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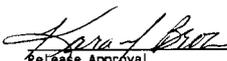
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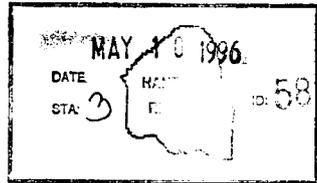
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

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-108 (B-108). It should be understood that the various needs and issues surrounding tank B-108 are evolving as new information about the tank is uncovered. As a result of this progression, this TCP 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 tank B-108. As necessary, this TCP will be revised to reflect those changes or deviations. This plan reflects the best information available as of May 1996.

Tank B-108 was constructed between 1943 and 1944 and was put into service in 1945. Tank B-108 was filled with first-cycle waste from the fourth quarter of 1945 to January 1946. The tank received and transferred waste via the cascade lines between 1945 and 1946 and in 1963. From the fourth quarter of 1945 to the second quarter of 1951, the tank contained first-cycle waste. From the second quarter of 1952 until the first quarter of 1969, the tank contained evaporator bottoms waste and coating waste. The tank contained ion exchange waste from the fourth quarter of 1969 until the second quarter of 1972. The tank was suspected to be leaking the fourth quarter of 1973. From the second quarter of 1974 to the second quarter of 1976, the tank contained evaporator bottoms waste. Beginning in the fourth quarter of 1976 until the third quarter of 1977, the tank waste was diluted evaporator feed. In 1978, the tank was inactive. Presently, the tank contents are classified as non-complexed waste. Tank B-108 is categorized as sound and is interim stabilized with intrusion prevention completed (Brevick et al. 1994).

This tank currently contains a total waste volume of approximately 356 kL (94 kgal), which is equivalent to 75 cm (30 in) of waste as measured from the baseline of the tank.

This tank is not on any Watch List.

Near-term sampling and analysis activities are focused on either verifying or changing the Watch List tank status, and identifying any new safety issues. 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-108

This section identifies the various program elements, and identifies which of these programs require characterization data from tank B-108.

2.1 GENERAL SAFETY ISSUES

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

2.2 SPECIFIC SAFETY ISSUES

2.2.1 Ferrocyanide

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

2.2.2 Organic

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

2.2.5 Vapor

All 177 underground tanks must be vapor-sampled for organic solvent screening as per *Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan* (DOE-RL 1996). Some tanks may require additional vapor sampling due to other program needs. These tanks 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 exhauster permit requirements); (2) tanks on the Organic or Ferrocyanide Watch Lists; (3) tanks in C farm; and (4) tank 241-BX-104, due to vapor exposure. Information needs must satisfy *Data Quality Objectives for Tank Hazardous Vapor Safety Screening* (Osborne and Buckley 1995), and for rotary mode only, *Rotary Core Vapor Sampling Data Quality Objective* (Price 1994), and *Data Quality Objective for Regulatory Requirements for Hazardous and Radioactive Air Emissions Sampling and Analysis* (Mulkey and Markillie 1995) as amended by *Status of the Current Understanding of the Toxic Air Pollutants (TAPS) and Hanford Tank Farm Vapor Space Characterization; Recommended Path Forward and Justification for Continued RMCS Exhauster Operations* (Laws 1996).

2.2.6 Criticality

No information separate from that for the general safety issue of tank B-108 are currently identified for this program element. However, if the general safety screening of tank B-108 identifies a potential criticality concern, analyses for fissile materials and neutron sorbers and poisons will be performed as identified in the safety screening data quality objective (DQO).

2.3 CONTINUING OPERATIONS

2.3.1 Compatibility/Stabilization

This section does not apply to tank B-108.

2.3.2 Evaporator

This section does not apply to tank B-108.

2.4 DOUBLE-SHELL TANK WASTE ANALYSIS PLAN

This section does not apply because tank B-108 is a single-shell tank.

2.5 DISPOSAL

2.5.1 Retrieval

Current retrieval needs (Bloom and Nguyen 1995) do not call for test samples to be taken from tank B-108.

2.5.2 Pretreatment/Vitrification

Tank B-108 has not been identified as a bounding tank for pretreatment/disposal process development strategy (Kupfer et al. 1995). All tanks were prioritized using the pretreatment strategy in the *Tank Waste Characterization Basis* (Brown et al. 1995) document and a portion of archive sample material could be used for pretreatment testing if available. The strategy does not require any specific analyses to be done on the samples.

2.6 HISTORICAL MODEL EVALUATION

Bounding tanks and data requirements for historical model evaluations are found in *Historical Model Evaluation Data Requirements* (Simpson and McCain 1995). Tank B-108 has been identified as a primary bounding tank for the B salt cake waste types. All single-shell tanks were prioritized in the *Tank Waste Characterization Basis* (Brown et al. 1995) document using the historical DQO.

3.0 HOW INFORMATION WILL BE OBTAINED

The number of samples required to characterize a tank is a function of waste heterogeneity and the desired confidence to make a correct decision. As directed by the safety screening DQO, if inadequate information exists to determine an appropriate number of samples, two vertical profiles will be obtained. These vertical profiles may be obtained using core, auger (for shallow tanks), or grab samples. If analysis of these profiles reveals that additional profiles are necessary to meet data needs, more sample profiles will be requested.

4.0 PRIORITY OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Vapor sampling is scheduled to begin in July 1997. Push mode core sampling is scheduled to begin in August 1997 (Stanton 1996). Refer to Table 4-1 for the current DQO requirements and planned sampling and analytical requirements.

Table 4-1: Integrated DQO Requirements and Priorities

Sampling Event	Applicable Issues	Sampling Requirements*	Analytical Requirements*
Vapor Sampling	-Organic Solvent Layer 93-5 Vapor Issue -Hazardous Vapor DQO	Steel canisters, Triple Sorbent Traps, Sorbent Trap Systems	Flammable Gas Organic Vapors Permanent Gases
Push Mode Core Sampling	-Safety Screening DQO -Historical Model DQO	Core samples from 2 risers separated radially to the maximum extent possible Combustible gas measurement	Flammability, Energetics, Moisture, Total alpha activity, Density, Anions, Metals, Total Organic Carbon, Radionuclides

* Consult each applicable DQO in force at the time for sampling and analytical requirements.

5.0 WHEN INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE

According to Stanton (1996), data are expected to be available from the vapor sampling event for tank B-108 in August 1997. The push mode core data are expected in December 1997. These times may be altered if the sampling schedule changes.

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