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This document is a plan that identifies the information needed to address relevant issues concerning short-term and long-term safe storage and long-term management of Single-Shell Tank (SST) 241-B-106.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

B-106	Tank 241-B-106
DQO	Data Quality Objective
HTCE	Historical Tank Content Estimate
DSSF	Double Shell Slurry Feed
NCPLX	Non-complexed
SST	Single-Shell Tank
TCP	Tank Characterization Plan
TOC	Total Organic Carbon
USQ	Unreviewed Safety Question
WHC	Westinghouse Hanford Company

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Tank Characterization Plan (TCP) identifies the information needed to address relevant issues concerning short-term and long-term safe storage and long-term management of Single-Shell Tank 241-B-106 (B-106). It should be understood that the various needs and issues surrounding tank B-106 are evolving as new information about the tank is uncovered. As a result of this progression, this Tank Characterization Plan addresses only the issues that, to this date, have been identified. It is expected that deviations from this plan may occur as additional issues or needs arise which impact the management of SST B-106. As necessary, this Tank Characterization Plan will be revised to reflect those changes or deviations.

Tank B-106 was constructed between 1943 and 1944 and was put into service in August 1947. Initially tank B-106 received second cycle waste from the third quarter of 1947 until May 1948. The tank received waste via cascade overflow from B-105, from the third quarter of 1947 until the second quarter of 1950. Waste was transferred from B-104 to a crib during December 1948, first quarter of 1949 and the first and second quarters of 1950. From the second quarter of 1952 until the first quarter of 1953, the tank contained first cycle waste. B-106 contained evaporator bottoms waste in the second quarter of 1953. From the third quarter of 1952 to the third quarter of 1954, B-106 was an evaporator feed tank. From the third quarter of 1953 to the third quarter of 1959, B-106 contained U Plant waste. Scavenged feed was pumped from B-106 to C-101 during the fourth quarter of 1957. B-106 received wastewater from the second quarter of 1959 until the second quarter of 1971. The tank contained U Plant waste and Hanford Laboratory operations waste from the fourth quarter of 1959 until to the third quarter of 1968. From the fourth quarter of 1968 to the second quarter of 1969, B-106 contained waste from U Plant and Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratory. From the third quarter of 1969 to the first quarter of 1971, B-106 contained only Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratory waste. From the second quarter of 1971 until the second quarter of 1974, the tank contained Battelle Pacific Northwest laboratory waste and 224-U waste. Presently, the tank waste is classified as non-complexed. This tank currently contains waste with a total waste volume of 442.9 kL (117 kgal), which is equivalent to 96.5 centimeters (38.0 inches) of waste as measured from the baseline of the tank. The waste is comprised of 439.1 kL (116 kgal) of saltcake and 3.8 kL (1 kgal) of supernatant with pumpable liquid remaining (Brevick 1994a).

The tank is categorized as sound and was declared inactive 1978. Tank B-106 is passively ventilated and interim stabilized in March 1985 with intrusion prevention completed. The last photo was taken on February 28, 1983. The 1985 montage indicates a thin liquid surface over reddish-brown saltcake (Brevick 1994b). Supernatant was pumped from B-106 after this montage was taken; therefore, this montage description does not represent current tank contents. The last solids volume update was obtained on March 31, 1985 (Hanlon 1995).

An analysis was conducted on a B-106 sample in December 1975. The sample was yellow and contained no solids. When the sample was cooled to 5°C, 2% of the sample precipitated to solids.

This tank is not on any Watch list. Near-term sampling and analysis activities are focused on either verification of the non-watchlist tank status, identification of any new safety issues or changing the non-Watch List status. Should any safety issues be identified additional analysis will occur consistent with the identified issue.

In addition to the resolution of the safety issues, it is intended that all tank waste will be subject to pretreatment and retrieval to prepare for final storage or disposal. Presently, these long-range plans have yet to be fully identified and are, therefore, not included in this document.

2.0 PROGRAM ELEMENTS REQUIRING INFORMATION FOR TANK 241-B-106

This section identifies the various program elements, and identifies which of these programs require characterization data from tank B-106.

2.1 GENERAL SAFETY ISSUES

The *Tank Safety Screening Data Quality Objective* (Babad 1995) describes the sampling and analytical requirements that are used to screen waste tanks for unidentified safety issues. The primary analytical requirements for the safety screening of a tank are energetics, total alpha activity, moisture content, and flammable gas concentration.

2.2 SPECIFIC SAFETY ISSUES

2.2.1 Ferrocyanide

This tank is not on the Ferrocyanide Watch List and; therefore, no information needs are currently identified for this program element.

2.2.2 Organic

Tank B-106 is not on the Organics Watch List and; therefore, no information needs are currently identified for this program element.

2.2.3 High Heat

This tank is not on the High Heat Watch List and; therefore, no information needs are currently identified for this program element.

2.2.4 Flammable Gas

This tank is not on the Flammable Gas Watch List and; therefore, no information needs are currently identified for this program element.

2.2.5 Vapor

The tanks currently scheduled to be vapor sampled may be classified into four categories: (1) those tanks which are to be rotary mode core sampled (as a consequence of the rotary sampling system); (2) tanks on the Organic or Ferrocyanide Watch Lists; (3) tanks in C farm; and (4) tank BX-104, due to vapor exposure. Since tank B-106 is not categorized in one of the above four groups, vapor sampling is not required for this tank.

2.2.6 Criticality

No information separate from that for the general safety issue of tank B-106 are currently identified for this program element. However, if the general safety screening of tank B-106 identifies a potential criticality concern, analyses for fissile materials and neutron absorbers and poisons will be performed as identified in the safety screening data quality objective.

2.2.7 Screening Approach Evaluation

The safety screening approach is currently under review. Information is required from key tanks to determine if a revised approach to screening may be adopted, as proposed in Meacham, 1995.

2.3 CONTINUING OPERATIONS

2.3.1 Compatibility/Stabilization

No information needs are currently identified for this program element.

2.3.2 Evaporator

No information needs are currently identified for this program element.

2.4 DOUBLE-SHELL TANK WASTE ANALYSIS PLAN

No information needs are currently identified for this program element, although work to identify these needs is in progress and expected to be completed in fiscal year 1995.

2.5 DISPOSAL

2.5.1 Retrieval

Current retrieval needs (Bloom 1995) do not call for test samples to be taken from tank B-106.

2.5.2 Pretreatment/Vitrification

Tank B-106 has been identified as a bounding tank for pretreatment/disposal process development (Kupfer 1995).

2.6 HISTORICAL MODEL EVALUATION

Bounding tanks and data requirements for historical model evaluations are found in DQO *Historical Model Evaluation Data Requirements* (Simpson 1995). Tank B-106 has been identified as an alternative bounding tank for the B saltcake waste type, but will not be assessed against the historical DQO unless directed by the program.

3.0 HOW INFORMATION WILL BE OBTAINED

The safety screening DQO requires that a vertical profile of the tank waste be obtained from at least two widely spaced risers. This vertical profile may be obtained using core, auger (for shallow tanks), or grab samples. Only a push mode sampling event is scheduled and required. No other sampling is scheduled through fiscal year 1997 (Stanton 1995). The push mode sampling type has been chosen over other sampling modes due to both the depth of the tank (making auger sampling inadequate) and the fact that the surface of tank B-106 is comprised of supernatant and sludge.

The best current estimate of the water content in tank B-106 solids, as determined from the process records, is 56.3%; based on the HTCE (Brevick 1994a). Estimated (Toth et al 1995) water content in tank B-106 sludge is 49.5% (generated from a model based on sample data from similar tanks). If the variance of water in tanks already sampled and a statistical power curve is used then a minimum of two cores are needed to demonstrate a water content above 17% at 95% confidence. Should the measured mean be lower than anticipated or the measured variance higher, additional samples may be required. The TOC contained within the sludge is estimated (Toth et al 1995) to be 0.1% (wet basis), which is significantly lower than the level of concern. Two core samples will be requested for this tank and this should meet the requirements for the above parameters.

Presently there is no information on the availability of tank B-106 risers, however two Push Mode samples with 2 segments each were collected in July 1995.

4.0 PRIORITY OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Vapor sampling is not required for this tank. Push mode sampling was completed in July 1995 (Stanton 1995).

Table 4-1: Integrated DQO Requirements

Sampling Event	Applicable DQO	Sampling Requirements	Analytical Requirements
Push Mode Sampling	-Safety Screening DQO -Pretreatment DQO	Core samples from 2 risers separated radially to the maximum extent possible	Energetics, Moisture, Total Alpha, Total Organic Carbon, SpG

5.0 WHEN INFORMATION IS NEEDED

Data are required for Tank B-106 during FY 1996 for safety screening and to prepare a Tank Characterization Report.

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