

Environmental Restoration Project



ER Site No. 26: Burial Site (Western Part of TA-III)

ADS: 1306

Operable Unit: Tech Area III & V

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Site History

Based on reports of materials possibly buried south and west of the Long Sled Track in TA-III, ER Site 26 was designated as a Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU). This site is co-located within the boundary of the active [ER Site 83](#) (The Long Sled Track).

Constituents of Concern

Radioactive materials

Metals (Pb, Be)

Current Hazards

Potential depleted uranium could be found in the near-surface (>1 ft) ground on the south end of the site due to impact testing done at the Long Sled Track.

Current Status of Work

Four geophysical surveys (1992, 1994, 1999, and 2000) were completed to locate possible burial areas at the site. Although several anomalies were identified, they were small and scattered, and no evidence of a significant quantity of buried materials was found.

The TA-III/V Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation Report of June 1996 recommended that this site be investigated after the Long Sled Track (ER Site 83) had been decommissioned. Comments in the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Notice of Deficiencies (NODs) (August 1997 and April 1998) required additional investigation of this site prior to decommissioning of ER Site 83.

In the late summer of 1999, exploratory trenching was done in the northern portion of the site to determine if hazardous or radioactive materials were buried. The trenches were located where the geophysical anomalies were found. No hazardous or radioactive materials were uncovered, only scrap metal debris.

Heavy equipment and armored tanks are located at the southern portion of the site, which impeded complete geophysical surveying and exploratory trenching. An agreement was made with the NMED in summer of 2000 to investigate two large geophysical anomalies that were found in the south, the locations of which were accessible without having to move the heavy equipment and armored tanks. The two anomalies were investigated in the same manner as was done for the anomalies in the north. Soil samples were collected and analyzed and no hazardous or radioactive material were found. NMED agreed that the remaining southern anomalies can be investigated as part of the Long Sled Track investigation (ER Site 83).

A supplemental NOD response report was prepared to document the 1999 and 2000 investigations' results. The report was submitted for NMED's review in July 2001.

On October 1, 2001, the NMED/HWB accepted ER Site 26 for NFA petition. On March 14, 2002, the NMED/HWB sent another letter indicating that ER Site 26 is appropriate for NFA petition under a residential risk scenario.

Future Work Planned

No further work is planned for the site.

Waste Volume Estimated/Generated

To date, no waste has been generated.

Information for ER Site 26 was last updated Jan 21, 2003.