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Abbreviations

DOE U.S. Department of Energy
FFCA Federal Facility Compliance Agreement
FRL final remediation level
GMA Great Miami Aquifer
IEMP Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan
LMICP Comprehensive Legacy Management and Institutional Controls Plan
NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
OU5 ROD Final Record of Decision for Remedial Actions at Operable Unit 5

Measurement Abbreviations

cfs cubic feet per second
µg/L micrograms per liter
mg/L milligrams per liter
pCi/L picocuries per liter
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This appendix presents additional surface water and effluent data in support of Section 4.0 of this Fernald Preserve 2018 Site Environmental Report. This appendix provides an evaluation of the final remediation level (FRL) exceedances for surface water and effluent, including an assessment of potential cross-media impacts to the groundwater exposure pathway. Surface water data are available through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management’s Geospatial Environmental Mapping System (https://www.lm.doe.gov/Fernald/Sites.aspx).

Surface water and effluent samples are collected as required by the “Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan” (IEMP), which is Attachment D of the Comprehensive Legacy Management and Institutional Controls Plan (LMICP) (DOE 2019). Figure B-1 shows all IEMP surface water monitoring locations. The following information is discussed in this appendix:

- Surveillance monitoring (see Section B.1.1).
- Federal Facility Compliance Agreement (FFCA)/Final Record of Decision for Remedial Actions at Operable Unit 5 (OU5 ROD) (DOE 1996a) compliance (see Section B.1.2).
- Controlled and uncontrolled areas (see Section B.1.3).

Routine National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit sampling is not discussed in this appendix because it is discussed in detail in Section 4.0, “Surface Water and Effluent Pathway,” of the 2018 Site Environmental Report.

### B.1.1 Surveillance Monitoring

Surveillance monitoring is the comparison of surface water and effluent analytical results to the surface water FRLs to determine effects of remediation activities on the surface water exposure pathway. Surveillance monitoring also includes an assessment of the effects surface water may have on the groundwater pathway (referred to as cross-media impacts).

All 2018 data were compared to surface water FRLs. Concentration-versus-time plots are presented in Figures B-2 through B-26. Samples collected at the Parshall Flume (PF 4001) are used in the surveillance evaluation because this is the last point effluent is sampled prior to discharge to the Great Miami River.

Water discharges to the Great Miami River are required to be below the FRLs at the point where discharged water is completely mixed with water in the Great Miami River (i.e., outside the mixing zone). In cases where the Parshall Flume data are already below the FRLs, no further action is taken. When the Parshall Flume data are above the FRLs, to make a determination of each constituent’s concentration at this point in the Great Miami River, the following calculation is applied:

\[
C_{PF, 4001} = \frac{Q_{10}[C_{GARD]} + Q_{PF}[C_{PF}]}{Q_{10} + Q_{PF}}
\]
where:

\[ C_{PF4001} = \text{Flow-weighted average concentration outside the mixing zone in the Great Miami River, picocuries per liter (pCi/L), micrograms per liter (µg/L), or milligrams per liter (mg/L)} \]

\[ Q_{10} = \text{7-day, 10-year low flow, 280.58 cubic feet per second (cfs)} \]

\[ C_{GMR} = \text{Background concentration in Great Miami River from Table 11 in Attachment D of the LMICP (DOE 2019), pCi/L, µg/L, or mg/L (zero was used when no background concentration was available)} \]

\[ Q_{PF} = \text{Daily flow at PF 4001, cfs} \]

\[ C_{PF} = \text{Daily concentration at PF 4001, pCi/L, µg/L, or mg/L} \]

**Note:** Flow conditions at the Hamilton Dam gauge are periodically reviewed to determine if there is a lower flow than the 7-day, 10-year low flow of 280.58 cfs. The low flow of 280.58 cfs went into effect during the NPDES permit renewal process using information provided in the NPDES permit fact sheet finalized in early 2015. The lowest daily flow measured at the Hamilton Dam gauge (if lower than 280.58 cfs) is used in the equation to see if an exceedance could potentially occur. The lowest daily flow recorded during 2018 was 1,000 cfs, which occurred on September 1.

No samples collected at PF 4001 exceeded the surface water FRLs.

**B.1.1.1 Evaluation of Constituents Above FRLs for 2018**

As shown in Table B-1, there were 18 exceedances of surface water FRLs in 2018. Below is a summary of the 2018 surface water results, which are discussed further in this section:

- All eighteen total uranium surface water FRL exceedances (530 µg/L) occurred at sampling location SWD-09. Figure B-2 is a plot of the total uranium concentration versus time for sampling location SWD-09. Concentrations display a cycle of high to low each year. The historical high was 2,087 µg/L measured in December 2016. The overall statistical trend (Mann-Kendall) with a 95% confidence interval for FRL exceedances at SWD-09 is “Down” (Table B-1). Figures B-3 through B-14 are plots of the total uranium concentration versus time for all surface water sampling locations.

- There were no exceedances at SWD-05 in 2018.

As discussed in Section 4.0 of this Site Environmental Report, surface water monitoring currently conducted in a small swale area west of the former waste pits continues to show elevated but slowly diminishing uranium concentrations. After a limited maintenance activity was completed in the fall of 2007, DOE committed to continued monitoring of the swale area. Two monitoring points (SWD-05 and SWD-09) were added to the surface water program to fulfill this monitoring commitment. These two locations are sampled weekly, when water is present. Location SWD-05 has been sampled 208 times and SWD-09 has been sampled 356 times between January 2007 and December 2018. Fifteen of the 208 samples collected at SWD-05 (7.2%) and 233 of the 356 samples collected at SWD-09 (65.4%) have exceeded the total uranium surface water FRL. There were no surface water FRL exceedances for uranium at SWD-05 in 2018. As discussed in Attachment A.2, the swale is isolated from surface drainage...
features, so water entering the swale either evaporates or infiltrates into the ground. If the surface water with elevated total uranium concentration infiltrates into the aquifer beneath the swale, it is quickly captured by nearby extraction well 33347 and poses no threat to human health or the environment. Additional information concerning the impact to groundwater is provided in Section A.2.1.1.4.

B.1.1.2 Evaluation of Cross-Media Impacts for 2018

One of the objectives of the IEMP surveillance monitoring program is to provide an ongoing assessment of the potential for cross-media impacts from surface water to the underlying Great Miami Aquifer (GMA). To conduct this assessment, sampling locations were selected to evaluate contaminant concentrations in surface water just upstream from those areas where site drainages have eroded through the protective glacial overburden (e.g., the Storm Sewer Outfall Ditch, Pilot Plant Drainage Ditch, and certain reaches of Paddys Run). In areas where the glacial overburden is absent, a direct pathway exists for contaminants to reach the aquifer. Key sampling locations associated with these areas of direct infiltration are SWD-03, SWD-04, SWD-05, SWD-07, SWD-08, and STRM 4005 (Figures B-3 through B-8).

Because it is the primary contaminant at the site, total uranium is used as an indicator to evaluate the impact of surface water on the GMA. A conservative assumption is used in this assessment, which considers the total uranium concentration (and all other constituent concentrations) in the surface water to be at the same concentration when the water reaches the GMA through infiltration. However, the more likely scenario is that the total uranium concentration (and all other constituent concentrations) would decrease through dilution and adsorption to sediment particles as the water infiltrates through the ground and mixes with the groundwater in the GMA. The groundwater total uranium FRL of 30 µg/L is used in this cross-media impact assessment.

The results of the cross-media impact assessment for 2018 indicate that three of the six surface water locations evaluated (SWD-04, SWD-05, and SWD-08) had results that exceeded the total uranium groundwater FRL of 30 µg/L. The impact SWD-05 and SWD-04 have on the aquifer is similar to SWD-09’s impact discussed in Section B.1.1.1 above. Water infiltrating from SWD-08 in the southern part of the site is similarly captured from extraction wells to the east and southeast. Sampling at these locations will continue, and results of these samples will continue to provide an assessment of the cross-media impacts.

B.1.2 FFCA/OU5 ROD Compliance

The OU5 ROD and subsequent *Explanation of Significant Differences for Operable Unit 5* (DOE 2001) stipulate compliance with a monthly flow-weighted average total uranium concentration discharge limit of 30 µg/L at the Great Miami River via PF 4001. In addition to the concentration limitation, the OU5 ROD stipulated that the total mass discharged during a year not exceed 600 pounds.
During 2018, the total uranium concentrations were monitored daily at PF 4001 to demonstrate compliance with these limitations. The Fernald Preserve was in compliance with the total mass limitation, as uranium discharges totaled 451 pounds, which is below the 600-pound limit. The Fernald Preserve was in compliance with the monthly flow-weighted concentration limit every month in 2018, as identified on Figure B-27.

### B.1.3 Controlled and Uncontrolled Storm Water Runoff Areas

In 2018, there were no previously uncontrolled areas that were added to the Fernald Preserve controlled storm water system (refer to Figure B-28). At the conclusion of remediation in October 2006, control of storm water runoff was no longer required. The only storm water collected for treatment is that which falls on the controlled pad of the Converted Advanced Wastewater Treatment facility.

### B.2.0 References


### Table B-1. Summary Statistics and Trend Analysis for Constituents with 2018 Results Above Surface Water Final Remediation Levels

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Constituent</th>
<th>Number of Samples&lt;sup&gt;b,c,d&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
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<th>Number of Samples Above FRL for 2018&lt;sup&gt;e,d&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>FRL&lt;sup&gt;e&lt;/sup&gt; (µg/L)</th>
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<th>Maximum&lt;sup&gt;b,c,d,f,g&lt;/sup&gt; (µg/L)</th>
<th>Average&lt;sup&gt;b,c,d,f,g&lt;/sup&gt; (µg/L)</th>
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<td>18</td>
<td>530</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>2087</td>
<td>706.3</td>
<td>368.7</td>
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<sup>a</sup> Refer to Figure B-2.
<sup>b</sup> Based on samples collected from January 3, 2007, through December 31, 2018.
<sup>c</sup> If more than one sample is collected per surface water location per day (e.g., duplicate, grab, composite), then only one sample is counted for the number of samples, and the sample with the maximum concentration is used for determining the summary statistics (minimum, maximum, average, and standard deviation), the Mann-Kendall test for trend with a 95% confidence interval, and in determining FRL exceedances.
<sup>d</sup> Rejected data qualified with laboratory qualifiers R or Z were not included in the count, the summary statistics, or Mann-Kendall test for trend.
<sup>e</sup> FRL = Final Remediation Level. From OU5 ROD, Table 9-5.
<sup>f</sup> For results where the concentrations are below the detection limit, the results used in the summary statistics and Mann-Kendall test for trend are each set at half the method detection limit.
<sup>g</sup> If the number of samples is greater than or equal to four, then all of the summary statistics and the Mann-Kendall test for trend are reported. If the total number of samples is equal to three, then the minimum, maximum, and average are reported. If the total number of samples is equal to two, then the minimum and maximum are reported. If the total number of samples is equal to one, then the data point is reported as the minimum.
Figure B-1. IEMP/NPDES Surface Water and Effluent Sample Locations
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Figure B-3. Total Uranium Concentration Versus Time Plot for Location SWD-03 (Former Waste Storage Area) for Cross-Media Impact Evaluation
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Figure B-5. Total Uranium Concentration Versus Time Plot for Location SWD-05 (Former Waste Storage Area) for Cross-Media Impact Evaluation
Figure B-6. Total Uranium Concentration Versus Time Plot for Location SWD-07 (Former Production Area Drainage) for Cross-Media Impact Evaluation

Figure B-7. Total Uranium Concentration Versus Time Plot for Location SWD-08 (Former Southern Waste Units) for Cross-Media Impact Evaluation
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Figure B-20. Thorium-232 Concentration Versus Time Plot for Location SWD-05 (Former Waste Storage Area)

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Figure B-22. Radium-228 Concentration Versus Time Plot for Location SWD-08 (Former Southern Waste Units)

The groundwater FRL for radium-228 is 20 pCi/L.

Note: The surface water FRL for radium-228 is 47 pCi/L.

Figure B-23. Thorium-228 Concentration Versus Time Plot for Location SWD-08 (Former Southern Waste Units)

The groundwater FRL for thorium-228 is 4 pCi/L.

Note: The surface water FRL for thorium-228 is 830 pCi/L.
Figure B-24. Thorium-230 Concentration Versus Time Plot for Location SWD-08 (Former Southern Waste Units)

Note: The groundwater FRL for thorium-230 is 15 pCi/L.

Figure B-25. Thorium-232 Concentration Versus Time Plot for Location SWD-08 (Former Southern Waste Units)

Note: The groundwater FRL for thorium-232 is 1.2 pCi/L.

Note: The surface water FRL for thorium-232 is 270 pCi/L.
Figure B-26. Radium-228 Concentration Versus Time Plot for Location PF 4001 (Parshall Flume)
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Figure B-27. 2018 Monthly Average Total Uranium Concentration in Water Discharged from PF 4001 to the Great Miami River
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