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FOR SILOS 1 AND 2 REMEDIATION FACILITY**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

1 This Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) details the plan and schedule for implementation  
2 of treatment, packaging, and disposal of the material in Silos 1 and 2. The design and  
3 construction of the necessary facilities for Silos 1 and 2 remediation, and plans for  
4 implementation of the other portions of the Operable Unit 4 remedial action, are specified  
5 in the documentation described in Section 1.2.

### 1.1 Scope

6 This RAWP addresses the operations associated with:

- 7 • Receipt of Silos 1 and 2 material from the Transfer Tank Area (TTA)
- 8 • Dewatering, and treatment of the material; and
- 9 • Packaging of the treated Silos 1 and 2 material and preparation for transportation;

10 This RAWP also defines the scope of subsequent Remedial Action documents and  
11 specifies appropriate remedial action milestones.

### 1.2 Related Documentation

#### 1.2.1 Explanation of Significant Differences for Silos 1 and 2 Remedial Action

12 The final selected remedy for treatment and offsite disposal of Silos 1 and 2 material is  
13 specified by the Explanation of Significant Differences for Silos 1 and 2 Remedial Action,  
14 which was signed by the DOE on November 7, 2003 and by the USEPA on November 24,  
15 2003. As defined by the ESD, the remedy addressed by this RAWP consists of:

- 16 • Complete removal of contents of Silos 1 and 2 and the Decant Sump Tank System  
17 sludge from the Transfer Tank Area followed by treatment using chemical  
18 stabilization; and
- 19 • Off-site shipment and disposal of the chemically stabilized waste at the NTS or an  
20 appropriately permitted commercial disposal facility.

#### 1.2.2 Silos 1 and 2 Remedial Design Work Plan

21 The Remedial Design Work Plan (RDWP) for Silos 1 and 2 defined the scope, content of  
22 subsequent deliverables related to implementation of the Silos 1 and 2 Remedial Action.  
23 The final revision of the Silos 1 and 2 RDWP (40700-WP-0002, Rev. 2) was approved by

1 the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) on October 25, 2001, and by the  
2 United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on October 26, 2001.

### 1.2.3 Silos 1 and 2 Remedial Design Package

3 The design of the Silos 1 and 2 Remediation Facility is documented in the Remedial Design  
4 Package for the Silos 1 and 2 Remediation Facility (40750-RP-0028) which was approved  
5 by the U.S. EPA on June 4, 2003 and by the OEPA on June 5, 2003.

## 2 REMEDIAL ACTION OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

6 The following sections provide a summary-level description of the operation and  
7 maintenance of the Silos 1 and 2 Remediation Facility. Additional details concerning the  
8 equipment design, controls and methodologies are provided in the Project Remedial Design  
9 Package.

### 2.1 Process Overview

10 The Silos 1 and 2 Remediation Facility will consist of a Remediation Building, warehouse,  
11 office trailers, personal protective equipment (PPE) change facilities, vehicle staging area,  
12 and rail spurs. The Remediation Building will contain the control room, process and  
13 support systems for the slurry receipt, feed preparation, chemical stabilization/product  
14 forming, containerization and loading of the treated K-65 materials for shipment to an off-  
15 site disposal facility.

16 Silos 1 and 2 materials will be treated using a chemical stabilization process where  
17 chemical formulations (e.g., Portland cement, and fly ash) chemically and physically bind  
18 the silo materials. A thickening step will be included in the process to increase the waste  
19 loading in the final product. This will be accomplished using a combination of mixing  
20 tanks for chemical addition and a clarifier for gravity thickening. Addition of polymer will  
21 be used to improve settling. Treatability studies have shown that only polymer is required  
22 to enhance settling, and only cement and fly ash are required for stabilization. However,  
23 current plans are to also add a superplasticizer to each batch of treated waste in order to  
24 delay the setup time of the final product.

1 Filled waste containers will be staged, both indoors and outdoors, before being shipped  
2 off-site for disposal. The infrastructure described in the RD Package will accommodate  
3 transportation by either rail (direct or intermodal) or direct truck to the selected disposal  
4 facility. The certified shipping containers will accommodate both truck and rail transport.  
5 The loading facility is designed to accommodate both railcars and trucks. Customized  
6 truck trailers are currently being procured for transportation of the containers to the NTS.

7 The intent of the shipping program will be to maintain ongoing shipments of treated Silos  
8 1 and 2 material to that NTS at a rate matched with the production rate of the remediation  
9 facility and with the disposal schedule at the NTS (currently planned at four days per  
10 week). Therefore, if both the remediation facility and the shipping program are  
11 maintaining their target rates, individual containers will be staged onsite for only the time  
12 required to prepare the associated documentation and release the shipments.

13 In the event of a temporary interruption in the shipment program, onsite staging may be  
14 required in order to maintain operation of the remediation facility until shipments can  
15 resume. The capacity of the onsite staging areas is estimated to be sufficient to absorb  
16 one to two weeks of containers, depending upon the remediation facility production rate,  
17 until shipments are resumed. Prolonged onsite staging or storage of filled containers of  
18 treated Silos 1 and 2 material would require reevaluation of procedures and controls and  
19 revision of the Transportation and Disposal Plan.

20 The chemical stabilization process flow diagram, Figure 1-1, shows the basic flow of  
21 materials through the facility. The treatment process will continuously produce a  
22 stabilized product using several systems, some that will operate in a batch fashion, and  
23 others that will operate continuously. Multiple lines of equipment will be used to ensure  
24 that batch operations performed sequentially result in a continuous overall operation.

25 The Remediation Facility will include the following six major process systems.

#### 26 TTA Waste Retrieval System

27 In the TTA Waste Retrieval System, Silos 1 and 2 materials will be pumped as a slurry at  
28 approximately 350 gallons per minute (gpm) and 5-15 wt % solids from the TTA to the  
29 Remediation Building via one of two elevated, double-walled transfer lines. The material

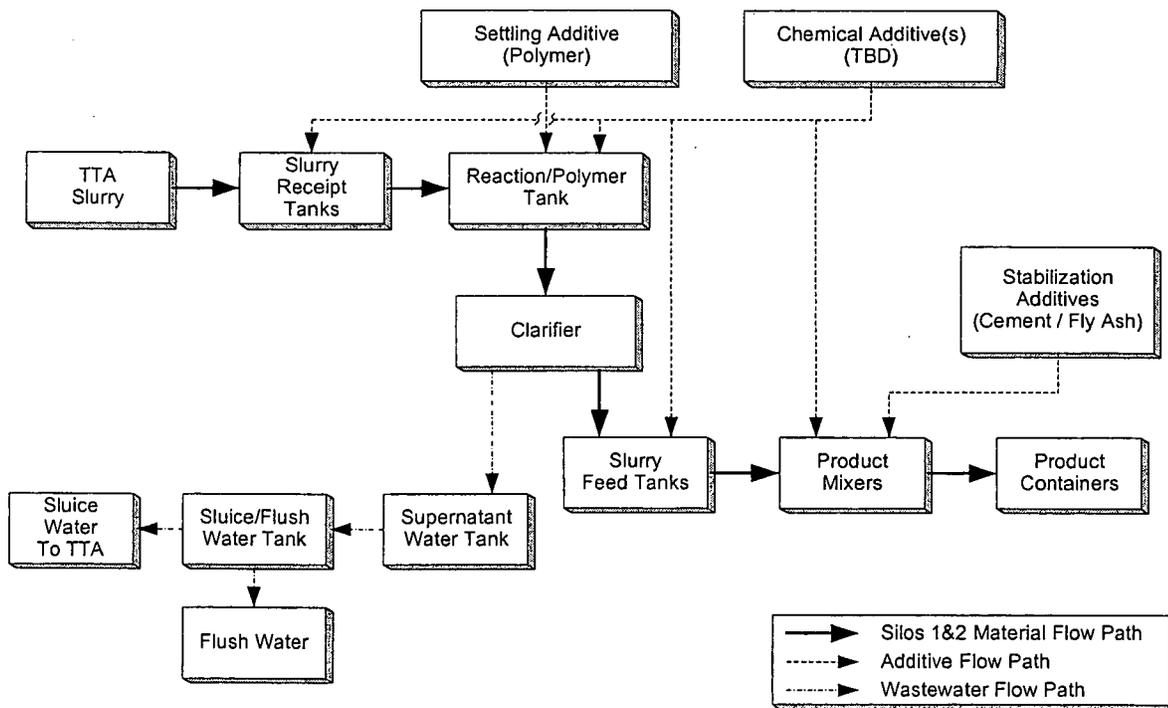
1 will be delivered to one of three carbon steel slurry receipt tanks. From the slurry receipt  
2 tanks, the material will be pumped through the reaction tank into the polymer addition  
3 tank in the Feed Preparation System.

4 Feed Preparation System

5 In the feed preparation system, slurry from the receipt tanks can be mixed together with  
6 chemical additives. Based on bench-scale treatability studies, the only additive required to  
7 enhance settling of suspended solids, is a polymer flocculating agent. Other chemicals  
8 could be added, if necessary, through a spare chemical additive system. The additives, if  
9 necessary, would be added in the reaction tank. No additives are currently

10 **FIGURE 1-1**

11 **CHEMICAL STABILIZATION PROCESS FLOW**



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14 planned to be added to the reaction tank at this time. Polymer will be added in the polymer  
15 addition tank. The contents of the reaction tank and the polymer addition tank will

1 overflow to a clarifier to thicken the slurry to approximately 30 wt % solids in preparation  
2 for product mixing.

### 3 Processor Feed System

4 The clarifier will continuously feeds thickened slurry (nominally 30 wt% solids) to one of  
5 three slurry feed tanks in the processor feed system. The thickened slurry is then  
6 transferred by batches to the product mixers. Materials from downstream processes may  
7 also be recycled to the clarifier.

### 8 Product Additive System

9 In the product additive system, cement and fly ash are unloaded and transferred to the  
10 product mixers.

### 11 Processor System

12 In the processor system, three product mixers are used to mix the thickened slurry with  
13 cement and fly ash on a batch basis. After mixing has been completed, the chemically  
14 stabilized product is discharged via gravity to the transport/disposal containers.

### 15 Container Handling System

16 The container handling system consists of mechanical subsystems for the receipt,  
17 preparation, and filling of the containers to be used for packaging of the chemically  
18 stabilized product, and for the loading of the containers onto railcars or trucks for  
19 transportation and disposal.

## 2.2 Operation and Control of the Silos 1 and 2 Remediation Facility

### 2.2.1 Silo 1 and 2 Central Control System (CCS)

20 The Silo 1 and 2 CCS is an electronically isolated industrial Ethernet network that provides  
21 processor-to-processor communications among controllers, servers, workstations, and  
22 other Ethernet devices using Siemens Ethernet switches. The CCS includes Profibus DP  
23 input/output (I/O) sub-networks within its structure for the connection of Siemens  
24 ET200M I/O racks, variable frequency drives (VFDs), the Siemens S7-416 PLCs and other  
25 third-party packaged systems. The Human Machine Interface (HMI) consists of ten

1 custom operator stations two of which incorporate joystick-based controls interfaced to  
2 Siemens controllers via Profibus DP for operation of the sluicer modules.

### 2.2.2 TTA Waste Retrieval System (System 13)

3 The TTA Waste Retrieval System is responsible for the transfer of slurry from the TTA  
4 tanks to the slurry receipt tanks (TNK-13-1000A/B/C) and from the slurry receipt tanks to  
5 the reaction tank (TNK-15-1003A) or the clarifier (TNK-15-1004). The TTA Waste  
6 Retrieval System is designed to transfer slurry without allowing the solids to settle. This is  
7 accomplished by agitation of the material inside the slurry receipt tanks. The slurry receipt  
8 tank agitators, MXA-13-1000A/B/C, are designed to continuously mix the slurry in the  
9 tanks to ensure a homogenous feed to the reaction tank. Within the remediation facility,  
10 slurry is transferred using heavy-duty centrifugal slurry pumps (PMP-13-1001A/B/C) from  
11 the slurry receipt tanks to the reaction tank. The system is also designed to permit the  
12 transfer of slurry between each of the three slurry receipt tanks. In addition to receiving  
13 flows from the TTA tanks or one of the other receipt tanks, the system is designed to  
14 receive flow from the Slurry Feed Tanks (TNK-16-1000A/B/C), sumps, and the flush water  
15 system.

16 The TTA Waste Retrieval System operating and shutdown sequences are limited to level  
17 interlocks and permissives for the tanks, pumps, agitators, samplers, and valves for slurry  
18 transfer and line flushing. All control system (CS) communications with this system are  
19 via hardwired I/O status switches, hardwired hand switches, and field mounted  
20 instrumentation directly connected to the CS.

### 2.2.3 Feed Preparation System (System 15)

21 The Feed Preparation System is responsible for the conditioning of slurry to promote  
22 settling, settling of the conditioned (thickened) slurry, and transfer of thickened slurry to a  
23 series of batch tanks (i.e., slurry feed tanks) for further processing. The Feed Preparation  
24 System is designed to continuously treat, settle, and transfer slurry 24 hours per day. The  
25 design throughput of the system is 78,078 pounds of K-65 solids, dry weight basis, per  
26 day. To accomplish slurry conditioning, the Feed Preparation System uses a polymer  
27 addition skid package to deliver dilute polymer to the polymer addition tank (TNK-15-

1 1003B) or to the centerwell of the clarifier (TNK-15-1004). Results of previously  
2 conducted treatability studies indicate that polymer is the only additive needed to promote  
3 settling of the slurry. As an added precaution, another package system has been added  
4 for the addition of superplasticizer to the product mixers in order to delay setup time.

5 Each of the package units is configured with metering pumps: PMP-15-1010A/B for  
6 polymer addition to the polymer addition tank (TNK-15-1003B). On the chemical addition  
7 skid, a small chemical-duty centrifugal pump (PMP-15-1001A) will be used to transfer bulk  
8 volumes of superplasticizer to the product mixers, as needed.

9 Slurry transferred from the slurry receipt tanks to the reaction tank will be continuously  
10 agitated by reaction tank mixer (MXA-15-1003A). Slurry leaving the reaction tank will  
11 flow into the polymer addition tank through a common underflow nozzle. The polymer  
12 addition tank is continuously agitated by the polymer addition tank mixer (MXA-15-  
13 1003B). This rapid mix tank is used to interact the slurry with polymer prior to entry into  
14 the clarifier feedwell for settling.

15 Once slurry conditioned with polymer has gravity flowed from the polymer addition tank to  
16 the clarifier feedwell, the slurry is allowed to gravity settle in the clarifier. Treatability  
17 studies have indicated that the slurry settles rapidly, so to ensure that the clarifier does  
18 not become plugged; the clarifier will be continuously stirred. The clarifier rake (MXA-15-  
19 1004) will continuously stir the contents of the clarifier at a relatively slow (~1rpm) rate.  
20 The rake is designed to direct settled solids to the clarifier sump for removal via pump.

21 Once slurry has settled to a sufficient solids concentration, the clarifier underflow pumps  
22 (PMP-15-1004A/B/C) will be used to transfer thickened slurry to the slurry feed tanks.  
23 However, based on the settling velocity limitations and the particle characteristics of the  
24 slurry, normal operation of the clarifier underflow pumps will involve recycling thickened  
25 slurry back the clarifier. Periodically, slurry will be transferred to one of the three slurry  
26 feed tanks using a diverter valve. During this diversion, the recycle header will be flushed  
27 to reduce occurrence of settling. The water will be recycled and overflow the clarifier  
28 perimeter weir. Following transfer operations (i.e., slurry batch requirements for the slurry  
29 feed tanks are fulfilled), the slurry transfer line will be flushed as described in the System

1 62 section. Once the system flush is complete, the pump in question will be shutdown  
2 while another of the three pumps will simultaneously begin recycle operations.

3 The clarifier weir is designed to collect water that is displaced from the input and settling  
4 of solids into the clarifier. The water that overflows the weir is routed through gravity  
5 flow to the Supernatant System (System 55).

6 The Feed Preparation System operating and shutdown sequences are limited to level  
7 interlocks and permissives for the tanks, pumps, agitators, samplers, and valves for slurry  
8 transfer and line flushing. All CS communications with this system are via hardwired I/O  
9 status switches, hardwired hand switches, and field mounted instrumentation directly  
10 connected to the CS.

#### 2.2.4 Processor Feed System (System 16)

11 The Slurry Feed System (System 16) is responsible for storing thickened slurry from the  
12 Clarifier (TNK-15-1004) and transferring the thickened slurry to the product mixers (MXB-  
13 17-1000A, MXB-17-1000B, and MXB-17-1000C). The Slurry Feed System is designed to  
14 transfer slurry without allowing the solids to settle. This is accomplished by agitation of  
15 the material inside the Slurry Feed Tank (TNK-16-1000A, TNK-16-1000B, and TNK-16-  
16 1000C). The Slurry Feed Tank Agitators (MXA-16-1000A, MXA-16-1000B, and MXA-16-  
17 1000C) are designed to continuously mix the slurry in the tanks to ensure a homogenous  
18 feed to the product mixers. Within the remediation facility, slurry is transferred using  
19 heavy-duty centrifugal slurry pumps (PMP-16-1001A, PMP-16-1001B, and PMP-16-  
20 1001C) from the Slurry Feed Tanks to the Product Mixers. The system is also designed to  
21 permit the transfer of slurry between each of the three Slurry Feed Tanks. In addition to  
22 receiving flow from the Clarifier Tank or one of the other feed tanks the system is  
23 designed to receive flow from the Product Mixer Vent Scrubber Pump (PMP-19-1000) and  
24 the flush water system.

25 The Product Feed System operating and shutdown sequences are limited to level interlocks  
26 and permissives for the tanks, pumps, agitators, samplers, and valves for slurry transfer  
27 and line flushing. All CS communications with this system are via hardwired I/O status

1 switches, hardwired hand switches, and field mounted instrumentation directly connected  
2 to the CS.

### 2.2.5 Processor System (System 17)

3 The Processor System is responsible for blending slurry with dry additives (cement and fly  
4 ash) to produce a grout-like product that is suitable for disposal at a permitted facility.

5 The primary component of the Processor System is the ribbon-type blenders (MXB-17-  
6 1000A/B/C). The blenders will receive slurry from the slurry feed tanks (TNK-16-  
7 1000A/B/C) in various batch sizes, based upon the measured solids content of the feed.

8 The slurry transferred from the slurry feed tanks will be mixed with cement and fly ash  
9 that is delivered from a series of rotary air locks that are connected to cement and fly ash  
10 weight hoppers (System 44).

11 The Processor System operating and shutdown sequences are limited to valve position  
12 interlocks and permissives for the discharge valves and mixer agitators for product  
13 blending and discharge. All CS communications with this system are via hardwired I/O  
14 status switches, hardwired hand switches, and field mounted instrumentation directly  
15 connected to the CS.

### 2.2.6 Product Mixer Vent Scrubber System (System 19)

16 The Product Mixer Vent Scrubber System is responsible for removing particulates (cement,  
17 fly ash, and K-65 slurry) from the air exhausted from the product mixer headspaces. The  
18 primary components of the system are the Scrubber (SCR-19-1000), circulating pump  
19 (PMP-19-1000), pump suction strainer (STR-19-1000) and Ejector (EJE-19-1000).

20 The operating and shutdown sequences are limited to valve position interlocks and  
21 permissives for the scrubber, pump, and valves for blow down. All CS communications  
22 with this system are via hardwired I/O status switches, hardwired hand switches, and field  
23 mounted instrumentation directly connected to the CS.

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### 2.2.7 Radon Control System (System 20)

1 The RCS in the Remediation Facility is responsible for removal of radon from the tanks and  
2 mixers and sending it to the main system. RCS users include receipt tanks (TNK-13-  
3 1000A, B, and C), feed tanks (TNK-16-1000A, B, and C), reaction and polymer addition  
4 tanks (TNK-15-1003A and B), clarifier (TNK-15-1004), product mixer vent scrubber (SCR-  
5 19-1000), supernatant tank (TNK-55-1000), and the sluice and flush water tank (TNK-62-  
6 1000). The RCS is expected to operate 24 hours per day. Details concerning operation  
7 and control of the RCS are provided in the RD/RA documentation for the AWR Project.

### 2.2.8 Container Receipt And Preparation System (System 23)

8 The Container Receipt and Preparation System shall provide the ability to off-load, stage,  
9 inspect, track, and weigh empty containers as they enter the Silos 1&2 Remediation  
10 Facility to be filled. The Container Receipt and Preparation System shall operate  
11 continuously for 24 hours a day. The system shall provide containers continuously to the  
12 Remediation Facility, but will only receive empty containers during the day. The major  
13 equipment associated with the Container Receipt and Preparation System includes the  
14 following:

- 15 • Empty Container Unloading Monorails, CRH-23-1001A, B & C
- 16 • Container Staging Entrance Doors, RDR-23-1003A, B & C
- 17 • Container Lid Inspection Hoist, CRH-23-1021
- 18 • Roller Conveyor System
- 19 • Reject Container Hoist, CRH-23-1020
- 20 • Vestibule Doors, ASD-23-1014 & ASD-23-1019
- 21 • Car Loading Monorail, CRH-24-1001
- 22 • Car Loading Container Grapple, RLD-24-1000

23 The empty container unloading monorails are positioned outside the empty container  
24 staging room and are used to manually unload empty containers off the incoming trucks  
25 and place them on the conveyor system.

26 The container staging entrance rollup doors allow containers to enter the Empty Container  
27 Staging Room.

28 The container lid inspection hoist is used to manually remove the container lid and inspect  
29 the lid, gasket, and flange on the container prior to releasing the container to the system.

1 The roller conveyor system is used to transport and stage empty containers before they  
2 are used in the filling process. The roller conveyor system is supplied with a fully tested  
3 and operationally ready control system.

4 A manual chain hoist is used to remove defective containers.

5 The automatic sliding vestibule doors allow for the containment of potentially  
6 contaminated air while allowing containers to enter the Container Survey and Decon  
7 Room.

8 The car loading monorail and car loading container grapple are used to remotely transfer an  
9 empty container from the car loading conveyor in the Container Survey and Decon Room  
10 onto a container transfer car, for subsequent entry into the Product Fill Rooms.

11 The car loading monorail is a 15-ton crane, equipped with a hoist and container grapple,  
12 which is moved over the container to be transferred. The crane and hoist with grapple  
13 together provide movement in the x and z directions. There are a total of three motions  
14 that the monorail system performs: 1) crane motion (x axis), 2) hoist motion (z axis), and  
15 3) grapple motion (engaged, disengaged). Each of these motions is performed one at a  
16 time and movement is relatively slow. The crane is equipped with distance measuring  
17 lasers for precise positioning. The hoist is lowered and the grapple is engaged to the  
18 container, as verified by indicator lights. The container is then raised off of the car loading  
19 conveyor and moved by the crane. A weigh cell that is integral to the crane, located  
20 between the hook and the grapple, is used to indicate whether the grapple is lifting the  
21 container. The container is then lowered onto a container transfer car. The grapple is  
22 disengaged, raised by the hoist, and moved by the crane to pick up the next empty  
23 container after it is brought into the Container Survey and Decon Room. The car loading  
24 monorail is supplied with a fully tested and operationally ready control system.

25 The container transfer operations are typically performed remotely from the main Control  
26 Room. The Container Survey and Decon Room has two car loading cameras that provide  
27 views to the operator in the Control Room.

28 The roller conveyor system is provided with a dedicated programmable logic controller  
29 (PLC), which controls all functions of the roller conveyors. This PLC will be referred to as

1 the conveyor staging control system (CSCS) and communicates to the CS using both  
2 Ethernet and Profibus protocols. The conveyor system is operated from a local CSCS HMI.

3 The car loading monorail and associated equipment is supplied with a dedicated PLC for  
4 controlling and monitoring its movement and positioning. It receives information from the  
5 crane distance measuring lasers, motor drives, and the hoist's weighing device. This PLC  
6 will be referred to as the monorail control system (MCS) and receives commands from and  
7 provides information to the CS using both Ethernet and Profibus protocols.

8 The car loading monorail and associated equipment is typically operated remotely from the  
9 Control Room. The operator uses a CS HMI screen, which includes camera views of the  
10 operations to transfer the container from the conveyor to the transfer car.

#### 2.2.9 Container Filling System (System 24)

11 The Container Filling System is divided into four distinct areas:

- 12 • Container transfer,
- 13 • Container filling,
- 14 • Container inspection, and
- 15 • Lid replacement/fastening.

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##### 17 Container Transfer

18 In the Container Filling System, each product container is moved by one of three container  
19 transfer cars. Each transfer car holds one product container. The transfer car is driven by  
20 a servomotor connected to a gearbox, which rotates the rear wheels and provides  
21 movement along two parallel rails. The wheels of the container transfer cars are  
22 connected to the gearbox by axles. The container transfer cars are equipped with an  
23 electric brake for safety, front and rear lights, as well as audible and visible alarms for  
24 warning that a transfer car is moving or about to move. When one of the two laser  
25 scanners on each transfer car is triggered, or when one of three E-stop buttons is pushed,  
26 movement of the transfer car is stopped. A positioning frame is located in the center of  
27 each container transfer car so that the container is correctly aligned when the monorail  
28 hoist places it on the transfer car. During container filling system operations, the transfer  
29 car is positioned in the fill and lid/un-lid stations by a laser-positioning system. Two wall-

1 mounted laser distance meters use reflectors on the container transfer car to ensure that  
2 the transfer car is in the correct position for system operations.

### 3 Container Filling

4 Each container transfer car, which moves on rails, is moved into one of three Product Fill  
5 Rooms after a door (ASD-24-1008A, -B, or -C) is opened. Container transfer car  
6 CRT-24-1002A is filled in Room 134; container transfer car CRT-24-1002B is filled in  
7 Room 135; and container transfer car CRT-24-1002C is filled in Room 136. After the  
8 container transfer car is positioned within the Product Fill Room, the door is closed. The  
9 transfer car is positioned under a gantry manipulator in front of an operator-viewing  
10 window at the lid/un-lid station. The gantry manipulator can accurately position end  
11 effector tools, using four degrees of freedom (x, y, z, and theta). The motive forces for all  
12 degrees of freedom are electric servomotors. The gantry manipulator is equipped with a  
13 vision system used for locating certain features of the container and lid. The vision  
14 system guides the gantry manipulator, equipped with a gripping end effector tool, to raise  
15 the lid above the container. The lid may be stored on the nearby tool table if desired.

16 The container transfer car is then moved to the fill station. Each container fill station is  
17 located beneath a product fill chute (LSR-24-1007A, -B, or -C), which is attached to an  
18 18-inch-diameter discharge valve from one of the mixers located above each Product Fill  
19 Room. The fill chute has a bellows portion, which is extended so that the fill chute is  
20 coupled to the container opening. When a positive coupling is sensed, the mixer discharge  
21 valve (upper knife-gate valve) and the lower knife-gate valve are opened and product  
22 material is allowed to flow by gravity from the mixer towards the container. When a  
23 product sample is needed, the lower-knife gate valve in the fill chute remains closed so  
24 that an ISOLOCK® sampler can take samples of the final product held up in the fill chute.  
25 After sampling is complete, the lower valve is opened, and the product material flows into  
26 the container. A catch tray under the product fill chute is retracted away from the fill  
27 chute during filling operations and repositioned/extended under the fill chute afterwards to  
28 minimize the potential for product material to drip and contaminate container surfaces or  
29 the surrounding area.

## 1 Container Inspection

2 After the container is filled with product material, the container transfer car is moved to an  
3 inspection/lid fastening station next to the gantry manipulator in front of the operator-  
4 viewing window. An operator inspects the container, using a remotely operated camera  
5 and the viewing window, to determine whether any product has dripped or splashed onto  
6 the container surface.

## 7 Lid Replacement/Fastening

8 After container inspection is complete, the gantry manipulator is engaged by the operator  
9 to automatically replace the container lid using the vision system (with cameras) and  
10 alignment pins, and fasten the lid with rivets. The gantry manipulator interfaces with a  
11 tool exchange system for switching end effectors (between the lid gripper and the riveter  
12 end effectors). The end effectors are stored on a tool table within reach of the gantry  
13 manipulator. The riveter end effector is powered by a high-pressure hydraulic unit. The  
14 vision system and a precise registration mark painted on the container lid enable the  
15 programmable logic controller (PLC) to identify the locations of the rivet holes and  
16 accurately and automatically insert the rivets. After the container lid is fastened, the door  
17 (ASD-24-1008A, -B, or -C) is opened, the container transfer car is moved out of the  
18 Product Fill Room, and the door is closed.

### 19 2.2.9.1 Sequence of Operations

20 The following steps are performed during the Container Filling System operations:

- 21 • Open Fill Room door
- 22 • Move transfer car to un-lid station at gantry manipulator
- 23 • Close Fill Room door
- 24 • Remove container lid (using gantry manipulator controls)
  - 25 – Return riveter end effector to tool table (if needed)
  - 26 – Change to lid gripper end effector
  - 27 – Acquire image of container handle
  - 28 – Remove lid from container
  - 29 – Park lid on tool table
- 30 • Move transfer car to fill station at fill chute
- 31 • Retract catch tray (away from fill chute)
- 32 • Lower fill chute

- 1 • Open upper knife-gate valve (open lower knife-gate valve first if not taking a
- 2 sample)
- 3 • Take a sample if needed or skip this step
- 4 • Open lower knife-gate valve
- 5 • Wait while product is discharged from product mixer
- 6 • Close upper knife-gate valve
- 7 • Vibrate the fill chute
- 8 • Close lower knife-gate valve
- 9 • Raise fill chute
- 10 • Extend catch tray (under fill chute)
- 11 • Move transfer car to lid station at gantry manipulator
- 12 • Inspect product container for spills
- 13 • Fasten lid onto product container (using gantry manipulator controls)
- 14     – Retrieve lid from tool table
- 15     – Acquire container image
- 16     – Position lid on container
- 17     – Return lid gripper end effector to tool table
- 18     – Change to riveter end effector
- 19     – Pick up, insert, and install 6 rivets (one at a time)
- 20 • Open Fill Room door
- 21 • Move transfer car out of Fill Room into Survey and Decon Room
- 22 • Close Fill Room door
- 23 • Survey filled container and decontaminate if necessary

24 The container transfer car is supplied with a PLC for controlling and monitoring its  
 25 movement and positioning. The product fill chute is controlled by the Fill Room integration  
 26 system; fill chute instrumentation and control devices include solenoid valves and position  
 27 detection devices (limit and proximity switches). The transfer car PLC provides  
 28 information to the integration system PLC by Ethernet/Profibus. The Fill Room integration  
 29 system has a dedicated human-machine interface (HMI) screen.

30 The gantry manipulator system has three main control components: 1) a PLC, 2) a motion  
 31 controller for all the drives and servomotors for motion along each axis (x, y, z, and theta),  
 32 and 3) an HMI screen. The gantry manipulator CS communicates with the integration  
 33 system PLC by Ethernet/Profibus. The gantry manipulator has a dedicated HMI screen.

### 2.2.10 Container Shipping System (System 25)

34 The Container Shipping System (System 25) contains the processes and equipment to load  
 35 and ship the filled product containers. The Container Loading Area in the Remediation  
 36 Facility is used for loading the filled product containers onto the transportation vehicles.

1 Loading operations are performed remotely while cameras are used for viewing. First, a  
2 door (ASD-25-1000A, -B, or -C) is opened between the Container Survey and  
3 Decontamination Room and the Container Loading Area. The container transfer car is then  
4 moved into the Container Loading Area, and the door is closed. A 15-ton bridge crane and  
5 trolley equipped with a hoist and container grapple is moved over the container to be  
6 shipped.

7 The bridge crane, trolley, and hoist with grapple together provide movement in the x, y,  
8 and z directions. There are a total of four motions that the crane system performs: 1)  
9 bridge crane motion (x axis), 2) trolley motion (y axis), 3) hoist motion (z axis), and 4)  
10 grapple motion (engaged, disengaged). Each of these motions is performed one at a time  
11 and movement is relatively slow. The bridge crane and trolley are equipped with distance  
12 measuring lasers for precise positioning.

13 The hoist is lowered and the grapple is engaged to the container, as verified by indicator  
14 lights. The container is then raised off of the container transfer car, moved by the bridge  
15 crane, and weighed. A weigh cell that is integral to the bridge crane, located between the  
16 hook and the grapple, is used to weigh the containers. The weighing equipment is  
17 designed for calibration with known weights to ensure that measurements are accurate  
18 and repeatable. The container is then lowered either onto a truck. The grapple is  
19 disengaged, raised by the hoist, and moved by the bridge and trolley to pick up the next  
20 container after it is brought into the Container Loading Area.

21 The product container loading operations are typically performed remotely from the main  
22 Control Room. The Container Loading Area has several cameras that provide views to the  
23 operator in the Control Room. There are two shipping area surveillance cameras and two  
24 bridge crane alignment cameras.

25 2.2.10.1 Sequence of Operations

26 The following steps are performed during the Container Shipping System operations:

- 27 • Open door to Container Loading Area;
- 28 • Move container transfer car into Container Loading Area;
- 29 • Close door to Container Loading Area;
- 30 • Move bridge crane, trolley, and hoist with grapple over product container;

- 1 ● Lower hoist and engage grapple onto product container;
- 2 ● Raise hoist and lift product container off container transfer car;
- 3 ● Weigh filled product container;
- 4 ● Move bridge crane, trolley, and hoist with grapple and product container to correct
- 5 position over transport vehicle;
- 6 ● Lower hoist and position product container onto truck;
- 7 ● Disengage grapple and raise hoist; and
- 8 ● Move bridge, trolley, and hoist with grapple to pick up the next product container
- 9 after it is brought into the Container Loading Area on another transfer car.

10 The bridge crane/trolley/hoist/grapple equipment is supplied with a programmable logic  
 11 controller (PLC) for controlling and monitoring its movement and positioning. It receives  
 12 information from the bridge crane and trolley distance measuring lasers, motor drives, and  
 13 the hoist's weighing device. The PLC receives commands from and provides information  
 14 to the central CS by Ethernet/Profibus. The bridge crane/trolley/hoist/grapple equipment is  
 15 typically operated remotely from the Control Room. The operator uses an HMI screen,  
 16 which includes camera views of the shipping area and bridge crane alignment with the  
 17 container and transport vehicle, to perform the Container Shipping System operations.

2.2.11 Product Additive System (System 44)

18 The Product Additive System is responsible for providing cement and fly ash to the  
 19 product mixers for blending with radioactive slurry to produce a grout-based waste  
 20 product that is suitable for disposal at a permitted facility. The Product Additive System is  
 21 composed of two parallel dense-phase pneumatic conveying systems designed for the  
 22 delivery of cement and fly ash.

23 In the parallel lines, cement and fly ash are transferred from the large storage bins to the  
 24 feeders. The feeders are pressurized to promote additive flow in the pneumatic piping.  
 25 Along the piping system, a series of air control modules provided by the vendor, Dynamic  
 26 Air, administer short bursts of compressed air to maintain the movement of dry additives  
 27 through the pneumatic lines to the receiving bins. This method is referred to as dense-  
 28 phase transfer. The receiving bins gravity feed the weigh bins. To prevent bridging in the  
 29 receiving bin, a series of pulsed-air jets are included in the discharge cone to agitate the  
 30 dry additives.

1 In the weigh bins, material is discharged using a screw feeder that discharges to a rotary  
2 air lock. A rotary air lock was selected to prevent the escape of radon gas, since the  
3 pneumatic conveying systems are considered "clean" (i.e., not contaminated by  
4 radioactive slurry or radon gas). The rotary air locks deliver the dry additives to the  
5 product mixers.

6 Only those components designated as a part of the Product Additive System (System 44)  
7 are discussed here. Components associated with the Compressed Air System (System 40)  
8 and the Processor System (System 17) are discussed in their respective sections.

#### 2.2.12 Supernatant Water System (System 55)

9 The Supernatant Tank System is responsible for receiving supernatant water from the  
10 Clarifier (TNK-15-1004) overflow, flow from most sumps, scrubber blowdown from the  
11 Product Mixer Vent Scrubber (SCR-19-1000), and overflow from the Sluice/Flush Water  
12 Tank (TNK-62-1000). The tank is responsible for providing water to the Sluice/Flush  
13 Water Tank and settled solids to the Clarifier. The Supernatant Water System is  
14 designed to transfer slurry without allowing the solids to settle. This is accomplished by  
15 agitation of the material inside the Supernatant Water Tank (TNK-55-1000). The  
16 Supernatant Water Tank agitator, MXA-55-1000, is designed to continuously mix the  
17 supernatant water in the tank to ensure a homogenous feed to the Sluice/Flush Water  
18 Tank. Within the remediation facility, supernatant water is transferred using heavy-duty  
19 centrifugal slurry pumps (PMP-55-1000A and PMP-55-1000B) from the Supernatant Tank  
20 to the Sluice/Flush Water Tank.

21 The Supernatant Water System operating and shutdown sequences are limited to level  
22 interlocks and permissives for the tank, pumps, agitator, samplers and valves for  
23 supernatant water transfer and line flushing. All CS communications with this system are  
24 via hardwired I/O status switches, hardwired hand switches, and field mounted  
25 instrumentation directly connected to the CS.

#### 2.2.13 Sluice/Flush Water System (System 62)

26 The sluice/flush water system is responsible for supplying sluicing water to the Transfer  
27 Tank Area (TTA) modules and providing flush water for the remediation facility piping.

1 Sluicing operations are expected to occur for approximately 3-6 hours per day; while  
2 flushing operations will be intermittent as needed throughout the remediation facility. The  
3 sluice/flush water system is designed to provide sluice water to the TTA sluicing nozzle at  
4 200 psig and provide flush water in the remediation facility at 60 psig. The system is  
5 comprised of a tank (TNK-62-1000), pumps (PMP-62-1000A/B and PMP-62-1001A/B),  
6 and an agitator (MXA-62-1000). The agitator is not expected to operate continuously;  
7 rather the operation will be dictated by the presence of solids in the sluice/flush water  
8 tank. If solids are present in TNK-62-1000, the agitator can be used to suspend solids,  
9 while the flush water pumps transfer the solids laden water to a tank located upstream of  
10 the clarifier where solids can be removed.

11 The sluice/flush water system operating and shutdown sequences are limited to level  
12 interlocks and permissives for the tanks, pumps, agitators, samplers, and valves for slurry  
13 transfer and line flushing. All CS communications with this system are via hardwired I/O  
14 status switches, hardwired hand switches, and field mounted instrumentation directly  
15 connected to the CS.

#### 2.2.14 Wastewater Disposition

16 Engineering evaluations have been conducted of potential wastewater generation during  
17 the Silos 1 and 2 bulk waste retrieval and heel removal operations of the AWR Project,  
18 Operation of the Silos 1 and 2 remediation facility, and during subsequent safe shutdown  
19 and D&D operations. Conservative estimates based upon evaluation of water balance and  
20 heat and material balance estimates indicate that total excess wastewater generation  
21 could range from 500,000 to 2,600,000 gallons. It is anticipated that this wastewater  
22 may require pretreatment for removal of lead and radium prior to treatment and discharge  
23 in accordance with the FCP NPDES permit. The current concept is to provide for  
24 pretreatment treatment capacity in the range of 50 GPM through use of either the existing  
25 FCP Slurry Dewatering facility, or by installation of a temporary package pretreatment unit.  
26 The current plan is to accumulate the wastewater requiring pretreatment in onsite tanks  
27 for batch pretreatment, treatment and discharge following completion of Silos 1 and 2  
28 Remediation Facility operations. According to the current schedule, pretreatment

1 capability will be necessary by late 2005. The details of the selected pretreatment  
2 approach will be reviewed with OEPA and USEPA prior to implementation.

2.2.15 Utility and Support Systems

3 Although the following utility and support systems are also a part of the Silos 1 and 2  
4 Remediation Facility, their operation will not be detailed in this RAWP:

- 5 • Diesel Generator Standby Power System (System 31)
- 6 • Primary (Normal) Electrical System (Systems 32 and 33)
- 7 • Uninterruptible Power Supply System (System 33)
- 8 • Plant and Instrument Air System (System 40)
- 9 • Breathing Air System (System 41)
- 10 • Process Water System (System 50)
- 11 • Potable Water System (System 51)
- 12 • Fire Alarm System (System 52)
- 13 • Seal Water System (54)
- 14 • Chilled Water System (System 56)

**3 Remedial Action Documentation**

3.1 Remedial Action Package

15 The RD Work Plan for Silos 1 and 2 specified that an RA Package would be submitted  
16 subsequent to this RAWP to provide appropriate documentation of the operations phase of  
17 the Silos 1 and 2 Project. As discussed in further detail below, each of the components  
18 identified for inclusion in the RA package is either no longer required, or is being addressed  
19 elsewhere. A standalone RA Package will, therefore, not be required.

20 Sampling and Analysis Plan - As defined in the RDWP, the purpose of the Sampling  
21 and Analysis plan was to document the sampling and analysis program to be used  
22 to demonstrate that the treated material met the numerical performance standards  
23 of the selected remedy. The ESD for Silos 1 and 2 removed the RCRA TC limits  
24 for metals as performance criteria for treatment, and requires that the material be  
25 treated, using chemical stabilization to meet disposal facility WAC. Consistent  
26 with what was agreed for the Silo 3 remedial action, a treated waste Sampling and  
27 Analysis Plan is no longer necessary as a Remedial Action deliverable. The final  
28 waste acceptance process at the selected disposal facility(s) will confirm the  
29 requirements, including any necessary process control or treated waste sampling

1 and analysis data, for demonstration that the treated Silos 1 and 2 material meets  
2 the disposal facility waste acceptance criteria.

3 Health and Safety Plan - A summary of the health and safety controls is provided in  
4 Sections 2.5 and 8.0 of the RD Package.

5 Operation and Maintenance Plan - Included as section 2.0 of this RAWP

6 Gross Decontamination Plan - This will be addressed by the D&D Implementation  
7 Plan for the Silos 1 and 2 complex, which is to be submitted by December 16,  
8 2004 in accordance with the OU3 Integrated RD/RA Work Plan.

### 3.2 Transportation and Disposal Plan

9 After being filled, waste containers will be staged, both indoors and outdoors, before being  
10 shipped off-site for disposal. The current plan is for direct truck shipment to the NTS.  
11 The on-site transportation infrastructure will, however accommodate transportation by  
12 either rail (direct or intermodal) or direct truck. The details of the transportation and  
13 disposal of treated Silos 1 and 2 material, including details on the disposal container and  
14 transportation vehicles, will be documented in the Transportation and Disposal Plan, which  
15 will be submitted in accordance with the milestone established in Section 4.

## 4 MILESTONES

ACTIVITY / DELIVERABLE	MILESTONE
Submit Silos 1 and 2 Transportation and Disposal Plan to U.S. EPA for review	September 15, 2004
Submit D&D Implementation for the Silos 1 and 2 Complex (including methods for decontamination of facilities and equipment) to U.S. EPA for review	December 16, 2004 <sup>1</sup>
Initiate Silos 1 and 2 Remediation Facility Operations	October 1, 2005

16 <sup>1</sup>Existing milestone pursuant to OU3 Integrated Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work  
17 Plan as amended by DOE-0244-04, 5/6/04  
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