Accuracy, and General Specifications of Geodetic Control Surveys"
- "Specification to Support Classification, Standards of Accuracy, and General Specifications of Geodetic Control Surveys"
- "Manual of Geodetic Triangulation," "Specification Publication No. 247

U.S. Department of Interior (USDI) "Manual of Instructions for the Survey of Public Lands of the United States," 1973, Bulletin 6.

2.2.7 Weather

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "Comparative Climatic Data for the United States through 1982," 1983.

2.3 STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS

State and local regulations governing handling, transportation, and storage of radioactive materials generally follow federal orders and regulations, but may vary depending on whether the particular state is an "Agreement State" under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. DOE regulations will be followed, and state and local regulations will be reviewed on a site-specific basis.

2.4 DESIGN CODES, GUIDES, AND STANDARDS

The following industry and national codes, standards, and guides, as applicable, will also serve as guidelines for the Design Criteria for FUSRAP and SFMP:

- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
- American Concrete Institute (ACI)

- American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)
- American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC)
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
- American Nuclear Society (ANS)
- American Petroleum Institute (API)
- American Railway Engineering Association (AREA)
- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
- American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- American Water Works Association (AWWA)
- American Welding Society (AWS)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)
- Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC)
- Illuminating Engineering Society (IES)
- National Electrical Code (NEC)
- National Electrical Manufacturers' Association (NEMA)
- National Electrical Safety Code (NESC)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) "National Fire Code"
- National Geodetic Survey (NGS)
- National Standard Plumbing Code (NSPC)
- Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHA)
- Underwriters' Laboratory (UL)
- Uniform Building Code (UBC)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Dredging Documents
- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

3.0 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

3.1 GENERAL

FUSRAP work may involve remedial action at a number of sites. The currently designated FUSRAP and SFMP sites are listed in Appendix B; waste characteristics and estimated volumes at each site are also given.

Additional sites may be added or deleted with passage of federal legislation; therefore, the list of sites may be subject to revision. The specific type and quantity of contaminated material at each site, as well as geologic, meteorologic, and other site conditions affecting the design and design approach, differ from site to site.

3.2 RADIOLOGICAL DESIGN CRITERIA

The proposed DOE Interim Residual Contamination and Waste Control Guidelines for FUSRAP and SFMP sites are summarized in Appendix C. This criteria should be followed in defining cleanup requirements, developing remedial action plans, and performing and verifying field remedial actions.

3.3 SPECIFIC SITE CONDITIONS

The following information is required for each site and will be completed before or during detailed design and engineering of disposal facilities.

3.3.1 Scope of Work

The Scope of Work for the needed remedial actions must be clearly defined. This may be initiated with the preparation of the Preliminary Engineering Evaluation Report for each site with a

Design Basis, or as a separate document. It will be in accordance with the waste management plan outlined in Section 3.3.4 of these Design Criteria.

3.3.2 State and Local Regulations

In consultation with appropriate DOE-ORO personnel, applicable state and local regulations and ordinances will be reviewed to determine requirements to achieve compliance with health, safety, and environmental regulations. Construction permits and local property access agreements will be obtained as required. Any permits, licenses, or other authorization required by federal, state, or local environmental protection statutes, or any other legal authorizations required by DOE, will be obtained by DOE, Oak Ridge Operations.

3.3.3 Site Information

Define the site conditions for each site as necessary for design decisions. Parameters that may be needed include the following (see Appendix D for detailed requirements):

- Property surveys, easements, and datum
- Water levels
- Precipitation
- Humidity
- Groundwater table
- Frost penetration
- Ice conditions
- Air temperature
- Noise levels
- Winds
- Seismology

- Soil and foundation conditions
- Site historical information (including past and current use; as-built design drawings of buried utilities, structures, and systems; and existing monitoring systems).

3.3.4 Waste Characterization

Complete information on the type, quantity, and existing disposition of the radioactive wastes at any given site will usually be required prior to initiation of the Preliminary Engineering Evaluation Report or detailed design. If data and information in existing reports is not complete, or possibly out of date, additional characterization survey work may be required. Examples of additional characterization, to be planned by Bechtel and approved by DOE on a site specific basis and according to a predetermined need, include the following:

- Location and depth of buried wastes.
- Radiological, physical, and chemical characteristics of wastes in ponds, under surface water, and/or in groundwater.
- Extent of radiological migration, groundwater flow patterns, and seasonal variations.
- Wastes/contamination in building structures that may be scheduled for dismantlement or demolition.

3.3.5 Support Facilities

The identification of the needed temporary and/or permanent support facilities will be made and may include the following:

- Security
- Contamination control
- Structures
- Equipment
- Water treatment and control

- Utilities
- Access routes
- Monitoring system
- Document control
- Administration

3.3.6 Waste Transportation

The following facets for transporting the waste materials will be investigated as applicable:

- Waste form and quantity to be transported
- Mode of transportation
- Packaging and control
- Transportation routes
- Local traffic patterns and impact on community.

APPENDIX A

DEFINITIONS

Abbreviations/Terms	Definitions
AEC	Atomic Energy Commission
alpha particle	A positively charged particle emitted from certain radioactive material. It consists of two protons and two neutrons, hence is identical with the nucleus of the helium atom. It is the least penetrating of common radiation, hence is not dangerous unless alpha-emitting substances have entered the body.
background radiation	Naturally occurring low-level radiation to which all life is exposed. Background radiation levels vary from place to place on the earth.
beta particle	A particle emitted from some atoms undergoing radioactive decay. A negatively charged beta particle is identical to an electron. A positively charged beta particle is called a position. Beta radiation can cause skin damage, and beta emitters are harmful if they enter the body.
BNI	Bechtel National, Inc.

buffer zone	A portion of the land disposal site that is controlled by the licensee and that lies between the disposal unit and the boundary of the site.
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
Ci	Curie (the unit of radioactivity of any nuclide, which decays at a rate of 3.7 x 10^{10} disintegrations/second)
contamination	The radioactive substance which is not a portion of the material into and onto which it is now dispersed.
daughter product	The nuclide remaining after a radioactive atom (parent) has undergone radioactive decay. A daughter atom also may be radioactive, producing further daughter products.
decontamination	The removal of radioactive material by chemical or mechanical means from an undesirable location and placement of the removed radioactive material in an acceptable form and location.
dismantlement	The organized manner by which a system or structure is segmented into component pieces which can be managed.

disposal	Isolation of waste from the biosphere with no intent of retrieval in a manner which does not permit easy access to the waste after its emplacement, and does not require perpetual maintenance and monitoring.
disposal site	A portion of a land disposal facility which is used for disposal of waste. It consists of disposal units and a buffer zone.
disposal unit	For near-surface disposal, a "disposal unit" means a discrete portion of the disposal site into which waste is placed for disposal.
DOE	Department of Energy
dpm	Disintegrations per minute
egr	External gamma radiation (gamma radiation emitted from a source(s) external to the body, as opposed to internal gamma radiation emitted from ingested or inhaled sources)
engineered barrier	Man-made structures or devices that are intended to prevent an intruder from inadvertent exposure to radiation from certain waste or to prevent escape of radionuclides to the environment.
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
exposure	Magnitude of radiation. It is defined and measured in terms of electrical charge produced per unit mass of air.

FUSRAP	Formerly Utilized (MED/AEC) Sites Remedial Action Program
gamma background	Natural gamma ray activity everywhere present, originating from two sources: (1) cosmic radiation bombarding the earth's atmosphere continually, and (2) terrestrial radiation. Whole body absorbed dose equivalent in the U.S. due to natural gamma background ranges from about 60 to 125 mrem/yr.
gamma ray	High energy electromagnetic radiation emitted from the nucleus of a radioactive atom, with specific energies for the atoms of different elements and having high penetrating power.
ground water	Subsurface water in the zone of full saturation.
half-life	The period of time required for one-half of the original amount of a radioisotope to decay into a daughter product.
health effect	An adverse physiological response to environmental pollutants. While physiological responses include sickness, genetic defects, and death, for FUSRAP/SFMP one health effect is defined as one death resulting from cancer caused by exposure to radiation.

hydrogeologic unit	Any soil or rock unit or zone which, by virtue of its porosity or permeability or lack thereof, has a distinct influence on the storage or movement of ground water.
inadvertent intruder	A person who might occupy the disposal site unknowingly after closure and engage in normal activities, such as agriculture, dwelling construction, and other pursuits in which the person might be exposed to radiation from the waste.
interim storage	A short-term disposal having control and stabilization features designed to ensure, to the extent reasonably achievable, an effective life of 50 years and, in any case, at least 25 years at which time ultimate disposal will be made.
intruder barrier	A sufficient depth of cover over the waste that exposure to radiation by an inadvertent intruder will meet the standards for protection against radiation specified in DOE Manual 5820.1 and in 10 CFR 61, or engineered structures that provide equivalent protection to the inadvertent intruder.
land disposal facility	The land, buildings, and equipment which are intended to be used for the disposal of radioactive wastes beneath the surface of the land.

long-term management	A form of ultimate disposal and storage involving near-surface burial of FUSRAP and SFMP radioactive wastes. Includes monitoring and corrective action, as necessary, to ensure that contaminants are not migrating from the site in excess of design criteria, and an institutional control period not less than that specified in 40 CFR 192. Control and stabilization features are designed to ensure to the extent reasonably achievable, an effective life of 1,000 years and, in any case, at least 200 years.
LSA	Low Specific Activity - A class of radioactive material as defined in 49 CFR 173.389(c).
umhos/cm	Micromhos per centimeter (10^{-6} mho/cm)
uR/hr	Microroentgens per hour (10^{-6} R/hr)
mR/hr	Milliroentgens per hour (10^{-3} R/hr)
mrad/hr	Millirads per hour (10^{-3} rad/hr)
MED	Manhattan Engineer District
mho	A unit of electrical conductance, the reciprocal of electrical resistance.
MPC	Maximum permissible concentration as defined per 10 CFR 20.103.

near-surface disposal facility	A land disposal facility in which radioactive waste is disposed within the upper 15-20 meters of the earth's surface.
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
nuclide	A general term applicable to all atomic forms of the elements; nuclides comprise all the isotopic forms of all the elements. Nuclides are distinguished by their atomic number, atomic mass, and energy state.
pCi/l	Picocurie per liter (10^{-12} Ci/l)
R	Roentgen (a unit of exposure to ionizing radiation). It is that amount of gamma or x-rays required to produce an electrical charge that is numerically equal to 2.58 x 10^{-4} coulombs/kg.
rad	The basic unit of absorbed dose of ionizing radiation. A dose of one rad means the absorption of 100 ergs of radiation energy per gram of absorbing material.
radioactivity	The spontaneous decay or disintegration of an unstable atomic nucleus, usually accompanied by the emission of ionizing radiation.

radioactive decay chain	A succession of nuclides, each of which transforms by radioactive disintegration into the next, until a stable nuclide results. The first member is called the parent, the intermediate members are called daughters, and the final stable member is called the end product.
radon	A radioactive, chemically inert gas having a half-life of 3.8 days (radium-222); formed as a daughter product of radium (radium-226).
radon background	Low levels of radon gas found in an area due to the presence of uranium or radium in soil and building materials.
radon daughter	One of the several short-lived radioactive daughter products of radon. (Several of the daughters emit alpha particles.)
remedial action	Steps and processes that are undertaken to physically identify, decontaminate, stabilize, or otherwise provide long-term management of radioactive materials to permit certification for unrestricted public use of the area or site.
rdc	Radon daughter concentration (the concentration in air of short-lived radon daughters, usually expressed in pCi/l; also measured in terms of working level (WL).

rem	Roentgen equivalent man. The unit of dose equivalence for all types of ionizing radiation which expresses the effectiveness of the absorbed dose on a common scale. The rem is the basic unit used to record the accumulated dose equivalent to personnel.
site closure and stabilization	Those actions that are taken upon completion of operations that prepare the disposal site for custodial care and that assure that the disposal site will remain stable and will not need ongoing, active maintenance.
SFMP	Surplus Facilities Management Program
surveillance	Observation of the disposal site for purposes of visual detection of need for maintenance, custodial care, evidence of intrusion, and compliance with other license and regulatory requirements.
WL	Working level. A unit of radon daughter exposure, equal to any combination of short-lived radon daughters in 1 liter of air, that will result in the ultimate emission of 1.3×10^5 MeV of potential alpha energy. This level is equivalent to the energy produced in the decay of the daughter products that are present under equilibrium conditions in a liter of air containing 100 pCi of radium-222. It does not include decay of lead-210 (22-year half-life) and subsequent daughter products.

WLM	Working Level Month - An exposure to a one-WL concentration for 170 hours per month.
WBS NO.	Work Breakdown Structure identification sequence number designated by DOE. (See Appendix B for list of identification numbers for the specific sites.)

APPENDIX B

LIST OF FUSRAP AND SFMP SITES

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ESTIMATED WASTE QUANTITIES(7/82)

FUSRAP SITES

MRS No.	Site Name	State	Radioisotope	Estimated Volume (yd^3)	Concentration (pCi/g)	Radioactivity (Ci)	References	Remarks
101	Acid/Pueblo	NM	Plutonium-239	390[a]	110	4.8×10^{-2}	Remedial Action Completed	Soils
102	Albany Research	OR	Natural Uranium Uranium-238 Natural Uranium Radium-226	3,000[b]	a	a	b	Radiological characterization not complete
104	Bayo Canyon	NM	Strontium-90	1,520[a]	-	-	PB&DU 409-317	No Excavation Required - Marker Placed
105	Chupadera	NM	-	N/A	-	-	Remedial Action Not Required	
108	E. I. duPont	NJ	Uranium-238 Uranium-238 Uranium-238	7,000	1,400 1,100 6,600	2.7 0.5 0.9	DOE/EV-0005/8	Contam. Soils & Drainage Ditch
114	Reflex	NJ	-	175[a]	-	-		Completed
115	Niagara Falls Vicinity Properties	NY	Radium-226	48,000	a	a	BNI-2045, 2061, 2074	
117	Middlesex Landfill	NJ	Radium-226	33,000	11	1.4	DOE/EV-0005/20	
118	Middlesex Sampling Plant	NJ	Radium-226 Radium-226	- 57,000	- -	3.5 10.5 -	DOE/EV-0005/1	
121	Paton Park	IL	Hydrogen-3	4,030	-	3.0×10^{3}	DOE/EV-0005/7	
151	St. Louis Airport	MO	Radium-226	86,000	30	3.8	DOE/EV-0005/16	

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FUSRAP SITES

MRS No.	Site Name	State	Radioisotope	Estimated Volume (yd^3)	Concentration (pCi/g)	Radioactivity (Ci)	References	Remarks
125	Shpack	MA	Radium-226 Uranium-238	400	109 125	5.5 6.3	ORNL-5799 DOE/EV-0005/31	
126	Universal Cyclops	PA	-	30	-	-	ORO-777	
129	Linde Air Products	NY	Radium-226 Uranium-238 Actinium-227	26,000	9.3 349 2.3	8.0×10^{-2} 2.00 2.0×10^{-2}	DOE/EV-0005/5 PB&DU 409-323	
130	Univ. of Calif.	CA	-	30*	-	-	Completed 9/82	
131	Univ. of Chicago	IL	-	75*	-	-		
134	SLAPSS (Vic. Prop)	MO	-	13,000	-	-		
137	Wayne/Pequannock	NJ	Uranium-238 Thorium-232 Thorium-228 Radium-226	50,000	a	a		
138	Maywood	NJ	Uranium-238 Uranium-235 Uranium-234 Thorium-230 Thorium-232 Thorium-228 Radium-226	210,000	a	a		
139	Colonie	NY	Uranium-238	30,000	a	a		Radiological Characterization Not Complete
140	Hazelwood	MO	Thorium-230 Radium-226 Uranium-238 Uranium-235 Uranium-234	61,000	a	a		Radiological Survey Not Available
		Total Volume FUSRAP		610,650				

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SFMP SITES

WBS No.	Site Name	State	Radioisotope	Estimated Volume (yd^3)	Concentration (pCi/g)	Radioactivity (Ci)	References	Remarks
201	Weldon Spring Storage Site	MO						
	o Raffinate Pits		Natural Uranium and Thorium, Radium-226	220,500	-	824	DOE/OR/20722-5	Sludge volume
	o Quarry		Natural Uranium and Thorium, Radium-226	130,000	-	-	-	
	o Vicinity Properties		Natural Uranium Radium-226	102,00	-	-	-	
202	Niagara Falls Storage Site	NY	Radium-226 Uranium-238	210,000	-	940	DOE/OR/20722-1	(Includes contaminated residues, soils and rubble)
		Total Volumes SFMP		671,300				

[a]Actual waste volume

[b]Volumes are from Project Plan

[c]Information is unknown at this time.

APPENDIX C

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GUIDELINES FOR RESIDUAL RADIOACTIVITY AT FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM AND REMOTE SURPLUS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SITES

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A. INTRODUCTION

This document presents U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) radiological protection guidelines for cleanup of residual radioactive materials and management of the resulting wastes and residues. It is applicable to sites identified by the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) and remote sites identified by the Surplus Facilities Management Program (SFMP).* The topics covered are basic dose limits, guidelines and authorized limits for allowable levels of residual radioactivity, and requirements for control of the radioactive wastes and residues.

Protocols for identification, characterization, and designation of FUSRAP sites for remedial action; for implementation of the remedial action; and for certification of a FUSRAP site for release for unrestricted use are given in a separate document (U.S. Dept. Energy 1984). More detailed information on applications of the guidelines presented herein, including procedures for deriving site-specific guidelines for allowable levels of residual radioactivity from basic dose limits, is contained in a supplementary document--referred to herein as the "supplement" (U.S. Dept. Energy 1985).

"Residual radioactivity" includes: (1) residual concentrations of radionuclides in soil material,** (2) concentrations of airborne radon decay products, (3) external gamma radiation level, and (4) surface contamination. A "basic dose limit" is a prescribed standard from which limits for quantities that can be monitored and controlled are derived; it is specified in terms of the effective dose equivalent as defined by the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP 1977, 1978). Basic dose limits are used explicitly for deriving guidelines for residual concentrations of radionuclides in soil material, except for thorium and radium. Guidelines for

*A remote SFMP site is one that is excess to DOE programmatic needs and is located outside a major operating DOE research and development or production area.

**The term "soil material" refers to all material below grade level after remedial action is completed.

residual concentrations of thorium and radium and for the other three quantities (airborne radon decay products, external gamma radiation level, and surface contamination) are based on existing radiological protection standards (U.S. Environ. Prot. Agency 1983; U.S. Nucl. Reg. Comm. 1982). These standards are assumed to be consistent with basic dose limits within the uncertainty of derivations of levels of residual radioactivity from basic limits.

A "guideline" for residual radioactivity is a level of residual radioactivity that is acceptable if the use of the site is to be unrestricted. Guidelines for residual radioactivity presented herein are of two kinds: (1) generic, site-independent guidelines taken from existing radiation protection standards, and (2) site-specific guidelines derived from basic dose limits using site-specific models and data. Generic guideline values are presented in this document. Procedures and data for deriving site-specific guideline values are given in the supplement.

An "authorized limit" is a level of residual radioactivity that must not be exceeded if the remedial action is to be considered completed. Under normal circumstances, expected to occur at most sites, authorized limits for residual radioactivity are set equal to guideline values. Exceptional conditions for which authorized limits might differ from guideline values are specified in Sections D and F. A site may be released for unrestricted use only if the residual radioactivity does not exceed guideline values at the time remedial action is completed. Restrictions and controls on use of the site must be established and enforced if the residual radioactivity exceeds guideline values. The applicable controls and restrictions are specified in Section E.

DOE policy requires that all exposures to radiation be limited to levels that are as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA). Implementation of ALARA policy is specified as procedures to be applied after authorized limits have been set. For sites to be released for unrestricted use, the intent is to reduce residual radioactivity to levels that are as far below authorized limits as reasonable considering technical, economic, and social factors. At sites where the residual radioactivity is not reduced to levels that permit release for unrestricted use, ALARA policy is implemented by establishing controls to reduce exposure to levels that are as low as is reasonably achievable. Procedures for implementing ALARA policy are described in the supplement. ALARA policies, procedures, and actions must be documented and filed as a permanent record upon completion of remedial action at a site.

B. BASIC DOSE LIMITS

The basic limit for the annual radiation dose received by an individual member of the general public is 500 mrem/yr for a period of exposure not to exceed 5 years and an average of 100 mrem/yr over a lifetime. The committed effective dose equivalent, as defined in ICRP Publication 26 (ICRP 1977) and calculated by dosimetry models described in ICRP Publication 30 (ICRP 1978), shall be used for determining the dose.

C. GUIDELINES FOR RESIDUAL RADIOACTIVITY

C.1 Residual Radionuclides in Soil Material

Residual concentrations of radionuclides in soil material shall be specified as above-background concentrations averaged over an area of 100 m^2. If the concentration in any area is found to exceed the average by a factor greater than 3, guidelines for local concentrations shall also be applicable. These "hot spot" guidelines depend on the extent of the elevated local concentrations and are given in the supplement.

The generic guidelines for residual concentrations of Th-232, Th-230, Ra-228, and Ra-226 are:

- 5 pCi/g, averaged over the first 15 cm of soil below the surface
- 15 pCi/g, averaged over 15-cm-thick layers of soil more than 15 cm below the surface

These guidelines take into account ingrowth of Ra-226 from Th-230 and of Ra-228 from Th-232, and assume secular equilibrium. If either Th-230 and Ra-226 or Th-232 and Ra-228 are both present, not in secular equilibrium, the guidelines apply to the higher concentration. If other mixtures of radionuclides occur, the concentrations of individual radionuclides shall be reduced so that the dose for the mixtures will not exceed the basic dose limit. Explicit formulas for calculating residual concentration guidelines for mixtures are given in the supplement.

The guidelines for residual concentrations in soil material of all other radionuclides shall be derived from basic dose limits by means of an environmental pathway analysis using site-specific data. Procedures for deriving these guidelines are given in the supplement.

C.2 Airborne Radon Decay Products

Generic guidelines for concentrations of airborne radon decay products shall apply to existing occupied or habitable structures on private property that are intended for unrestricted use; structures that will be demolished or buried are excluded. The applicable generic guideline (40 CFR 192) is: In any occupied or habitable building, the objective of remedial action shall be, and reasonable effort shall be made to achieve, an annual average (or equivalent) radon decay product concentration (including background) not to exceed 0.02 WL.[a] In any case, the radon decay product concentration (including background) shall not exceed 0.03 WL. Remedial actions are not required in order to comply with this guideline when there is reasonable assurance that residual radioactive materials are not the cause.

C.3 External Gamma Radiation

The average level of gamma radiation inside a building or habitable structure on a site to be released for unrestricted use shall not exceed the background level by more than 20 μR/h.

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[a]A working level (WL) is any combination of short-lived radon decay products in one liter of air that will result in the ultimate emission of 1.3×10^5 MeV of potential alpha energy.

C.4 Surface Contamination

The following generic guidelines, adapted from standards of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (1982), are applicable only to existing structures and equipment that will not be demolished and buried. They apply to both interior and exterior surfaces. If a building is demolished and buried, the guidelines in Section C.1 are applicable to the resulting contamination in the ground.

Radionuclides†2	Allowable Total Residual Surface Contamination (dpm/100 cm²)†1		
	Average†3,†4	Maximum†4,†5	Removable†4,†6
Transuranics, Ra-226, Ra-228, Th-230, Th-228, Pa-231, Ac-227, I-125, I-129	100	300	20
Th-Natural, Th-232, Sr-90, Ra-223, Ra-224, U-232, I-126, I-131, I-133	1,000	3,000	200
U-Natural, U-235, U-238, and associated decay products	5,000α	15,000α	1,000α
Beta-gamma emitters (radionuclides with decay modes other than alpha emission or spontaneous fission) except Sr-90 and others noted above	5,000β-γ	15,000β-γ	1,000β-γ

†1 As used in this table, dpm (disintegrations per minute) means the rate of emission by radioactive material as determined by correcting the counts per minute measured by an appropriate detector for background, efficiency, and geometric factors associated with the instrumentation.

†2 Where surface contamination by both alpha- and beta-gamma-emitting radionuclides exists, the limits established for alpha- and beta-gamma-emitting radionuclides should apply independently.

†3 Measurements of average contamination should not be averaged over an area of more than 1 m². For objects of less surface area, the average should be derived for each such object.

†4 The average and maximum dose rates associated with surface contamination resulting from beta-gamma emitters should not exceed 0.2 mrad/h and 1.0 mrad/h, respectively, at 1 cm.

†5 The maximum contamination level applies to an area of not more than 100 cm².

†6 The amount of removable radioactive material per 100 cm² of surface area should be determined by wiping that area with dry filter or soft absorbent paper, applying moderate pressure, and measuring the amount of radioactive material on the wipe with an appropriate instrument of known efficiency. When removable contamination on objects of surface area less than 100 cm² is determined, the activity per unit area should be based on the actual area and the entire surface should be wiped. The numbers in this column are maximum amounts.

D. AUTHORIZED LIMITS FOR RESIDUAL RADIOACTIVITY

The remedial action shall not be considered complete unless the residual radioactivity is below authorized limits. Authorized limits shall be set equal to guidelines for residual radioactivity unless: (1) exceptions specified in Section F of this document are applicable, in which case an authorized limit may be set above the guideline value for the specific location or condition to which the exception is applicable; or (2) on the basis of site-specific data not used in establishing the guidelines, it can be clearly established that limits below the guidelines are reasonable and can be achieved without appreciable increase in cost of the remedial action. Authorized limits that differ from guidelines must be justified and established on a site-specific basis, with documentation that must be filed as a permanent record upon completion of remedial action at a site. Authorized limits differing from the guidelines must be approved by the Director, Oak Ridge Technical Services Division, for FUSRAP and by the Director, Richland Surplus Facilities Management Program Office, for remote SFMP--with concurrence by the Director of Remedial Action Projects for both programs.

E. CONTROL OF RESIDUAL RADIOACTIVITY AT FUSRAP AND REMOTE SFMP SITES

Residual radioactivity above the guidelines at FUSRAP and remote SFMP sites must be managed in accordance with applicable DOE Orders. The DOE Order 5480.1A requires compliance with applicable federal, state, and local environmental protection standards.

The operational and control requirements specified in the following DOE Orders shall apply to interim storage, interim management, and long-term management.

a. 5440.1B, Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act

b. 5480.1A, Environmental Protection, Safety, and Health Protection Program for DOE Operations

c. 5480.2, Hazardous and Radioactive Mixed Waste Management

d. 5480.4, Environmental Protection, Safety, and Health Protection Standards

e. 5482.1A, Environmental, Safety, and Health Appraisal Program

f. 5483.1, Occupational Safety and Health Program for Government-Owned Contractor-Operated Facilities

g. 5484.1, Environmental Protection, Safety, and Health Protection Information Reporting Requirements

h. 5484.2, Unusual Occurrence Reporting System

i. 5820.2, Radioactive Waste Management

E.1 Interim Storage

a. Control and stabilization features shall be designed to ensure, to the extent reasonably achievable, an effective life of 50 years and, in any case, at least 25 years.

b. Above-Background Rn-222 concentrations in the atmosphere above facility surfaces or openings shall not exceed: (1) 100 pCi/L at any given point, (2) an annual average concentration of 30 pCi/L over the facility site, and (3) an annual average concentration of 3 pCi/L at or above any location outside the facility site (DOE Order 5480.1A, Attachment XI-1).

c. Concentrations of radionuclides in the groundwater or quantities of residual radioactive materials shall not exceed existing federal, state, or local standards.

d. Access to a site shall be controlled and misuse of onsite material contaminated by residual radioactivity shall be prevented through appropriate administrative controls and physical barriers--active and passive controls as described by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1983--p. 595). These control features should be designed to ensure, to the extent reasonable, an effective life of at least 25 years. The federal government shall have title to the property.

E.2 Interim Management

a. A site may be released under interim management when the residual radioactivity exceeds guideline values if the residual radioactivity is in inaccessible locations and would be unreasonably costly to remove, provided that administrative controls are established to ensure that no member of the public shall receive a radiation dose exceeding the basic dose limit.

b. The administrative controls, as approved by DOE, shall include but not be limited to periodic monitoring, appropriate shielding, physical barriers to prevent access, and appropriate radiological safety measures during maintenance, renovation, demolition, or other activities that might disturb the residual radioactivity or cause it to migrate.

c. The owner of the site or appropriate federal, state, or local authorities shall be responsible for enforcing the administrative controls.

E.3 Long-Term Management

Uranium, Thorium, and Their Decay Products

a. Control and stabilization features shall be designed to ensure, to the extent reasonably achievable, an effective life of 1,000 years and, in any case, at least 200 years.

b. Control and stabilization features shall be designed to ensure that Rn-222 emanation to the atmosphere from the waste shall not: (1) exceed an annual average release rate of 20 pCi/m^2/s, and (2) increase the annual average Rn-222 concentration at or above any location outside the boundary of the contaminated area by more than 0.5 pCi/L. Field verification of emanation rates is not required.

c. Prior to placement of any potentially biodegradable contaminated wastes in a long-term management facility, such wastes shall be properly conditioned to ensure that (1) the generation and escape of biogenic gases will not cause the requirement in paragraph b of this section (E.3) to be exceeded, and (2) biodegradation within the facility will not result in premature structural failure in violation of the requirements in paragraph a of this section (E.3).

d. Groundwater shall be protected in accordance with 40 CFR 192.20(a)(2) and 192.20(a)(3), as applicable to FUSRAP and remote SFMP sites.

e. Access to a site should be controlled and misuse of onsite material contaminated by residual radioactivity should be prevented through appropriate administrative controls and physical barriers--active and passive controls as described by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1983--p. 595). These controls should be designed to be effective to the extent reasonable for at least 200 years. The federal government shall have title to the property.

Other Radionuclides

f. Long-term management of other radionuclides shall be in accordance with Chapters 2, 3, and 5 of DOE Order 5820.2, as applicable.

F. EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to the requirement that authorized limits be set equal to the guidelines may be made on the basis of an analysis of site-specific aspects of a designated site that were not taken into account in deriving the guidelines. Exceptions require approvals as stated in Section D. Specific situations that warrant exceptions are:

a. Where remedial actions would pose a clear and present risk of injury to workers or members of the general public, notwithstanding reasonable measures to avoid or reduce risk.

b. Where remedial actions--even after all reasonable mitigative measures have been taken--would produce environmental harm that is clearly excessive compared to the health benefits to persons living on or near affected sites, now or in the future. A clear excess of environmental harm is harm that is long-term, manifest, and grossly disproportionate to health benefits that may reasonably be anticipated.

c. Where the cost of remedial actions for contaminated soil is unreasonably high relative to long-term benefits and where the residual radioactive materials do not pose a clear present or future risk after taking necessary control measures. The likelihood that buildings will be erected or that people will spend long periods of time at such a site should be considered in evaluating this risk. Remedial actions will generally not

be necessary where only minor quantities of residual radioactive materials are involved or where residual radioactive materials occur in an inaccessible location at which site-specific factors limit their hazard and from which they are costly or difficult to remove. Examples are residual radioactive materials under hard-surface public roads and sidewalks, around public sewer lines, or in fence-post foundations. In order to invoke this exception, a site-specific analysis must be provided to establish that it would not cause an individual to receive a radiation dose in excess of the basic dose limits stated in Section B, and a statement specifying the residual radioactivity must be included in the appropriate state and local records.

d. Where the cost of cleanup of a contaminated building is clearly unreasonably high relative to the benefits. Factors that shall be included in this judgment are the anticipated period of occupancy, the incremental radiation level that would be affected by remedial action, the residual useful lifetime of the building, the potential for future construction at the site, and the applicability of remedial actions that would be less costly than removal of the residual radioactive materials. A statement specifying the residual radioactivity must be included in the appropriate state and local records.

e. Where there is no feasible remedial action.

G. SOURCES

Limit or Guideline	Source
Basic Dose Limits	
Dosimetry Model and Dose Limits	International Commission on Radiological Protection (1977, 1978)
Generic Guidelines for Residual Radioactivity	
Residual Concentrations of Radium and Thorium in Soil Material	40 CFR 192
Airborne Radon Decay Products	40 CFR 192
External Gamma Radiation	40 CFR 192
Surface Contamination	Adapted from U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (1982)
Control of Radioactive Wastes and Residues	
Interim Storage	DOE Order 5480.1A
Long-Term Management	DOE Order 5480.1A; 40 CFR 192

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APPENDIX D

SITE INFORMATION FOR SPECIFIC SITES
(See Design Criteria, Section 3.3.3)

1.0 GENERAL

This appendix is a general outline of the information that will be obtained for a FUSRAP/SFMP site through historical research and/or field investigation activities during site characterization. This information will be used as a starting point for preparation of Design Bases for the sites. The data unique to a particular site are enclosed between single asterisks (*..*).

2.0 SURVEYS AND DATUM

Information on site description, surveys, plant coordinates, plant datum, plant grade, horizontal and vertical survey control points, plant grid north, site boundary, access roads, railroads, etc., will be obtained.

3.0 WATER LEVELS

For sites located on rivers, lakes, or at the ocean, the probable maximum and minimum water levels and their fluctuations will be obtained. The design maximum flood elevations, as noted below, will be investigated and recorded for the site:

	Elevation Above Mean Sea Level (MSL) (*..*)
Maximum recorded high water	ft
100-year projected flood	ft
Probable maximum flood	ft
Maximum projected water level for plant safety	ft
Design high water	ft
Design low water	ft

(In general, the 100-year flood shall be used for design.)

4.0 PRECIPITATION (*..*)

Rainfall

Average annual	in.
Daily maximum	in.
Design hourly maximum (100-year storm)	in.
Probable maximum precipitation (PMP) per hour	in.

Flash floods caused by thunderstorm may occur and are to be considered in the design. (Note value to be used in flood design as *..* in. per hour.)

SNOWFALL (*..*)

Average annual	in.
Season maximum	in.
Maximum for month of *..*	in.
Daily maximum	in.
Design snow load	lb/sq. ft.

5.0 GROUNDWATER TABLE

The high water table to be used in design will be stated.

For the design of all underground structures, the high water table will be assumed as elevation *..* ft.

Average groundwater level is approximately at *..* ft.

6.0 FROST PENETRATION

Depth below grade *..* in.

7.0 ICE

If applicable, ice pack formation will be described giving appropriate design loads.

8.0 AIR TEMPERATURE (*..*)

Maximum design	°F
Minimum design	°F
Average annual	°F
Average wet bulb	°F
Average dry bulb	°F

9.0 NOISE LEVELS

Noise level measurement and monitoring during construction will be maintained for sites as required by local authorities.

10.0 WINDS

Based on 100-year recurrence interval, the design wind velocity shall be *..* mph at *..* feet above grade in accordance with the Uniform Building Code (UBC). The prevailing wind is in *..* direction. Wind velocity will be adjusted as appropriate for structure height and gust factors. The effects of tornadoes will be investigated as required by site conditions.

11.0 SEISMOLOGY

The site is in UBC Zone *..*. Seismic loads shall be considered in accordance with Section 2312 of UBC criteria.

Verification of whether a higher zoning than that required by UBC may be more appropriate for the particular site will be made.

12.0 GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS

Subsurface investigations will provide a description of the soil and geological and hydrological conditions and other data for the preparation of "Soil and Geological Investigation Report". The design basis will list from the report the hydraulic gradient of ground water, soil profile, location of bedrock, determination of confined and unconfined aquifers, establishment of monitoring wells, test results of soil and rock properties, allowable bearing and/or pile capacities (as applicable) for foundation design, active and passive lateral earth pressure, etc. Compaction criteria and maximum slopes for excavation will also be specified.

13.0 GUIDELINES FOR RESIDUAL RADIOACTIVITY

To be developed for each site. Refer to Appendix C.

2.2 DESIGNATION OR AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENTATION

The following document designated or authorized the remedial action at the Schnoor site.

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