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Abstract

Sandia National Laboratories is a multimission laboratory managed and operated by National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Honeywell International Inc., for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. The National Nuclear Security Administration's Sandia Field Office administers the contract and oversees contractor operations at Sandia National Laboratories, Tonopah Test Range. Activities at the site are conducted in support of U.S. Department of Energy weapons programs and have operated at the site since 1957.

The U.S. Department of Energy and its management and operating contractor are committed to safeguarding the environment, assessing sustainability practices, and ensuring the validity and accuracy of the monitoring data presented in this annual site environmental report. This report summarizes the environmental protection, restoration, and monitoring programs in place at Sandia National Laboratories, Tonopah Test Range during calendar year 2023. Environmental topics include cultural resource management, chemical management, air quality, ecology, environmental restoration, oil storage, site sustainability, terrestrial surveillance, waste management, water quality, wastewater discharge, and implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act. This report is prepared in accordance with and as required by DOE O 231.1B, Admin Change 1, *Environment, Safety and Health Reporting*, and has been approved for public distribution.

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This Annual Site Environmental Report for Sandia National Laboratories, Tonopah Test Range, Nevada, presents summary data regarding environmental performance and compliance with environmental standards and requirements. In addition, the U.S. Department of Energy views this document as a valuable tool for maintaining a dialogue with the community about the environmental health of these sites and a commitment to protect our nation's valuable resources. With the goal of continually improving the quality of this annual report and including information that is important to you, you are invited to provide feedback, comments, or questions to:

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

Term	Definition	Term	Definition
A			
AD	anno Domini	NAC	Nevada Administrative Code
B			
BCE	before the common era	ND	not detected
C			
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	NDEP	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
CO2	carbon dioxide	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
DoD	United States Department of Defense	NNSA	National Nuclear Security Administration
DOE	United States Department of Energy	NTESS	National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC
DOECAP	DOE Consolidated Audit Program	P	
DRI	Desert Research Institute	PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl
DU	duplicate sample	pH	potential of hydrogen
E			
EEEJ	energy equity and environmental justice	PL	Public Law
EISA	Energy Independence and Security Act	PQL	practical quantitation limit
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency	R	
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community-Right-to-Know Act	RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
ES&H	Environment, Safety, & Health	S	
F			
FDID	Fire Department Identification	SA	sample
I			
IOC	inorganic compound	Sandia	Sandia National Laboratories
ISO	International Organization for Standardization	SARA Title III	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
M			
MCL	maximum contaminant level	SNL/NM	Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico
MDA	minimal detectable activity or minimum measured activity	SNL/TTR	Sandia National Laboratories, Tonopah Test Range
MDL	method detection limit	SOC	synthetic organic compound
N			
NA	not available	sp.	unknown species, singular
N/A	not applicable	spp.	unknown species, plural
		ssp.	subspecies
		SU	standard unit
		T	
		TSDF	treatment, storage, and disposal facility
		U	
		U.S.	United States
		USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
		V	
		var.	variety
		VOC	volatile organic compound

Units of Measure

Unit	Definition	Unit	Definition
Btu	British thermal unit	µm	micrometer (micron)
°F	degrees Fahrenheit	mg/kg	milligrams per kilogram
kg	kilogram	mg/L	milligrams per liter
µ	micron	mrem	millirem
µCi/mL	microcuries per milliliter	pCi/g	picocuries per gram
µg/L	micrograms per liter	ppb	parts per billion

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Executive Summary



Tonopah Test Range Area 3 Compound

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Environmental Management System

Sandia management takes environmental stewardship seriously. A robust environmental management system was established in 2005 as part of this commitment. This Environmental Management System is Sandia's primary platform for implementing the environmental management programs that help achieve annual site sustainability goals. This system ensures a systematic approach to identifying environmental aspects, setting environmental objectives, and monitoring environmental performance. Designed to meet the requirements of the globally recognized International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001:2015 standard, Sandia's Environmental Management System is ISO 14001:2015 certified. SNL/TTR personnel follow the system's requirements, as verified by an internal assessment in 2020. For fiscal year 2023, the Environmental Aspects and Impacts Analysis found that hazardous materials, hazardous waste, radiological waste, release of explosives

and combustion byproducts, and release of radionuclides were significant aspects for operations at SNL/TTR.

Site Sustainability

A site sustainability plan for all Sandia primary locations, including SNL/TTR, is prepared annually and identifies contributions toward meeting DOE sustainability goals and the broader sustainability program set forth in EO 14008, *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*; and EO 14057, *Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability*. Sandia's most recent plan, *Fiscal Year 2024 Site Sustainability Plan* (Sandia, 2022b), describes the performance status for fiscal year 2023. Highlights for SNL/TTR in 2023 include (1) decreasing greenhouse gas emissions relative to fiscal year 2008 baseline, (2) updating resiliency solutions in the vulnerability assessment and resilience plan, (3) and exceeding the goal for consumption of clean and renewable electric energy. Sustainable acquisition reporting requirements were added into the request for information and request for quote processes. Additionally, new rules were created in Oracle to add the updated 350APR "green language" clause for sustainable acquisition and affirmative procurement into applicable contract categories to promote sustainable acquisition. The 350APR clause states that a subcontractor shall "provide its services in a manner that promotes the expanded use of green products, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and protects the health and wellbeing of building occupants, service providers and visitors in the facility." Improvements to MAN-004, *Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico Design Standards Manual*, promoted compliance with the *Guiding Principles for Sustainable Buildings*. In fiscal year 2023, energy intensity increased by 19.7 percent relative to the fiscal year 2015 baseline at SNL/TTR. Additionally, potable water intensity increased by 19.6 percent relative to the fiscal year 2021 baseline.

Environmental Performance

DOE/NNSA assesses environmental performance through data measures and indicators and then reports on this as part of an annual performance evaluation. The performance evaluation is the DOE/NNSA report card that ascribes a rating for five key performance goals and an overall rating. During the most recent evaluation, Sandia earned a rating of very good for the Mission Enablement performance goal, which includes the objective of delivering effective, efficient, and responsive Environment, Safety, and Health quality. By exceeding almost all of the objectives and key outcomes under the performance goals, Sandia received an overall rating of excellent for fiscal year 2023.

Under DOE O 232.2A, Chg 1 (MinChg), *Occurrence Reporting and Processing of Operations Information* (DOE O 232.2A, Chg 1 (MinChg) 2017), *occurrences* are defined as "events or conditions that adversely affect, or may adversely affect, DOE (including the National Nuclear Security Administration) or contractor personnel, the public, property, the environment, or the DOE mission." For this annual site environmental report, the Occurrence Reporting and Processing System database was queried for occurrences related to environmental programs/compliance. There were no DOE-reportable occurrences reported at SNL/TTR in 2023.

All environmental monitoring in 2023 was conducted in accordance with program-specific plans that contain applicable quality assurance elements and meet appropriate federal, state, and local requirements for conducting sampling and analysis activities.

Environmental Programs at Sandia National Laboratories, Tonopah Test Range

Sandia personnel conduct operations at SNL/TTR in support of DOE weapons programs. Sandia activities at the Tonopah Test Range involve research and development as well as testing weapon components and delivery systems. Many of these activities require a remote testing range with a long flight corridor for airdrops and rocket launches, which the Tonopah Test Range can provide. Navarro Research and Engineering personnel perform most of the environmental program activities at SNL/TTR. DOE is responsible for all SNL/TTR and Nevada Test and Training Range environmental restoration sites.

Air Quality Compliance Program. Air Quality Compliance Program personnel ensure that operations comply with federal and state air quality regulations promulgated in accordance with the Clean Air Act and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Program personnel also confirm that operations are compliant with the SNL/TTR Class II Air Quality Operating Permit issued by the State of Nevada. In Nye County, the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection implements air quality regulations and standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Nevada. The DOE/NNSA Sandia Field Office has an air quality permit at SNL/TTR, and emissions from permitted sources complied with permitted limits in 2023. During 2023, permitted sources emitted 0.005 tons of hazardous air pollutants, 0.19 tons of volatile organic compounds, 1.06 tons of carbon monoxide, 2.02 tons of nitrogen oxides, 0.12 tons of particulate matter with a diameter $\leq 10 \mu\text{m}$, and 0.0018 tons of sulfur dioxide. The permitted sources include a portable soil sorting system, facility maintenance shops, and generators.

Chemical Information System. The Chemical Information System for all Sandia locations is a comprehensive chemical information tool used to track workplace chemical and biological containers by location. The primary drivers for the Chemical Information System are state and federal regulations, including the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

The information system provides the chemical or product name, its location and quantity, and information about who is responsible for the chemical. Chemical hazards are reported on safety data sheets, and the Chemical Information System currently contains more than 129,000 safety data sheets in its library for use by any Sandia site. This electronic inventory helps chemical users and their managers assess and manage workplace hazards. Easy access to this inventory facilitates availability searches. It also improves the ability to share chemicals and thus reduces sources, which minimizes chemical purchases and waste disposal expenses. In 2023, chemical containers at SNL/TTR were tracked along with information about any related chemical hazards.

Cultural Resources Program. The Cultural Resource Management Program is focused primarily on long-term preservation and protection of cultural resources and cultural resource compliance to ensure that the heritage of Sandia operating areas and their landscapes are maintained. Cultural resources are places and physical evidence of past human activity: a site, an object, a landscape, a structure, or a natural feature of significance to a group of people traditionally associated with it. Archaeological staff reviewed nine outdoor projects at SNL/TTR in 2023. No immediate archaeological concerns were found for any of the reviewed projects.

In 2022, DOE/NNSA and Sandia hosted representatives of the Nevada State Historic Preservation Division at SNL/TTR to review and discuss archaeological and historic building questions regarding a Programmatic Agreement. Additional discussions between DOE/NNSA and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office in 2023 led to the decision to conduct a new historic buildings survey and assessment in 2024.

In 2022, DOE/NNSA and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer also completed a memorandum of agreement outlining mitigative actions for the demolition of Tower 02-00, which was part of the SNL/TTR historic district. All actions required prior to the tower's demolition were completed in 2022, and the tower was demolished in 2023. A final report on the tower's history along with architectural descriptions and photographs is expected to be completed in 2024.

Ecology Program. Ecology Program personnel conduct project assessments to ensure compliance with wildlife regulations and laws and to support land use decisions. Ecological and wildlife awareness campaigns are conducted to ensure safe work environments and sustainable decision-making strategies. Avian surveys were conducted in June 2023 in accordance with the new avian survey protocol that was developed in 2022 to better align with the North American Breeding Bird Survey. Two hundred and eighty-five birds from 15 species were recorded along the newly established survey routes. Horned larks (*Eremophila alpestris*) were the most recorded species during surveys. The second-most encountered species was the black throated sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*). In 2023, there was also an increase in Migratory Bird Treaty Act protected nests detected and reported at SNL/TTR. Thirteen nests were reported to Ecology Program personnel during April and May for further evaluation and appropriate compliance actions. Most of the reported nests belonged to common ravens (*Corvus corax*).

Environmental Restoration Project. Environmental restoration activities were initiated at SNL/TTR and the Nevada Test and Training Range in 1980 to address contamination resulting primarily from nuclear weapons testing and related support activities. Corrective Action Sites at SNL/TTR total to 70 sites. A listing of Corrective Action Units and Corrective Action Sites is available in the *Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order*. Active remediation is complete for all SNL/TTR Corrective Action Sites. There were no environmental restoration activities at SNL/TTR during 2023, as these facilities are now managed by the DOE Office of Legacy Management. In future years, any updates on corrective action sites at SNL/TTR would be reported in the DOE Office of Legacy Management's annual site environmental report, which can be found on their [website](#).

National Environmental Policy Act Program. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Program personnel coordinate with DOE/NNSA to ensure NEPA compliance and to provide technical assistance in project planning at SNL/TTR. In 2023, program personnel reviewed 12 proposed projects. As part of ongoing coordination with the U.S. Air Force Nevada Test and Training Range, two Air Force 813 forms were submitted by NEPA Program personnel on behalf of the Sandia Field Office. Additionally, NEPA Program personnel were invited with range leadership, DOE/NNSA Sandia Field Office, and Nevada National Security Site personnel to comment on the draft supplement analysis of DOE/EIS-0426, "*Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada National Security Sites and*

Off-Site Locations in the State of Nevada.” Sandia personnel also provided additional descriptions and analysis of future operations and infrastructure changes expected at SNL/TTR.

Terrestrial Surveillance Program. Terrestrial Surveillance Program personnel collect soil samples at on-site, off-site, and perimeter locations. Soil samples are analyzed for modified Target Analyte List metals and gamma-emitting radionuclides. When the sample results at an on-site location are significantly different from and greater than the off-site and perimeter results and the sample results at the on-site location are trending upward, it is noted for further evaluation.

Analyses of 2023 results for selected radionuclides revealed instances of statistical significance (population differences with increasing trends) for actinium-228 at two on-site locations: S-03 and S-47. There are no reference values to compare radionuclides values in soil. The results are within historical range for the data set at SNL/TTR. Analysis results for metals identified one instance of statistical significance (population difference and increasing trend) for beryllium at on-site location S-10. The result is below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regional screening level for residential use and is within Nevada soil concentrations for beryllium.

Environmental dosimeters were used to measure the dose from ambient gamma radiation. The average annual dose rates are higher than the established non-urban Nevada value of 71 mrem/year. The difference may be attributed to a variety of elevations, proximity to bedrock, and the spontaneous nature of radioactivity.

Waste Management Program. Navarro Research and Engineering manages all waste generated at SNL/TTR—which excludes any waste generated by environmental restoration activities—under the Waste Management Program. Waste categories include radioactive waste, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act hazardous waste, other chemical waste, and nonhazardous solid waste. Waste minimization and recycling efforts are integrated into Waste Management Program activities. In 2023, the following types and amounts of waste were generated at SNL/TTR:

- Asbestos waste (154 kg)
- Hazardous waste regulated by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (74 kg)
- Recycled materials (84,624 kg)
- Regulated waste not controlled by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (1,632 kg)

Site personnel shipped hazardous waste and other regulated waste off-site to permitted facilities. Waste shipped in 2023 included 2,536 kg of construction debris sent to the U.S. Air Force Construction Landfill and 12,664 kg of sanitary landfill waste sent to the U.S. Air Force Sanitary Landfill.

Recyclables and used oil are sent for recycling or are disposed of through a waste disposal contractor. In total, 84,624 kg of material was recycled or energy-recovered and shipped off-site in 2023. There were no radioactive waste shipments in 2023.

Water Quality Programs. The Water Quality Program includes drinking water, release reporting, septic tank systems, stormwater, wastewater, and water conservation. The current SNL/TTR water conservation plan was revised in November 2020 and was approved by the State of Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources on February 17, 2021. The SNL/TTR water conservation plan provides education, conservation measures, and supply management guidance. The next plan revision is due by February 17, 2026. In 2023, no releases to the environment occurred that required reporting to the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection or any outside agency.

Site personnel routinely sample the public water system. There were no exceedances of water quality standards in 2023. Four arsenic compliance samples were collected from the Area 3 distribution system for analysis in 2023. The maximum contaminant level for arsenic in drinking water is 10 ppb as a running annual average. The running annual average for arsenic in the drinking water at SNL/TTR during the fourth quarter of 2023 was 3.6 ppb. There were four precautionary boil water notices issued for the SNL/TTR public water system in 2023.

Throughout 2023, SNL/TTR staff worked with engineers on various public water system projects, including projects to replace the Well 6 piping and casing, upgrade the Water Treatment Facility's carbon dioxide injection system, install a temporary fire protection system for use during the upcoming water tower maintenance project, and support the water tower maintenance project that includes repairing and repainting the interior of the water tower and installing new equipment.

As a best management practice, Sandia personnel sample Area 3 wastewater annually at the point where wastewater leaves SNL/TTR property and enters the U.S. Air Force system. Twenty-four-hour composite wastewater samples are collected annually. There were no excursions or violations of concentration limits in 2023.

Oil Storage Program. Oil Storage Program personnel support the management, operation, and maintenance of oil storage containers and equipment at SNL/TTR to prevent spills or releases of oil that could potentially damage water resources, impact soil, or otherwise adversely affect the environment. It was determined in 2019 that SNL/TTR oil storage facilities are not subject to regulation under 40 CFR 112, *Oil Pollution Prevention*, because the location of all the oil storage containers and equipment is within a hydrologically closed basin with no potential to impact waters of the United States. However, as a best management practice, Sandia personnel routinely monitor and inspect oil storage containers and equipment to ensure safe and secure operating conditions and to prevent potential spills or releases to the environment. There were no reportable oil spills in 2023.

Chapter 1. Introduction to Tonopah Test Range



Tonopah Test Range antenna

OVERVIEW ■ Tonopah Test Range is located within the boundaries of the Nevada Test and Training Range. Sandia National Laboratories personnel conduct operations at Tonopah Test Range in support of U.S. Department of Energy weapons programs. The site has never been used for the detonation of nuclear weapons.

This annual site environmental report was prepared in accordance with and as required by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) per DOE O 231.1B, Admin Change 1, *Environment, Safety and Health Reporting* (DOE O 231.1B, Admin Change 1 2012). This report describes the environmental protection programs currently in place at Sandia National Laboratories, Tonopah Test Range (SNL/TTR), located in Tonopah, Nevada, and is made available to the public in electronic form at [Sandia Environmental Reports](#) (Sandia n.d.).

Sandia National Laboratories (Sandia) is a multimission laboratory managed and operated by National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC (NTESS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Honeywell International Inc., for the DOE National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA). The DOE/NNSA Sandia Field Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico, administers the Prime Contract and oversees contractor operations.

While most 2023 program activities were performed continuously, they are reported on a calendar-year basis unless otherwise noted (programs based on the fiscal year operate from October 1 through September 30, annually).

1.1 Purpose

Operating since 1949, Sandia's core purpose is to render exceptional service in the national interest. As a Federally Funded Research and Development Center, Sandia operates in the public interest with objectivity and independence, free from organizational conflicts of interest, and by maintaining core competencies in missions of national significance.

Our principal mission is to deliver on commitments to the nuclear deterrent, nuclear nonproliferation, and critical work for the national security community. Sandia personnel anticipate and resolve emerging national security challenges and inform the national debate for which technology policy is critical to preserving security and freedom throughout the world. Information about new technologies and accomplishments can be found at [Sandia News](#) (Sandia n.d.).

1.2 History

A brief history of Sandia and of operations at SNL/TTR follows. For more details, see [Chapter 2](#).

1.2.1 Sandia National Laboratories

On November 1, 1949, Sandia Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Western Electric, began managing and operating Sandia Laboratory. In 1979, Congress recognized the facility as a national laboratory. From 1993 to mid-2017, Sandia Corporation was a wholly owned subsidiary of Martin Marietta (merging with Lockheed Corporation in 1995 to form Lockheed Martin Corporation). In May 2017, the management and operating contractor changed its name to National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC (NTESS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Honeywell International Inc.

The Sandia workforce (for all sites) comprised approximately 16,736 employees and contractors in fiscal year 2023, with 39 employees located at SNL/TTR (Sandia n.d.).

1.2.2 Sandia National Laboratories, Tonopah Test Range

In the early 1950s, Sandia personnel used three ranges as test sites: the Los Lunas Test Site (Kirtland Air Force Base Practice Bombing Range) in New Mexico, the Salton Sea Test Site in California, and the Yucca Flat Test Site in Nevada. As testing parameters changed, these sites were deemed inadequate.

Sandia personnel then identified Cactus Flats, located in the northwest corner of the then-named Nellis Bombing and Gunnery Range near the town of Tonopah, Nevada, as a temporary site for testing ballistic and nonnuclear features of atomic weapons (Sandia 1996). In 1956, a land use permit was obtained from the U.S. Air Force. In 1957, Tonopah Test Range was established for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (now DOE) and became operational for testing weapon systems. See [Chapter 2](#) for more details regarding the history and establishment of SNL/TTR.

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Nevada Test and Training Range is divided into the North Range and the South Range. SNL/TTR permitted land use areas are located in the northwest part of this site, and the DOE Nevada National Security Site is located between the North Range and South Range ([Figure 1-1](#)). SNL/TTR includes facilities that are

designed and equipped to gather data regarding aircraft-delivered inert test vehicles. As technologies changed, the facilities and capabilities at SNL/TTR were expanded to accommodate tests related to DOE weapons programs.

The DOE/NNSA signed a land use permit in 2019 titled “Department of the Air Force Permit to National Nuclear Security Administration for Real Property Located on the Nevada Test and Training Range, Nevada” (U.S. Air Force/NNSA 2019), which is valid until November 2029. The permit is for the nonexclusive use, operation, and occupancy of an approximately 5.5-square-mile portion of the Nevada Test and Training Range.

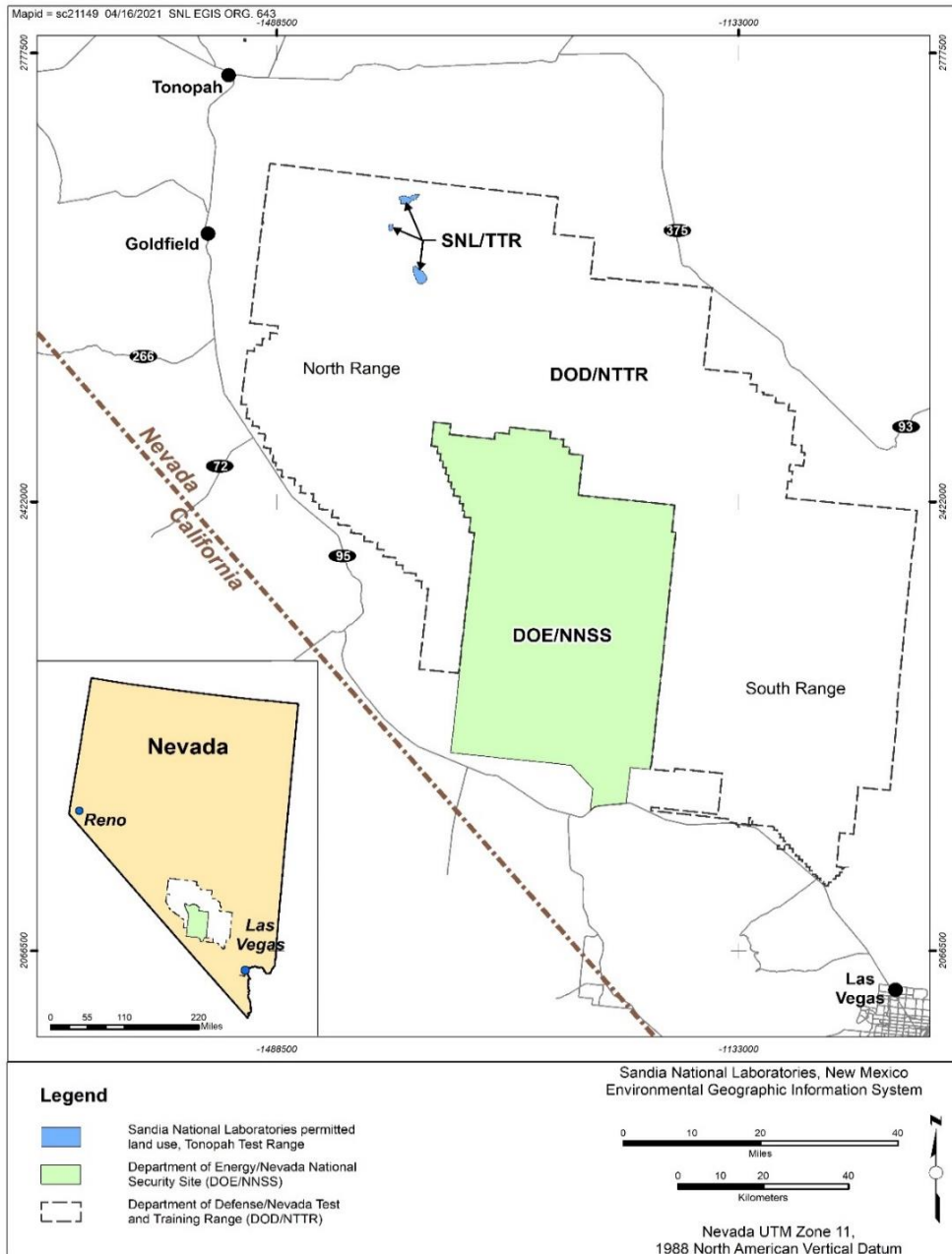


Figure 1-1. SNL/TTR location within the boundaries of the Nevada Test and Training Range

Today, operations at SNL/TTR are conducted in support of the DOE's weapons programs. Principal activities performed at SNL/TTR include stockpile reliability testing; arming, fusing, and firing systems testing; and the testing of nuclear weapon delivery systems. The range also offers a unique test environment for use by other U.S. government agencies and their contractors.

1.3 Location Description

SNL/TTR is located on withdrawn land (withheld from the public domain) that is permitted from the U.S. Air Force within the boundaries of the Nevada Test and Training Range (Figure 1-1). Sandia personnel use the land to support DOE and U.S. Air Force activities and missions.

The area north of the SNL/TTR boundary is comprised of sparsely populated public lands jointly administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. Cattle graze this land in the winter and spring. There is also a substantial irrigated farming operation north of the range. SNL/TTR lies within a portion of the Nevada Wild Horse Range herd area, which is administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

1.4 Demographics

The nearest residents live in the towns of Goldfield, Nevada, population 225; and Tonopah, Nevada, population 2,179 (U.S. Census Bureau 2012). Goldfield and Tonopah are approximately 22 miles west and 32 miles northwest of the site boundary, respectively. Las Vegas, with an estimated population of 660,929 (U.S. Census Bureau 2023), is the largest municipality in Nevada by population and is approximately 140 miles southeast of the site boundary.

1.5 Activities and Facilities

The SNL/TTR site offers a unique test environment for use by other government agencies and their contractors. The facilities, large land area, and site security are available for conducting a wide variety of tests. Activities involve conducting research and development as well as testing weapon components and delivery systems. As approved in *Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada National Security Site and Off-Site Locations in the State of Nevada* (DOE/NNSA/Nevada Site Office 2013), capabilities could include the following:

- Conduct tests and experiments, including flight test operations for gravity weapons (i.e., bombs).
- Conduct ground- and air-launched rocket and missile operations.
- Conduct impact testing.
- Conduct passive testing of joint test assemblies and conventional weapons.
- Conduct fuel-air explosives testing.

The majority of test activities occur within Cactus Flat, a valley with almost no topographical relief flanked by mountains and hills. The remote range ensures public safety and national security.

On behalf of the management and operating contractor for Sandia, Navarro Research and Engineering personnel perform or support most environmental program functions and facility operation and maintenance at SNL/TTR, including National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance, spill response, waste management operations, and water quality monitoring. Navarro Research and Engineering personnel also support SNL/TTR personnel during tests by operating equipment and recovering test objects.

In 1963, the DOE (formerly the Atomic Energy Commission) implemented Operation Roller Coaster to evaluate the dispersal of radionuclides when nuclear devices were subjected to chemical explosions while in storage or transit (Chapman, et al. 2021 in progress). This operation resulted in radionuclide-contaminated soils (see [Section 4.4](#)).

1.5.1 Mission Control Center

The SNL/TTR Mission Control Center Tower is a four-story structure that affords a 360-degree view of the site. It houses mission critical systems that coordinate all test activities during testing operations. SNL/TTR is instrumented with a wide array of signal-tracking equipment, including high-speed cameras, telemetry, and radar tracking devices that are used to characterize ballistics, aerodynamics, and parachute performance of test units.

1.5.2 Environmental Restoration Project

The Environmental Restoration Project at SNL/TTR was initiated in 1980 to address contamination resulting primarily from the 1963 nuclear weapons destruction testing and related support activities. In late 1992 and early 1993, an agreement was reached between DOE headquarters and the Albuquerque and Nevada Field offices to designate the DOE Nevada Field Office as responsible for all environmental restoration sites at SNL/TTR. Upon completion of environmental restoration activities in 2020, long-term stewardship of the restoration sites was transferred to the DOE Office of Legacy Management. For more information on the sites closed under the Environmental Restoration Project, see [Section 4.4](#).

1.6 Environmental Setting

The topography at SNL/TTR is characterized by a broad, flat valley bordered by two north- and south-trending mountain ranges: Cactus Range to the west (occurring mostly within the boundaries of SNL/TTR) and Kawich Range to the east. Cactus Flat is the valley floor, where the main operational area of SNL/TTR is located. An area of low hills outcrops in the south. Elevations range from 5,347 feet at the valley floor to 7,482 feet at Cactus Peak. The elevation of the town of Tonopah is 6,047 feet.

1.6.1 Geology and Hydrology

SNL/TTR is located in the western part of the Basin and Range geophysical province. This area is marked by horst and graben topography, a system of mountains and down-dropped fault valleys formed through regional extension. SNL/TTR is northeast of

the Walker Lane lineament, a zone of transcurrent faulting and shear, and northwest of the Las Vegas Valley shear zone (Sandia 1982).

Cactus Range to the west of SNL/TTR is the remnant of a major volcanic center consisting of relatively young (6 million years old) folded and faulted Tertiary volcanics. This range is one of at least five northwest-trending, raised structural blocks that lie along the Las Vegas Valley/Walker Lane lineaments (U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration Environmental Assessment, Tonopah Test Range).

Surface Water

Neither the Cactus Range nor the Kawich Range of mountains have perennial streams that flow into SNL/TTR. Ephemeral streams (flowing only briefly in the immediate locality in response to precipitation) do occasionally carry spring runoff and thunderstorm runoff to a north-south string of playas in the central portion of Cactus Flat. Surface runoff within Cactus Flat evaporates from the playas within SNL/TTR (Desert Research Institute, Science Applications International Corporation 1991).

An ephemeral spring flows only briefly in the immediate locality in response to precipitation.

There are several small springs within the Cactus and Kawich ranges. Three occur within SNL/TTR boundaries: Cactus Spring, Antelope Spring, and Silverbow Spring. Water from these springs does not travel more than approximately 100 feet before it dissipates through evaporation and infiltration.

Groundwater

SNL/TTR personnel obtain water from local wells. U.S. Geological Survey personnel periodically check groundwater levels of SNL/TTR wells and have recorded groundwater depths from 21 to 481 feet below ground surface at the site. Approximate groundwater levels have been recorded as follows:

- Production Well 6 in Area 3 has a water depth of 347 feet below ground surface. It supplies the public water system (drinking water and Area 3 fire protection) and, at one time, supplied water for road maintenance, construction, and dust control.
- Roller Coaster Well at the Construction Water Pond has a water level depth of 481 feet below the surface and is used for road maintenance, construction, and dust control.
- Area 9 Well (Well Sandia 7) near the northern end of the site has water at 129 feet below ground surface. It was formerly used to provide non-potable water to the building 9A restroom and for road maintenance, construction, and dust control. This well has not been used for many years, but it is being maintained and can be put into service if needed.

1.6.2 Ecology

An ecosystem is a network of living organisms and nonliving components that interact with one another to comprise an overall environment. The ecosystem at SNL/TTR includes the interactions among many living components (e.g., humans, animals, insects, plants, and fungi) within several habitat types. Nonliving components within the ecosystem include air,

water, mineral soil, buildings, structures, roads, and paved surfaces. The habitats of the SNL/TTR ecosystem include dwarf shrub and saltbrush shrubland in the lower elevations, Great Basin mixed desert scrub in the intermediate elevations, and an abundance of Joshua trees (*Yucca brevifolia*) and junipers (*Juniperus spp.*) at higher elevations. This ecosystem is a dynamic entity that is impacted by external and internal factors. External factors include such influences as climate, time, topography, and biota. Internal factors include the introduction of non-native species to the ecosystem and human disturbance and interactions (through development) within the various habitats.

In general, the Nevada Test and Training Range land withdrawal has had a positive effect on local plant and animal life at SNL/TTR. Since much of the withdrawn area is undisturbed by human activity, large habitat areas are protected from the effects of public use. For more information on the ecology at SNL/TTR, see [Chapter 3](#).

1.6.3 Climate

The climate at SNL/TTR is typical of high desert, midlatitude locations, with large diurnal and seasonal changes in temperature and little total rainfall. Temperature extremes at the test range vary from highs near 104°F in summer to lows approaching -22°F in winter. July and August are the hottest months, with highs generally around 90°F during the day and dropping to the 50s°F at night. January conditions vary from highs in the 40s°F to lows of around 20°F (Western Regional Climate Center 2020).

Average annual precipitation at the Tonopah Airport (the closest weather station with 30 or more years of data)—elevation 5,426 feet—is 5.08 inches. Typically, the months of May and July have the highest averages with 0.54 and 0.53 inches of precipitation respectively, and December has the lowest with 0.27 inches (Western Regional Climate Center 2020).

Climate is a description of an area's average weather conditions and the extent to which those conditions vary over long time intervals, generally decades or centuries.

Winds are generally from the northwest in winter and early spring, switching to southerly directions during summer. The mountain-and-valley system channels the wind such that the wind seldom blows from eastern or southwestern directions. Dust storms are common in the spring when monthly average wind speeds reach 15 miles per hour. During the spring and fall, there may be a diurnal wind cycle, bringing northwest winds in the early hours and shifting to southerly winds by afternoon.

1.7 Overview of the Environmental Management System

Sandia integrates environmental protection with its missions through the Environmental Management System. The Environmental Management System is a set of interrelated elements used to establish policy and environmental objectives that enable Sandia personnel to reduce environmental impacts and increase operating efficiency through a continuing cycle of planning, implementing, evaluating, and improving processes. The scope of Sandia's Environmental Management System encompasses all activities, products, and services that have the potential to interact with the environment at all of Sandia's numerous locations.

Sandia has established environmental programs at SNL/TTR (listed in [Section 1.8](#)) that are instrumental in the implementation, maintenance, and continual improvement of the Environmental Management System at this site. For more information on the Environmental Management System, see [Section 5.3](#).

1.8 Environmental Programs and Focus Areas

The current environmental programs and focus areas are shown in [Figure 1-2](#).

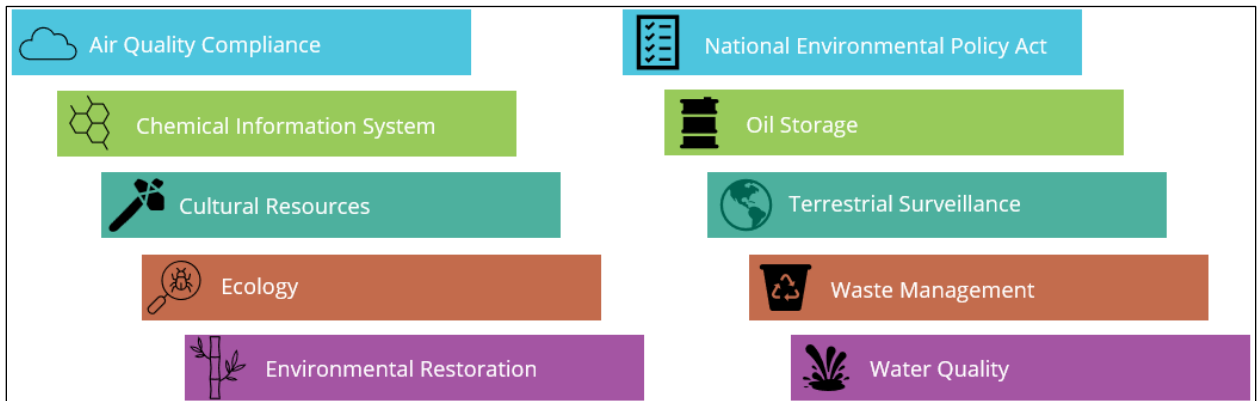


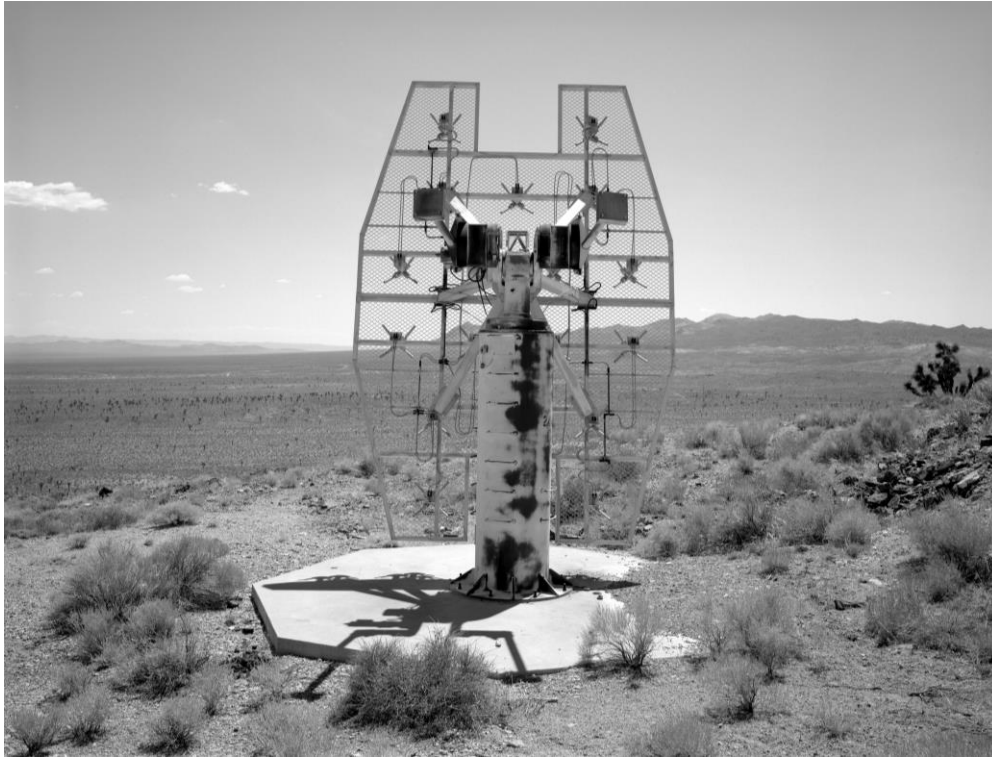
Figure 1-2. Environmental programs at SNL/TTR

The following chapters and sections detail the current environmental programs and focus areas at SNL/TTR as follows:

- Cultural Resources Program ([Chapter 2](#))
- Ecology Program ([Chapter 3](#))
- Other Environmental Programs ([Chapter 4](#))
 - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Program ([Section 4.1](#))
 - Chemical Information System ([Section 4.2](#))
 - Waste Management Program ([Section 4.3](#))
 - Environmental Restoration Project ([Section 4.4](#))
 - Air Quality Compliance Program ([Section 4.5](#))
 - Oil Storage Program ([Section 4.6](#))
 - Terrestrial Surveillance Program ([Section 4.7](#))
 - Water Quality and Environmental Release, Response and Reporting Programs ([Section 4.8](#))

In addition, a summary of compliance efforts is provided in [Chapter 5](#), and [Chapter 6](#) details how quality assurance is implemented for environmental monitoring and sampling.

Chapter 2. Cultural Resources Program



Structure 24-03, an obsolete antenna that is a contributing element to the SNL/TTR historic district (Photo taken on August 11, 2004, by Joseph M. Bonaguidi)

OVERVIEW ■ Cultural Resources Program personnel coordinate cultural resource compliance, including review of archaeological resources and historic buildings. Actions that could affect cultural resources adversely are analyzed initially in a NEPA checklist review. DOE/NNSA is responsible for ensuring that impacts on cultural resources are assessed and appropriate actions are taken to mitigate those impacts.

The Cultural Resources Program is focused primarily on long-term preservation and protection of cultural resources and cultural resource compliance to ensure that the heritage of Sandia operating areas and their landscapes are maintained. Long-term preservation and protection practices also ensure that data are available to make proper land use decisions and to assist with environmental planning. *Cultural resources* are places and physical evidence of past human activity: a site, an object, a landscape, a structure, or a natural feature of significance to a group of people traditionally associated with it. There are two main cultural resource categories: archaeological resources and historic buildings.

Between 1979 and 2023, 186 archaeological surveys—mostly linear surveys occurring along roads and utility lines and multiple transect surveys on large blocks of land—have been conducted at SNL/TTR. Currently, 220 historic sites having cultural heritage value at SNL/TTR are recorded, and 12 have been recommended as eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2003 and 2005, the Sandia historian conducted surveys of buildings and structures proposed for demolition at SNL/TTR. DOE/NNSA determined that none of the properties were eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in consultation with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer. In 2005, a survey and assessment of the built environment at the entire site resulted in DOE/NNSA's determination that 60 properties were contributing elements to the SNL Tonopah Test Range Historic District. The Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer concurred with the findings in 2011. Fifty-seven of those buildings and structures are extant and contributing to the Historic District, based on DOE/NNSA consultation with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer.

2.1 Cultural History

Through the years, several theoretical frameworks have been proposed to define traditions and value systems in southern Nevada. The framework for the prehistoric period covers the time from the earliest documented human occupation of the area (ca. 11,050 BCE) until the earliest European exploration of the area (circa AD 1600). This time range is divided into the following six periods:

- Lake Mohave Period (10,050–5050 BCE)
- Pinto Period (5550–2050 BCE)
- Gypsum Period (2050 BCE–AD 400)
- Saratoga Springs Period (AD 400–1150)
- Late Prehistoric Period (AD 1150–1600)
- Protohistoric Period (AD 1600–circa 1830)

The Lake Mohave Period corresponds to the earliest known human occupation of the area, encompassing the terminal Pleistocene and early Holocene epochs. This includes the Paleoindian Period and the Early Archaic Period. The Lake Mohave Period, and the following Pinto and Gypsum periods, constitute the period of human occupation in North America before agriculture was adopted in the area.

The groups of humans present during the Paleoindian Period are generally described as small, highly mobile bands of hunter-gatherers adapted to a climate that was cooler and wetter than the present (Martin and Plog 1973). The Paleoindian Period is characterized by several distinct traditions of fluted projectile points, including Clovis, Folsom, Agate Basin, and Hell Gap arrowheads (Jennings, *Anthropological Papers No. 104* 1980). The Early Archaic Period is generally characterized by an economy focusing on the exploitation of wild plant and animal resources.

The Archaic tradition in the Great Basin was initially described as a period of relatively stable foraging referred to as the Desert Culture (Jennings and Norbeck 1955).

The Pinto Period is coterminous (occurring at the same time) with the Middle Archaic Period in southern Nevada, which was hallmarked by specialized stone tools (Ezzo 1996). The Late Archaic Period, also referred to as the Gypsum Period, was marked by warmer,

more temperate conditions, which led to an increase in the availability of large game animals and increased plant resources (Roth 2012).

The Saratoga Springs Period (also known as the Virgin Anasazi occupation) corresponds to a time of significant and far-reaching cultural changes in southern Nevada (Ezzo 1996). The initial Virgin Anasazi occupation of the area is characterized by the presence of small, highly mobile groups occupying scattered, small sites on a temporary, perhaps seasonal, basis (Ezzo 1996).

With the end of the Virgin Anasazi occupation in southern Nevada and the practice of small-scale agriculture, the area became the home of peoples who were more mobile and increasingly dependent on hunting and foraging (Ezzo 1996). The Late Prehistoric Period saw the appearance of an identifiable Southern Paiute, or Numic-speaking, people in the Great Basin and southern Nevada who were later encountered by early explorers and immigrants (Fowler 1982); (Kelly and Fowler 1986).

The first Spanish explorers to see the Colorado River were members of Francisco de Coronado's expedition in the 1540s who sought out mineral wealth. Mining became an important activity in the region, and by 1910, small mining camps were established in the Kawich (Golden Arrow and Silverbow) and Cactus (Wellington, Antelope Springs, and Cactus Spring) ranges, as well as in the Trappman Hills (Wilson's Camp and Trappman's Camp). Older mining ventures at Nixon and Gold Reed are less than 12 miles away to the southeast of the Tonopah area. These early twentieth-century mining locales lie on opposing flanks of the Kawich Range at a pass just north of Quartzite Mountain.



Chert biface (Photo taken in 2018 from site 26NY16226)

2.2 Historical Context

In anticipation of entering World War II, the United States military expanded its air forces training and support facilities. In October 1940, a 69-by-90-mile area near Tonopah, Nevada was transferred to the War Department for development as a gunnery range. After construction and preparation, the Tonopah Army Air Field opened in 1942 as a training field. Eight bombardment squadrons and 12 fighter squadrons were trained there by 1943, when the base was expanded to host B-24 Liberator training. The range also hosted some guided bomb testing activities before the war ended.

In August 1945, Tonopah Army Air Field was placed on inactive status. Two years later, it was declared excess. The airfield was turned over to the town of Tonopah as the Tonopah Airport, and the test and training space to the southeast was incorporated into the Las Vegas Bombing and Gunnery Range (now Nellis Air Force Base).

In July 1945, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico underwent a reorganization that gathered ordnance engineering activities into Z Division. Z Division was moved to Sandia Base near Albuquerque. Z Division grew quickly and was redesignated as Sandia Laboratory, a branch of Los Alamos, in 1948. Continued growth of both sites led to their separation; Sandia Corporation, a subsidiary of Western Electric, took over management of Sandia Laboratory on November 1, 1949.

Sandia Laboratory's assignment to design and test the nonnuclear components and subsystems of nuclear weapons included ballistic studies of weapon shapes. Sandia Laboratory personnel established a practice bombing range near Los Lunas, New Mexico, and then obtained use of a former U.S. Navy site near the Salton Sea in southern California. By the mid-1950s, however, population growth in the Salton Sea area conflicted with the growing number of weapons programs in development.

After using a temporary site on Yucca Lake within the Nevada Test Site in 1954, Sandia settled on the Cactus Flats area in the northwestern section of Nellis Air Force Base. The series of dry lakebeds running north-south between the Cactus and Kawich ranges served as targets for testing and could accommodate both low-altitude and high-altitude approaches. The U.S. Air Force authorized the Atomic Energy Commission to use the property for Sandia Laboratory operations beginning November 9, 1956. Approximately 35 miles southeast of Tonopah, Nevada, the site was named Tonopah Test Range.

Testing began on February 4, 1957. Flights were tracked along the east and west sides of the dry lakebeds, concentrating on the main target of the northernmost lakebed. Ultimately, additional targets and stations were added toward the south. To support ground-launched tests and to develop diagnostic rockets to support high-altitude nuclear testing, Sandia personnel added a rocket launch capability. Demand for both drop and rocket testing continued, and site capabilities were extended in response. On September 1, 1960, SNL/TTR was named Sandia Laboratory's permanent test range, and the Salton Sea Test Base range was closed (Sandia 2017).

Expansion was rapid in the early years. More tracking and data capture stations were added along the line of flight to the target, the control point facilities were expanded, and a control tower was added. A concrete hard target was poured in the target impact area on the northern lakebed.

After the initial rounds of construction in the late 1950s and early 1960s, when operations were largely defined at SNL/TTR, additional modifications occurred more slowly, primarily consisting of upgrading and replacing equipment. A major upgrade and some new construction were completed in the 1980s when a new control tower was built and many of the facilities were refurbished. A decline in testing after the end of the Cold War meant a lull in improvements, but twenty-first-century support of nuclear weapon life-extension programs required maintenance and renovation at some of the facilities to upgrade and ensure consistent test support.

2.2 Regulatory Criteria

Ensuring compliance with federal and state requirements supports the long-term preservation and protection of cultural resources, prevents mission delays, and maintains trust and a strong relationship with DOE/NNSA and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer. See [Chapter 4](#) for details on state and federal requirements related to cultural resources.

2.3 Archaeological Resources

Sandia’s archaeological staff assists Sandia personnel and DOE/NNSA in maintaining compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 requirements. This ensures that cultural resources and their historic and cultural heritage are preserved and protected and that data are available to make appropriate land-use and environmental planning decisions at SNL/TTR.

The archaeological staff review NEPA checklists that involve land disturbances and provides recommendations for monitoring field activities so archaeological resources are not inadvertently impacted. The archaeological staff also makes site eligibility recommendations for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, which is provided to DOE/NNSA for consultations.

2.3.1 Field Methods

Archaeological staff conduct pedestrian surveys (walking the natural landscape on foot) and record prehistoric and historic sites in accordance with Bureau of Land Management guidelines (Bureau of Land Management 2004) as required by the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer. In addition, the archaeological staff provides recommendations regarding the potential effect of proposed undertakings on prehistoric and historic properties. These include recommendations regarding a site’s eligibility for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for Cultural Properties and Historic Preservation and project mitigation. The archaeological staff prepares consultation letters and associated forms that are then submitted to DOE/NNSA to use in correspondence with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer.

A transect is a sample area usually in the form a long, continuous strip.

A pedestrian survey lightly impacts surface soils. Survey transects are spaced 50 feet apart, with no more than 40 acres surveyed per person per day. All cultural resources that are at least 50 years old are recorded on field forms. Archaeological sites are defined by the presence of either a cultural feature or 10 or more artifacts that are at least 50 years old and are separated by no more than 66 feet. Areas where cultural materials are sparse (fewer than 10 items) and are at least 50 years old are recorded as isolated occurrences.

The archaeological staff generates a Nevada Intermountain Antiquities Computer System form for archaeological sites in Nevada. Archaeological sites are mapped both manually on graph paper and digitally. Digital maps are created using a global positioning system unit with sub-meter accuracy. Each map includes the site boundary and the locations of the datum, any features identified, artifact concentrations, important or diagnostic artifacts,

drainages or other landscape features, and topographic contours. Each site, including any cultural features or tools, is photographed. All artifacts are analyzed in the field unless more than 50 artifacts of a given class (e.g., lithic [stone], prehistoric ceramic, or historic) are present, in which case a sample of at least 50 is analyzed. Lithic and prehistoric ceramic artifacts are analyzed using standard in-field techniques. Ceramics, projectile points, and other diagnostic artifacts are identified by type and cultural affiliation when sufficient attributes for a reliable determination are present. Isolated occurrences and their location are recorded and analyzed. The archaeological staff writes all reports of findings and associated documentation.

2.3.2 Program Activities and Results 2023: Archaeological Resources

In 2023, the archaeological staff reviewed nine outdoor projects at SNL/TTR. All nine of the reviewed projects included ongoing operational activities. The reviewed projects resulted in one pedestrian survey of approximately 3 acres and one monitoring project. No immediate archaeological concerns were found for any of the reviewed projects.

2.4 Historic Buildings

The Sandia historian surveys and assesses the built environment in support of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106, for all properties owned by DOE/NNSA and used by Sandia personnel at SNL/TTR. This includes all elements of the built environment from the Historic Period, but is primarily focused on properties built for and used by Sandia since 1956.

2.4.1 Methods

Sandia's historian reviews the project details, analyzes existing photographs of and documents about the facilities involved, conducts any additional research in the archives and building drawings collection to understand the property's past and current role in SNL/TTR operations, and evaluates the building's history within the themes (field testing and stockpile surveillance) provided by the 2005 context statement ([Section 2.4.2](#)), which provides the framework for evaluating an SNL/TTR property for historic significance (Sandia 2005a). Note is made of any previous surveys and resulting determinations regarding the property's eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places.

If there are any questions regarding proposed work and its potential impact on a property or properties, the historian discusses the matter with the project owner and the NEPA specialist. The project owner may submit renderings of the anticipated appearance of the property after work is completed, and the historian may suggest alternate locations, materials, or methods to avoid adverse effects on the property.

The context statement completed in 2005 is used in historic building assessments and recommendations as the background against which properties are evaluated. Any recommendation that a property is historic includes the relevant established Nevada theme under which it falls as well as its period of significance.

Once a property is understood in context, the historian makes a recommendation regarding whether it is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, summarizing past determinations and any subsequent changes to the property. The historian also makes

a recommendation regarding whether proposed work will have an adverse effect on any historic properties or districts, including the property where the work is occurring. Information on the property, photographs, maps, a description of the proposed work, any impacts, and the overall recommendation on eligibility as a historic property are captured on a Nevada Architectural Resource Assessment form. The Architectural Resource Assessment form and a consultation letter are submitted to DOE/NNSA to support consultation with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer. The historian's recommendation is also captured in the NEPA checklist subject matter expert review.

2.4.2 Previous Building Surveys, Assessments, and Determinations

In the spring of 2002, the Sandia historian began to assess properties at SNL/TTR, with an initial focus on buildings scheduled for demolition in 2003 and 2004. The assessments were completed and submitted to DOE/NNSA on Nevada Architectural Resource Assessment forms (Sandia 2003). In consultation with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, DOE/NNSA determined that none of the properties were historic, and Sandia proceeded with demolition.

The historian also prepared a context statement for the site (Sandia 2004). The context statement concentrated on the Cold War as the primary time period and focus for the built environment at SNL/TTR within the State of Nevada's established themes. The historian continued the historic building survey for the remaining properties at the site through 2005, including archival research, photo documentation, and preparation of Architectural Resource Assessment forms. Additional support and architectural evaluations were provided by a consulting firm, e²M, which resulted in a revised context statement, survey document, and completed Architectural Resource Assessment forms (Sandia 2005a, Sandia 2005b, Sandia 2005c).

In 2010, because of the age of the survey documents, the assessment was reviewed, and the properties were reconsidered. The existing property lists and the status of the buildings remained unchanged. The survey conclusions were affirmed. The recommendation was to include key and representative facilities as contributing elements in an SNL/TTR historic district. The period of significance for the historic district was 1956 to 1989.

In 2011, DOE/NNSA completed consultation with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, reaching an agreement regarding the SNL/TTR historic district. The district included 60 structures and represents the key functions included in testing at the site during the Cold War (Table 2-1). In 2012, DOE/NNSA provided the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office with samples of the documentation created to mitigate the effects of future demolition of properties within the district. Nevada State Historic Preservation Office personnel reviewed the sample documentation and agreed with its suitability.

In 2016 and 2018, DOE/NNSA met with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office to finalize details of a memorandum of agreement covering the SNL/TTR historic district and mitigative efforts for future demolition and renovation at the site. Agreement was not reached, and the document is considered defunct.

Table 2-1. Contributing elements to the SNL/TTR historic district

Historic Resource	Function	Construction	Location
02-00	Askania camera tower	1956	Station 2 (demolished; no longer a contributing element)
02-01	ME-16 tracking telescope	1958	Station 2
03-32	Water tank	1961	Station 3
03-33	Water tank	1962	Station 3
03-50	Engineering tag and physical security office	1956	Station 3
03-51	Administration building	1962	Station 3
03-53	Generator building	1965	Station 3 (no longer a contributing element due to renovations)
03-54	Machine shop	1960	Station 3
03-55	Photo optics building	1965	Station 3
03-56	Telescope repair and offices	1965	Station 3 (no longer a contributing element due to renovations)
03-57	Operations and control	1980	Station 3
03-62	Welding shop	1960	Station 3
03-65	Radio shop and offices	1960	Station 3
09-04	Camera tower	1970s	Station 9
09-10	Camera tower	1970	Station 9
09-11	Camera tower	1970	Station 9
09-19	Camera tower	1965	Station 9
09-22	Underground room	circa 1970	Station 9
09-25	Storage igloo	1960	Station 9
09-26	Storage igloo	1960	Station 9
09-27	Storage igloo	1960	Station 9
09-28	Storage igloo	1960	Station 9
09-29	Storage igloo	1960	Station 9
09-30	Storage igloo	1960	Station 9
09-31	Storage igloo	1960	Station 9
09-32	Storage igloo	1960	Station 9
09-33	Storage igloo	1960	Station 9
09-34	Storage igloo	1960	Station 9
09-50	Fire control bunker	1957	Station 9
09-51	Fire control bunker	1964	Station 9
09-52	Assembly building (9A)	1956	Station 9
09-54	Assembly building	1960	Station 9
09-55	Assembly building	1964	Station 9
09-56	Explosive bunker	1960	Station 9
09-57	Explosive bunker	1960	Station 9
09-59	Explosive bunker	1960	Station 9
09-60	Gun control bunker	1971	Station 9
09-63	Special storage facility (bunker)	1986	Station 9

Historic Resource	Function	Construction	Location
13-00	ME-16 tracking telescope	1977	Area 13
16-00	ME-16 tracking telescope	1960	Area 16
22-00	Contraves camera tower	1960	Area 22 (removed; no longer a contributing element to the historic district)
24-00	Radar antenna building	1971	Station 24
24-01	Radar laboratory and office	1961/1975	Station 24
24-02	LA-24 telescope	1970	Station 24
24-03	Teletrac antenna	1970	Station 24
24-04	Bore site tower	1962	Station 24
24-09	Rohn Tower	1962	Station 24
24-10	Antenna tower platform	1970	Station 24
24-11	Antenna support tower	1970	Station 24
24-52	Bore site storage	Date Unknown	Station 24
24-53	Communications building	1960	Station 24
32-01	Main gate guardhouse	1982	Main Gate
Contraves camera	Contraves camera	1960s	N/A
Hard target	Target	1960	Main target area
Launcher 2	Missile launcher	1956	Station 9
Launcher 3	Missile launcher	1956	Station 9
Launcher 4	Missile launcher	1956	Station 9
Launcher 5	Missile launcher	1956	Station 9
ME-16 tracking telescope	Tracking telescope	1958	N/A
Rocket sign	Tonopah Test Range sign	1960	Beyond main gate

N/A = not applicable

2.4.3 Program Activities and Results 2023: Historic Buildings

In 2019, SNL/TTR personnel proposed the demolition of Tower 02-00, which was no longer in use and was blocking the line of sight for other projects. The historian provided DOE/NNSA with updated Nevada Architectural Resource Assessment forms for the proposed demolition. In 2022, DOE/NNSA completed consultation with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office regarding the memorandum of agreement for the demolition of Tower 02-00. In addition, the first requirement within the memorandum of agreement was completed when the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer approved the photographs documenting Tower 02-00. In 2023, Tower 02-00 was demolished. Also in 2023, the historian finalized a draft Historic American Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Record report documenting the history and architectural features of the property. The draft was circulated for review, edits were absorbed, and the document will be submitted by DOE/NNSA to the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer in 2024.

In 2023, DOE/NNSA consulted with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer on six projects at SNL/TTR. There were three building re-roofs, one roof repair, one roll-up door

replacement, and one addition of a chain link fence to a building's open doorways. These consultations resulted in the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer's concurrence with DOE/NNSA's determination that the proposed work would, in each case, have no adverse effects on any historic properties or historic districts. However, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer would not concur with a determination of the National Register of Historic Places eligibility of any of the buildings facing work.

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer has indicated that they will not review consultations regarding National Register of Historic Places eligibility for any properties at SNL/TTR until a new site survey and assessment are completed. The Sandia historian began a new historic building survey of SNL/TTR late in 2023. It is expected to be completed in 2024.

Chapter 3. Ecology Program



Mountain lion (*Puma concolor*)

OVERVIEW ■ Ecology Program personnel help operations comply with wildlife regulations and laws by providing biological evaluations and surveys in support of site activities. Ecological data is collected on plants and wildlife to support documentation, land use decisions, and ecological and wildlife awareness campaigns to ensure safe work environments and sustainable decision-making strategies.

Ecology Program personnel support site activity and project compliance with wildlife requirements by conducting biological evaluations and surveys. Ecological compliance promotes conservation through the protection of native wildlife and their habitats. Monitoring, primarily for birds, is conducted during the bird breeding months to measure species diversity, abundance, and land use patterns. Data collected through monitoring programs can be used to inform land management decisions. As part of the ecological compliance program for SNL/TTR, utility poles associated with Sandia projects are also surveyed for any potential risks to birds that may roost or nest on the poles.

The data are used to support NEPA documentation, land use decisions, ecological and wildlife awareness campaigns, sustainable decision-making strategies, and to help ensure safe work environments.

3.1 Ecological Setting

The topography at SNL/TTR is characterized by a broad, flat valley with two north- and south-trending mountain ranges: Cactus Mountain Range is to the west (occurring mostly within the boundaries of SNL/TTR) and Kawich Mountain Range is to the east. Cactus Flat is the name given to the valley floor where the main operational area of SNL/TTR is

located. To the south, the landscape consists of low hills and outcrops. Elevations range from 5,347 feet at the valley floor to 7,482 feet at Cactus Peak (U.S. Air Force 1997).

The area north of the SNL/TTR boundary is comprised of public lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. The land is currently used to graze cattle. There is a substantial irrigated farming operation north of SNL/TTR. The Nevada Wild Horse Range, which is administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (U.S. Air Force 1997), is to the east of SNL/TTR.

A biogeographic province is a large region characterized as distinct from other regions, mostly based on different dominant vegetation and wildlife habitat types.

SNL/TTR, in general, is situated within the Great Basin biogeographic province, as described by Brown (Brown (ed) 1982). A biogeographic province is a large region characterized as distinct from other regions, mostly based on different dominant vegetation and wildlife habitat types.

3.1.1 Vegetation

The Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountains prevent moist air from the Pacific Ocean from reaching the inland region of the Great Basin. Even with dry conditions and rugged basin and range topography, the Great Basin has a wide variety of plants. Most of the SNL/TTR vegetation can be subdivided into several general types. The vegetation of the lower elevation portions, such as Cactus Flat, is primarily dwarf shrub and saltbrush shrubland (with a vegetation height of less than or equal to 1.6 feet) and is typified by budsage (*Artemisia spinescens*), Indian ricegrass (*Achnatherum hymenoides*), shadscale (*Atriplex confertifolia*), and winterfat (*Krascheninnikovia lanata*). Intermediate elevation slopes are dominated by Great Basin mixed desert scrub, and the shrub cover tends to be taller (greater than or equal to 1.6 feet), with some grassland characterized by various species of budsage, hopsage (*Grayia spinosa*), horsebrush (*Tetradymia* spp.), rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus* and *Ericameria nauseosa*), and shadscale. As the elevation increases, Joshua trees (*Yucca brevifolia*) and junipers (*Juniperus* spp.) start to increase in abundance. The understory becomes that of black sagebrush (*Artemisia nova*) and rabbitbrush.

The abbreviation sp. is used when the actual specific name cannot or need not be specified and spp. (plural) indicates several species. The abbreviation ssp. refers to a subspecies.

Surface water at Cactus Spring and Antelope Spring can support emergent vegetation and a few deciduous trees.

3.1.2 Wildlife

Wildlife at SNL/TTR is typical of the Great Basin biogeographic province. As water is scarce in the Great Basin Desert, occurring naturally only at a few seeps and springs nearby, there are no sites with native fish at SNL/TTR. The Roller Coaster Construction Pond, a man-made structure on SNL/TTR property, is modified and stocked with goldfish (*Carassius* sp.) and mosquitofish (*Gambusia* sp.).

The bird species typically found in the valley floor are those associated with the sagebrush community and include common nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*), common raven (*Corvus corax*), green-tailed towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*), horned lark (*Eremophila alpestris*), mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*), sagebrush sparrow (*Artemisiospiza nevadensis*), and sage thrasher (*Oreoscoptes montanus*).

From the valley floor, going up in elevation, the vegetation changes to include Joshua trees and junipers, and the bird diversity increases. Common birds in this zone include ash-throated flycatchers (*Myiarchus cinerascens*), black-throated sparrows (*Amphispiza bilineata*), loggerhead shrikes (*Lanius ludovicianus*), mourning doves, Scott's orioles (*Icterus parisorum*), and western kingbirds (*Tyrannus verticalis*). Several of these species can be observed nesting in the Joshua trees. At even higher elevations where there are steep rocky slopes, chukars (*Alectoris chukar*), which were introduced into the area, and rock wrens (*Salpinctes obsoletus*) may be encountered. Common ravens are widespread across all SNL/TTR.

Dry areas that are free of vegetation are found at the lowest portion of closed desert basins. These arid areas, known as *playas*, form ephemeral lakes during periods of precipitation.

Although SNL/TTR is located on a high desert, the playas will have standing water if there is plenty of precipitation. During seasonal migrations—should the playas have water—ducks, geese, and water birds can be found at these playas and at man-made retention ponds. A few waterfowl and other water birds may breed at the small permanent man-made bodies of water. At Roller Coaster Construction Pond, the freshwater habitat attracts several bird species that would not otherwise be found at SNL/TTR. Common yellowthroats (*Geothlypis trichas*) and Bullock's orioles (*Icterus bullockii*) are known to nest at this pond. Other bird species that have been encountered at this pond, and potentially could nest there, include red-winged blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*), vermilion flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*), western kingbird, and western wood-pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*).

Several raptor species are known to use the SNL/TTR area for hunting, roosting, and breeding. Some of these birds include American kestrels (*Falco sparverius*), barn owls (*Tyto alba*), ferruginous hawks (*Buteo regalis*), golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*), great horned owls (*Bubo virginianus*), prairie falcons (*Falco mexicanus*), red-tailed hawks (*Buteo jamaicensis*), and Swainson's hawks (*Buteo swainsoni*).

Reptile species that have been observed include coachwhip (*Masticophis flagellum*), Great Basin gopher snake (*Pituophis catenifer deserticola*), Great Basin rattlesnake (*Crotalus oreganus lutosus*), long-nosed leopard lizard (*Gambelia wislizenii*), sagebrush lizard (*Sceloporus graciosus*), and western patch-nosed snake (*Salvadora hexalepis*).

Mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*), desert bighorn (*Ovis canadensis nelsoni*), mountain lions (*Puma concolor*), pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana*), and feral horses are the notable large mammal species that occur at SNL/TTR. In general, mule deer, desert bighorn, and mountain lions reside in the higher elevations of the mountain ranges. Pronghorn are usually seen in the open, short-grass and scattered brush habitat of the valley floor. A notable species is the feral horse (*Equus ferus*), which is often called a wild horse or mustang. Horses were introduced to the area in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Feral horses are more opportunistic

than other native wildlife and are found in practically all habitat types within the SNL/TTR area. Though wild horses compete with livestock and wildlife for limited forage, they are protected under the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (PL 92-195 1971) (16 U.S.C. 30 § 1331 et seq. 1971). Common medium-sized mammals found within the SNL/TTR area include American badgers (*Taxidea taxus*), black-tailed jackrabbits (*Lepus californicus*), bobcats (*Lynx rufus*), coyotes (*Canis latrans*), and kit foxes (*Vulpes macrotis*).

Smaller mammals and rodents that are common at SNL/TTR include deer mice (*Peromyscus spp.*), desert cottontails (*Sylvilagus audubonii*), desert woodrats (*Neotoma lepida*), Merriam's kangaroo rats (*Dipodomys merriami*), and white-tailed antelope squirrels (*Ammospermophilus leucurus*). State protected dark kangaroo mice (*Microdipodops megacephalus*) and pale kangaroo mice (*Microdipodops pallidus*) have been documented on adjacent Department of Defense property. Both species are found in loose sands and gravel are typically associated with shadscale scrub, sagebrush scrub, and alkali sink plant communities.

Six species of bats have been identified as occurring at the Nevada Test and Training Range (U.S. Air Force 1997). These bat species are likely to be found at SNL/TTR. All these bat species primarily use caves, abandoned mines, trees, and buildings for roosts. They include California myotis (*Myotis californicus*), canyon bat (*Parastrellus hesperus*), fringe myotis (*Myotis thysanodes*), long-legged myotis (*Myotis volans*), pallid bat (*Antrozous pallidus*), and Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*).

3.2 Avian Surveillance

Avian surveys were established in 2004 to monitor patterns of bird richness, abundance, and distribution in the basic habitats found within the DOE/NNSA-controlled land at SNL/TTR. Native birds are the primary compliance and conservation concerns at SNL/TTR and act as reliable indicators of ecosystem health.

3.2.1 Program Activities and Results 2023: Migratory Birds and Avian Surveillance

Migratory Birds

In 2023, there was an increase in Migratory Bird Treaty Act protected nests detected and reported at SNL/TTR. Range personnel perform daily to weekly inspections of outdoor stations and other locations with outdoor equipment throughout the bird breeding season. Thirteen nests were promptly reported to the Ecology Program during April and May for further evaluation and appropriate compliance actions. Most of the reported nests belonged to common ravens.

Incomplete/inactive nests that were in areas of concern were removed under the supervision of biologists. Active nests received appropriate disturbance buffers and were monitored through completion. Project essential equipment was modified and/or outfitted with bird safe deterrents to prevent future nest attempts, when appropriate. Additionally, SNL/TTR site personnel installed nesting platforms in 2023 to create attractive nesting locations away from project areas. If the platforms are successful, site personnel will explore installing more across operational areas.

Avian Surveillance

The North American Breeding Bird Survey is a standardized protocol with roadside routes across the continent. The updated avian survey protocol at SNL/TTR consists of 3-minute point counts for avian species every half-mile along a 24.5-mile route. To capture dispersed operational areas and representative habitats, the North American Breeding Bird Survey route is split into two separate routes. See [Figure 3-1](#) for route locations.

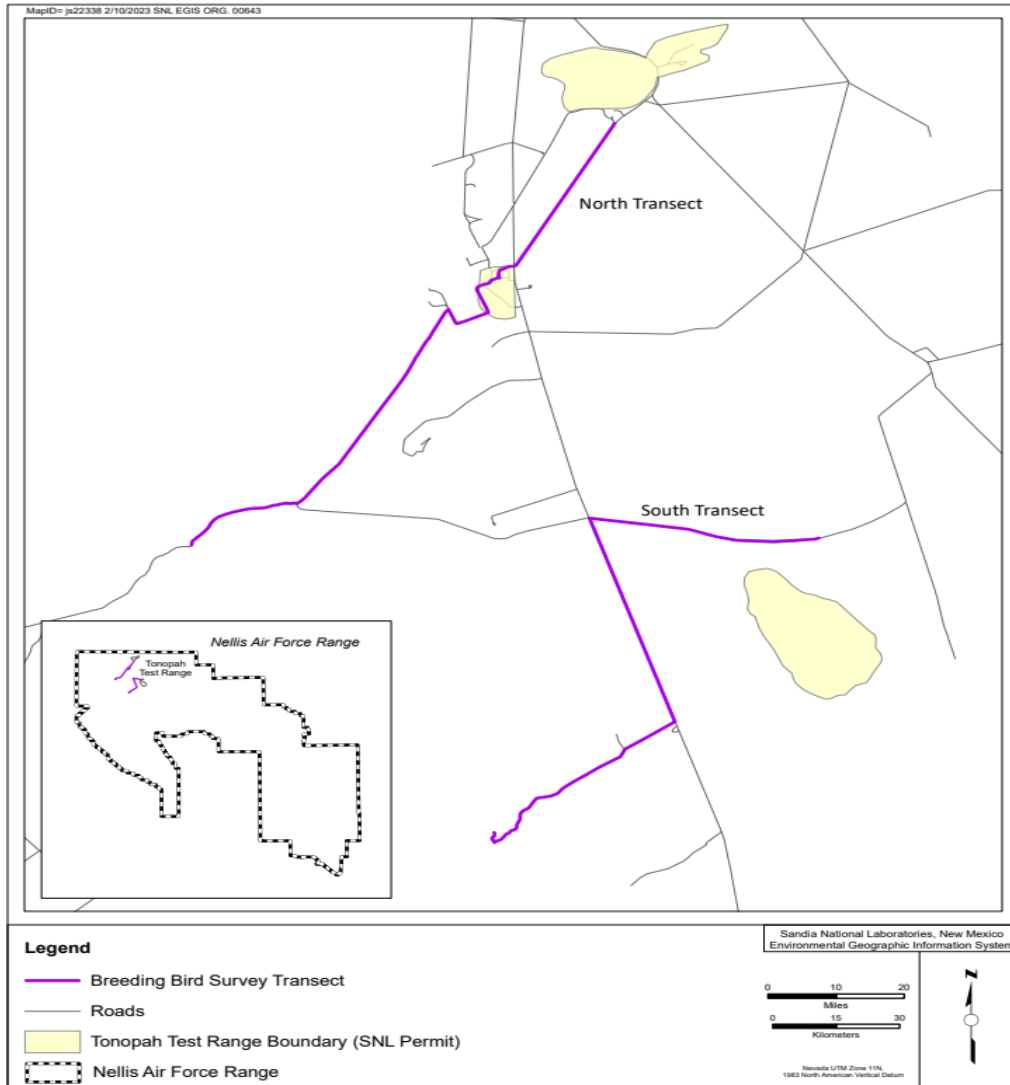


Figure 3-1. Bird survey routes

Avian surveys were conducted during 13 separate years from 2004 to 2023. Avian surveys were conducted in late May and early June 2023. The time frame for conducting surveys is during the typical breeding season for birds in the Great Basin region. Two hundred eighty-five birds from 15 species were recorded along the newly established survey routes (see [Table 3-1](#)). Horned larks were the most recorded species during surveys. The second-most encountered species was the black-throated sparrow. All other species encountered were at much lower numbers.

Table 3-1. Bird survey totals

Common name	Scientific name	Total
Ash-throated flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>	2
Black-throated sparrow	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>	50
Common raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	3
Horned lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	181
House finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	8
Loggerhead shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	5
Mourning dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	4
Northern mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	9
Red-tailed hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	2
Rock wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>	12
Say's phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	4
Western kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	1
Western tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	2
Western wood-pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	1
Yellow warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	1
Total		285

Avian surveys were established in 2004 to monitor patterns of bird richness and abundance in the basic habitats found within the DOE/NNSA-controlled land at SNL/TTR.

From all survey years, 120 species of birds have been recorded at SNL/TTR. Table 3-2 lists those bird species. It should be noted that some of the species listed were also seen in other places in the general SNL/TTR area that are not covered by the bird surveys or in locations that are no longer SNL/TTR permitted land use areas. Bird data from these historical locations are valuable for monitoring changes in species composition, distribution, and habitat preferences. Many of the waterfowl and most of the water birds were seen on the various playas when precipitation events produced standing water or at man-made water sources. As most surveys were conducted in late spring and early summer, many of the species encountered were migrants.

Table 3-2. Bird species encountered at Tonopah Test Range (all years)

Common Name	Scientific Name
American avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>
American coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>
American kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
American pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>
American robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Ash-throated flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>
Barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Belted kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>
Black phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
Black-crowned night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Black-headed grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>

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Common Name	Scientific Name
Black-necked stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>
Black-throated gray warbler	<i>Setophaga nigrescens</i>
Black-throated sparrow	<i>Amphispiza bilineata</i>
Blue-gray gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>
Blue grosbeak	<i>Passerina caerulea</i>
Bonaparte's gull	<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>
Brewer's blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>
Brewer's sparrow	<i>Spizella breweri</i>
Brown-headed cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>
Bullock's oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>
Burrowing owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>
Calliope hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus calliope</i>
Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>
Canyon wren	<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>
Cassin's kingbird	<i>Tyrannus vociferans</i>
Cassin's sparrow	<i>Peucaea cassinii</i>
Cassin's vireo	<i>Vireo cassinii</i>
Chipping sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>
Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>
Cinnamon teal	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>
Cliff swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>
Common raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
Common yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>
Cooper's hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>
Dusky flycatcher	<i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>
Eared grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
Eurasian collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
European starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Ferruginous hawk	<i>Buteo regalis</i>
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>
Golden eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
Gray flycatcher	<i>Empidonax wrightii</i>
Great egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Greater yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>
Great horned owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
Great-tailed grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
Green-tailed towhee	<i>Pipilo chlorurus</i>
Green-winged teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
Hermit thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>
Herring gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
Horned grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>
Horned lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>
House finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>

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Common Name	Scientific Name
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
House wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
Juniper titmouse	<i>Baeolophus ridgwayi</i>
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
Ladder-backed woodpecker	<i>Picooides scalaris</i>
Lark sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>
Lazuli bunting	<i>Passerina amoena</i>
Least sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>
Lincoln's sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>
Loggerhead shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>
MacGillivray's warbler	<i>Geothlypis tolmiei</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Mourning dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
Nashville warbler	<i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i>
Northern mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>
Northern pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
Northern rough-winged swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>
Northern shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Northern waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>
Olive-sided flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>
Orange-crowned warbler	<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>
Western flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>
Palm warbler	<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>
Pine siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>
Prairie falcon	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>
Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>
Red-necked phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
Red-tailed hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
Red-winged blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>
Ring-billed gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>
Rock wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>
Ruby-crowned kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>
Sagebrush sparrow	<i>Artemisiospiza nevadensis</i>
Sage thrasher	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>
Savannah sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>
Say's phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>
Scott's oriole	<i>Icterus parisorum</i>
Sharp-shinned hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>
Snowy egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>
Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>
Spotted sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>
Spotted towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>
Summer tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>
Swainson's hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Townsend's warbler	<i>Setophaga townsendi</i>
Tree swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>
Turkey vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Vermilion flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
Vesper sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>
Violet-green swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>
Virginia rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>
Virginia's warbler	<i>Oreothlypis virginiae</i>
Warbling vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>
Western kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>
Western sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>
Western tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>
Western wood-pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>
White-crowned sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>
White-faced ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>
White-winged dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>
Wilson's phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>
Wilson's warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>
Yellow-headed blackbird	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>
Yellow-rumped warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>
Yellow warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>

3.3 Federally Listed and State-Listed Threatened and Endangered Species and Species of Concern

The purpose of the Endangered Species Act is to protect all animal, plant, and insect species that are federally listed as threatened or endangered. The State of Nevada has its own regulations for the protection of various species of plants and animals, including Nevada Administrative Code 503 (NAC 503 2018), Nevada Administrative Code 504 (NAC 504 2018), Administrative Code 527 (NAC 527 2012), and Nevada Administrative Code 501 (NAC 501 2018).

Currently, no federally listed threatened or endangered species are known to be found at SNL/TTR. The only federally listed species found at the Nevada Test and Training Range is the Mojave Desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) (U.S. Air Force 1997), which is not found at SNL/TTR. [Table 3-3](#) lists federally protected species under the Endangered Species Act that are known to occur in Nye County, Nevada. Located near the center of Nye County, the county list of federally protected species is used to reference such species potentially occurring at SNL/TTR. The golden eagle, protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, has occasionally been encountered at SNL/TTR during breeding bird point count surveys. To date, a golden eagle nest has not been located at SNL/TTR but if one were found, protection buffers would be put in place to avoid disturbance to nesting eagles.

A few plant and animal species at SNL/TTR are protected by the State of Nevada, including several cacti and succulents, such as branched pencil cholla (*Cylindropuntia ramosissima*),

cottontop cactus (*Echinocactus polycephalus*), and spiny star/bee hive cactus (*Escobaria vivipara*). Both the dark kangaroo mouse (*Microdipodops megacephalus*) and the pale kangaroo mouse (*Microdipodops pallidus*) have been documented on the North Range of the Nevada Test and Training Range. Table 3-3 also includes state-listed species that may potentially occur in Nye County, Nevada, and flags the species that have been observed at SNL/TTR.

All projects with potential biological impacts at SNL/TTR are reviewed by the Ecology Program. This review process provides project specific requirements and best management practices to ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and other associated federal, state, and local laws. Coordination with state and/or federal officials and the implementation of any requisite mitigation occurs prior to initiating proposed activities.

Table 3-3. Federally listed and state-listed threatened and endangered species and State of Nevada protected species potentially occurring in Nye County, Nevada

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Endangered Species Act Status	Nevada Status	Observed at SNL/TTR
Animals				
Invertebrates				
Ash Meadows naucorid	<i>Ambrysus amargosus</i>	Threatened	No designation	
Monarch butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Candidate	No designation	
Fishes				
Amargosa Speckled Dace	<i>Rhinichthys osculus nevadensis</i>	Under Review	Endangered	
Ash Meadows amargosa pupfish	<i>Cyprinodon nevadensis mionectes</i>	Endangered	Endangered	
Ash Meadows speckled dace	<i>Rhinichthys osculus nevadensis</i>	Endangered	Endangered	
Big Smoky Valley speckled dace	<i>Rhinichthys osculus lariversi</i>	No designation	Protected	
Big Smoky Valley tui chub	<i>Gila bicolor spp. 8</i>	No designation	Protected	
Bonytail	<i>Gila elegans</i>	Endangered	Endangered	
Devils Hole pupfish	<i>Cyprinodon diabolis</i>	Endangered	Endangered	
Hot Creek Valley tui chub	<i>Siphateles bicolor ssp. 5</i>	No designation	Protected	
Humpback Chub	<i>Gila cypha</i>	Threatened	No designation	
Lahontan cutthroat trout	<i>Oncorhynchus clarkii henshawi</i>	Threatened	Game	
Moapa dace	<i>Moapa coriacea</i>	Endangered	Endangered	
Monitor Valley speckled dace	<i>Rhinichthys osculus spp. 5</i>	No designation	Protected	
Moorman White River springfish	<i>Crenichthys baileyi thermophilus</i>	No designation	Protected	
Oasis Valley speckled dace	<i>Rhinichthys osculus spp. 6</i>	No designation	Protected	
Pahrana gat roundtail chub	<i>Gila robusta jordani</i>	Endangered	No designation	
Pahrump poolfish	<i>Empetrichthys latos</i>	Endangered	Endangered	
Railroad Valley springfish	<i>Crenichthys nevadae</i>	Threatened	Threatened	
Railroad Valley tui chub	<i>Gila bicolor spp. 7</i>	No designation	Protected	
Warm Springs amargosa pupfish	<i>Cyprinodon nevadensis pectoralis</i>	Endangered	Endangered	
White River desert sucker	<i>Catostomus clarkii intermedius</i>	No designation	Protected	

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Endangered Species Act Status	Nevada Status	Observed at SNL/TTR
White River speckled dace	<i>Rhinichthys osculus ssp. 7</i>	No designation	Protected	
White River spinedace	<i>Lepidomeda albivallis</i>	Endangered	Endangered	
White River springfish	<i>Crenichthys baileyi</i>	Endangered	No designation	
Reptiles and Amphibians				
Amargosa toad	<i>Anaxyrus nelsoni</i>	No designation	Protected	
Banded Gila monster	<i>Heloderma suspectum cinctum</i>	No designation	Protected	
Columbia spotted frog (Great Basin Distinct Population Segment)	<i>Rana luteiventris</i>	Candidate	Protected	
Desert tortoise (Mojave population)	<i>Gopherus agassizii</i>	Threatened	Threatened	
Dixie Valley toad	<i>Anaxyrus williamsi</i>	Endangered	Sensitive	
Hot Creek toad	<i>Anaxyrus monfontanus</i>	No designation	Protected	
Northern leopard frog	<i>Lithobates pipiens</i>	No designation	Protected	
Railroad Valley toad	<i>Anaxyrus nevadensis</i>	No designation	Protected	
Sonoran mountain kingsnake	<i>Lampropeltis pyromelana</i>	No designation	Protected	
Mammals				
Allen's big-eared bat	<i>Idionycteris phyllotis</i>	No designation	Protected	
American pika	<i>Ochotona princeps</i>	No designation	Protected	
Ash Meadows montane vole	<i>Microtus montanus nevadensis</i>	No designation	Protected	
Big brown bat	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	No designation	Protected	
California leaf-nosed bat	<i>Macrotus californicus</i>	No designation	Protected	
California myotis	<i>Myotis californicus</i>	No designation	Protected	
Canyon bat	<i>Parastrellus hesperus</i>	No designation	Protected	•
Dark kangaroo mouse	<i>Microdipodops megacephalus</i>	No designation	Protected	
Fringed myotis	<i>Myotis thysanodes</i>	No designation	Protected	
Hoary bat	<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	No designation	Protected	
Little brown bat	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Under Review	Sensitive	
Long-eared myotis	<i>Myotis evotis</i>	No designation	Protected	
Long-legged myotis	<i>Myotis volans</i>	No designation	Protected	
Mexican free-tailed bat	<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	No designation	Protected	
Pale kangaroo mouse	<i>Microdipodops pallidus</i>	No designation	Protected	
Pallid bat	<i>Antrozous pallidus</i>	No designation	Protected	•
Palmer's chipmunk	<i>Neotamias palmeri</i>	No designation	Protected	
Silver-haired bat	<i>Lasiorycteris noctivagans</i>	No designation	Protected	
Spotted bat	<i>Euderma maculatum</i>	No designation	Threatened	
Townsend's big-eared bat	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i>	No designation	Protected	
Western jumping mouse	<i>Zapus princeps</i>	No designation	Protected	
Western red bat	<i>Lasiurus blossewillii</i>	No designation	Sensitive	
Western small-footed myotis	<i>Myotis ciliolabrum</i>	No designation	Protected	

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Endangered Species Act Status	Nevada Status	Observed at SNL/TTR
Birds				
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	No designation	Protected	
Bendire's Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma bendirei</i>	Vulnerable	Threatened	
Brewer's sparrow	<i>Spizella breweri</i>	No designation	Sensitive	•
Golden eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	No designation	Sensitive	•
Greater sage-grouse	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>	Candidate	Protected	
Loggerhead shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	No designation	Sensitive	•
Northern goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	No designation	Sensitive	
Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	No designation	Sensitive	
Sage thrasher	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>	No designation	Sensitive	•
Southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	Endangered	Endangered	
Yellow-billed cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Threatened	No designation	
Yuma Ridgeway's rail	<i>Rallus obsoletus yumanensis</i>	Endangered	Endangered	
Plants				
Amargosa niterwort	<i>Nitrophila mohavensis</i>	Endangered	Endangered	
Armored hedgehog cactus	<i>Echinocereus engelmannii var. armatus</i>	No designation	Protected	
Ash Meadows blazingstar	<i>Mentzelia leucophylla</i>	Threatened	Endangered	
Ash Meadows gumplant	<i>Grindelia fraxinoprattensis</i>	Threatened	Endangered	
Ash Meadows ivesia (mousetail)	<i>Ivesia kingii var. eremica</i>	Threatened	Endangered	
Ash Meadows milkvetch	<i>Astragalus phoenix</i>	Threatened	Endangered	
Ash Meadows mousetails	<i>Ivesia kingii var. eremica</i>	Threatened	Endangered	
Ash Meadows sunray	<i>Enceliopsis nudicaulis var. corrugata</i>	Threatened	Endangered	
Blaine pincushion	<i>Sclerocactus blainei</i>	No designation	Protected	
Branched pencil cholla	<i>Cylindropuntia ramosissima</i>	No designation	Protected	•
Clokey pincushion	<i>Escobaria vivipara var. rosea</i>	No designation	Protected	
Cottontop cactus	<i>Echinocactus polycephalus</i>	No designation	Protected	•
Desert pincushion	<i>Escobaria vivipara var. deserti</i>	No designation	Protected	
Eastwood milkweed	<i>Asclepias eastwoodiana</i>	No designation	Protected	•
Hermit cactus	<i>Sclerocactus polyancistrus</i>	No designation	Protected	•
Joshua tree	<i>Yucca brevifolia</i>	No designation	Protected	•
Mojave barrel cactus	<i>Ferocactus cylindraceus var. lecontei</i>	No designation	Protected	
Mountain cactus	<i>Pediocactus simpsonii</i>	No designation	Protected	
Nye pincushion cactus	<i>Sclerocactus nyensis</i>	No designation	Protected	
Old man prickly pear cactus or Grizzlybear cactus	<i>Opuntia erinacea var. erinacea</i>	No designation	Protected	•
Sand cholla or sagebrush cholla	<i>Grusonia pulchella</i>	No designation	Protected	•
Silver cholla	<i>Cylindropuntia echinocarpa</i>	No designation	Protected	•
Sodaville milkvetch	<i>Astragalus lentiginosus var. sesquimetalis</i>	No designation	Endangered	
Spring-loving centauray	<i>Centaurium namophilum</i>	Threatened	Endangered	

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Endangered Species Act Status	Nevada Status	Observed at SNL/TTR
Sunnyside green gentian	<i>Frasera gypsicola</i>	No designation	Endangered	
Ute ladies'-tresses	<i>Spiranthes diluvialis</i>	Threatened	Endangered	
Williams combleaf	<i>Polyctenium williamsiae</i>	No designation	Endangered	

var. = variety
spp. = plural

Federal Endangered Species Act Status:

Endangered - Any species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

Threatened - Any species which is likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

Candidate - Any species for which the Service has sufficient information on its biological status and threats to propose it as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, but for which development of a proposed listing regulation is precluded by other higher priority listing activities. Candidate species are not protected by the take prohibitions of section 9 of the Endangered Species Act.

Nevada Status:

Endangered – Means when a species or subspecies is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

Threatened –Means when a species or subspecies is likely to become an endangered species in the near future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

Sensitive – Means when a species or subspecies is classified as sensitive by the Commission pursuant to NAC 503.104 (NAC 503.104 2004).

Protected – Means when a species or subspecies is classified as protected by the Commission pursuant to NAC 503.103 (NAC 503.103 2004).

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Chapter 4. Other Environmental Programs



Wild horse (*Equus ferus*)

OVERVIEW ■ Sandia personnel take the responsibility of protecting the environment seriously. Numerous program teams monitor the air, water, and soil at SNL/TTR.

Sandia personnel collect data to determine and report the impact of existing operations on the environment. Environmental program activities comply with federal, state, and local environmental requirements as well as DOE directives in Sandia's prime contract. Presidential executive orders and DOE guidance documents are also used to establish program criteria.

4.1 National Environmental Policy Act Program

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Program personnel provide technical assistance to ensure that Sandia operations and activities are reviewed for NEPA compliance at all Sandia sites, including Sandia New Mexico (SNL/NM); SNL/TTR; Sandia California; the Kauai Test Facility in Hawaii; and other remote locations. For all proposed projects and activities, project owners must complete an online NEPA checklist using the internal NEPA Module application. A NEPA checklist is an internal form that NEPA personnel use to review proposed projects and activities for compliance with NEPA.

As part of a NEPA checklist review, NEPA Program personnel determine whether proposed projects and activities have been evaluated in existing NEPA documentation. In addition, other relevant environmental program subject matter experts review proposed projects and activities to identify any applicable environmental permitting and other

requirements and then communicate this to project managers. Project managers are required to ensure that all environmental requirements are met.

A NEPA checklist is forwarded to DOE/NNSA for review when a proposed project or activity reflects any of the following:

- The proposed project or activity is not covered by existing NEPA documentation.
- The proposed project or activity is outside the scope of an existing land-use permit.
- The proposed project or activity is at a location that is not owned by DOE/NNSA or permitted to Sandia.

DOE/NNSA will review the NEPA checklist and make a NEPA determination. Projects or activities that have not been reviewed in existing NEPA documents or do not qualify for a categorical exclusion from NEPA requirements per 10 CFR 1021, *National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures* (10 CFR 1021 2011), do require new or additional NEPA analyses, which may result in the need for a new environmental assessment, a new environmental impact statement, or documentation to supplement an existing environmental impact statement or environmental assessment.

The *Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada National Security Site and Off-Site Locations in the State of Nevada* (DOE/NNSA/Nevada Site Office 2013) analyzed the impacts of Sandia operations and ongoing activities at SNL/TTR.

4.1.1 Program Activities and Results 2023: National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA Compliance

In calendar year 2023, NEPA Program personnel participated in process improvement activities with the DOE/NNSA Sandia Field Office. These activities resulted in alignment between the Sandia Field Office and Sandia NEPA Program personnel on terminology, roles and responsibilities, and both short- and long-term process improvements.

In addition to reviewing checklists, NEPA Program personnel were invited with range leadership, DOE/NNSA Sandia Field Office, and Nevada National Security Site personnel to provide comment on the draft supplement analysis of DOE/EIS-0426, “*Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada National Security Sites and Off-Site Locations in the State of Nevada.*” Sandia personnel also provided additional descriptions and analysis of future operations and infrastructure changes expected at SNL/TTR.

NEPA Checklist Reviews

In 2023, NEPA Program personnel reviewed 12 NEPA checklists for new and ongoing activities at SNL/TTR. Of the checklists reviewed in 2023, seven checklists were determined to describe activities and operations that had been analyzed in previously published NEPA documents or determinations (Table 4-1). Five checklists reviewed by NEPA Program personnel described activities and/or operations that had not been previously analyzed in existing NEPA documents. These checklists were sent to the NEPA Compliance Officer at the DOE/NNSA Sandia Field Office for review and determination. The determinations

made by the Sandia Field Office NEPA Compliance Officer often cited categorical exclusions (Table 4-2).

Table 4-1. NEPA checklists reviewed in 2023 for projects and activities described in existing NEPA documentation

NEPA Document Title	Documents Cited in Sandia Determinations	Number of Citations
Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for Sandia New Mexico (1993)	DOE/EIS-0281	3
Continued Operations of the Kaua'i Test Facility, Sandia National Laboratories, Hawaii (2019)	EA DOE/EA-2089	2
This Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada National Security Site and Off-Site Locations in the State of Nevada	SWEIS DOE/EIS-0426	2
Quality Assurance Review of Previously Determined Activities	Various	5

Table 4-2. Categorical exclusions cited by the DOE/NNSA NEPA Compliance Officer in determinations for activities at SNL/TTR in 2023

Categorical Exclusions	Number of Citations
B1.3 Routine maintenance/custodial services for buildings, structures, infrastructures, equipment	1
B1.7 Acquisition/installation/operation/removal of communication systems, data processing equipment	1
B2.1 Modifications to enhance workplace habitability	1
B2.5 Safety and environmental improvements of a facility, replacement/upgrade of facility components	1
B3.1 Site characterization/environmental monitoring	1
B3.11 Outdoor tests, experiments on materials and equipment components, no source, special nuclear, or byproduct materials involved	1
B4.12 Construction of electric powerlines approximately 10 miles in length or less, not integrating major new sources	1

Note: Determinations may cite multiple categorical exclusions.

NEPA Program personnel coordinate with the DOE/NNSA Sandia Field Office and the U.S. Air Force Nevada Test and Training Range to submit Request for Environmental Analysis forms (Air Force Form 813) for activities that require Air Force approval. Air Force Form 813 is a form that Air Force personnel use to document the need for environmental analysis, which helps narrow and focus the issues to potential environmental impacts. NEPA Program personnel submitted two Air Force Form 813 forms on behalf of the Sandia Field Office for work conducted on Nevada Test and Training Range land.

4.2 Chemical Information System

The Chemical Information System for all Sandia locations is a comprehensive chemical information tool used to track workplace chemical and biological containers by location. The primary drivers for the Chemical Information System are state and federal regulations, including the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. The Chemical Information System compiles information concerning chemical hazards and appropriate protective measures for Emergency Management Operations; other Environment, Safety, and Health (ES&H) programs; and the workforce.

The information system provides the chemical or product name, its location and quantity, and information about who is responsible for the chemical. Chemical hazards are reported on safety data sheets, and the Chemical Information System currently contains more than 129,000 safety data sheets in its library for use by any Sandia site. This electronic inventory helps chemical users and their managers assess and manage workplace hazards. Easy access to this inventory facilitates availability searches. It also improves the ability to share chemicals and thus reduces sources, which minimizes chemical purchases and waste disposal expenses.

A pre-procurement module, ChemPro, is used to request permission for new chemical purchases. The system runs a series of queries, comparing the requested purchasing information to regulatory limits, and determines whether the requested chemical and quantity are approved for use and storage in the specified location. If approved, the requestor is given a chemical approval number, which must be provided to the chemical vendor as part of the purchasing process. ChemPro allows for proactive environmental and safety planning.

4.2.1 Program Activities and Results 2023: Chemical Information System

In 2023, chemical containers were tracked along with information about any related chemical hazards listed in the Chemical Information System.

4.3 Waste Management Program

Navarro Research and Engineering manages all waste generated at SNL/TTR—which excludes any waste generated by environmental restoration activities—under the Waste Management Program. Waste categories include radioactive waste, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste, other chemical waste, and nonhazardous solid waste. Personnel integrate waste minimization and recycling efforts into Waste Management Program activities.

Sandia personnel are committed to achieving significant reductions in the amount of chemical and hazardous wastes generated on-site. Waste minimization includes recycling and recovering the following materials: antifreeze (on-site recycling unit); e-waste, including computers, monitors, radios, and electronics; fluorescent and sodium bulbs; freon (on-site recovery unit); fuels and oil; lead acid batteries; mercury-containing equipment; solvents; and tires.

4.3.1 Program Activities and Results 2023: Waste Management and Minimization

Waste Management

Waste generated and shipped from SNL/TTR to approved facilities in 2023 is presented in [Table 4-3](#) and [Table 4-4](#), respectively. All regulated waste was shipped off-site to permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facilities. The contracted offsite commercial waste vendor facilities that were used in 2023 by SNL/TTR are listed in [Section 6.3](#), along with any associated audit information for those facilities.

Table 4-3. Waste generated, 2023

Waste Type	Weight (kilograms)
Radioactive waste	0
Total non-RCRA-regulated waste	1,632
Total recycled materials	84,624
Total RCRA hazardous waste	74
Toxic Substances Control Act waste (asbestos)	154
Toxic Substances Control Act waste (PCBs)	0

Note: PCB = polychlorinated biphenyl

Table 4-4. Waste shipped, 2023

Waste Type (Facility)	Weight (kilograms)
Battery recycling (National Automotive Parts Association and Veolia)	2,329
Construction debris (U.S. Air Force Construction Landfill)	2,536
Sanitary landfill (U.S. Air Force Sanitary Landfill)	12,664
Tires (Lunas Tire Recycling)	0 ^a

^a This quantity is also included in the "Total recycled materials" quantity located in [Table 4-5](#).

Waste Minimization

Recyclables and used oil are sent for recycling or are disposed of through a waste disposal contractor. Recycled or energy-recovered quantities shipped off-site in 2023 are presented in [Table 4-5](#).

Table 4-5. Material recycled or energy-recovered and shipped off-site, 2023

Recycled or Energy-Recovered ^a Waste	Shipped (kilograms)
Antifreeze	0
Automotive-type batteries	2,329
Circuit boards	0
Mercury-containing articles	0
Non-PCB light ballasts	48
Tires	0
Universal waste batteries	57
Universal waste lamps	28
Used oil	1,284
Recycled Metals (Desert Green Recycling)	80,091
Total	84,624^b

^a Energy-recovery is the conversion of non-recyclable waste materials into usable heat, electricity, or fuel through a variety of processes.

^b Weights have been rounded to the nearest integer.

Radioactive Waste Management

There were no radioactive waste shipments in 2023.

4.4 Environmental Restoration Project

Environmental restoration activities were initiated at SNL/TTR and the Nevada Test and Training Range in 1980 to address contamination resulting primarily from nuclear weapons testing and related support activities. DOE is responsible for all SNL/TTR and Nevada Test and Training Range environmental restoration sites.

Since 1996, cleanup activities for selected sites located in the State of Nevada have been regulated by the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order of 1996, as amended. This order was negotiated between the State of Nevada, DoD, and DOE (State of Nevada, DOE, and DoD 1996). The Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order accomplished the following:

- Established a framework for identifying Corrective Action Sites
- Grouped Corrective Action Sites into Corrective Action Units
- Prioritized Corrective Action Units for remediation
- Implemented corrective action activities

4.4.1 Corrective Action Sites

The initial identification, description, and listing of Corrective Action Sites at SNL/TTR and the Nevada Test and Training Range were derived from the Preliminary Assessment and the Federal Facility Preliminary Assessment Review (Ecology and Environment 1989). Twelve additional potential Corrective Action Sites, not included in the Preliminary Assessment, were identified, thereby increasing the total number of Corrective Action Sites to 70 using the following methods:

- Environmental restoration site inventory processes
- Ordnance removal activities
- Geophysical surveys
- Former worker interviews
- Archive reviews
- Site visits
- Aerial radiological and multispectral surveys

A listing of Corrective Action Units and Corrective Action Sites is available in Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order appendices II, III, and IV (State of Nevada, DOE, and DoD 1996). Active remediation is complete for all SNL/TTR Corrective Action Sites.

4.4.2 Program Activities and Results 2023: Environmental Restoration

At the request of DOE, Desert Research Institute (DRI) maintained five portable environmental monitoring stations at SNL/TTR as a part of environmental restoration site post-closure monitoring activities. The primary objective for the monitoring stations was to evaluate whether, and under what conditions, there would be wind transport of radiological contaminants from any of the Corrective Action Units associated with Operation Roller Coaster at SNL/TTR.

Operation Roller Coaster was conducted in May and June 1963 and subjected a series of four nuclear devices to chemical explosions, which resulted in plutonium dispersal in surrounding soils. The three Operation Roller Coaster test sites at SNL/TTR are referred to as Clean Slate I, Clean Slate II, and Clean Slate III. The Clean Slate sites are listed under soil Corrective Action Units/Corrective Action Sites, and active remediation for these sites is complete.

Post-closure monitoring at Tonopah Test Range Clean Slate I took place May 2011 through April 2017. The rest of the post-closure monitoring program was completed at the end of 2021, and the remaining equipment was removed in early 2022, as follows:

- Tonopah Test Range Sandia Area 3 (Station 400), Nevada (active May 2008 to January 2022)
- Tonopah Test Range Clean Slate III north (Station 401), Nevada (active June 2008 to January 2022)
- Tonopah Test Range Clean Slate III south (Station 403), Nevada (active April 2017 to January 2022)
- Tonopah Test Range Clean Slate II north (Station 404), Nevada (active April 2017 to January 2022)
- Tonopah Test Range Clean Slate II south (Station 405), Nevada (active April 2017 to January 2022)

There were no environmental restoration activities at SNL/TTR during 2023, as these facilities are now managed by the DOE Office of Legacy Management (DOE/NNSA/Nevada Field Office 2020). In future years, any updates on corrective action sites at SNL/TTR would be reported in the DOE Office of Legacy Management's annual site environmental report, which can be found on their [website](#).

4.5 Air Quality Compliance Program

Air Quality Compliance Program personnel ensure that operations comply with federal and state air quality regulations promulgated in accordance with the Clean Air Act and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Program personnel also confirm that operations are compliant with the SNL/TTR Class II Air Quality Operating Permit issued by the State of Nevada. In Nye County, the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection implements air quality regulations and standards established by EPA and the State of Nevada.

4.5.1 Program Activities and Results 2023: Air Quality Compliance

Nonradiological Air Emissions

The Class II Air Quality Operating Permit for SNL/TTR requires emission reports from the following permitted sources: a portable soil sorting system, facility maintenance shops, and generators. [Table 4-6](#) summarizes the permitted source emission data for 2023.

Table 4-6. Permitted source emission data, 2023

Carbon Monoxide	Hazardous Air Pollutant	Nitrogen Oxide	Particulate Matter with a Diameter $\leq 10 \mu\text{m}$	Sulfur Dioxide	Volatile Organic Compound
1.06	0.0053	2.02	0.12	0.0018	0.19

Note: All units are in tons per year.

Radionuclide Air Emissions

EPA tracks radionuclide air emissions in accordance with 40 CFR 61, Subpart H, “National Emission Standards for Emissions of Radionuclides Other than Radon from Department of Energy Facilities” (40 CFR 61 2021), and has set a maximally exposed individual radiological dose limit of 10 mrem/year resulting from all radiological air emissions produced from any DOE facility.

Operations at SNL/TTR do not involve activities that release radioactive emissions from point sources (stacks and vents). However, diffuse radiological emissions historically were produced from the resuspension of americium, plutonium, and other radionuclides from the Clean Slate environmental restoration sites. The Office of Legacy Management assumed responsibility for the long-term surveillance and maintenance of these sites beginning September 30, 2020 (DOE/NNSA/Nevada Field Office 2020). As such, any future updates related to corrective action sites at SNL/TTR would be reported in the DOE Office of Legacy Management’s annual site environmental report, which can be found on their [website](#).

4.5.2 Non-Sandia Air Quality Monitoring Activities

DRI, the environmental research arm of the Nevada System of Higher Education, trains and provides monitoring station managers through the Community Environmental Monitoring Program to collect samples from off-site air monitoring stations at 23 locations within communities surrounding the Nevada National Security Site. These include the towns of Tonopah and Goldfield, which are near SNL/TTR. DRI personnel maintain the air-monitoring equipment and send a quarterly sample of collected air filters from each station for analysis. DRI provides external quality assurance on samples collected at Community Environmental Monitoring Program stations through duplicate sampling of 10 percent of the station samples. None of these stations are located on SNL/TTR property.

4.6 Oil Storage Program

The Oil Storage Program supports management, operation, and maintenance of oil storage containers and equipment at SNL/TTR to prevent spills or releases of oil that could potentially damage water resources, impact soil, or otherwise adversely affect the environment.

It was determined in 2019 that SNL/TTR oil storage facilities are not subject to regulation under 40 CFR 112, *Oil Pollution Prevention* (40 CFR 112 2011), because the location of all oil storage containers and equipment is within a hydrologically closed basin with no potential to impact waters of the United States. However, as a best management practice, SNL/TTR personnel continue to inspect oil storage containers and equipment monthly to ensure

functional operating conditions and to monitor for potential spills or releases to the environment.

4.6.1 Program Activities and Results 2023: Oil Storage

There were no reportable oil releases at SNL/TTR in 2023.

4.7 Terrestrial Surveillance Program

Terrestrial Surveillance Program personnel collect environmental media (soil) samples, which are analyzed for radiological constituents, as required. As a best management practice, samples are also collected to analyze metals.

Soil is loose, unconsolidated mineral or organic materials on the immediate surface of the earth that support plant growth.

In addition to the environmental media samples collected, ambient external gamma radiation levels are measured using environmental dosimeters. These surveillance activities are conducted at designated locations that are on-site, off-site, and around the perimeter of SNL/TTR.

Terrestrial surveillance began at SNL/TTR in 1992. Soil sampling is conducted annually, and the dosimeters are exchanged quarterly.

4.7.1 Regulatory Criteria

The Terrestrial Surveillance Program is designed and conducted to address DOE O 458.1, Change 4 (LtdChg), *Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment* (DOE O 458.1, Change 4 (LtdChg) 2020), which establishes standards and requirements to protect the public and the environment from undue risk from radiation associated with radiological activities under the control of DOE.

The Terrestrial Surveillance Program is also conducted to satisfy implementation of Sandia's Environmental Management System; the Environmental Management System is certified to ISO 14001:2015, *Environmental Management Systems –Requirements with Guidance for Use* (ISO 14001:2015 2015). Reporting is done in accordance with DOE O 231.1B, Admin Change 1, *Environment, Safety and Health Reporting* (DOE O 231.1B, Admin Change 1 2012).

4.7.2 Sample Locations and Media

Terrestrial Surveillance Program personnel use three sample location classifications: on-site, perimeter, and off-site. Sampling locations were selected based on locations of previous and ongoing activities. Soil samples are collected at surface, which is less than two inches deep. Environmental dosimeters, deployed and collected quarterly, are used to measure the cumulative ambient external radiation dose and to approximate the dose potentially received from natural and man-made sources.

The on-site sample locations are in Corrective Action Site areas and areas of potential release (sites with current outdoor testing activities). Perimeter sample locations are located around the boundaries of SNL/TTR. Off-site sample locations are in remote areas, areas near local populations, and along major roadways. On-site, perimeter, and off-site locations are

presented in [Figure 4-1](#), [Figure 4-2](#), and [Figure 4-3](#), respectively. On-site, perimeter, and off-site terrestrial surveillance locations, and sample media are described in [Table 4-7](#), [Table 4-8](#), and [Table 4-9](#), respectively.

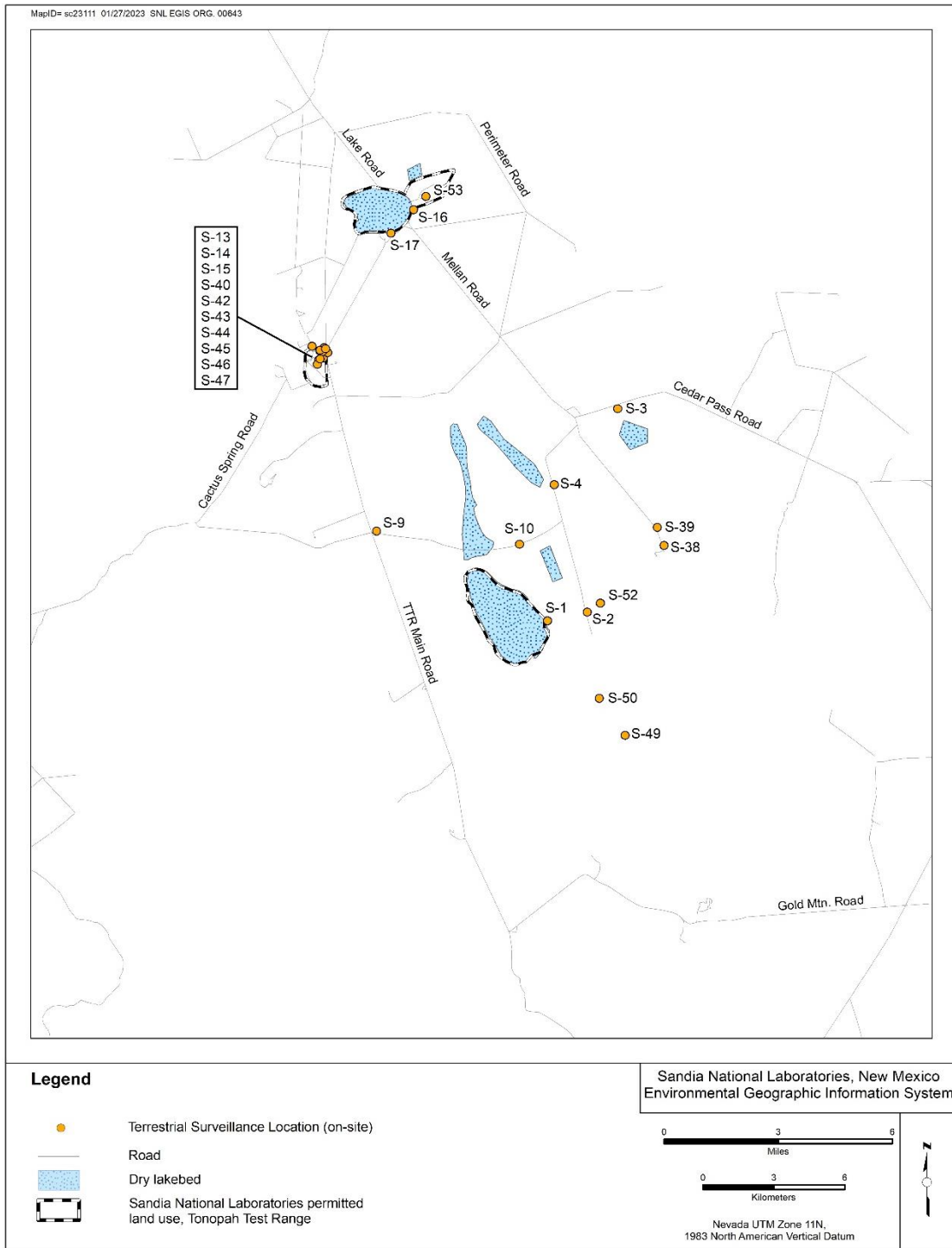


Figure 4-1. On-site terrestrial surveillance locations

Other Environmental Programs

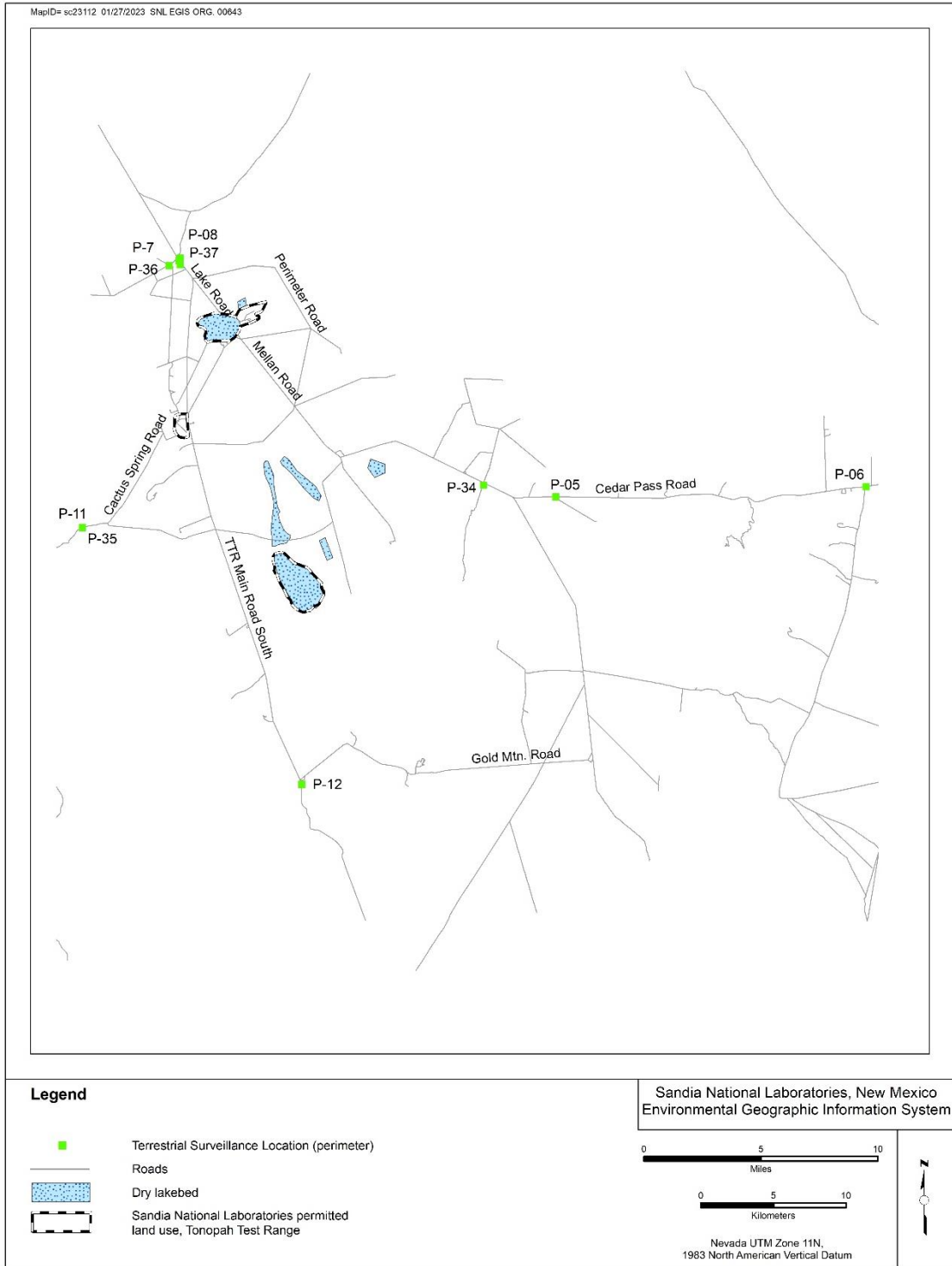


Figure 4-2. Perimeter terrestrial surveillance locations

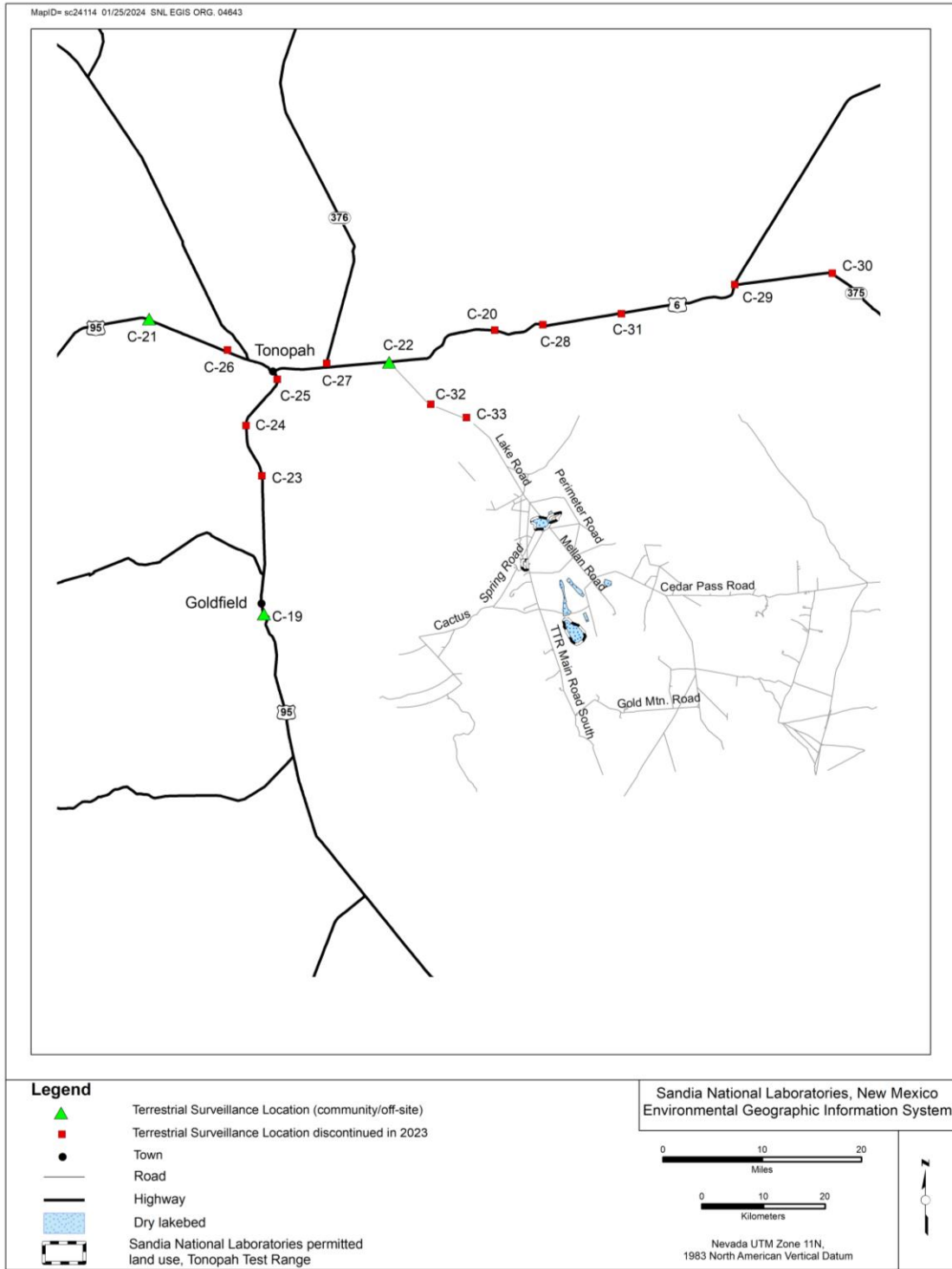


Figure 4-3. Off-site terrestrial surveillance locations

Table 4-7. On-site terrestrial surveillance locations and sample media

Location Number	Sample Location	Soil	Dosimeter
S-40	Wastewater monitoring station	X	
S-42	Main Road/Edward's Freeway	X	
S-43	Range Operations Center (southwest corner)	X	
S-44	Range Operations Center (northeast corner)	X	
S-45	Storage shelters 03-38 and 03-39	X	
S-46	Sand Building	X	
S-47	Generator storage area	X	
S-49	North/south Mellan Airstrip (southwest of S-48)	X	
S-50	North/south Mellan Airstrip (signpost)	X	
S-52	Northeast of Mellan Airstrip	X	
S-01	Antelope Lake area fence, cultural area sign		X
S-02	North/south Mellan Airstrip (south fencepost)	X	X
S-03	Dosimeter at Clean Slate I	X	X
S-04	Dosimeter at Clean Slate III	X	X
S-09	Operation Roller Coaster Decontamination Area		X
S-10	Brownes Road/Denton Freeway	X	X
S-13	Area 3 between Building 100 and "Caution" sign		X
S-14	Area 3 control point southwest side of fence		X
S-15	Moody Avenue by cattle guard and entrance to chow hall and airport		X
S-16	Area 9, near Well 7		X
S-17	Main Lake (south, near Neutron Bunkers)		X
S-38	Mellan Hill (rock mound/orange block)	X	
S-39	Mellan Hill (north)	X	
S-53	Main Road/Lake Road southeast	X	

Table 4-8. Perimeter terrestrial surveillance locations and sample media

Location Number	Sample Location	Soil	Dosimeter
P-05	Operation and Maintenance Complex, Site 4 entrance gate		X
P-06	Cedar Pass Road Guard Station	X	X
P-07	On-base housing (south of Power Pole 55-11)		X
P-08	On-base housing (Main Guard Gate/Power Pole CP17)	X	X
P-11	Cactus Springs (dosimeter south of P-35)		X
P-12	Dosimeter at "U.S. Government Property" sign	X	X
P-34	Operation and Maintenance Complex, Owan Drive post	X	
P-35	Cactus Springs (north fencepost)	X	
P-36	On-base housing (northeast fence line)	X	
P-37	On-base housing (guard station)	X	

Table 4-9. Off-site terrestrial surveillance locations and sample media

Location Number	Sample Location	Soil	Dosimeter
C-19	Goldfield Museum		X
C-20	State Road 6 Rest Area	Discontinued in 2023	
C-21	State Road 6 and State Road 95 Ely Rest Area	Discontinued in 2023	X
C-22	Rocket	Discontinued in 2023	X
C-23	Alkali and Silver Peak turnout	Discontinued in 2023	
C-24	Cattle guard	Discontinued in 2023	
C-25	Tonopah Rangers Station	Discontinued in 2023	
C-26	Gabbs Pole Line Road	Discontinued in 2023	
C-27	State Road 6 and State Road 376 junction	Discontinued in 2023	
C-28	Stone Cabin and Willow Creek on State Road 6	Discontinued in 2023	
C-29	State Road 6 and State Road 375 junction	Discontinued in 2023	
C-30	State Road 375 Ranch Cattle Gate	Discontinued in 2023	
C-31	Golden Arrow and Silver Bow on State Road 6	Discontinued in 2023	
C-32	Mile marker 6 on Sandia Drive	Discontinued in 2023	
C-33	Mile marker 10 on Sandia Drive	Discontinued in 2023	

4.7.3 Field Methods, Analytical Parameters, and Quality Control Procedures

All samples are collected in accordance with applicable field operating procedures for soil sampling activities and with *Quality Assurance Project Plan for Terrestrial Surveillance at Sandia National Laboratories, New Mexico* (Sandia 2022).

Contract laboratories analyze all samples in accordance with applicable EPA analytical methods. All chemical data is reviewed and qualified in accordance with *Data Validation Procedure for Chemical and Radiochemical Data* (Sandia 2022). Soil samples were analyzed for modified Target Analyte List metals and gamma-emitting radionuclides. A select list of radionuclides compiled from process knowledge of operations at SNL/TTR includes the following: actinium-228, americium-241, cesium-137, tritium, uranium-235, and uranium-238.

In 2023, dosimeters utilizing optically stimulated luminescence technology were employed to measure ionizing radiation. The dosimeters are issued and analyzed by an accredited contract laboratory. Optically stimulated luminescence dosimeters have been used since 2018.

Field-quality control samples were collected and included duplicate environmental samples. These samples are prepared in accordance with applicable field operating procedures. Laboratory-quality control samples were prepared and analyzed in accordance with established methods specified in [Chapter 6](#).

4.7.4 Data Analysis and Methodology

The 2023 analytical results were reviewed by Terrestrial Surveillance Program personnel. Summary statistics, population comparisons, and trend analysis were performed and were evaluated. Additional comparisons were made with selected reference values.

Statistical Analysis

The statistical analysis methodology was performed on 2023 soil sample results. Statistical analyses were used to compare sample results at on-site locations versus off-site and perimeter locations and to examine trends in on-site location results. Nonparametric tests of population comparison (modified Wilcoxon and logrank) were used to compare the on-site sample results with the offsite and perimeter sample results. Both the Wilcoxon and the logrank tests are significant at a p-value of less than or equal to 0.05 and are of concern when the on-site results are greater than the offsite and perimeter sample results. The nonparametric Kendall’s Tau was used to determine whether there is an increasing trend in the on-site location results over time (significant at a p-value less than or equal to 0.05).

The statistical analysis results are used to identify sample results for possible follow-up actions, such as resampling and additional investigation. When the sample results at an on-site location are significantly different than and greater than the offsite and perimeter results and the sample results at the on-site location are trending upward, it is noted for further evaluation. A discussion of these results (see [Section 4.7.5](#)) includes location, analyte, sample matrix, and summary statistics (number of samples, mean, median, standard deviation, maximum and minimum for the on-site location data set, and the value for the current year).

Samples collected since 2010 were used for the statistical analyses as these were analyzed by the same contract laboratory with standard data quality control process specified by the contract, and the analytical results have been through the third-party data validation process in accordance with standard data qualification protocol.

Other References Comparisons

Analytical results for metals in soil samples may also be compared to values in the following references (presented in [Table 4-10](#)):

- Local and regional soil concentrations (Dragun and Chekiri 2005)
- EPA regional screening levels (EPA 2023)
- Trace elements in soil (Kabata-Pendias 2000)

Table 4-10. Comparison reference values for metals in soil

Analyte	Nevada Soil Concentrations ^a		EPA Regional Screening Levels ^b		Trace Elements in Soil ^c	
	Lower Limit (mg/kg)	Upper Limit (mg/kg)	Residential (mg/kg)	Industrial (mg/kg)	Lower Limit (mg/kg)	Upper Limit (mg/kg)
Aluminum	5,000	100,000	77,000	1,100,000	4,500	100,000
Antimony	< 1.0	1.0	31	470	0.25	0.60
Arsenic	2.9	24	0.68	3.0	1	93
Barium	150	3,000	15,000	220,000	20	1,500
Beryllium	ND	5.0	160	2,300	0.04	2.54
Cadmium	ND	11	NA	NA	0.41	0.57
Calcium	600	320,000	NA	NA	NA	NA
Chromium (III)	7.0	150	120,000	1,800,000	7	1,500
Cobalt	ND	20	23	350	3	50
Copper	7.0	150	3,100	47,000	3	300

Analyte	Nevada Soil Concentrations ^a		EPA Regional Screening Levels ^b		Trace Elements in Soil ^c	
	Lower Limit (mg/kg)	Upper Limit (mg/kg)	Residential (mg/kg)	Industrial (mg/kg)	Lower Limit (mg/kg)	Upper Limit (mg/kg)
Iron	1,000	100,000	55,000	820,000	5,000	50,000
Lead	ND	70	400	800	10	70
Magnesium	300	100,000	NA	NA	NA	NA
Manganese	30	5,000	1,800	26,000	20	3,000
Nickel (soluble salts)	5.0	50	1,400	18,000	5	150
Potassium	1,900	63,000	NA	NA	NA	NA
Selenium	< 0.1	1.1	390	5,800	0.10	4.0
Silver	0.5	5.0	390	5,800	0.20	3.2
Sodium	500	100,000	NA	NA	NA	NA
Strontium	100	1,500	47,000	700,000	7	1,000
Thallium (soluble salts)	NA	NA	0.78	12	0.02	2.8
Uranium (total)	1.9	4.2	16	230	0.30	10.7
Vanadium	30	150	390	5,800	0.7	98
Zinc	25	128	23,000	350,000	13	300

^a Source: Dragun and Chekiri 2005

^b Source: EPA 2023 (target hazard quotient = 1.0)

^c Source: Kabata-Pendias 2000

NA = not available

ND = not detected

There are no regulatory limits with which to compare concentrations of radiological constituents found in surface soils or sediment.

Environmental dosimeter data are compared to established natural background (terrestrial and cosmic) radiation levels in the non-urban areas of Nevada. Levels in these areas are elevated when compared to much of the United States due to the higher elevation and the presence of radionuclides in the soil and bedrock. The radiation dose from natural background sources (indoor radon not included) in non-urban areas of Nevada is 71 mrem/year (Mauro and Briggs 2005).

4.7.5 Program Activities and Results 2023: Terrestrial Surveillance

The following Terrestrial Surveillance Program activities occurred in 2023:

- The annual soil sampling was conducted in June 2023.
- Environmental dosimeters were deployed and collected at designated locations and analyzed quarterly. The results are reported as an estimated annual dose rate.

The full analytical results for soil samples and environmental dosimeters are provided in [Appendix A](#), “Terrestrial Surveillance Analytical Results in 2023.”

Radiological Results

Radiological analyses were performed on soil samples. Statistical analyses of the 2023 results for the selected radionuclides identified two instances of statistically significant population differences with increasing trends in the on-site location sample results. [Table 4-11](#) presents the results and summary statistics for the statistically significant radionuclides.

Table 4-11. Statistically significant radionuclides in soil summary, 2023

Radionuclide	Location	Number of Samples	Historical Dataset					2023 Result (pCi/g)
			Mean (pCi/g)	Median (pCi/g)	Standard Deviation (pCi/g)	Minimum (pCi/g)	Maximum (pCi/g)	
Actinium-228	S-03	13	2.068	2	0.165	1.88	2.47	2.22
Actinium-228	S-47	13	1.692	1.66	0.075	1.59	1.86	1.86

Actinium- 228

An on-site soil location (S-03) was identified as statistically significant for actinium-228 with a result of 2.22 pCi/g. The result is within the historical range for the dataset at this location.

Another on-site soil location (S-47) was identified as statistically significant for actinium-228 with a result of 1.86 pCi/g. The result represents a maximum for the dataset at this location; however, it is within the historical range for the dataset at SNL/TTR (including perimeter and off-site locations).

All other radionuclide results for 2023 are not statistically significant in both tests (population comparison and trend). No further investigation is warranted. Sampling will continue in the next calendar year.

Dosimeter Results

Analysis of dosimeter data was performed to determine the average dose rates for the three location classifications.

Table 4-12 shows the average dose rate summary statistics. The average annual dose rates are higher than the established non-urban Nevada value of 71 mrem (Mauro and Briggs 2005). The difference may be attributed to a variety of elevations, proximity to bedrock, and the spontaneous nature of radioactivity.

Table 4-12. Dosimeter dose rate summary statistics by location classification, 2023

Location Classification	Number of Observations	Average (mrem/ year)	Median (mrem/ year)	Standard Deviation (mrem/ year)	Minimum (mrem/ year)	Maximum (mrem/ year)
On-site	11	85	87	6	75	93
Perimeter	6	79	77	11	69	98
Off-site	3	65	77	23	38	79

Nonradiological Results

Nonradiological parameters include Target Analyte List metals. The results of the statistical analysis for metals identified one instance of statistical significance (population difference and increasing trend in the on-site sample results). The 2023 metal result was also compared to values from the references listed in Section 4.7.4 and provided in Table 4-10 and to results from previous years. Table 4-13 presents the metals results and summary statistics for the statistically significant metal.

Table 4-13. Statistically significant metals in soil summary, 2023

Analyte	Location	Number of Samples	Historical Dataset					EPA Regional Screening Levels ^a		2023 Result (mg/kg)
			Mean (mg/kg)	Median (mg/kg)	Standard Deviation (mg/kg)	Minimum (mg/kg)	Maximum (mg/kg)	Residential (mg/kg)	Industrial (mg/kg)	
			Beryllium	S-10	13	0.562	0.521	0.121	0.472	

Note: Historical data is for 2010-2023.

^aEPA 2023

In 2023, one on-site soil location (S-10) was identified as statistically significant for beryllium with a result of 0.89 mg/kg. The result represents a maximum for historical dataset at this location; however, the result is below the EPA regional screening level for residential use and is within Nevada soil concentrations for beryllium (provided in [Table 4-10](#)).

All other metals results for 2023 were not statistically significant in either test (population and trend). No further investigation is warranted. Sampling will continue in the next calendar year.

4.7.6 Additional Activities and Variances

Terrestrial Surveillance Program sampling in 2023 was conducted with the following variance: soil sampling was discontinued at 14 off-site locations ([Table 4-9](#)) per request from the DOE/NNSA Sandia Field Office while Terrestrial Surveillance Program personnel reevaluate the program.

4.8 Water Quality and Environmental Release, Response, and Reporting Programs

Water quality programs focus on monitoring potable water, conserving water, sampling wastewater effluent, and implementing stormwater pollution prevention plan requirements.

Sandia Environmental Release, Response, and Reporting Program personnel are contacted in the event of any spilling, leaking, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, pumping, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing of material into the environment, which may include (but is not limited to) soil, water, air, and drain systems. A set of procedures provides specific instructions for reporting an environmental release and for developing an accurate report. Environmental Release, Response, and Reporting Program personnel implement the procedures for and document all aspects of an environmental release and report on chemical use to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local reporting requirements.

4.8.1 Program Activities and Results 2023: Environmental Release, Response and Reporting Programs

Release Event Reported to the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection

In 2023, no releases to the environment occurred that required reporting to the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection.

Release Event Categorized as a DOE Reportable Occurrence

In 2023, no releases were reported to an outside agency that met the criteria for DOE-reportable occurrences under DOE O 232.2A, Chg 1 (MinChg), *Occurrence Reporting and Processing of Operations Information* (DOE O 232.2A, Chg 1 (MinChg) 2017)

4.8.2 Drinking Water

SNL/TTR controls three Range water wells: Production Well 6, the Roller Coaster Well, and Well 7. Production Well 6 is a public water system well that supplies drinking water to the Main Compound in Area 3 and water for the Area 3 Fire Protection Distribution System. The Roller Coaster Well, which is located approximately 5 miles south of the Area 3 Compound, supplies water to a 0.35-acre construction water pond. Well 7 is currently inactive and is located in Area 9, approximately 5 miles northeast of the Area 3 Compound. Outlying areas and buildings without water service use bottled water.

The SNL/TTR Area 3 public water system is permitted by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) as a non-transient, non-community water system under identification number NV003014. The well water is sampled and analyzed routinely per the NDEP requirements to demonstrate conformance with primary drinking water standards.

The State of Nevada provides information on the SNL/TTR public water system—including water system details, sample schedules, analytical data, and any violation or enforcement actions—at [NDEP Drinking Water Branch Water System Details](#) (Nevada Division of Environmental Protection n.d.).

Sampling parameters include (but are not limited to) arsenic, coliform (total), lead and copper, nitrates, phthalate, secondary inorganic compounds (aluminum, copper [free], iron, magnesium, manganese, methylene blue active substances foaming agent [surfactant], odor, potential of hydrogen [pH], silver, total dissolved solids, and zinc), and total trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids. Analytes are sampled at different intervals, as shown in [Table 4-14](#).

Table 4-14. Production well analytes with sampling frequency

Analyte	Sampling Frequency
Arsenic	Quarterly
Coliform, total	Quarterly
Dioxin	As required by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, usually every three years
Disinfectant, residual	Quarterly (checked daily)
Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate <i>also known as</i> Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	As required by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, usually every three years
Ethyl benzene	Annually
IOCs Phase II, IOCs Phase V, nitrite, nitrate and nitrite (total) SOCs Phase II, SOCs Phase V, VOCs Phase I and II, VOCs Phase V	As required by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, usually every three years
Lead and copper	As required by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, usually every three years
Nitrate	Annually
Secondary (13) drinking water standards	As required by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, usually every three years

Analyte	Sampling Frequency
Total trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids (5)	Annually
Total xylene	Annually

IOC = inorganic compound
 SOC = synthetic organic compound
 VOC = volatile organic compound

An NDEP-permitted treatment system for arsenic removal (permit number NV 3014 TP-11-12NTNC) is used at SNL/TTR. The arsenic removal system manufactured by AdEdge Water Technologies uses an adsorption process where contaminants break their bond with the water molecules and chemically adhere to the granular ferric oxide filter media. The filter media reduces total arsenic levels by up to 99 percent, including both Arsenic (III) and Arsenic (V). The system uses carbon dioxide to lower the pH of the incoming raw well water from approximately 9.2 on the pH scale to between 6.5–7.0 on the pH scale for efficient and effective operation of the arsenic removal system.

Program Activities and Results 2023: Drinking Water

In 2023, four precautionary Boil Water Notices were issued for the SNL/TTR public water system (Table 4-15).

Table 4-15. Boil water notices, 2023

Location	Precautionary Boil Water Order Date	Reason	1 st Test Date	2 nd Test Date	Rescind Notice
Distribution System	8-14-2023	Stratification of Water Tower	8-23-2023	8-24-2023	8-29-2023
Building 03-69 Only	9-9-2023	Loss of Pressure	9-12-2023	9-13-2023	9-18-2023
Building 03-57 Only	10-12-2023	Loss of Pressure	10-17-2023	10-18-2023	10-19-2023
Buildings 03-69, 03-51, and 03-57	10-24-2023	Loss of Line Pressure	10-31-2023	11-1-2023	11-6-2023

All drinking water sample results collected during 2023 were below the NDEP maximum contaminant levels established for the substances monitored. These results are presented in Table 4-16. Coliform, total trihalomethanes, and haloacetic acids are sampled in Building 03-70 and all other samples are taken in Building 03-150, the Water Treatment Facility.

Table 4-16. Public water system monitoring activities and results, 2023

Analyte	Sample Location	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Regulatory Limit (MCL)
Arsenic and Coliform Results (Quarterly Sampling)						
Arsenic	Building 03-150	3.39 ppb	5.82 ppb	4.6 ppb	3.6 ppb	10 ppb
Coliform	Building 03-70	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present
Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids Results (Annual Sampling Performed in Third Quarter)						
Total trihalomethanes	Building 03-70	N/A	N/A	12.8 µg/L	N/A	80.0 µg/L
Haloacetic acids	Building 03-70	N/A	N/A	5.7 µg/L	N/A	60.0 µg/L

Other Environmental Programs

Analyte	Sample Location	Sample Results µg/L	Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Regulatory Limit in µg/L
Synthetic Organic Compounds Phase II and V (Sampling Performed Every Three Years)			
1,2-DiBromom-3-Chloroprane	Building 03-150	ND	0.2
2, 4, 5-TP (Silvex)	Building 03-150	ND	50
2, 4-D	Building 03-150	ND	70
Atrazine	Building 03-150	ND	3
Benzo(A)Pyrene (PAHs)	Building 03-150	ND	0.2
Gamma benzene hexachloride (Lindane)	Building 03-150	ND	0.2
Carbofuran	Building 03-150	ND	40
Chlrodane	Building 03-150	ND	2
Dalapon	Building 03-150	ND	200
DI (2-Ethylhexly) Adipate	Building 03-150	ND	400
Di(2-ethylhexl) phtalate	Building 03-150	ND	6
Dinoseb	Building 03-150	ND	7
Diquat	Building 03-150	ND	20
Endothall	Building 03-150	ND	100
Endrin	Building 03-150	ND	2
Ethylene Dirbromide	Building 03-150	ND	0.05
Glyphosate	Building 03-150	ND	700
Heptachlor	Building 03-150	ND	.4
Heptachlor Epoxide	Building 03-150	ND	.2
Hexachlorobenzene	Building 03-150	ND	1
Hexachloroclopentadiene	Building 03-150	ND	50
Lasso (alachlor)	Building 03-150	ND	2
Methoxychlor	Building 03-150	ND	40
Oxamyl	Building 03-150	ND	200
Pentachlorophenol	Building 03-150	ND	1
Picloram	Building 03-150	ND	500
Simazine	Building 03-150	ND	4
Total Polychlorinated Biphenyls	Building 03-150	ND	.5
Toxaphene	Building 03-150	ND	3
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Building 03-150	ND	7
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	Building 03-150	ND	5
1,1-Dichloroethylene	Building 03-150	ND	7
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	Building 03-150	ND	70
1,2-Dichloroproane	Building 03-150	ND	5
1,2-Dichloromethane	Building 03-150	ND	5
Ethylbenzene	Building 03-150	.40	700
Benzene	Building 03-150	ND	5
Carbon Tetrachloride	Building 03-150	ND	5
Chlorobenzene	Building 03-150	ND	100
CIS-1,2-Dichloroethylene	Building 03-150	ND	70
Dichloromethane	Building 03-150	ND	5

Analyte	Sample Location	Sample Results µg/L	Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Regulatory Limit in µg/L
O-Dichlorobenzene	Building 03-150	ND	600
P-Dichlorobenzene	Building 03-150	ND	75
Styrene	Building 03-150	ND	100
Tetrachloroethylene	Building 03-150	ND	5
Toluene	Building 03-150	ND	1000
Trans-1, 2-Dichloroethylene	Building 03-150	ND	100
Trichloroethylene	Building 03-150	ND	5
Vinyl chloride	Building 03-150	ND	2
Xylenes, Total	Building 03-150	4.5	10,000

N/A = not applicable
 ND = Not detected
 SOC = synthetic organic compounds

During 2023, Well 6 produced 566,800 gallons of water that was chlorinated and sent to the elevated water storage tower. This equals an average monthly production of approximately 47,233 gallons during 2023. Daily production during 2023 averaged approximately 1,574 gallons.

In October 2021, NDEP conducted a sanitary survey of the SNL/TTR public water system. On December 30, 2021, one significant deficiency related to corrosion on piping in the well pumphouse and five other deficiencies related to administrative or system design considerations were noted. In 2023, Sandia personnel actively worked with engineers as per the proposed path forward that the DOE/NNSA Sandia Field Office sent to the NDEP.

Public Water System Challenges in 2023

During 2023, there were five Public Water System distribution system leaks, resulting in a water loss of approximately 130,000 gallons. All five leaks in the distribution system occurred on welded joints. The final leak, in the Building 03-150 water treatment room, was on a coupler that had a hairline crack. The leaks in the system were repaired with heavy duty band clamps or PVC compression fittings; the use of band clamps allows repairs without the water being shut off in many instances.

Upcoming maintenance of the 200,000 gallon elevated water storage tank will require a temporary Fire Protection Water System. Two out-of-service water storage ground tanks (50,000 gallons each) will serve this purpose. Both tanks were filled in 2023 to check for leaks, and one tank was found to be leaking. It was completely drained, repaired, and refilled with another 50,000 gallons, and no further leaks were found.

In December 2023, a loss of production was noted at the Well 6. A well-drilling company was contacted for their expertise. The drilling contractor suspects a hole has developed on the inner casing of the well. The damage is allowing water to escape from the pipe and casing. This has caused a 50 percent drop in the amount of water produced from the same time a year ago. A quote was obtained for the well casing and lining replacement with recommendations to replace the pump at the same time due to its age in relation to the

average lifespan of the unit. The well piping project is on a slight delay while engineering designs are being redrafted to meet the new needs without delaying approval at the NDEP.

Throughout 2023, SNL/TTR staff worked with engineers on the water tower project, in which the water tower will be painted on the interior along with the additions of a water mixer and cathodic protection system. Design also began on a project to upgrade the Water Treatment Facility's (Building 03-150) Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Injection System to lower the incoming well water's pH prior to entering the elevated water storage tank. The CO₂ system is used to adjust the water's pH from around 9.2 to a pH of 7.0 for optimal arsenic removal. The current CO₂ system design was based on a maximum well water flow rate of 50 gallons per minute, but current flow rates between 80 to 126 gallons per minute exceed the current system's ability to keep up with the increased water flow.

4.8.3 Septic Tank Systems

Three of the five septic tanks located at SNL/TTR have been under U.S. Air Force control for several years. They are located at Station 36, the old Point Able Guard Station, and the Firing Range. SNL/TTR is currently responsible for two septic tanks. The septic tank at Station 24 has been out of service for several years, and the septic tank located at 09-52 was never placed in service after its installation.

Program Activities and Results 2023: Septic Tank Systems

On October 6, 2022, NDEP Bureau of Water Pollution Control personnel inspected Area 9, Building 09-52's septic tank and verified that it was inactive, not in use, and had not been used since it was installed and initially permitted in January 2006. At the time of the inspection in October 2022, NDEP personnel stated that they did not believe any further action would be needed. However, in July 2023, an invoice from the NDEP was received to permit the Building 09-52 septic tank (Permit No.: NEVOSDS09S0158). The permit fee was paid in November 2023. There are currently no plans to use the Area 9 septic tank system. Nevertheless, SNL/TTR management decided to maintain the permit in case future projects could require its use.

4.8.4 Stormwater

The SNL/TTR site is located almost entirely within a closed basin, with runoff evaporating or infiltrating into the ground. There are no Waters of the United States within the closed basin, and therefore, federal stormwater permitting is not required. The State of Nevada has determined that there are no industrial activities at SNL/TTR that require permitting. Currently, stormwater sampling is not required at SNL/TTR.

Program Activities and Results 2023: Stormwater

New construction activities that exceed one acre of soil disturbance and lie outside the boundaries of the closed basin require permitting under the Construction General Permit. During 2023, no construction projects required Construction General Permit coverage at SNL/TTR.

4.8.5 Wastewater

Wastewater discharges from activities conducted at facilities in the Main Compound at Area 3 go to the U.S. Air Force facultative sewage lagoon for treatment. The U.S. Air

Force is responsible for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for wastewater discharges. The U.S. Air Force takes samples from the headwater end of the lagoon. In the past, Sandia personnel provided quarterly sampling results to the U.S. Air Force for inclusion in their U.S. Air Force Discharge Monitoring Report. However, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit was modified in 1997, and quarterly data is no longer required.

Wastewater is the spent or used water from a home, community, farm, or industry that contains dissolved or suspended matter.

As a best management practice, SNL/NM personnel sample Area 3 wastewater annually at the point where wastewater leaves SNL/TTR property and enters the U.S. Air Force system. All sampling and quality assurance practices completed in 2023 were conducted in accordance with program-specific sampling and analysis plans and quality assurance plans (see [Chapter 6](#)).

Program Activities and Results 2023: Wastewater

In 2023, there were no excursions or violations of concentration limits. Twenty-four-hour composite wastewater samples are collected annually, and the following parameters are analyzed:

- Chemical oxygen demand
- Metals (arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver, and zinc)
- Oil and grease
- pH
- Phenolic compounds (phenol-containing compounds are not used at SNL/TTR)
- Semivolatile organic compounds
- Total cyanide (cyanide-containing compounds are not used at SNL/TTR)
- Total petroleum hydrocarbons
- Total suspended solids
- Tritium, gamma spectroscopy, and gross alpha and gross beta
- Volatile organic compounds

Analytical results for wastewater sampled at Area 3 are provided in [Appendix B](#), “Sanitary Outfalls Monitoring Results in 2023.”

4.8.6 Water Conservation

The State Water Resources Division regulations, Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 540, 540.131 through 540.151, require a water conservation plan for permitted water systems and major water users in Nevada (DOE/NV 1992). The SNL/TTR water conservation plan provides education, conservation measures, and supply management guidance. The plan states that when the average annual consumption is significantly greater than 37 gallons per capita per day, plan revisions will be considered to include additional conservation measures.

Other Environmental Programs

The average 2023 daily per capita consumption from the Public Water System was approximately 24 gallons per day. The current plan was revised in November 2020 and was approved by the State of Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources on February 17, 2021. The plan must be updated every 5 years. The next revision is due by February 17, 2026.

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Chapter 5. Compliance Summary and Environmental Permits



Globemallow (*Sphaeralcea* sp.)

OVERVIEW ■ Sandia operations at SNL/TTR are required to comply with federal, state, and local environmental statutes, regulations, executive orders, and DOE directives. Regular audits, appraisals, and inspections identify areas for improvement as well as noteworthy practices.

Sandia operations are required to comply with federal, state, and local environmental requirements, including DOE directives and presidential executive orders. As part of this compliance, personnel adhere to reporting and permitting requirements.

All operations and activities, including those that are part of environmental programs, are performed in accordance with Sandia's ES&H policy, which includes the following statement:

Sandia integrates environmental, safety, and health throughout the lifecycle of its operations to ensure the:

- Protection of Members of the Workforce by providing a safe and healthful workplace.
- Protection of the environment by preventing or minimizing pollution and waste, pursuing sustainable resource use, and protecting biodiversity and ecosystems.
- Protection of the public through the prevention or minimization of releases of hazardous materials.

- Compliance with applicable ES&H requirements, including contractual requirements.
- Establishment, measurement, and monitoring of ES&H objectives to enhance performance and drive continual improvement.

An integrated safety management system is used to incorporate safety into management and work practices at all levels so that missions are accomplished while protecting the worker, the public, and the environment. Thus, management of safety functions becomes an integral part of mission accomplishment and meets requirements outlined by DOE. The following five core functions guide the integration of safety into all work practices: define the scope of work, analyze the hazards, develop and implement hazard controls, perform work within controls, and provide feedback for continuous improvement.

The integrated safety management system incorporates the Environmental Management System, which is described below in Section 5.1.1 under the associated federal requirement of DOE O 436.1A, *Departmental Sustainability* (DOE O 436.1A 2023). Additionally, the Environmental Management System is described in detail in Section 5.3.

5.1 Environmental Compliance

The management and operating contract, also referred to as the Prime Contract, for Sandia serves as the overarching agreement between the DOE/NNSA and the management and operating contractor. The Prime Contract requires the management and operating contractor to comply with specific DOE directives as well as applicable federal, state, and local requirements for the management and operation of Sandia.

5.1.1 Federal Requirements

The Prime Contract requires compliance with federal requirements, including applicable federal laws and regulations as well as specific DOE directives. The significant federal requirements that pertain to environmental protection and management at Sandia are presented below along with compliance approaches and compliance activities.

Environmental Planning

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 USC § 4321 1969) is a law that requires federal agencies to assess the impacts of proposed actions on the human and natural environment prior to making decisions.

The Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1500–1508 2005) is the agency responsible for implementing NEPA through issuing guidance and interpreting regulations that implement NEPA procedural requirements. DOE codified its NEPA implementing procedures in 10 CFR 1021, *National Environmental Policy Act* (10 CFR 1021 2011).

Personnel use the NEPA module (an online tool that uses a checklist format) to document proposed actions and activities and assesses them for potential environmental consequences and impacts. When projects or activities appear to be outside the scope of existing NEPA documentation, a NEPA checklist is prepared and forwarded to DOE/NNSA for review and determination.

[Section 4.1](#) provides information on NEPA activities in 2023.

Compliance activities:

- Ensure that potential environmental impacts have been assessed adequately.
- Coordinate NEPA assessments with DOE personnel.
- Inform project owners of environmental requirements.

Environmental Management System, Site Sustainability, Emergency Planning, and Community Right-to-Know Act

DOE O 436.1A Departmental Sustainability

DOE O 436.1A, *Departmental Sustainability* (DOE O 436.1A 2023), places environmental management systems and site sustainability at the forefront of environmental excellence. This order requires development of a site sustainability plan to identify contributions toward meeting DOE sustainability goals and an environmental management system for a continuing cycle of planning, implementing, evaluating, and improving processes to achieve environmental goals.

Personnel comply with this order through implementation of an environmental management system, which is third-party certified to ISO 14001:2015 (ISO 14001:2015 2015) at SNL/NM (the primary operating location). Operations at SNL/TTR follow the Environmental Management System requirements but are not included in the certification. SNL/TTR is therefore subject to internal conformance audits, instead of the third-party certification audits performed at the certified sites.

This order also specifies requirements for compliance with Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) requirements.

See [“Chemical Management”](#) and [Table 5-1](#) for information on Sandia’s approach to compliance with these requirements.

Compliance activities:

- Follow the environmental management system requirements, including identification of the environmental aspects and impacts of activities.
- Establish and implement an annual site sustainability plan for Sandia locations including SNL/TTR.
- Fulfill emergency planning and reporting requirements.
- See [“Chemical Management”](#) and [Table 5-1](#) for compliance activities.

Hazardous Waste and Inactive Remediation Sites

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, and amended in 1986

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980 (42 U.S.C. § 9601 1980), and amended in 1986, establishes liability compensation, cleanup, and emergency response requirements for inactive hazardous waste sites. In addition, CERCLA requires federal facilities to respond and report hazardous substance spills to the National Response Center and perform any necessary response action.

DOE personnel performed a preliminary assessment and site inspection in 1988 at SNL/TTR. This inspection confirmed that no sites qualify for the National Priorities List. Therefore, with respect to inactive hazardous waste sites, there are no CERCLA remediation requirements nor CERCLA-related assessments for natural resource damages.

The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III of 1986 (42 U.S.C. § 9601 1986) establishes additional reporting requirements that are addressed under “[Chemical Management](#).”

Compliance activities:

- See “[Chemical Management](#)” for compliance activities.

Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order

The Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order is an ongoing action with DoD, DOE, and the State of Nevada (State of Nevada, DOE, and DoD 1996). DOE has assumed responsibility for the following environmental restoration sites that are subject to this agreement: Nevada National Security Site, areas within SNL/TTR, areas within the Nevada Test and Training Range, Central Nevada Test Area, and Project Shoal Area (east of Carson City in Churchill County).

[Section 4.4](#) provides information on environmental restoration sites.

Compliance activities:

- Report site post-closure inspection activities.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, enacted in 1976, as amended

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA of 1976, enacted in 1976, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq. 1976) sets forth the framework for managing nonhazardous and hazardous solid waste, including the hazardous waste component of mixed waste.

SNL/TTR operations generate less than 1,000 kg of hazardous waste through normal operations each month, which equates to small-quantity generator status subject to manifest and pre-transport requirements in 40 CFR 262, *Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Waste* (40 CFR 262 2021).

Under the small-quantity generator designation, hazardous waste can only be stored on-site for a maximum of 270 days at this location before it must be shipped off-site for treatment and disposal at an EPA-permitted facility. Small-quantity generators and conditionally exempt small-quantity generators of RCRA hazardous waste are no longer required to file a biennial hazardous waste report.

Nonhazardous municipal solid waste, such as office and food refuse, is disposed of at the SNL/TTR Class II sanitary landfill (operated by a U.S. Air Force operations and maintenance contractor).

[Section 4.3](#) provides information on waste management activities.

Compliance activities:

- Minimize waste via recycling and material recovery.
- Collect and screen material and waste in preparation for shipment to off-site facilities for recycling, storage, treatment, or disposal.

Radiation Protection

Atomic Energy Act of 1954

The Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. § 2011 1954) specifies proper management of source, special nuclear, and byproduct material. DOE has the authority to manage operations based on applicable statutes, federal regulations, and DOE directives.

Sandia personnel achieve compliance through adherence to these directives and applicable regulations in 10 CFR 830, *Nuclear Safety Management* (10 CFR 830 2016); and 10 CFR 835, *Occupational Radiation Protection* (10 CFR 835 2021).

The regulations include radiation protection standards, limits, and program requirements for protecting individuals from radiation exposure as a result of DOE activities.

Compliance activities:

- Manage materials and facilities in accordance with DOE requirements and oversight, including appropriate documentation.
- Ensure that training requirements are met.

DOE O 435.1 Change 1, Radioactive Waste Management

DOE O 435.1, Change 1, *Radioactive Waste Management* (DOE O 435.1, Change 1 2001), ensures that all DOE radioactive waste is managed in a manner that is protective of worker and public health and safety and of the environment.

Personnel examine the lifecycle of radioactive waste, radioactive mixed waste, transuranic waste, and transuranic mixed waste before waste is generated to ensure appropriate management.

DOE authorization is requested before generating radioactive waste streams with no identified disposal path. Information about the characteristics of each waste is used to manage the waste in a manner that is consistent with applicable law.

[Section 4.3](#) provides information on waste management activities.

Compliance activities:

- Characterize and manage on-site waste.
- Support inspections and audits.
- Ensure that training requirements are met.

DOE O 458.1 Chg 4 (LtdChg), Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment

DOE O 458.1, Chg 4 (LtdChg), *Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment* (DOE O 458.1, Change 4 (LtdChg) 2020), establishes requirements to protect the public from undue radiation exposure, demonstrate compliance with public dose limits from air pathways, control releases of radioactive discharges, control radioactive waste, protect drinking water and groundwater, protect biota, control the release of property with residual radioactivity, and manage radiation-related records.

DOE issued a moratorium in January 2000 that prohibited the clearance of volume-contaminated metals, and subsequently in July 2000 suspended the clearance of metals from DOE radiological areas for recycling purposes.

[Chapter 4](#) provides information on relevant compliance with items listed in the Compliance Activities column.

Compliance activities:

- Monitor emissions and provide dose assessments.
- Adhere to regulations during the operations and maintenance of the drinking water system.
- Monitor biota.
- Perform property clearances. In 2023, no clearance activities of property (real or personal) occurred, and no metals subject to the moratorium or the suspension were cleared.

Air Quality

Clean Air Act of 1970, as amended

The Clean Air Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 7401 1970), governs the management of nonradiological emissions with compliance achieved through adherence to the conditions of permits and applicable regulations.

[Section 4.5](#) provides information on air quality compliance.

Compliance activities:

- Confirm that planned stationary sources of air pollutants (e.g., equipment) and potential emission from operations meet applicable local and federal requirements.
- Maintain documentation that ensures that sources are in compliance with regulations and permitted operating conditions.
- Submit monitoring reports, annual emissions inventories, and other compliance assurance documentation to regulatory agencies.

Water Quality

Clean Water Act of 1972 and amendments

The Clean Water Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. § 1251 1972) and amendments establishes a permitting structure and regulatory direction to protect the “waters of the United States” by restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of United States waters; protecting fish, wildlife, and recreation; and reducing pollutant discharges.

Compliance is achieved through adherence with NDEP requirements.

[Section 4.8](#) provides information on drinking water.

Compliance activities:

- Monitor all wastewater discharges.
- Sample wastewater discharge annually.
- Develop and update stormwater pollution prevention plans, including control measures, site inspections, and annual reporting.

Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Section 438

The Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007 (42 U.S.C. § 17001 2007), Section 438 requires federal agencies to manage stormwater runoff from federal development projects for the protection of water resources.

Sandia projects undergo a NEPA review (see “[National Environmental Policy Act of 1969](#)”) and may identify the need to further address stormwater runoff under EISA 438 applicability. Site planning, design, construction, and maintenance strategies are applied to maintain or restore predevelopment site hydrology.

[Section 4.8.4](#) provides information on the Stormwater Program.

Compliance activities:

- Implement stormwater pollution prevention plan steps to prevent unpermitted discharges.
- Conduct inspections.

Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. § 40 1990)

Originally published in 1973 under the authority of Section 311 of the Clean Water Act, the Oil Pollution Prevention regulation sets forth requirements for prevention of, preparedness for, and response to oil discharges at specific facilities. In 1990, the Oil Pollution Act amended the Clean Water Act to require some oil storage facilities to implement additional measures. The Oil Pollution Prevention regulations are set forth in 40 CFR 112, *Oil Pollution Prevention* (40 CFR 112 2011).

Oil storage facilities at SNL/TTR are not subject to regulation under 40 CFR 112, *Oil Pollution Prevention* (40 CFR 112 2011), due to the location of all oil storage containers and equipment within a hydrologically closed basin with no potential to impact waters of the United States. However, personnel implement best management practices to prevent potential oil spills or releases to the environment.

[Section 4.6](#) provides information on the Oil Storage Program.

Compliance activities:

Not applicable. However, best management practices listed below are routinely performed:

- Inspect aboveground oil storage containers.
- Train oil-handling personnel.
- Maintain an oil storage container inventory.

Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended

The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 300f 1974), was established to protect the quality of drinking water in the United States, focusing on all waters actually or potentially designed for drinking use, whether from aboveground or underground sources.

SNL/TTR operates under two Drinking Water permits issued by the NDEP. One is for operation of a Public Water System, and one is to operate a Treatment Plant for Arsenic Reduction and Chlorination. NDEP characterizes this public water system as a “Non-Transient Non-Community- Water System.”

[Section 4.8.2](#) provides information on Sandia’s drinking water program.

Compliance activities:

- Adhere to permit requirements.
- Sample drinking water for quality parameters.

America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018

The America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C. § 2201 2018) improves drinking water and water quality, deepens infrastructure investments, enhances public health and quality of life, increases jobs, and bolsters the economy. The act provisions represent changes to the Safe Drinking Water Act.

[Section 4.8.2](#) provides information on drinking water.

Compliance activities:

- There are no activities associated with this requirement.

Chemical Management

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 (42 U.S.C. § 11001 et seq. 1986), also known as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA Title III) requires the reporting of toxic chemicals used and released by federal, state, and local governments and industry.

Per EPCRA, chemical hazard information is provided to the community for awareness and enhancement of emergency planning efforts.

In Nevada, the Nevada State Fire Marshal and State Emergency Response Commission use the Nevada Combined Hazardous Materials Reporting System to satisfy state requirements for hazardous materials reporting and chemical inventory reporting under EPCRA. These are submitted as a single report.

See [Table 5-1](#) for more details.

Compliance activities:

- Maintain and report on a chemical inventory using the Nevada Combined Hazardous Materials Reporting System.
- Report qualifying releases.

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, enacted in 1910 and amended in 1972

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, enacted in 1910 and amended in 1972 (7 U.S.C. § 136 1910), regulates the use of herbicides, rodenticides, and insecticides.

EPA regulations and applicable label guidelines are followed.

Compliance activities:

- Contract state-licensed subcontractors to supply, handle, and apply covered products.

Toxic Substances Control Act, enacted in 1976 and later amended

The Toxic Substances Control Act, enacted in 1976 and later amended (15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq. 1976), regulates the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, and disposal of specific chemical substances and/or mixtures.

Compliance with this act includes managing asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). There are no PCB-contaminated transformers at SNL/TTR.

[Chapter 4](#) provides information related to managing toxic substances.

Compliance activities:

- Conduct asbestos abatement in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.

Pollution Prevention

Pollution Prevention Act of 1990

The Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 133 1990) declares as national policy that pollution should be prevented or reduced at the source wherever feasible, and disposal or other release into the environment should only be done as a last resort.

A toxic chemical source reduction and recycling report is required for facilities that meet the reporting requirements under EPCRA, Section 313.

See the previous EPCRA discussion under “[Chemical Management](#).”

Compliance activities:

- Conduct database queries for chemical purchases annually.
- Compare environmental releases with EPCRA reporting thresholds.
- Prepare annual reports and submit them to federal, state, and local regulatory agencies.
- Follow green purchasing practices.

Natural Resources

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 USC § 668-668d), enacted in 1940

The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, enacted in 1940 (16 U.S.C. § 668-668d 1940), prohibits the taking, harassment, or possession of and commerce in bald and golden eagles, with limited exceptions.

[Chapter 3](#) provides more information on the Ecology Program.

Compliance activities:

- Conduct biological evaluations and inventory surveys.
- Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Service as appropriate

Endangered Species Act of 1973, amended in 1982

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, amended in 1982 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq. 1973) provides a program for the conservation of threatened and endangered plants and animals and the habitats in which they are found. The lead federal agencies for implementing the act are the USFWS and the National Marine Fisheries Service. The USFWS maintains a worldwide list of endangered species; species include birds, insects, fish, reptiles, mammals, crustaceans, flowers, grasses, and trees.

[Chapter 3](#) provides more information on threatened and endangered species that may occur on SNL/TTR.

Compliance activities:

- Collect ecological data.
- Provide ecological surveillance for maintenance of regulatory compliance.
- Consultation with the USFWS as appropriate.

Executive Order 11988 of 1977, Floodplain Management, as amended

Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, (EO 11988 1977), requires federal agencies to consider impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of floodplains; reduce the risk of flood loss; minimize the impact of floods on human safety, health, and welfare; and restore and preserve the natural and beneficial values served by floodplains.

[Chapter 3](#) provides more information on the Ecology Program.

Compliance activities:

- Review NEPA checklists to identify impacts on floodplains.
- Preserve and protect ecological resources.

Executive Order 11990 of 1977, Protection of Wetlands, as amended

Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, as amended (EO 11990 1977), requires federal agencies to minimize the destruction, loss, or degradation of wetlands and preserve and enhance the natural and beneficial values of wetlands.

[Chapter 3](#) provides more information on the Ecology Program.

Compliance activities:

- Review NEPA checklists to identify impacts on wetlands.
- Preserve and protect ecological resources.

Executive Order 13112 of 1999, Invasive Species

Executive Order 13112, Invasive Species (EO 13112 1977) called upon executive departments and agencies to take steps to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species, and to support efforts to eradicate and control invasive species that are established. It also created a coordinating body—the Invasive Species Council, also referred to as the National Invasive Species Council—to oversee implementation of the order, encourage proactive planning and action, develop recommendations for international cooperation, and take other steps to improve the federal response to invasive species.

[Chapter 3](#) provides more information on the Ecology Program.

Compliance activities:

- Monitor biota.
- Collect ecological data.
- Produce mitigation strategies as necessary.

Executive Order 13751 of 2016, Safeguarding the Nation from the Impacts of Invasive Species

Executive Order 13751, Safeguarding the Nation from the Impacts of Invasive Species (EO 13751 2016), amended Executive Order 13112 and directs actions to continue coordinated federal prevention and control efforts related to invasive species.

[Chapter 3](#) provides more information on the Ecology Program.

Compliance activities:

- Monitor biota.
- Collect ecological data.
- Produce mitigation strategies as necessary.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 49 1980), enacted in 1980, and the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371-3378 1981), were established so that wildlife will receive equal consideration with other natural resources regarding maintenance of the ecosystem.

Relevancy to an ecological program is stated in 16 USC 661, *Conservancy*, which states that purpose as follows: “(1) to provide assistance to, and cooperate with, Federal, State, and public or private agencies and organizations in the development, protection, rearing, and stocking of all species . . . (2) to make surveys and investigations of the wildlife of the public domain.”

[Chapter 3](#) provides more information on the Ecology Program.

Compliance activities:

- Ecology Program personnel consider Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act compliance when evaluating NEPA checklists.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (and amendments)

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq. 1918) implemented the 1916 convention for the protection of migratory birds. The original statute implemented the agreement between the United States and Great Britain (for Canada) and later amendments implemented treaties between the United States and Mexico, the United States and Japan, and the United States and Russia. The act prevents the taking, possession, killing, transportation, and importation of migratory birds or their eggs, parts, and nests.

[Chapter 3](#) provides more information on the Ecology Program.

Compliance activities:

- Collect ecological data.
- Provide ecological surveillance for maintenance of regulatory compliance.
- Consultation with the USFWS as appropriate.

Sikes Act of 1960 (PL 86-97), enacted in 1960, and the amendments of 1986 (PL 99-561) and 1997 (PL 105-85 Title XXIX), reauthorized in 2013

The Sikes Act, as amended (PL 105-85 1997), was reauthorized in 2013. The act protects and enhances fish, wildlife, and other natural resources that exist on and are associated with military lands in the United States.

[Chapter 3](#) provides more information on the Ecology Program.

Compliance activities:

- The Ecology Program considers the Sikes Act when evaluating NEPA checklists.

Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (PL 92-195), enacted in 1971, and amendments

The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (PL 92-195 1971), enacted in 1971, and amendments (16 U.S.C. 30 § 1331 et seq. 1971), declares that wild free-roaming horses and burros are living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West, that they contribute to the diversity of life forms within the nation, and that they enrich the lives of the American people. The policy states that wild free-roaming horses and burros shall be protected from capture, branding, harassment, or death. To accomplish this, areas where they are presently found are to be considered an integral part of the natural system of the nation’s public lands. The Bureau of Land Management’s Las Vegas District is responsible for management of wild horses at SNL/TTR.

[Chapter 3](#) provides more information on the Ecology Program.

Compliance activities:

- Coordinate with the Bureau of Land Management as appropriate.

Cultural Resources

American Indian Religious Freedom Act, enacted in 1978 and amended in 1994

The American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, as amended in 1994 (PL 103-344 1994), is a federal law and joint resolution of Congress, which protects and preserves the traditional religious rights and cultural practices of American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, and native Hawaiians.

See [Chapter 2](#) for information on the Cultural Resources Program.

Compliance activities:

- Conduct cultural resource surveys and the monitoring of construction activities.
- Prepare documentation to support planning activities and decisions.
- Review NEPA checklists to identify impacts on cultural resources.
- Support consultation with American Indian tribes.

Archaeological Resources Protection Act, enacted in 1979 and amended in 1988

The Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (PL 96-95 1979) secures, for the present and future benefit of the American people, the protection of archaeological resources and sites that are on public lands and Indian lands, and it fosters increased cooperation and exchange of information between governmental authorities, the professional archaeological community, and private individuals. Section 4 of the statute and Sections 16.5–16.12 of the regulations describe the requirements that must be met before federal authorities can issue a permit to excavate or remove any archaeological resource on federal or Indian Lands. The curation requirements of artifacts, other materials excavated or removed, and the records related to the artifacts and materials are described in Section 5 of the act. These regulations affect all federally owned or administered archaeological collections.

See [Chapter 2](#) for information on the Cultural Resources Program.

Compliance activities:

- Develop internal management plans.
- Conduct cultural resource surveys and the monitoring of construction activities.
- Prepare documentation to support planning activities and decisions.
- Review NEPA checklists to identify impacts on cultural resources.

DOE O 144.1, Department of Energy American Indian Tribal Government Interactions and Policy

DOE O 144.1, *Department of Energy American Indian Tribal Government Interactions and Policy* (DOE O 144.1 2009), sets forth the principles to be followed by DOE to ensure an effective implementation of a government-to-government relationships with American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments. This order provides direction to all DOE officials, staff, and contractors regarding fulfillment of trust obligations and other responsibilities arising from DOE actions that may potentially impact American Indian and Alaska Native traditional, cultural, and religious values and practices; natural resources; and treaty and other federally recognized and reserved rights.

See [Chapter 2](#) for information on the Cultural Resources Program.

Compliance activities:

- Develop internal management plans.
- Conduct cultural resource surveys and the monitoring of construction activities.
- Prepare documentation to support planning activities and decisions.
- Review NEPA checklists to identify impacts on cultural resources.
- Support consultation with American Indian Tribes.

DOE O 430.1C, Real Property Asset Management

DOE O 430.1C, *Real Property Asset Management* (DOE O 430.1C 2019), establishes an integrated corporate-level, performance-based approach to the life-cycle management of real property assets. It links real property asset planning, programming, budgeting, and evaluation to the multifaceted DOE missions. Successful implementation of this order will enable DOE to carry out stewardship responsibilities and will ensure that facilities and infrastructure are properly sized and in a condition to meet mission requirements today and in the future.

See [Chapter 2](#) for information on the Cultural Resources Program.

Compliance activities:

- Develop internal management plans.
- Conduct cultural resource surveys and the monitoring of construction activities.
- Survey property to determine eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Prepare documentation to support planning activities and decisions.
- Review NEPA checklists to identify impacts on cultural resources.

DOE P 141.1, Management of Cultural Resources

The purpose of DOE P 141.1, *Management of Cultural Resources* (DOE P 141.1 2011), is twofold: to ensure that all DOE programs and field elements integrate cultural resources management into their missions and activities and to raise the level of awareness and accountability among DOE contractors concerning the importance of DOE cultural resource-related legal and trust responsibilities.

See [Chapter 2](#) for information on the Cultural Resources Program.

Compliance activities:

- Develop internal management plans.
- Conduct cultural resource surveys and monitor construction activities.
- Survey property to determine eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Prepare documentation to support planning activities and decisions.
- Review NEPA checklists to identify impacts on cultural resources.

National Historic Preservation Act, enacted in 1966 and amended in 2000, Section 106

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (PL 89-665 1966), as amended, and codified in 16 U.S.C. (16 U.S.C. 2016), is legislation intended to preserve historical and archaeological sites in the United States. The act sets federal policy for preserving our nation’s heritage by establishing a federal government and tribal government partnership, establishing the National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks Programs, mandating the selection of qualified State Historic Preservation Officers, establishing the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, charging federal agencies with responsible stewardship, and establishing the role of certified local governments within the states.

The National Register of Historic Places (36 CFR 60 2012) is authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. It is the federal government’s official list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects deemed worthy of preservation for their historical significance at the national level.

See [Chapter 2](#) for information on the Cultural Resources Program.

Compliance activities:

- Develop internal management plans.
- Conduct cultural resource surveys to determine eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Prepare documentation to support planning activities, decisions, and consultations.
- Review NEPA checklists to identify impacts on cultural resources.
- Conduct cultural resource surveys and monitor construction activities.

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, enacted in 1990

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (PL 101-601 1990) developed a systematic process for determining the rights of Indian tribe and Native Hawaiian lineal descendants and their representative organizations to protect certain Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony with which they are affiliated.

See [Chapter 2](#) for information on the Cultural Resources Program.

Compliance activities:

- Develop internal management plans.
- Conduct cultural resource surveys and monitor construction activities.
- Prepare documentation to support planning activities and decisions.
- Review NEPA checklists to identify impacts on cultural resources.

Reporting

DOE O 231.1B, Admin Change 1, Environment, Safety and Health Reporting

DOE O 231.1B, Admin Change 1 *Environment, Safety and Health Reporting* (DOE O 231.1B, Admin Change 1 2012), ensures that DOE receives information about events that have affected or could adversely affect the health, safety, and security of the public or workers, the environment, the operation of DOE facilities, or DOE credibility. It enhances mission safety and promotes the sharing of effective practices to support continuous improvement and adaptation to change.

Information on property clearance activities can be found in [DOE O 458.1 Chg 4](#) (LtdChg), *Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment*.

Compliance activities:

- Produce an Annual Site Environmental Report.
- Environmental program personnel report on environmental program activities, monitoring results, accidental releases, and waste management operations.

DOE O 232.2A, Chg1 (MinChg) Occurrence Reporting and Processing of Operations Information

DOE O 232.2A, Chg 1 (MinChg), *Occurrence Reporting and Processing of Operations Information* (DOE O 232.2A, Chg 1 (MinChg) 2017), requires timely notification to DOE about events that could adversely affect the health and safety of the public or workers, the environment, DOE missions, or DOE credibility.

Sandia personnel promote organizational learning through investigation and analysis of reported events and conditions that adversely affect or may adversely affect personnel, the public, property, the environment, or the DOE mission.

[Section 5.4.2](#) provides further information.

Compliance activities:

- Track all environmental events.

Quality Assurance

DOE O 414.1D Change 2 (LtdChg), Quality Assurance

DOE O 414.1D, Change 2 (LtdChg), *Quality Assurance* (DOE O 414.1D, Change 2 (LtdChg) 2020), is intended to achieve quality in all work and ensure that products and services meet or exceed customer requirements and expectations.

Environmental sampling and analyses at SNL/TTR conform to applicable quality assurance plans, sampling plans, and field operations.

[Chapter 6](#) provides information on quality assurance.

Compliance activities:

- Develop quality assurance plans, operating plans, and sampling plans for all Sandia locations.
- Provide a statement of work for contract laboratories for all Sandia locations.
- Participate in quality assurance audits of all contract laboratories that provides services for all Sandia locations.

5.1.2 Chemical Inventory and Toxic Release Inventory Reporting

The chemical inventory report and the toxic release inventory report for SNL/TTR in 2023 are submitted to EPA and the Nevada State Fire Marshal’s Office and support compliance with EPCRA. The chemical inventory report documents toxic chemicals in use and all chemical purchases. [Table 5-1](#) lists the EPCRA reporting requirements.

Table 5-1. SNL/TTR applicable EPCRA reporting requirements

Section	EPCRA Section Title	Description	Reporting Required in 2023
301–303	Emergency Planning	Sections 301–303 of EPCRA require an annual report that lists inventories of chemicals that are above the reportable threshold planning quantities, including the location of the chemicals and the emergency contacts.	Yes
304	Emergency Notification	Section 304 of EPCRA requires an immediate notification following the accidental release of a reportable quantity of extremely hazardous substances.	No
311–312	Community-Right-to-Know: Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting	Sections 311–312 of EPCRA provide requirements for maintaining safety data sheets for hazardous chemicals and for submitting inventory forms for these chemicals.	Yes
313	Toxic Release Inventory	Section 313 of EPCRA requires that a Toxic Release Inventory report be submitted for facilities that release toxic chemicals listed in SARA Title III over a threshold value.	No

The chemical inventory report for SNL/TTR was submitted to EPA and the Nevada State Fire Marshal and State Emergency Response Commission. In 2023, there were no reportable quantity releases of extremely hazardous substances requiring notification under Section 304 of EPCRA. A Toxic Release Inventory report was not required under Section 313 of EPCRA.

5.1.3 Nevada State Environmental Requirements

The State of Nevada administers most of the environmental requirements applicable to Sandia operations at SNL/TTR (Table 5-2).

Table 5-2. Applicable State of Nevada Administrative Code requirements

Chapter and Provisions
NAC-444, Sanitation
NAC- 444.570 to NAC- 444.7499, Solid Waste Disposal
NAC-444A, Programs for Recycling
NAC-444A.005 to NRS-444A.655, Programs for Recycling
NAC-445A, Water Controls
NAC-445A.228 to NAC-445A.263, Discharge Permits
NAC-445A.450 to NAC-445A. 6731, Public Water Systems
NAC-445A.9656 to NAC-445A.9706, Septic Tanks
NAC-445B, Air Controls
NAC-445B.001 to NAC-445B.3477, Air Pollution
NAC-445B.400 to NAC-445B.846, Emissions from Engines
NAC-477, State Fire Marshal
NAC-477.323, Permit to Store Hazardous Material
NAC-501, Administration and Enforcement of Wildlife Laws
NAC-503, Hunting, Fishing and Trapping; Miscellaneous Protective Measures
NAC-504, Wildlife Management and Propagation
NAC-527, Protection and Preservation of Timbered Lands, Trees and Flora
NAC-534, Underground Water and Wells
NAC-534.010 to NAC-534.500, Underground Water and Wells

Sources:
Nevada Administrative Code (Nevada Administrative Code n.d.)

5.2 Energy Equity and Environmental Justice

Making a difference in society, especially in overburdened and underserved communities, has been a key part of Sandia’s commitment to deliver exceptional service in the national interest. Three executive orders address environmental justice and energy equity: EO 12898, *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*, Section 1-1 (EO 12898 1994); EO 14008, *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*, Section 219 (EO 17008 2021); and EO 14057, *Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability*, Section 402 (EO 14057 2021).

Sandia hosts a variety of community-based technical assistance and energy equity programs. These programs use planning methodologies and tools and provide education and workforce development via its Energy Equity and Environmental Justice (EEEJ) initiative. EEEJ efforts focus on improving the health, safety, and resilience of communities and addressing the threat of climate change.

In 2022, personnel began a strategic initiative to map Sandia’s EEEJ capabilities; identify gaps and opportunities for future work; develop clear, cohesive, and comprehensive communications detailing capabilities; and provide recommendations to Sandia leadership

regarding the future of EEEJ research and development. Information on recent EEEJ-related projects and activities were gathered during 2023 as a part of this strategic initiative and resulted in the creation of an EEEJ subject-matter expert database, a repository of environmental justice white papers, and a summary of EEEJ efforts at Sandia. The EEEJ team hosted two internal EEEJ-focused workshops in 2022: *Energy Equity and Environmental Justice Workshop* and *Implementing Energy Equity and Environmental Justice into Research and Development Workshop*, and continued to host a regular EEEJ Reading Club in 2023 to read and discuss relevant background material and emerging topics to help Sandia personnel gain a better understanding of EEEJ, become more knowledgeable about incorporating EEEJ into work and research, and encourage discussion around EEEJ. More information can be found at [Sandia Energy](#) (Sandia n.d.).

Additionally, Sandia's Environmental Management System contains processes and procedures to identify and evaluate environmental justice risks and opportunities. All of Sandia's activities, products, and services with the potential to impact the environment, including surrounding communities, are reviewed on a regular basis. Improvements to Sandia's Environmental Management System, as directed by DOE O 436.1A, include identification and documentation of disadvantaged and historically marginalized communities potentially impacted by operations, as well as supporting the implementation of environmental justice programs and activities at Sandia. In 2023, Sandia established a Labs-wide Environmental Justice Working Group that meets regularly to discuss, learn, and support development of environmental justice goals and initiatives.

5.3 Environmental Management System

The Environmental Management System is a continuing cycle of planning, implementing, evaluating, and improving processes to achieve environmental goals. This system facilitates identification of the environmental aspects and impacts of Sandia's activities, products, and services; identification of risks and opportunities that could impact the environment; evaluation of applicable compliance obligations; establishment of environmental objectives; and creation of plans to achieve those objectives and monitor their progress.

DOE O 436.1, *Departmental Sustainability* (DOE O 436.1 2011), provides requirements for managing sustainability practices. Sandia personnel implement this order through an ISO 14001-certified environmental management system. Sandia National Laboratories received initial ISO 14001:2004 certification in June 2009. In 2015, the Sandia site-specific certifications for primary operating locations in New Mexico and California were integrated into a multisite ISO 14001:2004 certification. In 2021, the Environmental Management System was recertified to ISO 14001:2015 (ISO 14001:2015 2015).

Aspects are any elements of activities, products, or services that can interact with the environment, and *impacts* are any changes in the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, wholly or partially resulting from activities, products, or services.

In January 2020, an Environmental Management System assessment was conducted to evaluate conformance with ISO 14001:2015 requirements at SNL/TTR.

The Environmental Management System provides the following benefits:

- Improved environmental performance
- Enhanced compliance with environmental regulations
- Strengthened pollution prevention efforts
- Improved resource conservation
- Increased environmental efficiencies and reduced costs
- Enhanced image with the public, regulators, and potential new hires
- Heightened awareness of environmental issues and responsibilities

The fiscal year 2023 Environmental Aspects and Impacts Analysis found that hazardous materials, hazardous waste, radiological waste, release of explosives and combustion byproducts, and release of radionuclides were significant aspects for SNL/TTR operations. When significant aspects and negative impacts have been identified, environmental objectives—at all operating levels—are established to guide efforts toward minimizing those aspects and impacts where feasible.

5.3.1 Site Sustainability Plan

Sandia prepares an annual site sustainability plan for all Sandia locations which identifies contributions toward meeting DOE sustainability goals and the broader sustainability program set forth in EO 14008, *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad* (EO 14008 2021); and EO 14057, *Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability* (EO 14057 2021). Sandia’s most recent plan, *Fiscal Year 2024 Site Sustainability Plan* (Sandia, 2022b); describes the performance status for fiscal year 2023 of all primary Sandia locations, including SNL/TTR.

[Table 5-3](#) presents the performance status for selected key areas for all Sandia primary sites (except as noted). The data is from the DOE Sustainability Dashboard.

Table 5-3. Site sustainability plan performance status, 2023

DOE Goal/Sandia Objective	Sandia Performance Status in Fiscal Year 2023
Clean and Renewable Energy	
Increase consumption of clean and renewable electric energy.	Exceeded this goal. Used purchased renewable energy credits.
Greenhouse Gas Reduction	
Reduce Scope 1* and 2** greenhouse gas emissions. * Direct greenhouse gas emissions that occur from sources that are controlled or owned by an organization. ** Indirect greenhouse gas emissions associated with the purchase of electricity, steam, heat, or cooling (EPA n.d.).	Decreased Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions relative to fiscal year 2008 baseline.
Organizational Resilience	
Implement climate adaptation and resilience measures.	Updated the implementation status of the vulnerability assessment and resilience plan resiliency solutions. ^a

DOE Goal/Sandia Objective	Sandia Performance Status in Fiscal Year 2023
Acquisition and Procurement	
Promote sustainable acquisition and procurement to the maximum extent practicable, ensuring that all sustainability clauses are included as appropriate.	Added sustainable acquisition reporting requirements into the request or information and request for quote processes. Created rules in Oracle to add the updated 350APR clause into applicable contract categories. ^a
Sustainable Buildings	
Increase the number of owned buildings that are compliant with the <i>Guiding Principles for Sustainable Buildings</i> (Council on Environmental Quality 2020).	Improved the SNL design manual.
Energy Management	
Reduce energy use intensity (Btu per gross square foot) in goal-subject buildings.	Increased energy intensity by 19.7 percent relative to fiscal year 2015 baseline, and increased year-over-year by 8.7 percent relative to fiscal year 2022. ^b
Water Management	
Reduce potable water use intensity (gallons per gross square foot).	Increased potable water intensity by 19.6 percent relative to fiscal year 2021 baseline, and increased year-over-year by 14.6 percent relative to fiscal year 2022. ^b

Btu = British thermal unit

Guiding Principles = *Guiding Principles for Sustainable Federal Buildings* (Council on Environmental Quality 2020)

^a = The 350APR clause states that a subcontractor shall “provide its services in a manner that promotes the expanded use of green products, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and protects the health and wellbeing of building occupants, service providers and visitors in the facility.”

^b = Performance status is specific to SNL/TTR. Other objectives were achieved Sandia-wide and, therefore, apply to SNL/TTR.

5.3.2 Sustainability Awards in 2023

The DOE Sustainability Performance Division sponsors the DOE Sustainability Awards, which recognize outstanding sustainability contributions by individuals and teams at DOE facilities across the country. The awards celebrate excellence in energy, water, and fleet management projects and practices. Each year, Environmental Management System personnel select nominees from that year’s Environmental Excellence Awards winners. In 2023, Sandia personnel submitted seven nominations for the internal Environmental Excellence Awards. While SNL/TTR personnel are encouraged to participate, no nominations were received for SNL/TTR in 2023.

5.3.3 Vulnerability Assessment and Resilience Plan

In fiscal year 2022, Sandia personnel completed a climate vulnerability assessment and resilience plan. The plan assessed anticipated changes in climate by the year 2050 and the climate hazards that would result from such changes (Table 5-4). The following hazards were projected to be “almost certain” with climate change at SNL/TTR: drought, heat wave, riverine flooding, increase in the mean number of days with a maximum temperature greater than or equal to 95°F, and increase in winter weather.

Table 5-4. Climate hazards and projected annual likelihood and frequencies at SNL/TTR

Regional Hazards Impacting the Site	Hazard Description	Current Hazard Likelihood	Projected Climate Change Effect	Projected Hazard Likelihood with Climate Change
Cold wave	A three-day period where the temperatures do not get above 32°F	Anticipated	No change	Anticipated

Regional Hazards Impacting the Site	Hazard Description	Current Hazard Likelihood	Projected Climate Change Effect	Projected Hazard Likelihood with Climate Change
Strong wind	Wind gusts that are greater than or equal to 58 miles per hour; this includes thunderstorm and non-thunderstorm winds	Anticipated	No change	Anticipated
Drought		Almost Certain	Increase	Almost certain
Wildfire	Wildfires where response is needed for fires greater than 100 acres	Extremely Unlikely	Increase	Unlikely
Heat wave	A three-day period where the average high is greater than or equal to 100°F	Likely	Increase	Almost certain
Precipitation	For arid locations, a 1-inch day is 10 to 20 percent of annual rainfall	Anticipated	Increase	Likely
Riverine flooding	Streams and rivers exceed the capacity of their natural or constructed channels to accommodate water flow	Likely	Increase	Almost certain
Other	Mean number of days with a minimum temperature below 32°F	Almost certain	Decrease	Likely
Other	Mean number of days with a maximum temperature greater than or equal to 95°F	Almost certain	Increase	Almost certain
Winter weather		Almost certain	No change	Almost certain

The climate vulnerability assessment and resilience plan also assessed potential risks posed by the anticipated climate hazards and recommends solutions to increase resilience at SNL/TTR. Details on climate hazard risks by asset and infrastructure type at SNL/TTR can be found in [Appendix C. Table 5-5](#) displays the resilience solution portfolio identified in the plan. These solutions are focused on addressing resilience planning gaps for extreme temperatures, increased precipitation and flooding, and increased winds. The next revision to the climate vulnerability assessment and resilience plan is due in September 2026.

Table 5-5. Resilience solutions portfolio for SNL/TTR

Solution	Hazards Addressed	Priority Rank (High, Medium, or Low)	Implementation Status ^a
Install high-efficiency redundant heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems	Rise in temperature, drop in temperature	High	Identified
Inspect, repair, and replace roofs	Precipitation, strong winds	High	Identified
Change the grade of the area surrounding the generator building	Precipitation, flooding	High	Identified
Review road systems and flooding pathways	Flooding, rise in temperature, drop in temperature	Medium	Identified

Solution	Hazards Addressed	Priority Rank (High, Medium, or Low)	Implementation Status ^a
Upgrade telecommunications and IT systems (install underground lines where feasible)	Drop in temperature, rise in temperature, strong winds	Low	Identified
Upgrade the electrical infrastructure	Drop in temperature, rise in temperature, strong winds	High	Identified

^a Implementation status is defined per the DOE Sustainability Dashboard as follows: identified = needs reliable estimates; funded = funds authorized; operational = in place and fully functional (DOE n.d.).

5.4 Environmental Performance

Environmental performance is measured for all Sandia locations as progress toward achieving site environmental objectives, meeting or exceeding compliance, and contributing to corporate and contract performance goals. Results are tracked and reported internally through the ES&H Assurance Dashboard, the management review process, and management reports.

Additionally, criteria for Sandia’s overall performance evaluation in 2023 were set forth in the *Fiscal Year 2023 DOE/NNSA Strategic Performance Evaluation Measurement Plan (PEMP)* (DOE/NNSA/SFO 2023). Subsequently, the DOE/NNSA Sandia Field Office prepared the *FY2023 Performance Evaluation Summary* report (DOE/NNSA/SFO 2023), assessing the management and operating contractor performance including environment, health, and safety for October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The performance evaluation is the annual DOE/NNSA report card that ascribes a rating to six five performance goals and an overall rating. Sandia received a rating of excellent in the following three goals: Mission Delivery: Global Nuclear Security; Mission Innovation: Advancing Science and Technology; and Mission Leadership. A rating of very good was received for all Sandia locations in two remaining categories: Mission Delivery: Nuclear Weapons, and Mission Enablement. ES&H compliance is evaluated under the Mission Enablement goal; this goal includes the objective of delivering effective, efficient, and responsive ES&H quality.

By exceeding almost all of the objectives and key outcomes under the Performance Evaluation Measurement Plan goals, Sandia received an overall rating of excellent for fiscal year 2023. This was achieved by meeting overall cost, schedule, and technical performance requirements with accomplishments that significantly outweighed issues.

5.4.1 Audits, Appraisals, and Inspections in 2023

Sandia environmental programs are routinely subjected to audits, appraisals, inspections, and/or verifications by external agencies and authorities. The Sandia internal audit group also conducts assessments, including reviews of the implementation of applicable policies, processes, or procedures; evaluations of corrective action validation assessments; and surveillances and walkthroughs. Self-assessments evaluate performance and compliance and identify deficiencies and opportunities for improvement as well as noteworthy practices and lessons learned.

There were no environmental-related external audits, assessments, or inspections conducted in 2023.

5.4.2 Occurrence Reporting in 2023

Under DOE O 232.2A, Chg 1 (MinChg), *Occurrence Reporting and Processing of Operations Information* (DOE O 232.2A, Chg 1 (MinChg) 2017), *occurrences* are defined as “events or conditions that adversely affect, or may adversely affect, DOE (including the National Nuclear Security Administration) or contractor personnel, the public, property, the environment, or the DOE mission.” Events or conditions meeting the criteria thresholds identified in this order are occurrences. Whereas some environmental releases may not meet DOE O 232.2A Chg 1 (MinChg) reporting thresholds, they may still be reportable to outside agencies.

Per DOE, *occurrences* are defined as “events or conditions that adversely affect, or may adversely affect, DOE (including the National Nuclear Security Administration) or contractor personnel, the public, property, the environment, or the DOE mission.”

Occurrences that met DOE O 232.2A Chg 1 (MinChg) criteria were entered into the DOE Occurrence Reporting and Processing System database (DOE O 232.2A, Chg 1 (MinChg) 2017). For this annual site environmental report, the Occurrence Reporting and Processing System database was queried for occurrences in the following reporting criteria groups (as defined by DOE O 232.2A Chg 1 [MinChg]):

- Group 5, Environmental
- Group 9, Noncompliance Notifications
- Group 10, Management Concerns and Issues (with identified environmental impact)
- Any occurrence that involved a Sandia environmental program

During 2023, there were no occurrences at SNL/TTR met the query criteria for reporting in the Annual Site Environmental Report.

5.5 Environmental Permit Status

Environmental permits for SNL/TTR include those for hazardous materials storage, public water supply, stormwater, RCRA, and air-quality compliance. The State of Nevada issues permits for these activities directly to DOE/NNSA, and Navarro Research and Engineering administers them on behalf of the Sandia management and operating contractor. Sandia and Navarro Research and Engineering ensure that all permit conditions are met. [Table 5-6](#) lists permits and registrations in effect at SNL/TTR in 2023.

Table 5-6. Environmental permits, 2023

Permit Type	Permit Number	Issue Date	Expiration Date	Comments
Air Quality				
Class II Air Quality Operation Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP8733-0680.05 • FIN A0025, Air Case 10804 and 10805 	July 23, 2021, issuance of revision January 4, 2024, Amended	July 23, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welding operation • Carpenter area • Paint booth • Generators (five logged systems) • Surface area disturbance (less than 5 acres) • Portable Soil Sorting System

Compliance Summary and Environmental Permits

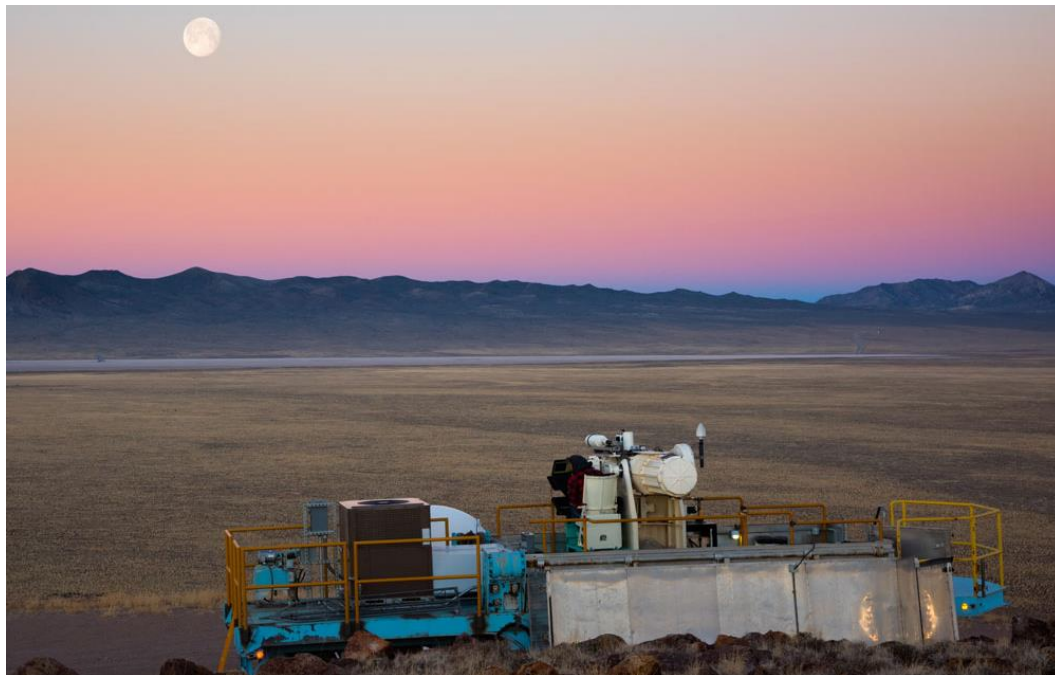
Permit Type	Permit Number	Issue Date	Expiration Date	Comments
Hazardous Waste (Nevada State Fire Marshal)				
Hazardous Materials Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDID Number: 137 • Permit Number: 92964 	February 28, 2023	February 28, 2024	State of Nevada
Hazardous Waste (RCRA)				
Hazardous Waste Generator	NV1890011991 ^a	January 7, 1993	Indefinite	State of Nevada
Production Well (Drinking Water)				
Permit to Operate a Treatment Plant	NY-3014-TP11-12NTNC	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2024	State of Nevada
Production Well 6	NY-3014-12-NTNC ^b	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2024	State of Nevada
Water Conservation Plan	Reviewed and approved by Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources	February 17, 2021	February 17, 2026	State of Nevada Required by NRS540.131
On-Site Sewage Disposal System – Area 9 Septic Tank				
Septic System	GNEVOSDS09S0158	July 01, 2023	June 30, 2024	State of Nevada

^a Generator identification number (not a permit number).

^b The State of Nevada renews the permit for Production Well 6 (NV-3014-12NTNC) annually.
FDID = Fire Department Identification

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Chapter 6. Quality Assurance



Tonopah telescope and trailer

OVERVIEW ■ Personnel in various programs collect environmental samples and analyze them for radiological and nonradiological constituents. Quality control samples are sent to contract laboratories to ensure that the samples meet statistically established control criteria or prescribed acceptance control limits.

Sandia personnel are responsible for implementing quality assurance for operations—as specified in ISO 9001, *Quality Management Systems—Requirements* (ISO 9001:2015 2015); DOE O 414.1D Change 2 (LtdChg), *Quality Assurance*, Attachment 1, “Contractor Requirements Document” (DOE O 414.1D, Change 2 (LtdChg) 2020); 10 CFR 830, *Nuclear Safety Management*, Subpart A, “Quality Assurance Requirements” (10 CFR 830 2016) and QA001, *Quality Assurance Policy* (Sandia 2024)—via policy statements and processes, and by executing the actions specified in those policies and processes. Sandia management is responsible for ensuring the quality of the company’s products; for assessing its operations, programs, projects, and business systems; and for identifying deficiencies and effecting continuous improvements.

6.1 Environmental Monitoring for Quality Assurance

Environmental monitoring, which includes sampling, is conducted in accordance with program-specific sampling and analysis plans, work plans, or quality assurance plans. These plans contain quality assurance elements for all Sandia locations. These documents meet applicable federal, state, and local requirements for conducting sampling and analysis activities. Personnel in various programs collect environmental samples and submit them for analysis of radiological and nonradiological constituents on a calendar-year basis unless noted otherwise. Sandia personnel (and contractors) follow quality assurance measures

described in this section. Desert Research Institute personnel follow their own quality control measures for activities they perform.

Project sampling and analysis plans (or equivalent) include critical elements, such as procedures for collecting samples, preserving and handling samples, controlling samples, controlling laboratory quality, setting required limits of detection, controlling field quality, ensuring health and safety, setting schedules and frequency for sampling, reviewing data, determining data acceptability, and reporting. The Sample Management Office-specific quality assurance project plan addresses each of the ten DOE O 414.1D criteria and documents those activities vital to assuring the quality of work performed.

6.1.1 Sample Management Office

Sample Management Office personnel are responsible for quality assurance and quality control of samples relinquished from field team members. They also provide guidance and sample management support for field activities. However, program leads are responsible for each program's overall adherence to, and compliance with, any sampling and analysis activity performed. Sample Management Office personnel stationed in SNL/NM package, ship, and track environmental samples to off-site contracted laboratories.

There are instances when SNL/TTR personnel ship samples directly to off-site laboratories, rather than to the Sample Management Office at SNL/NM. Terrestrial Surveillance Program soil samples collected annually are shipped from SNL/TTR directly to an off-site laboratory.

6.1.2 Contract Laboratory Selection

All off-site commercial laboratories under contract are selected based on performance objectives, licenses and accreditations, and appraisals (pre-award assessments) as described in the *Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Sample Management Office* (Sandia 2022). All laboratories must employ EPA test procedures whenever possible. When these are not available, other suitable and validated test procedures are applied. Laboratory instruments must be calibrated in accordance with established procedures, methods, and the *Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico Sample Management Office Statement of Work for Analytical Laboratories* (Sandia 2023). All calibrations and detection limits must be verified before analyzing samples and reporting data. Once a laboratory has passed an initial appraisal and has been awarded a contract, Sample Management Office personnel are responsible for continuously monitoring laboratory performance to ensure that the laboratory meets its contractual requirements during annual audits.

Contract laboratories perform work in compliance with the *Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico Sample Management Office Statement of Work for Analytical Laboratories* (Sandia 2023). Contract laboratories are required to participate in applicable DOE and EPA programs for blind audit check sampling to monitor the overall accuracy of analyses routinely performed on SNL/TTR samples. These contract laboratories are required to participate in the DOE Mixed Analyte Performance Evaluation Program. Contract laboratories also participate in commercial vendor programs designed to meet the evaluation requirements given in the proficiency testing section (Chapter II) of the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference Standard (NELAC Institute, The 2009).

6.1.3 Quality Control for Samples

Project-specified quality control samples are submitted to contract laboratories in order to meet project data quality objectives and sampling and analysis plan requirements. Various field quality control samples may be collected to assess the data quality and final usability. Errors, some of which are unavoidable, can be introduced into the sampling process, including potential contamination of samples in the field or during transportation. In addition, sample results can be affected by the variability present at each sample location.

With each sample batch, laboratory quality control samples are prepared concurrently at defined frequencies and analyzed in accordance with established methods. Contract laboratory personnel determine the analytical accuracy, precision, contamination, and matrix effects associated with each analytical measurement.

Quality control sample results are compared either to control criteria that is statistically established or to prescribed acceptance control limits. Analytical results generated concurrently with quality control sample results within established limits are considered acceptable. If quality control analytical results exceed control limits, the results are qualified and corrective action is initiated if warranted as defined in the *Sandia National Laboratories/ New Mexico Sample Management Office Statement of Work for Analytical Laboratories* (Sandia 2023). Reanalysis is then performed for samples in the analytical batch as specified in the statement of work and contract laboratory procedures. Quality control sample summaries are included in analytical reports prepared by contract laboratory personnel.

Environmental dosimetry is provided by optically stimulated luminescence technology. Dosimeters are issued and analyzed by an accredited off-site laboratory and measure X-ray, gamma, and beta radiation. Quality control dosimeters are used, and standard laboratory procedures are followed for processing all dosimeters.

6.1.4 Data Validation and Records Management

Sample collection, analysis request and chain of custody documentation, and measurement data are reviewed and validated for each sample collected. Analytical data reported by contract laboratories are reviewed to assess laboratory and field precision, accuracy, completeness, representativeness, and comparability with respect to each program's method of compliance and data quality objectives.

The data are validated at a minimum of three levels, as follows:

- The analytical laboratory validates data according to the laboratory's quality assurance plan, standard operating procedures, and client-specific requirements.
- Sample Management Office personnel review the analytical reports, corresponding sample collection, and analysis request and chain of custody documentation for completeness and laboratory contract compliance.
- A program lead reviews program objectives, regulatory compliance, and project-specific data quality requirements, and makes the final decision regarding the data's usability and reporting.

In addition to the three minimum validation levels, a technical assistance contractor may validate analytical data under direction of Sample Management Office personnel in

accordance with applicable procedures and requirements. The purpose is to identify, through evaluation of supporting documentation, those monitoring results that do not meet the expected precision and accuracy of an analytical method. Terrestrial Surveillance Program data are validated by a technical assistance contractor providing this additional level of quality assurance.

All analytical data packages, analysis request and chain of custody documents, and data validation reports are submitted to a Sandia record depository for cataloging and storage in accordance with internal procedures, DOE requirements, and the document control requirements of ISO 9001, *Quality Management* (ISO 9001:2015 2015), and ISO 14001, *Environmental Management Systems* (ISO 14001:2015 2015).

6.2 Sample Management Office Activities

Sample Management Office activities in 2023 included sample packaging, shipping, and tracking to off-site contracted laboratories, and reviewing all data deliverables for compliance with contract and data quality requirements.

6.2.1 Sample Handling and Analyses

In 2023, Sample Management Office personnel processed 136 samples in support of the Terrestrial Surveillance Program. Of the 136 samples, six were submitted as field and analytical quality control samples to assist with data validation and decision-making.

During 2023, General Engineering Laboratories in Charleston, South Carolina, was employed to analyze soil samples, and Landauer, Inc., in Glenwood, Illinois, was employed to analyze environmental dosimeters.

6.2.2 Laboratory Quality Assurance Assessments and Validation

Sample Management Office personnel participate in third-party independent assessments and validation of National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference-approved laboratories used by program and project personnel. Specific checks were made for documentation completeness, proper equipment calibration, proper laboratory practices, and batch quality control data.

6.2.3 Quality Assurance Audits

The Sample Management Office participates in the DOE Consolidated Audit Program (DOECAP), which ensures that subcontracted commercial analytical environmental laboratories are audited on their ability to provide data results that are valid, reliable, and defensible. Commercial laboratories are to use the assessment process provided by one of three approved third-party accrediting bodies unless separate arrangements are made with DOECAP. The accrediting bodies conduct assessments using the requirements of the *DoD/DOE Consolidated Quality Systems Manual (QSM) for Environmental Laboratories* (DoD/DOE 2021).

In 2023, DOECAP and/or the accrediting bodies conducted assessments at five contracted laboratories, including one that processed samples from SNL/TTR, using *Quality Systems Manual* requirements. The audit reports, laboratory responses, and closure letters are all

posted on and tracked through the DOECAP website. Decisions regarding sample distribution to contract laboratories were based on audit information, including corrective actions, if needed.

No findings for SNL/TTR samples were issued in 2023 in DOECAP assessment reports or other applicable DOE programs. A DOECAP finding would be a factual statement from the audit documenting deviation from a requirement (regulatory or procedural).

6.3 Offsite Waste Management Activities

Navarro Research and Engineering personnel send waste offsite for treatment and/or disposal to contracted offsite commercial waste vendor facilities. Wastes received at these facilities are expected to be managed in a regulatory compliant manner and in conformance with DOE procurement contract stipulations and requirements. The following list identifies recycling facilities and treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDFs) used by SNL/TTR in 2023.

- US Ecology (Beatty NV)
Highway 95, 11 Mi. S of Beatty
Beatty, NV 89003
- Steve's Auto
368 N. Main St
Tonopah, NV 89049
** Automotive Batteries Recycler
- Veolia ES Technical Solutions LLC
5736 West Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85043
- Desert Green Disposal and Industrial LLC
142 Bogy Aly
Round Mountain, NV 89045
** Scrap Metals Recycler
- Veolia ES Technical Solutions LLC
9131 East 96th Avenue
Henderson, CO 80640

The DOECAP TSDF Audit Program conducts audits of commercial TSDFs while representing the DOE complex to evaluate the audited facility's ability to treat, store, and dispose of DOE waste in a manner which is protective of human health and the environment. The audits assess the management systems and operational activities to verify the facility's ability to meet the applicable requirements for storing, handling, transporting, processing, and final disposition of DOE waste and material. None of the TSDFs listed above were subject to DOECAP auditing in 2023.

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Wild horses (*Equus ferus*)

Table A-1. Radiological results in soil, 2023

Location	Analyte	Activity (pCi/g)	Total Propagated Uncertainty (pCi/g)	Minimum Detectable Activity (pCi/g)	Critical Level (pCi/g)	Laboratory Data Qualifier ^a	Data Validation Qualifier	Sample Type	Analytical Method
P-06	Actinium-228	2.04	±0.275	0.112	0.0533		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0159	±0.0814	0.152	0.0744	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.467	±0.0549	0.0292	0.014		None	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.148	±0.151	0.151	0.074	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.56	±1.28	1.22	0.596		J	SA	HASL 300
P-08	Actinium-228	1.7	±0.242	0.092	0.0437		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	-0.0178	±0.0581	0.106	0.0516	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.0702	±0.0297	0.0236	0.0113		J	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.152	±0.14	0.134	0.0653	X	R	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	0.872	±0.983	0.892	0.437	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
P-12	Actinium-228	1.96	±0.256	0.11	0.0527		None	SA	HASL 300
	Actinium-228	2.04	±0.247	0.0901	0.0435		None	DU	HASL 300
	Americium-241	-0.0072	±0.0774	0.122	0.0596	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0385	±0.0897	0.157	0.0768	U	BD	DU	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.08	±0.0369	0.0273	0.0132		J	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.0522	±0.0233	0.0214	0.0103		J	DU	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0741	±0.153	0.126	0.0618	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	-0.0435	±0.0938	0.15	0.0737	U	BD	DU	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.27	±1.57	0.985	0.483	X	R	SA	HASL 300
P-34	Actinium-228	1.98	±0.254	0.121	0.0581		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.00393	±0.0273	0.0515	0.0254	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.155	±0.0356	0.0329	0.0159		None	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0452	±0.182	0.159	0.0781	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	0.894	±0.697	0.495	0.245		J	SA	HASL 300
P-35	Actinium-228	2.19	±0.292	0.109	0.0524		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0555	±0.0929	0.175	0.0856	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.37	±0.0533	0.0297	0.0144		None	SA	HASL 300

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P-35	Uranium-235	0.0692	±0.14	0.14	0.0689	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	0.907	±1.64	1.33	0.653	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
P-36	Actinium-228	1.61	±0.219	0.0815	0.0391		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0114	±0.0196	0.0329	0.0162	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.0839	±0.0243	0.0208	0.01		None	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0336	±0.0667	0.109	0.0537	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	0.95	±0.478	0.331	0.163		J	SA	HASL 300
P-37	Actinium-228	1.73	±0.231	0.0746	0.0357		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.00431	±0.0188	0.0321	0.0158	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.0277	±0.019	0.0199	0.00958		J	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0422	±0.132	0.111	0.0546	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.55	±0.565	0.315	0.155		None	SA	HASL 300
S-02	Actinium-228	2.13	±0.282	0.0976	0.0465		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0514	±0.101	0.165	0.0809	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.206	±0.0389	0.0304	0.0147		None	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.116	±0.186	0.158	0.0777	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	0.448	±1.78	1.31	0.644	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
S-03	Actinium-228	2.22	±0.291	0.109	0.0526		None	SA	HASL 300
	Actinium-228	2.25	±0.267	0.0966	0.0465		None	DU	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0719	±0.103	0.171	0.0843	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	-0.0062	±0.11	0.21	0.103	U	BD	DU	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.146	±0.0403	0.0295	0.0143		None	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.122	±0.0304	0.0267	0.0129		None	DU	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	-0.0183	±0.09	0.164	0.0806	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.148	±0.178	0.167	0.0822	U	BD	DU	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	2.62	±1.96	1.3	0.638		J	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	0.11	±0.988	1.73	0.852	U	BD	DU	HASL 300
S-04	Actinium-228	2.05	±0.286	0.104	0.0499		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0314	±0.0268	0.0256	0.0126	X	R	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.0987	±0.0316	0.0284	0.0138		None	SA	HASL 300

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S-04	Uranium-235	0.166	±0.0954	0.0942	0.0462		J	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.12	±0.434	0.26	0.128		None	SA	HASL 300
S-10	Actinium-228	2.09	±0.246	0.105	0.0504		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0222	±0.0363	0.0362	0.0179	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.0571	±0.0312	0.0278	0.0135		J	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.1	±0.131	0.114	0.0563	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.45	±0.588	0.347	0.171		None	SA	HASL 300
S-38	Actinium-228	1.91	±0.259	0.097	0.0463		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.00191	±0.0227	0.0393	0.0193	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.175	±0.0381	0.0267	0.0128		None	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0673	±0.117	0.128	0.0626	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.42	±0.598	0.391	0.192		None	SA	HASL 300
S-39	Actinium-228	2.27	±0.28	0.0891	0.0429		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0615	±0.0918	0.0876	0.0431	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.135	±0.0306	0.0245	0.0119		None	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0619	±0.123	0.13	0.0638	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.85	±1.21	0.773	0.381		J	SA	HASL 300
S-40	Actinium-228	1.99	±0.268	0.108	0.0513		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0181	±0.0258	0.0421	0.0207	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.0384	±0.024	0.0293	0.0141		J	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0252	±0.106	0.141	0.069	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.34	±0.6	0.42	0.207		None	SA	HASL 300
S-42	Actinium-228	1.61	±0.22	0.0925	0.0447		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0605	±0.058	0.0392	0.0194	X	R	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.132	±0.0319	0.0247	0.012		None	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0373	±0.134	0.118	0.0581	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	2.33	±0.855	0.382	0.189		None	SA	HASL 300
S-43	Actinium-228	1.96	±0.236	0.106	0.0506		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0574	±0.0979	0.163	0.08	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.0285	±0.0412	0.0308	0.0149	U	BD	SA	HASL 300

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S-43	Uranium-235	0.146	±0.183	0.165	0.081	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	0.957	±1.62	1.33	0.652	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
S-44	Actinium-228	1.84	±0.241	0.105	0.0506		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0318	±0.0918	0.154	0.0757	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.0314	±0.0287	0.0286	0.0138		J	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0902	±0.123	0.157	0.0772	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	3.53	±2.05	1.19	0.585	X	R	SA	HASL 300
	Actinium-228	1.85	±0.231	0.0923	0.0442		None	SA	HASL 300
S-45	Americium-241	-0.0071	±0.0508	0.0868	0.0426	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.05	±0.0256	0.025	0.0121		J	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.154	±0.127	0.124	0.061		J	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.05	±0.949	0.734	0.36		J	SA	HASL 300
	Actinium-228	1.83	±0.253	0.0951	0.0453		None	SA	HASL 300
S-46	Americium-241	0.00872	±0.0416	0.0713	0.035	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.0108	±0.0271	0.0283	0.0136	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0105	±0.124	0.142	0.0696	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.32	±0.88	0.649	0.319		J	SA	HASL 300
	Actinium-228	1.86	±0.255	0.107	0.051		None	SA	HASL 300
S-47	Americium-241	0.00147	±0.0244	0.0413	0.0203	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.0979	±0.034	0.0291	0.014		None	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.131	±0.147	0.133	0.0652	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.58	±0.662	0.42	0.207		None	SA	HASL 300
	Actinium-228	2.03	±0.261	0.0975	0.0463		None	SA	HASL 300
S-49	Actinium-228	2.12	±0.289	0.105	0.0503		None	DU	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.276	±0.0467	0.041	0.0202		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.179	±0.0424	0.0254	0.0125		None	DU	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.16	±0.0427	0.0296	0.0143		None	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.204	±0.0409	0.0279	0.0135		None	DU	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0779	±0.0857	0.144	0.0707	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0834	±0.0943	0.102	0.0503	U	BD	DU	HASL 300

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S-49	Uranium-238	1.91	±0.623	0.398	0.196		None	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.1	±0.428	0.258	0.127		None	DU	HASL 300
S-50	Actinium-228	2.2	±0.284	0.0845	0.0405		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0443	±0.0359	0.0326	0.016		J	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.302	±0.0428	0.0242	0.0117		None	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.011	±0.0693	0.117	0.0573	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.49	±0.572	0.319	0.157		None	SA	HASL 300
S-52	Actinium-228	1.94	±0.254	0.0991	0.0475		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.0588	±0.107	0.184	0.0902	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.105	±0.0296	0.0266	0.0128		None	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.06	±0.0942	0.153	0.0751	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.47	±1.77	1.36	0.669	X	R	SA	HASL 300
S-53	Actinium-228	1.59	±0.207	0.0974	0.047		None	SA	HASL 300
	Americium-241	0.00474	±0.02	0.035	0.0173	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Cesium-137	0.181	±0.0337	0.0263	0.0128		None	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-235	0.0808	±0.131	0.112	0.0552	U	BD	SA	HASL 300
	Uranium-238	1.33	±0.616	0.349	0.172		None	SA	HASL 300

^a Blank cells indicate that the laboratory did not qualify the data.

Laboratory Data Qualifier

U = The analyte was absent or below the method detection limit.
 X = The data was rejected due to the peak not meeting identification criteria.

Data Validation Qualifier

BD = The associated value was below the detection limit as used in radiochemistry to identify results that are not statistically different from zero.
 J = The associated numerical value was an estimated quantity.
 None = There was no data validation assigned.
 R = The data are unusable and rejected (compound may or may not be present).

Sample Type

DU = duplicate sample
 SA = sample

Analytical Method

HASL 300 (DOE 1997)

Table A-2. Environmental dosimeter measurements, 2023

Location Number	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
	Exposure (ambient dose mrem)	Exposure (ambient dose mrem)	Exposure (ambient dose mrem)	Exposure (ambient dose mrem)
C-19	5.6	10.3	8.3	14.1
C-21	14.7	22.7	17	24.3
C-22	17.3	18.8	16	25.3
P-05	16.8	28.6	24.1	28.6
P-06	9.2	23.8	15.3	26.9
P-07	9.9	22.7	12.7	24.5
P-08	8.9	22.9	14.6	22.8
P-11	14.8	29.5	11.8	22.8
P-12	16.7	22.2	12.1	31.6
S-01	18.2	30.4	20.3	21.3
S-02	14.5	33.3	18.7	26.4
S-03	16.8	28	12.6	31.3
S-04	16.2	31.4	14.4	26.1
S-09	13.6	25.4	11.9	24.3
S-10	16.7	28.4	18.5	22.9
S-13	15.2	28.3	21.1	25.9
S-14	15.7	21.4	15.8	23.7
S-15	15.4	28.6	15.2	25
S-16	15.9	24.7	15.1	24.9
S-17	14.5	24.8	13.3	25.6

Table A-3. Nonradiological results in soil, 2023

Location	Analyte	Result (mg/kg)	Method Detection Limit (mg/kg)	Practical Quantitation Limit (mg/kg)	Laboratory Data Qualifier ^a	Data Validation Qualifier	Sample Type	Analytical Method
P-06	Aluminum	12,300	41.7	91.7		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.31	0.31	1.88	U	1.88UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	4.29	0.31	0.917		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	117	0.0917	0.734	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.644	0.0183	0.0917		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.263	0.0183	0.183		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	17,500	123	367	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	6.57	0.183	0.55		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	3.95	0.055	0.183		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	6.16	0.0606	0.367		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	10,900	60.6	183		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	10.9	0.0917	0.367	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	5,670	1.83	5.5		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	411	1.83	9.17	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	5.6	0.0917	0.367		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	4,310	14.7	55		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.956	0.33	0.917		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0938	0.0938	0.469	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	247	14.7	45.9		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.155	0.128	0.367	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Uranium	0.708	0.0121	0.0367		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Vanadium	16.5	0.275	3.67		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Zinc	34.9	0.734	3.67		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
P-08	Aluminum	5,190	3.94	8.65		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.308	0.308	1.87	U	1.87UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	2.26	0.292	0.865		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	73.3	0.0865	0.692	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.264	0.0173	0.0865		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.0915	0.0173	0.173	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B

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P-08	Calcium	1,580	11.6	34.6	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	2.84	0.173	0.519		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	1.44	0.0519	0.173		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	3.04	0.0571	0.346		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	5,780	5.71	17.3		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	5.97	0.0865	0.346	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	1,690	1.73	5.19		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	144	0.173	0.865	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	2.23	0.0865	0.346		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	2,040	13.8	51.9		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.574	0.311	0.865	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0933	0.0933	0.466	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	133	13.8	43.3		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.121	0.121	0.346	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.631	0.0114	0.0346		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Vanadium	7.96	0.26	3.46		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Zinc	22.5	0.692	3.46		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
P-12	Aluminum	12,100	45.2	99.4		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Aluminum	13,400	39.6	87		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.407	0.317	1.92	J	J-	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Antimony	0.298	0.298	1.81	U	1.81UJ	DU	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	6.39	0.336	0.994		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Arsenic	12.3	0.294	0.87		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	143	0.0994	0.795	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	154	0.087	0.696	*	J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.653	0.0199	0.0994		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.683	0.0174	0.087		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.385	0.0199	0.199		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.178	0.0174	0.174		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
Calcium	5,120	13.3	39.8	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	

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P-12	Calcium	5,640	11.7	34.8	B	None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	6.2	0.199	0.596		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	6.93	0.174	0.522		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	4.18	0.0596	0.199		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	4.61	0.0522	0.174		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	6.59	0.0656	0.398		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	7.25	0.0574	0.348		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	10,700	65.6	199		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	12,100	57.4	174		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	11.6	0.0994	0.398	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	13.3	0.087	0.348	N	J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	4,650	1.99	5.96		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	4,990	1.74	5.22		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	540	1.99	9.94	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	588	1.74	8.7	*	J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	6.09	0.0994	0.398		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	6.87	0.087	0.348		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	3,930	15.9	59.6		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	4,300	13.9	52.2		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	1.13	0.358	0.994		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	1.16	0.313	0.87		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.096	0.096	0.48	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Silver	0.0903	0.0903	0.451	U	None	DU	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	372	15.9	49.7		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Sodium	484	13.9	43.5		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.159	0.139	0.398	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.167	0.122	0.348	J	None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.605	0.0131	0.0398		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Uranium	0.628	0.0115	0.0348		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Vanadium	15	0.298	3.98		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	

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P-12	Vanadium	16.6	0.261	3.48		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	35.1	0.795	3.98		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	39.2	0.696	3.48		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
P-34	Aluminum	9,890	42.3	92.9		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.304	0.304	1.85	U	1.85UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	3.23	0.314	0.929		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	97.1	0.0929	0.743	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.494	0.0186	0.0929		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.125	0.0186	0.186	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	2,640	12.5	37.2	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	5.7	0.186	0.558		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	2.98	0.0558	0.186		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	5.52	0.0613	0.372		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	8,730	6.13	18.6		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	8.28	0.0929	0.372	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	3,320	1.86	5.58		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	343	1.86	9.29	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	4.93	0.0929	0.372		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	3,440	14.9	55.8		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.891	0.335	0.929	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0923	0.0923	0.461	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	327	14.9	46.5		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.13	0.13	0.372	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Uranium	0.739	0.0123	0.0372		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Vanadium	12.8	0.279	3.72		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Zinc	28.6	0.743	3.72		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
P-35	Aluminum	10,900	40	87.9		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.296	0.296	1.79	U	1.79UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	2.84	0.297	0.879		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	111	0.0879	0.703	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B

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P-35	Beryllium	0.659	0.0176	0.0879		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.117	0.0176	0.176	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	4,640	11.8	35.1	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	4.6	0.176	0.527		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	4.28	0.0527	0.176		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	5.2	0.058	0.351		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	11,200	58	176		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	10.7	0.0879	0.351	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	4,010	1.76	5.27		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	511	1.76	8.79	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	4.47	0.0879	0.351		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	2,920	14.1	52.7		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	1.02	0.316	0.879		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0896	0.0896	0.448	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	136	14.1	43.9		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.123	0.123	0.351	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.499	0.0116	0.0351		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Vanadium	11.3	0.264	3.51		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Zinc	33.6	0.703	3.51		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
P-36	Aluminum	7,010	4.29	9.43		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.315	0.315	1.91	U	1.91UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	2.58	0.319	0.943		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	92.6	0.0943	0.755	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.345	0.0189	0.0943		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.0885	0.0189	0.189	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	3,130	12.6	37.7	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	3.96	0.189	0.566		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	1.98	0.0566	0.189		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	4.71	0.0623	0.377		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	6,950	6.23	18.9		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B

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P-36	Lead	5.43	0.0943	0.377	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	2,480	1.89	5.66		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	204	1.89	9.43	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	3.12	0.0943	0.377		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	2,920	15.1	56.6		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.61	0.34	0.943	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0954	0.0954	0.477	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	172	15.1	47.2		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.132	0.132	0.377	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.644	0.0125	0.0377		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Vanadium	11.1	0.283	3.77		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	21.6	0.755	3.77		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
P-37	Aluminum	5,170	4.24	9.31		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.324	0.324	1.96	U	1.96UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	2.71	0.315	0.931		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	93.6	0.0931	0.745	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.262	0.0186	0.0931		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.0601	0.0186	0.186	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	2,540	12.5	37.2	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	2.43	0.186	0.559		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	1.49	0.0559	0.186		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	2.95	0.0615	0.372		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	5,290	6.15	18.6		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	3.94	0.0931	0.372	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	1,870	1.86	5.59		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	137	0.186	0.931	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	1.98	0.0931	0.372		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	2,680	14.9	55.9		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Selenium	0.677	0.335	0.931	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Silver	0.0982	0.0982	0.491	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D	

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P-37	Sodium	119	14.9	46.6		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.13	0.13	0.372	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.753	0.0123	0.0372		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Vanadium	7.6	0.279	3.72		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	20	0.745	3.72		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
S-02	Aluminum	12,800	44.3	97.3		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.323	0.323	1.96	U	1.96UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	3.79	0.329	0.973		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	99.1	0.0973	0.778	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.699	0.0195	0.0973		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.0689	0.0195	0.195	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	4,170	13	38.9	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	5.51	0.195	0.584		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	2.81	0.0584	0.195		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	4.66	0.0642	0.389		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	8,970	6.42	19.5		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	7.86	0.0973	0.389	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	3,630	1.95	5.84		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	272	1.95	9.73	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	5.14	0.0973	0.389		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	4,200	15.6	58.4		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.988	0.35	0.973		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0978	0.0978	0.489	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	231	15.6	48.6		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.153	0.136	0.389	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Uranium	0.861	0.0128	0.0389		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Vanadium	11.6	0.292	3.89		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Zinc	28.5	0.778	3.89		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
S-03	Aluminum	8,590	3.98	8.76		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Aluminum	9,080	4.31	9.47		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B

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S-03	Antimony	0.303	0.303	1.84	U	1.84UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Antimony	0.286	0.286	1.73	U	1.73UJ	DU	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	21.8	0.296	0.876		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Arsenic	5.56	0.32	0.947		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	101	0.0876	0.701	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	94.6	0.0947	0.758	*	J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.459	0.0175	0.0876		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.474	0.0189	0.0947		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.12	0.0175	0.175	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.119	0.0189	0.189	J	None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	2,410	11.7	35	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	2,420	12.7	37.9	B	None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	5.19	0.175	0.525		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	6.07	0.189	0.568		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	3	0.0525	0.175		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	3.41	0.0568	0.189		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	5.26	0.0578	0.35		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	5.95	0.0625	0.379		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	8,730	5.78	17.5		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	9,770	62.5	189		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	8.45	0.0876	0.35	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	8.73	0.0947	0.379	N	J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	2,970	1.75	5.25		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	3,210	1.89	5.68		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	366	1.75	8.76	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	367	1.89	9.47	*	J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	4.52	0.0876	0.35		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	5.22	0.0947	0.379		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	3,050	14	52.5		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	3,040	15.2	56.8		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B

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S-03	Selenium	1.02	0.315	0.876		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.971	0.341	0.947		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0919	0.0919	0.46	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Silver	0.0867	0.0867	0.433	U	None	DU	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	314	14	43.8		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Sodium	346	15.2	47.3		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.22	0.123	0.35	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.133	0.133	0.379	U	None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.761	0.0116	0.035		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.766	0.0125	0.0379		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Vanadium	12.3	0.263	3.5		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Vanadium	15.3	0.284	3.79		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	23.8	0.701	3.5		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	26.5	0.758	3.79		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
S-04	Aluminum	11,700	42.9	94.3		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.322	0.322	1.95	U	1.95UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	4.13	0.319	0.943		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	116	0.0943	0.755	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.606	0.0189	0.0943		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.193	0.0189	0.189		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	3,930	12.6	37.7	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	5.77	0.189	0.566		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	3.17	0.0566	0.189		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	6.17	0.0623	0.377		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	10,400	62.3	189		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	7.76	0.0943	0.377	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	4,320	1.89	5.66		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	463	1.89	9.43	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	5.26	0.0943	0.377		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Potassium	4,290	15.1	56.6		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	

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S-04	Selenium	0.935	0.34	0.943	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0975	0.0975	0.487	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	475	15.1	47.2		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.148	0.132	0.377	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.799	0.0125	0.0377		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Vanadium	14.8	0.283	3.77		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	32.3	0.755	3.77		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
S-10	Aluminum	17,200	44.9	98.6		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.311	0.311	1.88	U	1.88UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	4.54	0.333	0.986		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	136	0.0986	0.789	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.89	0.0197	0.0986		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.161	0.0197	0.197	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	8,870	13.2	39.4	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	8.03	0.197	0.592		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	4.54	0.0592	0.197		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	8.34	0.0651	0.394		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	13,700	65.1	197		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	9.36	0.0986	0.394	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	5,650	1.97	5.92		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	482	1.97	9.86	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	6.96	0.0986	0.394		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	5,960	15.8	59.2		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	1.08	0.355	0.986		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0942	0.0942	0.471	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	813	15.8	49.3		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.214	0.138	0.394	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Uranium	0.905	0.013	0.0394		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Vanadium	17.4	0.296	3.94		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Zinc	38.7	0.789	3.94		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	

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S-38	Aluminum	11,300	41.8	91.9		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.306	0.306	1.86	U	1.86UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	4.31	0.311	0.919		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	110	0.0919	0.735	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.539	0.0184	0.0919		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.199	0.0184	0.184		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	5,940	12.3	36.8	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	6.13	0.184	0.551		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	3.35	0.0551	0.184		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	5.84	0.0607	0.368		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	9,700	60.7	184		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	9.61	0.0919	0.368	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	3,920	1.84	5.51		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	357	1.84	9.19	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	5.6	0.0919	0.368		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	3,690	14.7	55.1		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.887	0.331	0.919	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0928	0.0928	0.464	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	289	14.7	46		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.141	0.129	0.368	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Uranium	0.61	0.0121	0.0368		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Vanadium	13.7	0.276	3.68		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Zinc	27.8	0.735	3.68		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
S-39	Aluminum	11,600	45	98.8		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.277	0.277	1.68	U	1.68UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	5.36	0.334	0.988		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	129	0.0988	0.791	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.575	0.0198	0.0988		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.23	0.0198	0.198		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	4,150	13.2	39.5	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B

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S-39	Chromium	6.38	0.198	0.593		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	3.69	0.0593	0.198		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	6.75	0.0652	0.395		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	10,400	65.2	198		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	9.75	0.0988	0.395	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	4,400	1.98	5.93		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	568	1.98	9.88	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	5.91	0.0988	0.395		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	4,000	15.8	59.3		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.967	0.356	0.988	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0839	0.0839	0.419	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	483	15.8	49.4		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.156	0.138	0.395	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.815	0.013	0.0395		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Vanadium	15.6	0.296	3.95		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Zinc	32.6	0.791	3.95		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
S-40	Aluminum	12,500	45	99		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.304	0.304	1.85	U	1.85UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	4.4	0.335	0.99		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	129	0.099	0.792	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.599	0.0198	0.099		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.177	0.0198	0.198	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	8,380	13.3	39.6	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	6.58	0.198	0.594		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	4.41	0.0594	0.198		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	7.45	0.0653	0.396		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	12,300	65.3	198		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	10.9	0.099	0.396	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	4,470	1.98	5.94		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	382	1.98	9.9	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B

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S-40	Nickel	6.48	0.099	0.396		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	4,110	15.8	59.4		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.945	0.356	0.99	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0923	0.0923	0.461	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	472	15.8	49.5		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.15	0.139	0.396	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.673	0.0131	0.0396		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Vanadium	20.3	0.297	3.96		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	43	0.792	3.96		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
S-42	Aluminum	10,600	43.4	95.4		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.284	0.284	1.72	U	1.72UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	4.26	0.323	0.954		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	140	0.0954	0.763	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.516	0.0191	0.0954		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.127	0.0191	0.191	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	8,590	12.8	38.2	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	5.26	0.191	0.573		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	4.03	0.0573	0.191		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	6.39	0.063	0.382		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	10,100	63	191		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	8.84	0.0954	0.382	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	4,330	1.91	5.73		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	347	1.91	9.54	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	5.69	0.0954	0.382		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	3,240	15.3	57.3		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.993	0.344	0.954		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0861	0.0861	0.43	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	529	15.3	47.7		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.134	0.134	0.382	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Uranium	0.63	0.0126	0.0382		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	

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S-42	Vanadium	18.7	0.286	3.82		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	28.4	0.763	3.82		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
S-43	Aluminum	12,200	41.8	91.9		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.301	0.301	1.82	U	1.82UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	5.13	0.311	0.919		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	156	0.0919	0.735	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.555	0.0184	0.0919		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.151	0.0184	0.184	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	8,380	12.3	36.8	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	6.16	0.184	0.551		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	4.39	0.0551	0.184		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	7.25	0.0607	0.368		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	11,300	60.7	184		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	10.4	0.0919	0.368	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	4,690	1.84	5.51		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	413	1.84	9.19	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	6.27	0.0919	0.368		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	3,600	14.7	55.1		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	1.01	0.331	0.919		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0912	0.0912	0.456	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	561	14.7	46		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.149	0.129	0.368	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Uranium	0.649	0.0121	0.0368		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Vanadium	20.9	0.276	3.68		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Zinc	31.4	0.735	3.68		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
S-44	Aluminum	6,190	4.37	9.6		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.328	0.328	1.99	U	1.99UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	6.96	0.324	0.96		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	182	0.096	0.768	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.38	0.0192	0.096		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B

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S-44	Cadmium	0.174	0.0192	0.192	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	6,460	12.9	38.4	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	2.65	0.192	0.576		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	3.13	0.0576	0.192		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	4.25	0.0633	0.384		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	6,400	6.33	19.2		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	21.2	0.096	0.384	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	2,260	1.92	5.76		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	569	1.92	9.6	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	3.46	0.096	0.384		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	2,310	15.4	57.6		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.832	0.345	0.96	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0994	0.0994	0.497	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	342	15.4	48		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.207	0.134	0.384	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.76	0.0127	0.0384		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Vanadium	15.9	0.288	3.84		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Zinc	132	0.768	3.84		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
S-45	Aluminum	8,000	3.97	8.73		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	3.72	0.284	1.72		J-	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	3.57	0.295	0.873		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	103	0.0873	0.698	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.49	0.0175	0.0873		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	1.42	0.0175	0.175		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	9,720	117	349	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	26.5	0.175	0.524		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	5.71	0.0524	0.175		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	6.52	0.0576	0.349		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	10,700	57.6	175		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	17.9	0.0873	0.349	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B

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S-45	Magnesium	5,190	1.75	5.24		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	251	1.75	8.73	*	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	8.98	0.0873	0.349		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	4,100	14	52.4		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.885	0.314	0.873		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0861	0.0861	0.43	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	1,870	14	43.6		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.131	0.122	0.349	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.609	0.0115	0.0349		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Vanadium	14.6	0.262	3.49		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	124	0.698	3.49		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
S-46	Aluminum	9,640	40.8	89.8		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.309	0.309	1.87	U	1.87UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	4.22	0.303	0.898		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	123	0.0898	0.718		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.499	0.018	0.0898		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.265	0.018	0.18		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	7,530	12	35.9	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	6.84	0.18	0.539		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	4.21	0.0539	0.18		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	8.01	0.0592	0.359	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	10,900	59.2	180		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	15.5	0.0898	0.359		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	3,930	1.8	5.39		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	356	1.8	8.98		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	6.4	0.0898	0.359	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	3,250	14.4	53.9		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.954	0.323	0.898		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Silver	0.0936	0.0936	0.468	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D	
Sodium	380	14.4	44.9		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	

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Location	Analyte	Result (mg/kg)	Method Detection Limit (mg/kg)	Practical Quantitation Limit (mg/kg)	Laboratory Data Qualifier ^a	Data Validation Qualifier	Sample Type	Analytical Method
S-46	Thallium	0.128	0.126	0.359	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.678	0.0118	0.0359	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Vanadium	18.1	0.269	3.59		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	173	0.718	3.59		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
S-47	Aluminum	8,070	4.23	9.29		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.477	0.311	1.89	J	J-	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	4.05	0.314	0.929		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	107	0.0929	0.743		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.45	0.0186	0.0929		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.147	0.0186	0.186	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	7,310	12.5	37.2	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	4.69	0.186	0.558		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	2.99	0.0558	0.186		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	5.8	0.0613	0.372	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	9,170	6.13	18.6		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	9.53	0.0929	0.372		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	3,410	1.86	5.58		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	315	1.86	9.29		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	4.46	0.0929	0.372	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	3,750	14.9	55.8		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	1.12	0.335	0.929		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0943	0.0943	0.472	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	553	14.9	46.5		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.13	0.13	0.372	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Uranium	0.624	0.0123	0.0372	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Vanadium	13.3	0.279	3.72		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Zinc	29	0.743	3.72		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
S-49	Aluminum	13,100	39	85.8		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Aluminum	14,500	43.3	95.2		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.297	0.297	1.8	U	1.80UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D

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Location	Analyte	Result (mg/kg)	Method Detection Limit (mg/kg)	Practical Quantitation Limit (mg/kg)	Laboratory Data Qualifier ^a	Data Validation Qualifier	Sample Type	Analytical Method
S-49	Antimony	0.31	0.31	1.88	U	1.88UJ	DU	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	3.42	0.29	0.858		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Arsenic	4	0.322	0.952		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	253	0.858	6.86		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	254	0.952	7.62		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.518	0.0172	0.0858		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.617	0.019	0.0952		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.193	0.0172	0.172		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.221	0.019	0.19		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	6,460	11.5	34.3	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	7,840	12.8	38.1	B	None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	5.89	0.172	0.515		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	7.17	0.19	0.571		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	3.68	0.0515	0.172		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	4.21	0.0571	0.19		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	6.64	0.0566	0.343	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	8.15	0.0629	0.381	N	J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	10,300	56.6	172		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	11,900	62.9	190		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	9.67	0.0858	0.343		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	11.3	0.0952	0.381		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	4,690	1.72	5.15		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	5,400	1.9	5.71		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	544	1.72	8.58		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	635	1.9	9.52		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	5.79	0.0858	0.343	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	6.88	0.0952	0.381	N	J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	5,250	13.7	51.5		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	5,940	15.2	57.1		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	1.21	0.309	0.858		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B

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Location	Analyte	Result (mg/kg)	Method Detection Limit (mg/kg)	Practical Quantitation Limit (mg/kg)	Laboratory Data Qualifier ^a	Data Validation Qualifier	Sample Type	Analytical Method
S-49	Selenium	1.16	0.343	0.952		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0901	0.0901	0.45	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Silver	0.0938	0.0938	0.469	U	None	DU	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	647	13.7	42.9		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Sodium	729	15.2	47.6		None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.14	0.12	0.343	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.157	0.133	0.381	J	None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.691	0.0113	0.0343	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.718	0.0126	0.0381	B	None	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Vanadium	14.7	0.257	3.43		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Vanadium	18.3	0.286	3.81		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	32.1	0.686	3.43		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	37.1	0.762	3.81		J	DU	SW846 3050B/6020B
S-50	Aluminum	14,300	45.5	100		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.308	0.308	1.87	U	1.87UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	4.15	0.338	1		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	185	0.1	0.8		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.591	0.02	0.1		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.191	0.02	0.2	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	5,280	13.4	40	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	7.7	0.2	0.6		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	4.34	0.06	0.2		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	8.04	0.066	0.4	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	12,800	66	200		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	11	0.1	0.4		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	5,200	2	6		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	510	2	10		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	7.06	0.1	0.4	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Potassium	5,460	16	60		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Selenium	1.07	0.36	1		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	

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Location	Analyte	Result (mg/kg)	Method Detection Limit (mg/kg)	Practical Quantitation Limit (mg/kg)	Laboratory Data Qualifier ^a	Data Validation Qualifier	Sample Type	Analytical Method
S-50	Silver	0.0935	0.0935	0.467	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	594	16	50		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.164	0.14	0.4	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.716	0.0132	0.04	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Vanadium	18.9	0.3	4		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Zinc	39.9	0.8	4		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
S-52	Aluminum	6,950	4.38	9.63		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Antimony	0.311	0.311	1.88	U	1.88UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	3.37	0.326	0.963		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	92.9	0.0963	0.771		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.385	0.0193	0.0963		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.126	0.0193	0.193	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	2,070	12.9	38.5	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	3.57	0.193	0.578		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	2.27	0.0578	0.193		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	4.19	0.0636	0.385	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	6,420	6.36	19.3		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	6.91	0.0963	0.385		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	2,340	1.93	5.78		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	328	1.93	9.63		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	3.25	0.0963	0.385	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	2,520	15.4	57.8		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.85	0.347	0.963	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0942	0.0942	0.471	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	176	15.4	48.2		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.135	0.135	0.385	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Uranium	0.732	0.0127	0.0385	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Vanadium	9.29	0.289	3.85		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Zinc	23.5	0.771	3.85		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
S-53	Aluminum	5,520	3.85	8.46		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B

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Location	Analyte	Result (mg/kg)	Method Detection Limit (mg/kg)	Practical Quantitation Limit (mg/kg)	Laboratory Data Qualifier ^a	Data Validation Qualifier	Sample Type	Analytical Method
S-53	Antimony	0.295	0.295	1.79	U	1.79UJ	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Arsenic	3.2	0.286	0.846		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Barium	162	0.0846	0.677		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Beryllium	0.294	0.0169	0.0846		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cadmium	0.1	0.0169	0.169	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Calcium	6,540	11.3	33.8	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Chromium	3.19	0.169	0.508		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Cobalt	1.86	0.0508	0.169		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Copper	3.7	0.0558	0.338	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Iron	5,890	5.58	16.9		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Lead	5.87	0.0846	0.338		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Magnesium	2,510	1.69	5.08		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Manganese	207	1.69	8.46		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Nickel	2.61	0.0846	0.338	N	J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Potassium	2,900	13.5	50.8		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Selenium	0.734	0.305	0.846	J	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Silver	0.0893	0.0893	0.446	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6010D
	Sodium	542	13.5	42.3		None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Thallium	0.118	0.118	0.338	U	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
	Uranium	0.529	0.0112	0.0338	B	None	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B
Vanadium	9.62	0.254	3.38		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	
Zinc	17.4	0.677	3.38		J	SA	SW846 3050B/6020B	

a Blank cells indicate that the laboratory did not qualify the data.

Laboratory Data Qualifier

- * = A replicate was outside limits.
- B = The analyte was detected in the blank.
- J = An estimated value, the analyte concentration was above the effective MDL and below the effective PQL.
- N = A spike was outside limits.
- U = The analyte was absent or below the method detection limit.

Sample Type

DU = duplicate sample; SA = sample

Data Validation Qualifier

- J = The associated numerical value was an estimated quantity.
- J- = The associated numerical value was an estimated quantity with a suspected negative bias.
- None = There was no data validation assigned.
- UJ = The analyte was analyzed for but was not detected. The associated value was an estimate and might be inaccurate or imprecise.

Analytical Method

SW-846 (EPA 1986)

Table A-4. Nonradiological coefficient of variance, 2023

Location	Analyte	Result (mg/kg)	Sample Type	Average (mg/kg)	Standard Deviation (mg/kg)	Coefficient of Variance ^a (percent)
P-12	Arsenic	6.39	SA	9.345	4.18	44.72
	Arsenic	12.3	DU			
	Cadmium	0.385	SA	0.2815	0.15	52.00
	Cadmium	0.178	DU			
S-03	Arsenic	21.8	SA	13.68	11.48	83.94
	Arsenic	5.56	DU			

^aCoefficient of variance reported for duplicate sets that exceeded 35 percent and did not have qualified results.

Sample Type

DU = duplicate sample

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Appendix B. Sanitary Outfalls Monitoring Results in 2023



Great Basin fritillary (*Speyeria egleis*)

Table B-1. Sanitary outfalls of general chemistry and metals analyses, June 2023

Station	Date Collected	Analyte	Result	MDL	Laboratory Data Qualifiers ^a	Units	Analytical Method
TTR	22-Jun-2023	Aluminum	0.134	0.0193		mg/L	EPA 200.8
		Ammonia	61.2	0.85	BN	mg/L	EPA 350.1
		Arsenic	0.00934	0.002		mg/L	EPA 200.8
		Boron	0.536	0.026		mg/L	EPA 200.8
		Cadmium	0.000328	0.0003	J	mg/L	EPA 200.8
		Chemical Oxygen Demand	98.9	8.95		mg/L	EPA 410.4
		Chromium		0.003	U	mg/L	EPA 200.8
		Copper	0.0645	0.0003		mg/L	EPA 200.8
		Cyanide, total	0.00192	0.00167	J	mg/L	EPA 335.4
		Fluoride	1.64	0.33		mg/L	EPA 300.0
		Lead	0.002	0.0005	J	mg/L	EPA 200.8
		Mercury		0.000067	U	mg/L	EPA 245.1/245.2
		Molybdenum	0.00971	0.0002		mg/L	EPA 200.8
		Nickel	0.00367	0.0006		mg/L	EPA 200.8
		Oil and Grease	6.78	1.56	B*N	mg/L	EPA 1664A/1664B
		pH	7.82	0.01	H	SU	SM 4500-H B
		Phenols, Total	0.0155	0.00167	N	mg/L	SW846 9066
		Phosphorus, Total as P	8.08	0.08		mg/L	EPA 365.4
		Selenium		0.0015	U	mg/L	EPA 200.8
		Silver		0.0003	U	mg/L	EPA 200.8
Solids, total suspended	60.8	4.38		mg/L	SM 2540D		
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	3	1.56	BJN	mg/L	EPA 1664A/1664B		
Zinc	0.0946	0.0033		mg/L	EPA 200.8		

^a Blank cells indicate that the data did not require a data qualifier.

MDL = method detection limit; the minimum concentration or activity that can be measured and reported with 99 percent confidence that the analyte is greater than zero; analyte is matrix-specific.

Laboratory Data Qualifier

- * = A replicate was outside limits.
- B = The analyte was detected in the blank.
- H = Analytical holding time was exceeded.
- J = An estimated value, the analyte concentration was above the effective MDL and below the effective PQL.
- N = A spike was outside limits.
- U = The analyte was absent or below the method detection limit.

Analytical Method

- EPA 200.8 (EPA 1994)
- EPA 300.0 (EPA 1993)
- EPA 335.4 (EPA 1993)
- EPA 365.4 (EPA 1974)
- EPA 410.4 (EPA 1993)
- EPA 1664A/1664B (EPA 1999)/(EPA 2010)
- SM 4500-H B (American Public Health Association 2016)
- SW846 (EPA 1986)

Table B-2. Sanitary outfalls of radiological analyses, June 2023

Station	Date Collected	Analyte	Activity (pCi/L)	MDA (pCi/L)	Laboratory Data Qualifiers	Analytical Method
TTR	22-Jun-2023	Actinium-228	16.5 ± 11.2	16.6	U	EPA 901.1
		Alpha, gross	4.65 ± 2.06	2.96		EPA 900.0/SW846 9310
		Americium-241	17 ± 22.6	27.4	U	EPA 901.1
		Beryllium-7	14.3 ± 17.9	31.3	U	EPA 901.1
		Beta, gross	24.1 ± 2.62	3.19		EPA 900.0/SW846 9310
		Bismuth-212	-29.6 ± 48.6	50.2	U	EPA 901.1
		Bismuth-214	9.42 ± 9.24	6.8		EPA 901.1
		Cesium-137	0.511 ± 1.93	3.46	U	EPA 901.1
		Cobalt-60	-1.32 ± 2.18	3.64	U	EPA 901.1
		Lead-212	-0.278 ± 6.57	8	U	EPA 901.1
		Lead-214	3.76 ± 9.47	8.62	U	EPA 901.1
		Neptunium-237	-0.38 ± 3.67	6.62	U	EPA 901.1
		Potassium-40	57.5 ± 62.6	34.8	X	EPA 901.1
		Radium-223	22.9 ± 41.5	67.6	U	EPA 901.1
		Radium-224	-166 ± 88.5	62	U	EPA 901.1
		Radium-226	5.67 ± 102	65.9	U	EPA 901.1
		Radium-228	16.5 ± 11.2	16.6	U	EPA 901.1
		Sodium-22	-0.891 ± 1.83	3.17	U	EPA 901.1
		Thorium-227	1.22 ± 16.2	26.7	U	EPA 901.1
		Thorium-231	-16.4 ± 45.3	51.7	U	EPA 901.1
		Thorium-234	241 ± 247	199	X	EPA 901.1
Tritium	-20.1 ± 88.7	173	U	EPA 906.0 Modified		
Uranium-235	17.5 ± 25.4	20	U	EPA 901.1		
Uranium-238	241 ± 247	199	X	EPA 901.1		

MDA = minimal detectable activity or minimum measured activity in a sample required to ensure a 95 percent probability that the measured activity is accurately quantified above the critical level

Laboratory Data Qualifier:

U = The analyte was absent or below the method detection limit.
 X = The data was rejected due to the peak not meeting identification criteria.

Analytical Method:

EPA 900.0/SW846 9310 (EPA 1980) (EPA 1986)
 EPA 901.1 (EPA 1980)
 EPA 906.0 Modified (EPA 1980)

Table B-3. Sanitary outfalls of semivolatile organic compounds, June 2023

Station	Date Collected	Analyte	Result (µg/L) ^a	MDL (µg/L)	Laboratory Data Qualifiers	Analytical Method
TTR	22-Jun-2023	Acenaphthene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Acenaphthylene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Anthracene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Benzdine		3.9	UN	EPA 625.1
		Benzo(a)anthracene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Benzo(a)pyrene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Benzo(b)fluoranthene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Benzo(ghi)perylene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Benzo(k)fluoranthene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Bromophenyl phenyl ether, 4-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Butylbenzyl phthalate	0.56	0.3	J	EPA 625.1
		Chloro-3-methylphenol, 4-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Chloroethoxy)methane, bis(2-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Chloroethyl)ether, bis(2-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Chloroisopropyl ether, bis-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Chloronaphthalene, 2-		0.41	U	EPA 625.1
		Chlorophenol, 2-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Chlorophenyl phenyl ether, 4-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Chrysene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Di-n-butyl phthalate		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Di-n-octyl phthalate		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Dibenz[a,h]anthracene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Dichlorobenzidine, 3,3'-		3	U*N	EPA 625.1
		Dichlorophenol, 2,4-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Diethylphthalate		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Dimethylphenol, 2,4-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Dimethylphthalate		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Dinitro-o-cresol		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Dinitrophenol, 2,4-		5	U	EPA 625.1
		Dinitrotoluene, 2,4-		3	U	EPA 625.1

Appendix B. Sanitary Outfalls Monitoring Results in 2023

Station	Date Collected	Analyte	Result (µg/L) ^a	MDL (µg/L)	Laboratory Data Qualifiers	Analytical Method
TTR	22-Jun-2023	Dinitrotoluene, 2,6-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Diphenyl amine		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Diphenylhydrazine, 1,2-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Ethylhexyl)phthalate, bis(2-	0.97	0.3	J	EPA 625.1
		Fluoranthene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Fluorene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Hexachlorobenzene		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Hexachlorobutadiene		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Hexachlorocyclopentadiene		3	UN	EPA 625.1
		Hexachloroethane		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Isophorone		3.5	U	EPA 625.1
		Naphthalene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
		Nitro-benzene		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Nitrophenol, 2-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Nitrophenol, 4-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Nitrosodimethylamine, n-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Nitrosodipropylamine, n-		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Pentachlorophenol		3	U	EPA 625.1
		Phenanthrene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1
Phenol		3	U	EPA 625.1		
Pyrene		0.3	U	EPA 625.1		
Trichlorobenzene, 1,2,4-		3	U	EPA 625.1		
Trichlorophenol, 2,4,6-		3	U	EPA 625.1		

^a Blank cells indicate a non-detect for the analyte.

MDA = minimal detectable activity or minimum measured activity in a sample required to ensure a 95 percent probability that the measured activity is accurately quantified above the critical level

Laboratory Data Qualifier

* = A replicate was outside limits.

N = A spike was outside limits

U = The analyte was absent or below the method detection limit.

X = The data was rejected due to the peak not meeting identification criteria.

Analytical Method

EPA 625.1 (EPA 2016)

Table B-4. Sanitary outfalls of volatile organic compounds, June 2023

Station	Date Collected	Analyte	Result (µg/L) ^a	MDL (µg/L)	Laboratory Data Qualifiers	Analytical Method
TTR	22-Jun-2023	Acrolein		1.67	UHN	EPA 624.1
		Acrylonitrile		1.67	UH	EPA 624.1
		Benzene		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Bromodichloromethane		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Bromoform		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Bromomethane		0.337	U	EPA 624.1
		Carbon tetrachloride		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Chlorobenzene		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Chloroethane		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Chloroethyl vinyl ether, 2-		1.67	U	EPA 624.1
		Chloroform		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Chloromethane		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Dibromochloromethane		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Dichlorobenzene, 1,3-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Dichlorobenzene, 1,4-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Dichlorodifluoromethane		0.355	U	EPA 624.1
		Dichloroethane, 1,1-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Dichloroethane, 1,2-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Dichloroethene, 1,1-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Dichloroethene, trans-1,2-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Dichloropropane, 1,2-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Dichloropropene, cis-1,3-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Dichloropropene, trans-1,3-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Ethyl benzene		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Methylene chloride		0.5	U	EPA 624.1
		Tetrachloroethane, 1,1,2,2-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Tetrachloroethene		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
Toluene		0.333	U	EPA 624.1		
Trichloroethane, 1,1,1-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1		

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Station	Date Collected	Analyte	Result (µg/L) ^a	MDL (µg/L)	Laboratory Data Qualifiers	Analytical Method
TTR	22-Jun-2023	Trichloroethane, 1,1,2-		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Trichloroethene		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Trichlorofluoromethane		0.333	U	EPA 624.1
		Vinyl chloride		0.333	U	EPA 624.1

^a Blank cells indicate a non-detect for the analyte.

MDL = method detection limit; the minimum concentration or activity that can be measured and reported with 99 percent confidence that the analyte is greater than zero; analyte is matrix-specific

Laboratory Data Qualifier

B = The analyte was detected in the blank.

H = Analytical holding time was exceeded.

J = An estimated value, the analyte concentration was above the effective MDL and below the effective PQL.

N = A spike was outside limits

U = The analyte was absent or below the method detection limit.

Analytical Method

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Appendix C. Climate Hazard Risks



Tonopah Test Range sunrise

Table C-1. Climate hazard risks by asset and infrastructure type at SNL/TTR

Asset and Infrastructure System Type	Asset or Infrastructure Name/Identifier	Cold Wave	Strong Wind	Drought	Wildfire	Heat Wave	Precipitation	Riverine Flooding	Mean No. of Days with a Min. Temp. below 32°F	Mean No. of Days with a Max. Temp. ≥ to 95°F	Winter Weather
Workforce (e.g., outdoor workers, researchers, or office staff)	Members of the Workforce	8.3	5.5	6.0	7.3	9.8	7.0	9.8	8.3	9.8	7.0
Buildings, may be broken down by type (e.g., those with critical functions or office buildings)	1	7.0	4.5	6.0	7.5	10.0	8.0	6.0	7.0	10.0	6.0
Energy generation and distribution systems	2	7.0	4.5	6.0	7.5	10.0	8.0	6.0	7.0	10.0	6.0
Energy generation and distribution systems	3	7.0	4.5	6.0	7.5	10.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	10.0	6.0
Other	4	2.5	2.5	4.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	4.0	3.5	5.5	4.0
IT and telecommunication systems	5	3.5	3.5	5.0	6.5	6.5	7.0	5.0	None	6.5	5.0
Ecology and land preservation	Site flora and fauna	7.5	5.5	9.0	6.5	9.0	6.0	9.0	8.5	9.0	6.5
Energy generation and distribution systems	On-site powerlines, transformers, compressor stations	4.5	4.5	None	7.5	7.5	5.5	6.0	None	7.5	6.0
IT and telecommunication systems	On-site phones, radios, fiberoptic, internet	4.5	4.5	None	7.5	None	5.5	6.0	5.5	6.0	None
Transportation and fleet infrastructure	On-site roads and bridges	2.5	None	None	5.5	4.0	3.5	4.0	3.5	4.0	4.0
Water and wastewater systems	On-site septic tanks, drinking and wastewater transmission and distribution system	5.0	None	5.0	6.5	6.5	4.5	5.0	7.0	6.5	5.0
On-site waste disposal facility	On-site hazardous waste storage	None	None	None	5.5	None	3.5	4.0	None	None	None

Risk Score and Color Key	
High	≥ 7
Medium	3.5 ≤ 7
Low	< 3.5
None	Zero calculated risk

Glossary



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A

abatement The act of reducing the degree or intensity of, or eliminating, pollution.

aboveground storage tank A fixed, stationary, or otherwise permanently installed storage tank that is wholly or partially above the ground surface and used to contain oil of any kind (petroleum, non-petroleum, synthetic, animal, or vegetable).

ambient air Any unconfined portion of the atmosphere (open air or surrounding air).

analyte A substance or chemical constituent undergoing analysis.

appraisal A documented activity performed according to written procedures and specified criteria to evaluate an organization's compliance and conformance with programs, standards, and other requirements contained in orders, laws, and regulations or in other requirements.

asbestos A mineral fiber that can pollute air or water and cause cancer or asbestosis when inhaled. Uses for asbestos-containing material include, but are not limited to, electrical and heat insulation, paint filler, reinforcing agents

in rubber and plastics (e.g., tile mastic), and cement reinforcement.

aspect Any element of activities, products, or services that can interact with the environment.

audit (1) An examination of records or financial accounts to check their accuracy. (2) An adjustment or correction of accounts. (3) An examined and verified account.

B

background radiation Relatively constant low-level radiation from environmental sources such as building materials, cosmic rays, and ingested radionuclides in the body.

basin (1) A low-lying area, wholly or largely surrounded by higher land, which ranges from a small, nearly enclosed valley to an extensive, mountain-rimmed depression. (2) An entire area drained by a given stream and its tributaries. (3) An area in which the rock strata are inclined downward from all sides toward the center. (4) An area in which sediment accumulates.

best management practice The preferred method or practice for managing operations.

biogeographic province A large region characterized as distinct from other regions, mostly on the basis of different dominant vegetation and wildlife habitat types.

biota The animal and plant life of a given region.

biotic Relating to or resulting from living organisms.

built environment The human-made space (including structures, features, and facilities) in which people live, work and recreate.

C

climate A description of an area's average weather conditions and the extent to which those conditions vary over long time intervals, generally decades or centuries.

contamination The introduction into water, air, or soil of microorganisms, chemicals, toxic substances, wastes, or wastewater in a concentration that makes the medium unfit for its next intended use. Also applies to the surfaces of objects, buildings, and various household use and agricultural use products.

corrective action (1) Steps taken to clean up spills resulting from the failure to follow hazardous waste management procedures or from other mistakes. The process includes designing cleanup procedures to guide hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal. (2) An action identified to correct a problem or prevent its recurrence.

D

data quality objective A strategic, systematic process for planning scientific data-collection efforts.

decontamination The removal of adverse substances such as noxious chemicals, harmful bacteria or other organisms, or radioactive material from exposed individuals, rooms and furnishings in buildings, or the exterior environment.

demolition The act or process of wrecking or destroying, especially destruction by explosives.

discharge Any liquid or solid that flows or is placed onto any land or into any water. This includes precipitation discharges to storm drains, accidental or intentional spilling, and leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting,

emptying, or dumping any material or substance onto any land or into any water.

diurnal (1) Relating to or occurring in a 24-hour period; daily. (2) Occurring or active during the daytime rather than at night (e.g., diurnal animals).

dosimeter A device used to measure the dose of ionizing radiation.

E

ecology The relationship of living things to one another and their environment, or the study of such relationships.

ecosystem A network of living organisms (e.g., humans, animals, plants, and fungi) and nonliving components (e.g., air, water, mineral soil, buildings, and roads) that interact to comprise an overall environment.

effluent Wastewater (treated or untreated) that flows out of a treatment plant, sewer, or industrial outfall. Generally refers to wastes discharged into surface waters.

environment The sum of all external conditions affecting an organism's life, development, and survival.

environmental assessment An analysis prepared pursuant to NEPA to determine whether a federal action would significantly affect the environment and thus require a more detailed environmental impact statement.

environmental impact statement A document required of federal agencies by NEPA for major projects or legislative proposals that significantly affect the environment. A tool for decision-making, it describes an undertaking's positive and negative effects and cites alternative actions.

environmental management A program designed to maintain compliance with federal, state, and local requirements.

environmental management system A continuing cycle of planning, evaluating, implementing, and improving processes and actions undertaken to achieve environmental goals.

environmental monitoring The collection and analysis of samples or direct measurements of environmental media such as air, water, and soil.

environmental release Any spilling, leaking, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging,

injecting, pumping, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing of material into the environment, which may include (but is not limited to) soil, air, and drain systems.

Environmental Restoration A project chartered with assessing and, if necessary, remediating inactive waste sites.

environmental restoration site Any location on the environmental restoration site list that has been identified as an area that is (or may be) contaminated—either on or beneath the land surface—as a result of operations. Contaminants may be chemicals, radioactive material, or both.

environment, safety, and health program A program designed to protect and preserve the environment and to ensure the safety and health of an organization’s employees, contractors, visitors, and the public.

ephemeral spring A spring that flows only briefly in the immediate locality in response to precipitation.

exceedance In relation to water quality, an exceedance is a compliance monitoring result that does not meet (exceeds) an applicable water quality standard.

F

fault A fracture in the continuity of a rock formation caused by the earth’s crust shifting or dislodging, after which adjacent surfaces are displaced relative to one another and parallel to the plane of fracture.

fungicide An agent that destroys fungi or inhibits their growth.

G

gamma radiation Very high-energy and high-frequency electromagnetic radiation that is emitted by the nuclei of radioactive substances during decay, or by the interactions of high-energy electrons with matter. They are similar to but have a shorter wavelength than X-rays.

geology The scientific study of the Earth’s origin, history, and structure.

greenhouse gas emission An air pollutant comprised of an aggregate group of six greenhouse gases: carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, methane, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride measured as carbon dioxide equivalent.

groundwater The water found beneath the earth’s surface in pore spaces and in fractures of rock formations.

H

habitat The place or environment where a plant or animal naturally or normally lives and grows.

hazardous waste A waste with chemical or physical properties that meets the definitions in federal and state regulations and may cause harm to human health or the environment if not managed properly.

hazardous substance (1) Any material that poses a threat to human health and/or the environment by virtue of possessing one or more hazardous characteristics as defined by RCRA, its amendments, and related regulations. Typical hazardous substances are toxic, corrosive, ignitable, explosive, or chemically reactive. (2) Any substance that EPA requires to be reported if a designated quantity of the substance is spilled in the waters of the United States or is otherwise released into the environment.

herbicide A chemical pesticide designed to control or destroy plants, weeds, or grasses.

human environment Human environment means comprehensively the natural and physical environment and the relationship of present and future generations of Americans with that environment.

I

impact Any change in the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, wholly or partially resulting from activities, products, or services.

insecticide A pesticide compound specifically used to kill or prevent the growth of insects.

Integrated Safety Management System A set of guidelines that systematically integrates safety into management and work practices at all levels so that missions are accomplished while protecting the worker, the public, and the environment.

isolated occurrences These are areas where cultural materials are sparse (fewer than 10 items) and are at least 50 years old.

L

lagoon (1) A shallow pond where sunlight, bacterial action, and oxygen work to purify wastewater; also used for storing wastewater. (2) A shallow body of water, often separated from the sea by coral reefs or sandbars.

M

maximally exposed individual A member of the public who is located in an area that receives or has the potential to receive the maximum radiological dose from air emissions of a National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants radionuclide source. The dose estimates are based on realistic, yet conservative, input parameters.

migratory birds All birds listed within the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 50 CFR 10.13, or which are a mutation or hybrid of any such species, including any part, nest, or egg.

Mixed Analyte Performance Evaluation

Program A DOE quality assurance tool for environmental analytical services. It includes radiological, stable inorganic, and organic constituents (i.e., mixed analytes) in the same single-blind sample for analytical performance evaluation. The samples use various matrices, including soils, water, vegetation, and air filters. Program samples are not a mixed waste.

mixed waste that contains both hazardous waste (as defined by RCRA and its amendments) and radioactive waste (as defined by the Atomic Energy Act and its amendments).

N

National Emission Standards for Hazardous

Air Pollutants Emission standards set by EPA for air pollutants not covered by National Ambient Air Quality Standards that may cause an increase in fatalities or in serious, irreversible, or incapacitating illness. Primary standards are designed to protect human health; secondary standards are designed to protect public welfare (e.g., building facades, visibility, crops, and domestic animals).

National Environmental Policy Act The basic national charter for protecting the environment. It establishes policy, sets goals, and provides the means for carrying out the act.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System A provision of the Clean Water Act that prohibits discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States unless a special permit is issued by EPA, a state, a tribal government, or a territorial government.

natural resource A resource (actual or potential) supplied by nature.

nitrate A compound containing nitrogen that can exist in the atmosphere or as a dissolved gas in water and which can have harmful effects on humans and animals. Nitrates in water can cause severe illnesses in infants and domestic animals. A plant nutrient and inorganic fertilizer, nitrate is found in septic systems, animal feedlots, agricultural fertilizers, manure, industrial wastewaters, sanitary landfills, and garbage dumps.

nitrite (1) An intermediate in the process of nitrification. (2) Nitrous oxide salts used in food preservation.

O

occurrence Events or conditions that adversely affect, or may adversely affect, DOE (including the National Nuclear Security Administration) or contractor personnel, the public, property, the environment, or the DOE mission.

optically stimulated luminescence dosimeter A device used to measure ionizing radiation.

outfall The place where effluent is discharged into receiving waters.

P

pollutant Generally, any substance introduced into the environment that adversely affects the usefulness of a resource or the health of humans, animals, or ecosystems.

polychlorinated biphenyl A family of highly toxic organic chlorine compounds. Because of their persistence, toxicity, and ecological damage via water pollution, the manufacture of PCBs was discontinued in the United States in 1976.

potable water free from impurities present in quantities that are sufficient to cause disease or harmful physiological effects.

Q

quality assurance A system of procedures, checks, audits, and corrective actions to ensure that research design and performance, environmental monitoring and sampling, and other technical and reporting activities are of the highest achievable quality.

quality control A system used to determine analytical accuracy, precision, and contamination when samples are collected and to assess the data's quality and usability.

R

radioactive waste Any waste that emits energy as rays, waves, streams, or energetic particles. Radioactive materials are often mixed with hazardous waste from nuclear reactors, research institutions, or hospitals.

radiological contaminant A radioactive material deposited in any place where it is not desired, particularly where its presence may be harmful.

radionuclide A radioactive particle, man-made or natural, with a distinct atomic weight number.

radon A colorless, naturally occurring, radioactive, inert gas formed by the radioactive decay of radium atoms in soil or rocks.

reportable quantity A quantity of material, product compound, or contaminant that is reportable to a regulatory agency when released to the environment.

rodenticide A chemical or agent used to destroy rats or other rodent pests, or to prevent them from damaging food or crops.

S

Sample Management Office A Sandia office where personnel manage environmental analytical laboratory contracts and assist with processing and tracking samples undergoing chemical and radiochemical analyses performed at these laboratories.

sampling and analysis plan A plan that contains criteria required for conducting sampling activities.

sediment Transported and deposited particles or aggregates derived from rocks, soil, or biological material.

soil All loose, unconsolidated mineral or organic materials on the immediate surface of the earth that support plant growth.

solid waste (1) Any garbage, refuse, or sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility. (2) Any discarded material—including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material—resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, or agricultural operations or from community activities.

stormwater Water runoff from rainfall or snowmelt, including that discharged to the sanitary sewer system.

surface water that has not penetrated much below the surface of the ground.

sustainability Those actions taken to maximize energy and water efficiency; minimize chemical toxicity and harmful environmental releases, particularly greenhouse gas; promote renewable and other clean energy development; and conserve natural resources while sustaining assigned mission activities.

T

threatened or endangered species A species present in such small numbers that it is at risk of extinction.

topography The physical features of a surface area, including relative elevations and the position of natural and man-made features.

toxic chemical Any chemical listed in EPA regulations under “Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986—Section 313: Guidance for Reporting Toxic Chemicals.”

transect A sample area (i.e., vegetation) usually in the form of a long, continuous strip.

treatment, storage, and disposal facility A facility at which waste management operations include treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous wastes as defined by federal and state laws and regulations.

tritium A radioactive hydrogen isotope with an atomic mass of 3 and a half-life of 12.5 years, prepared artificially for use as a tracer and as a constituent of hydrogen bombs.

U

underground storage tank A storage tank installed completely below the ground surface, covered with earth, and used to contain oil of any kind (petroleum, non-petroleum, synthetic, animal, or vegetable).

V

vegetation Plant life or the total plant cover of an area.

volatile organic compound An organic chemical compound with a high vapor causing it to evaporate.

W

waste management A method for dealing with the waste from humans and organisms, including minimizing, handling, processing, storing, recycling, transporting, and final disposal.

wastewater The spent or used water from a home, community, farm, or industry that contains dissolved or suspended matter.

water pollution The presence in water of enough harmful or objectionable material to damage the water's quality.

wetland An area that is saturated by surface water or groundwater, having vegetation adapted for life under those soil conditions, such as swamps, bogs, fens, marshes, and estuaries.

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