ATTACHMENT A

TECHNICAL AREA (TA) - UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

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This attachment contains TA-specific unit descriptions, including the dimensions, materials of construction, security procedures, and emergency equipment of each unit provided by the Permittees in their permit application.

A.1 TA-3

TA-3 is located in the northern portion of the Facility on South Mesa between Los Alamos Canyon on the north and Two Mile Canyon on the south. Sandia and Mortandad Canyons head on the east margin of TA-3 forming steep cliffs at the top of canyon walls.

A.1.1 TA-3 Building 29

TA-3-29, the Chemistry Metallurgy Research Building (CMR), was established in 1952 as a research facility (*see* Figure 12 in Permit Attachment N (*Figures*)). It is a three story structure containing offices, laboratories, and one permitted container storage unit located in the basement at TA-3 building 29 of Wing 9. The TA-3-29 permitted unit consists of a room (9010) and portions of two other rooms (9020 and 9030) where storage of hazardous and mixed waste occurs. The following provides a description of the permitted unit.

A.1.2 TA-3-29 Room 9010

Room 9010 measures 21 feet by 8 inches wide by 106 feet, 9 inches (in) long (*see* Figure 13 in Permit Attachment N (*Figures)*). The floor is concrete and is painted with an epoxy sealant. Waste storage takes place in the lower level portion of Room 9010 but may also take place in or near the two room enclosures 9010A and 9010B.

The northern enclosure is approximately 10 ft wide by 24 ft long; the southern enclosure measures approximately 17 ft wide by 54 ft long. The enclosures have ceilings, walls with windows, and doors for entry through airlocks; the enclosures are anchored to the floor. The wall to floor joints are sealed with grout. Floors and the lower six inches of the interior enclosure walls are coated with an epoxy sealant. Each enclosure includes emergency and communication equipment as well as ventilation, fire sprinkler, water, and electrical support functions connected to the main building systems. The enclosures are kept at negative pressure by exhaust fans ducted to the building's high-efficiency particulate air filters to provide radioactive material air-release protection.

A.1.3 TA-3-29 Portion of Room 9020

Room 9020 is approximately 27 feet wide by 141 feet long. The permitted container storage area measures 19 feet wide by 25 feet long (*see* Figure 14 in Permit Attachment N (*Figures)*) and is located in the northeast side of the room. The floor is concrete and painted with an epoxy sealant.

A.1.4 TA-3-29 Portion of Room 9030

Room 9030 is approximately 62 feet wide by 141 feet long. The permitted container storage area within Room 9030 measures approximately 30 feet long by 8 feet wide (*see* Figure 15 in Permit Attachment N (*Figures)*) and is located in the southwest corner of the room. The floor is concrete and has been painted with an epoxy sealant. Hand trucks, dollies, or casters will be used to move waste containers from the loading area to the storage portions of the permitted unit. Should a spill occur during waste handling activities, management of the spill and residual material will be performed in accordance with Attachment D (*Contingency Plan*). Drums on dollies will be moved manually and a pallet jack will be used to move standard waste boxes.

A.1.5 Security and Access

Security at TA-3-29 is maintained with physical and administratively-controlled barriers. These barriers prevent the unknowing entry and minimize the possibility for unauthorized entry of persons or livestock into the areas. Eight-foot-high chain-link security fences with barbed wire at the top surround the entire perimeter of the building. Bilingual (*i.e.*, English and Spanish) warning signs are also posted at the entrances to each portion of the permitted unit within the building and can be seen from any approach to these locations. The legends on the signs indicate "Danger: Hazardous Waste Storage Area" and "Unauthorized Persons Keep Out." The signs are legible from a distance of at least 25 ft. There are four entry gates through the security fence at TA-3-29 (*see* Figure 4 in Permit Attachment N (*Figures)*). A fire access and shipping gate is located south of TA-3-29 and is routinely closed and locked. When the gate is opened for shipments of material or waste, personnel are present at the gate to restrict the entry and exit of unauthorized persons. One combined pedestrian and vehicular unmanned badge reader entry gate is located at the northwest corner of the TA-3-29 fence line. Another unmanned badge reader entry pedestrian gate is located at the southeast corner of the building‘s fence line. This gate is combined with a double vehicular gate which allows access from the parking area south of the building. Security personnel are present at each of these gates during operational hours to restrict the entry and exit of unauthorized persons. Outside doors to the main wings of TA-3-29 are always locked. Access for visitors to the operational portion of the building is controlled through a manned security station in the east side lobby and another on the west side of the building. Roll-up doors to the building can only be opened from inside the building and are also locked; opening these doors must be coordinated with security personnel. The building site is patrolled by security personnel during nonoperational hours to ensure that the gates are locked and that unauthorized entry has not occurred.

A.1.6 Emergency Equipment

TA-3-29 is equipped with an audible alarm system to alert personnel to evacuate the area. The evacuation alarm system may be activated by facility personnel pushing one of the evacuation buttons located throughout TA-3-29. The building also contains a fire alarm system which may be activated by manual pull stations, heat and smoke detectors, and sprinkler system flow valves found throughout TA-3-29. Rooms 9010, 9020, and 9030 contain wet-pipe sprinkler systems that are equipped with fusible-link heads that actuate at 212 degrees Fahrenheit.

Wing 9 of TA-3-29 contains gamma alarms that monitor for the presence of gamma radioactive contamination. Continuous air monitors are utilized throughout TA-3-29 to detect airborne radioactive contamination and, when detected, sound an alarm. The building also has a public address system for announcing fires or evacuations. Telephones with paging capabilities are located throughout TA-3-29. Paging telephones are used to page on-site personnel and may be used in the event of an emergency to communicate the location and nature of hazardous conditions to personnel in the area. The alarm system is interrupted when the paging telephone system is activated to allow personnel to hear the announcement. Personnel working in Rooms 9010, 9020, and 9030 can also use these phones to summons assistance from local emergency response teams in case of emergency. Rooms 9010, 9020, and 9030 are equipped with fire extinguishers and pull stations. Depending on the size of a fire and the fuel source, fire extinguishers may be used by on-site personnel. However, the Facility policy encourages immediate evacuation of the area and notification of appropriate emergency personnel. The fire alarm control panel continuously monitors all fire-suppression and detection systems and transmits signals to the Los Alamos County Fire Department through the Facility's central alarm system.

Fire hydrants installed according to National Fire Protection Association standards are located around the outside of TA-3-29. Water is supplied to the fire hydrants by a municipal water system through 8-in. pipes at an adequate volume and pressure (*i.e.*, 200 gallons per minute and 90 pounds per square inch static pressure) to supply a water hose in the event of a fire. Spill kits, which contain sorbent pillows, safety glasses, and gloves, are located at the south end of Room 9010 in enclosures 9010a and 9010b. Trained personnel may use this equipment to mitigate small containable spills when they are certain their actions will not put themselves or others at risk. Available personnel decontamination equipment includes safety showers and emergency eyewashes in enclosures 9010a and 9010b.

Personnel working in Room 9020 have access to the eyewashes in enclosures 9010a and 9010b and a safety shower and emergency eyewash in Room 9030. The buddy system will always be employed when containers are actively managed in Rooms 9010, 9020, and 9030 to assure that safety showers and eyewashes can be reached in an emergency. Material Safety Data Sheets provide useful exposure information and are available in Rooms 9010, Room 9030, and outside Room 9130.

A.2 RESERVED

A.3 TA-50

TA-50 is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Pajarito Drive and Pecos Road, on the finger mesa bounded by Mortandad Canyon to the north and Two-Mile Canyon to the south (*see* Figure 22 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). The container storage units at TA-50 include the TA-50-69 Indoor unit (Rooms 102 and 103) and the TA-50-69 Outdoor unit.

The northern and eastern portions of TA-50 drain mainly to an unlined channel on the boundary between TA-50 and TA-35 (east of TA-50), although some flow diverges into a shallow channel running southward between TA-50-37 and TA-50-1.

Security at TA-50 is predominantly maintained with artificial barriers. These barriers prevent the unknowing entry and minimize the possibility for unauthorized entry of persons or livestock into the area.

An 8ft high chain-link security fence surrounds the entire perimeter of TA-50. Bilingual (*i.e.*, English and Spanish) warning signs are posted on the fences at approximately 50 to 75 foot intervals. Warning signs are also posted at the entrances to each area that will manage hazardous and mixed waste and are visible from any approach to these areas. The legends on the posted signs indicate "Danger - Hazardous Waste Storage Area" and "Unauthorized Persons Keep Out." Existing signs with a legend other than "Danger-Unauthorized Persons Keep Out" may be used if the legend on the sign indicates that only authorized personnel are allowed to enter the active portion, and that entry into the active portion can be dangerous. The signs are legible from a distance of 25 ft. Additionally, signs are posted at the entrance to each hazardous and mixed waste permitted unit to address requirements associated with entering and working in the area.

There are four entry gates into TA-50. Two entry gates are located north of TA-50-1. During normal business hours, the easternmost of these two gates may remain open to receive deliveries. After normal business hours, this gate is padlocked. The westernmost of these two gates is the main access gate and remains open during normal business hours for personal and government-owned passenger vehicles. After normal business hours, access through this gate is by badge-reader only. The third gate is a fire access and shipping gate which is located west of TA-50-69 and is routinely kept closed and locked. When this gate is opened for shipments of materials or waste, facility personnel are present in the yard west of TA-50-69 to limit entry by unauthorized persons. When shipments are completed, the gate is re-closed and locked. A fourth gate to the south of TA-50-1 is locked except when authorized access is necessary.

TA-50-69 is located in the southwest quadrant of TA-50. The TA-50-69 Indoor unit was constructed in 1979 to house the Waste Characterization, Reduction, and Repackaging Facility (WCRRF). The primary purpose of WCRRF was to size reduce and repackage large transuranic contaminated metallic items (*e.g.*, glove boxes, process equipment) into standard sized containers for transport to, and disposal at, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. The facility was first used to size reduce mixed transuranic waste in 1982. The original function of the WCRRF has since been expanded to include other activities related to hazardous and mixed waste management including waste characterization, transuranic and mixed transuranic waste prohibited item disposition and repackaging operations, and experimental process demonstration support.

TA-50-69 is a single-story building constructed in two phases. The original structure (45ft by 52 ft) was built in 1979 to house the main process room (Room 102) and personnel change rooms. An unloading area (Room 103), a vehicle airlock entrance (Room 104), and a mezzanine over the western third of the main process room were added to the building in 1986.

The exterior walls of TA-50-69 are load-bearing and constructed of structural steel framing with a plastic veneer finish on polystyrene insulation and gypsum wallboard. The interior

walls are similarly constructed. The epoxy-painted floor of the building is a reinforced concrete slab on compacted fill.

A forklift will be used to move containers stored at the permitted units at TA-50-69. Fiberglass-reinforced plywood boxes and palletized drums will be handled with a forklift equipped with tines. Individual drums of waste will be manipulated with a drum-grapple attachment on the forklift. Small containers may be handled manually or with a dolly. Inside TA-50-69 two cranes are available to move heavy objects.

TA-50 is patrolled by security personnel during non-operational hours to ensure that unauthorized entry has not occurred. The locations of the security fences and entry gates at TA-50 are shown on Figure 6 in Permit Attachment N (*Figures*).

TA-50-69 access is controlled through a centralized Operations Center located in TA-50-84. The Indoor permitted unit is always locked and access is gained by a badge reader. Doors to the building and transportainers are locked. Keys to these doors are distributed to designated personnel only. A chain is installed at the east end of the operations area and adjacent to TA-50-84 and is posted with the bilingual hazardous waste sign.

All personnel involved in waste management activities at the TA-50-69 indoor and outdoor permitted units have immediate access to an internal alarm or emergency communication device. In the event of an emergency, this communication equipment allows personnel to contact the operating group management, the Emergency Management and Response personnel, or the Central Alarm Station operator.

TA-50-69 is equipped with an audible alarm system to alert personnel to evacuate the area. The alarm system may be activated by one of the fire alarm pull stations located throughout the building. ~~TA-50-69 also has a public address system for announcing fires or evacuations and telephones with paging capabilities. Paging telephones are used to page on-site personnel and may be used in the event of an emergency to communicate the location and nature of hazardous conditions to personnel in the area. The alarm system is interrupted when the paging telephone system is activated to allow personnel to hear the announcement.~~ Personnel can also use ~~these~~ phones to summon assistance from local emergency response teams in case of an emergency. Personnel may carry pagers, two-way radios, or cellular telephones so they can contact, or be contacted by, on-site and the Facility emergency support personnel at all times.

TA-50-69 is equipped with fire extinguishers and fire suppression systems. Depending on the size of a fire and the fuel source, fire extinguishers may be used by on-site personnel. However, the Facility policy encourages immediate evacuation of the area and notification of appropriate emergency personnel. The fire alarm control panel continuously monitors all fire suppression and detection systems and transmits signals to the Los Alamos County Fire Department through the Facility's central alarm system.

A fire hydrant installed according to National Fire Protection Association standards is located approximately 55 feet west of TA-50-69. Water is supplied to the fire hydrant by a municipal water system through eight inch pipes at an adequate volume and pressure (*i.e.*, 200 gallons

per minute and 90 pounds per square inch static pressure) to supply a water hose in the event of a fire.

TA-50-69 has an automatic wet-pipe sprinkler system in the main building and in the large glove box enclosure. The sprinkler system is heat-activated at 100°C (212°F). The TA-50-69 Outdoor permitted unit transportainers and weather protective structures are not equipped with automatic sprinkler systems; however, a fire extinguisher is located within 20 feet of the unit. Personnel may use the fire alarm pull station at TA-50-69 in the event of a fire at both the indoor and the outdoor permitted units.

Two spill centers are located in TA-50-69 Room 102. They contain spill control equipment, personal protective equipment, and sorbents. Trained personnel may use this equipment to mitigate small containable spills when they are certain their actions will not put themselves or others at risk. Depending on the size and severity of the spill, EM&R provides additional spill control equipment and assistance upon request. Available personnel decontamination equipment includes safety showers and eye wash stations located in the TA-50-69 indoor permitted unit.

A.3.1 TA-50-69 Indoor Permitted Unit

The TA-50-69 Indoor permitted unit consists of Rooms 102 and 103 as shown in Figure 23 in Attachment N (*Figures)*. Room 102, the main process room, measures approximately 45 feet wide and 52 feet long. Room 103, the unloading area, measures approximately 18 feet wide and 19 feet long and is located adjacent to and southeast of Room 102. A 12 foot by 20-foot roll-up vehicle access door is located at the southernmost end of Room 103 separating the unloading area (Room 103) from the vehicle airlock entrance (Room 104). This design allows for unobstructed transport of oversized fiberglass-reinforced plywood boxes from outside the facility, through the vehicle airlock entrance, into the unloading area, and into the glove box cutting enclosure.

A.3.2 TA-50-69 Outdoor Permitted Unit

The TA-50-69 Outdoor permitted unit was constructed before 1980 and was first used to store mixed waste in 1982. It is located in the southwest corner of TA-50 (*see* Figure 23 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). The TA-50-69 Outdoor unit is comprised of an unlined and non-coated asphalt pad measuring 24 feet in width and 90 feet in length with an additional strip of asphalt added to the southeast end that measures 12 feet in width and 90 feet in length. The entire pad is approximately 4 inches thick and slopes gently (approximately one to five percent) from west to east and up to 2.5 percent toward the centerline. Transportainers and other weather protective structures (*i.e.*, containers covered with tarps, containers inside SWBs) in the permitted unit provide weather protection for containers of various sizes. Painted lines are used to visually delineate the TA-50-69 Outdoor unit boundary. Drainage swales located in the vicinity divert storm water away from the pad. One drainage swale is located just south of the unit; between it and the material disposal area C. A second drainage swale is located on the west side of the permitted unit between Pecos Drive and the TA-50 fence line.

A.4 TA-54

TA-54 consists of 130 acres atop Mesita del Buey and is used for storage of hazardous and mixed waste generated throughout the Facility (*see* Figure 24 in Attachment N (*Figures)).* A principal mission of TA-54 is to manage Facility waste safely and efficiently, consistent with federal and state regulations and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) requirements. TA-54 has three separate areas where hazardous and mixed waste is stored; Area L, Area G, and TA-54 West (*see* Figure 25 in Attachment N (*Figures)***)**. There is one permitted unit at Area L, nine permitted units at Area G, and two permitted units at TA-54 West (*see* Attachment J (*Hazardous Waste Management Units*)).

Waste containers are transported to the permitted units at Areas L, G, and West by flatbed trucks, closed-box trucks, or trailers. The permitted units have design features that promote safe unloading and handling of waste containers from these trucks and trailers. Ramps are typically located at vehicle entrances to the dome structures at the Area L and Area G permitted units. Shed 31 at Area L and Shed 8 at Area G have sloped entryways for container-handling equipment. The storage domes have roll-up or roll-away vehicle access doors. The loading dock at TA-54 West allows access from the transport vehicles to the loading dock platform. These design features facilitate safe handling of containers in and out of the permitted units.

All waste containers at the TA-54 permitted units are handled in a manner that will not cause them to rupture or leak. Most containers are handled with forklifts (using drum grapplers, when appropriate) and are placed directly in the appropriate permitted unit. For larger containers, personnel can use a boom or, at TA-54 West and in portions of Area L, a bridge crane or mobile crane, respectively. At TA-54-412, waste containers (*e.g.*, fiberglass reinforced plywood crates, drums, large boxes) are generally handled with forklifts, overhead cranes, or frictionless air pallets. Smaller containers are generally handled manually or with drum dollies. The use of proper handling equipment, appropriate to a container's size and weight, helps to prevent hazards while moving containers (*e.g.*, when loading and unloading containers).

A.4.1 AREA L

The Area L permitted unit is the area within the fence and is comprised of several storage structures: dome 215; concrete pad with canopy 32; concrete pads 35 and 36; storage sheds 68, 69, 70, 31; modular units 39 and 58 (*see* Figure 26 in Attachment N (*Figures*)).

The permitted unit stores containers of hazardous and mixed low level waste in solid and liquid form. Liquid wastes are stored primarily in structures that are designed for secondary containment; however, secondary containment pallets are also used. Secondary containment pallets are typically constructed of polyethylene or metal painted with a chemical-resistant coating. Polyethylene secondary containment pallets used at TA-54 are generally 50 inches long by 50 inches wide by 17 inches deep, with a designed capacity of 83 gallons. Currently, two sizes of metal secondary containment pallets are used at TA-54. One is 52 inches long by 52 inches wide by 6.5 inches deep, with a designed capacity of 57 gallons; the other is 60 inches wide by 60 inches long by 6.5 inches deep, with a designed capacity of 77 gallons. The

metal secondary containment pallets are coated with chemically-resistant urethane. The stressed- or tensioned-membrane fabric used on Storage Dome 215 at the aboveground permitted unit within the fence at Area L is coated with ultraviolet (UV)-stabilized plasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC). It is fungus-resistant and certified flame-retardant (*i.e.*, self-extinguishing).

A.4.1.1 Storage Dome 215

Storage Dome 215 is 60 feet wide, approximately 266 feet long, and 26 feet high (*see* Figure 25 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). It is an arch frame-supported stressed-membrane structure. The dome is of modular construction and uses light construction materials (*i.e.*, aluminum framework with membrane or fabric covering). It is equipped with 14 personnel doors and two roll-up doors. The dome's pad is equipped with a 6-inch-high, 8-inch-wide concrete ring wall that surrounds the perimeter of the dome, and the dome is anchored to the concrete ring wall with anchor bolts. A ramp is located at the vehicle entrance to the dome and allows vehicles and container handling equipment to pass safely over the ring wall. The ring wall and the ramp prevent run-on into the dome. Any liquid that might accumulate within the storage dome (*e.g.*, liquids resulting from fire-suppression activities) is contained within the ring-walled area. Liquid that may result from fire-suppression activities and that is in excess of the capacity inside the ring wall is collected in a double-walled holding tank connected to dome 215 by a double-walled pipe.

A.4.1.2 Reserved

A.4.1.3 Storage Sheds 68, 69, and 70

Storage sheds 68, 69, and 70 are prefabricated sheds constructed of steel (Safety Storage Building, Model 22) (*see* Figure 26 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). Each shed measures approximately 23 feet long, 9 feet wide and 8.5 feet high. Access to these storage sheds is obtained through one of three sets of double doors. Storage Shed 68 has three separate compartments with one door leading to each compartment. Storage Sheds 69 and 70 each have two separate compartments with one door leading to the smaller compartment and two doors leading to the larger compartment. The sheds are elevated by design which prevents run-on. Each shed is constructed with liquid-tight sumps to ensure containment of any potential leaks or spills and to prevent runoff. The floor of each shed consists of a metal grate that covers the sump areas. Containers are placed directly on the metal grates which prevent contact with liquids that may have accumulated in the sumps. The ~~interior~~ sump of each shed ~~and sump~~ is lined with high-density polyethylene liners~~coated with chemically-resistant epoxy paint~~. The designed sump storage capacity of each shed is 750 gallons, which exceeds the amount necessary to hold 10% of the total storage capacity of each shed (1,760 gallons).

Shed 68 has three separate compartments each having its own sump with individual capacities of 250 gallons. Sheds 69 and 70 have two separate compartments, each having its own sump. One compartment consists of two thirds of the surface area (and capacity) of Sheds 69 and 70. The capacity of this compartment's sump is 500 gallons; the smaller compartment's sump

capacity is 250 gallons. The designed sump storage capacity of each shed is 750 gallons which exceeds the amount necessary to hold 10% of the total storage capacity of each shed (1,760 gallons).

A.4.1.4 Storage Shed 31

Storage Shed 31 is a prefabricated shed constructed of steel. It measures approximately 14 feet long, 13 feet wide, and 8 feet high (*see* Figure 26 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). The shed sits on a concrete foundation that has a raised edge and is surrounded by asphalt that is sloped away from the shed to prevent run-on. The shed has three separate liquid-tight recessed sumps in the concrete foundation that are each covered with a steel grate. Containers are stored on the steel grates, which prevent contact with liquids that may have accumulated in the sumps. The sumps and the concrete foundation are coated with chemically-resistant paint. Two of the sumps are approximately 6 feet long by 4 feet wide; the third sump is approximately 7 feet long by 6 feet wide. All three sumps are 5 inches deep. The total capacity of the three sumps is approximately 285 gallons, which exceeds the amount necessary to hold 10% of the total storage capacity of the shed (1,320 gallons). The total capacity of the three sumps is approximately 285 gallons, which exceeds the amount necessary to hold 10% of the total storage capacity of the shed (1,320 gallons).

A.4.1.5 TA-54-32

TA-54-32 (*see* Figure 26 in Attachment N (*Figures)*) consists of a concrete pad that is 116.5 feet long by 15.5 feet wide. The structure is covered by a 117.75 feet-long by 25.75 feet-wide canopy. The canopy provides protection from the weather. The concrete pad is bermed by a 1-feet-wide, 6- to 8-inch-high concrete curb. This curbed area is divided into six separate containment cells to segregate wastes with different hazard classes. The curb prevents run-on of storm water. Each containment cell consists of a recessed sump covered with grate flooring on which containers are stored; this prevents contact with liquids that may have accumulated in the sumps. The cells are separated by metal partitions above the flooring. The concrete sumps are treated with chemical-resistant epoxy filler-sealer and protective coating, providing an impervious seal to contain any potential leaks, spills, or accumulation of precipitation. Cells 1 and 6 are approximately 26.5 feet long by 13.5 feet wide by 1 feet deep, with a sump capacity of 2,675 gallons each. Cells 3 and 5 are approximately 16.8 feet long by 13.5 feet wide by 1 feet deep, with a sump capacity of 1,700 gallons each. Cells 2 and 4 are approximately 13.5 feet long by 11.2 feet wide by 1 foot deep, with a sump capacity of approximately 1,130 gallons each. These sump capacities exceed the amount necessary to hold 10% of the maximum storage capacity for TA-54-32.

A.4.1.6 TA-54-35

TA-54-35 (*see* Figure 26 in Attachment N (*Figures)*) consists of a concrete pad that measures 31.5 feet long by 31.5 feet wide. The area is covered by a 136 ft-long, 48 feet-wide canopy that provides protection from the weather. The pad has a 6-inch-high concrete berm that prevents run-on and runoff of liquids. The bermed area has an elevated ramp on one side to

allow access for equipment to move waste containers. The ramp also helps to prevent run-on of precipitation and runoff of any accumulated liquids. The bermed secondary containment area of the pad is approximately 29.5 feet long by 24.5 feet wide by 8 inches deep. Stored waste containers are elevated on pallets to prevent contact with any potential accumulated liquids. The secondary containment capacity of the bermed area is approximately 3,570 gallons, which exceeds the amount necessary to hold 10% of the maximum storage capacity for TA-54-35 (15,840 gallons)

A.4.1.7 TA-54-36

TA-54-36 (*see* Figure 26 in Attachment N (*Figures)*) is a 33-feet-long by 31.5-feet-wide concrete pad. It is covered by a 136 feet-long, 48 feet-wide canopy that provides protection from the weather. The pad is surrounded by a 1-feet-wide berm that varies from 6 inches to 1 ft in height. The berm prevents run-on and runoff of liquids. The bermed secondary containment area of the pad is approximately 30.5 feet long by 30 feet wide by 9 inches deep. The pad also contains a Perma-Con® structure. This structure is located, at the time of Permit issuance, at TA-54-36 but is authorized to be moved onto TA-54-32. The Perma-Con® is constructed of 4-foot-wide, 8- or 4-foot-long, 22-gauge stainless-steel panels that interlock in a self-supporting structural steel framework. The Perma-Con® system can be assembled into multiple configurations. The Perma-Con® is 28 feet wide by 28 feet long by 12 feet high. It is equipped with a 20-feet-long observation room that attaches to the main enclosure. The main enclosure has two personnel doors and an 8-foot-wide roll-up door. The floor in the main enclosure is the concrete pad covered with multiple layers of heavy duty plastic sheeting that are taped together and are extended approximately 1 foot up the sides of the Perma-Con®. The Perma-Con® has a tarp covering its roof to provide additional protection from the elements, thereby preventing the influx of precipitation, including melting snow. The secondary containment capacity of the bermed area is approximately 4,595 gallons, which exceeds the amount necessary to hold 10% of the maximum storage capacity for TA-54-36 (13,200 gallons).

A.4.1.8 TA-54-58

TA-54-58 (*see* Figure 26 in Attachment N (*Figures)*) is a pad that measures 33 ft long by 31.5 ft wide. It is covered by a 136 ft-long, 48 ft-wide canopy that provides protection from the weather. The pad has a 1-ft-wide berm that varies from 6 in to 1 ft in height. The berm prevents run-on and runoff of liquids. The bermed area has an elevated ramp on one side to allow access for equipment to move waste containers. The ramp also helps to prevent run-on of precipitation and runoff of any accumulated liquids. The bermed secondary containment area of the pad is approximately 30.5 ft long by 25 ft wide by 6 in deep. The secondary containment capacity of the bermed area is approximately 2,850 gallons, which exceeds the amount necessary to hold 10% of the maximum storage capacity for TA-54-58 (15,840 gallons).

A.4.1.9 TA-54-39 and Containment Pad

TA-54-39 measures 40 ft-long by 40 ft-wide (*see* Figure 26 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). It is a metal panel building set on a concrete foundation with a metal canopy attached to the south side of the building. The rectangular metal canopy measures 83 ft long by 46 ft wide. There are two areas associated with TA-54-39 that provide secondary containment. These areas include Room 101, located inside the building, and a containment pad located at the south end of the building. Room 101 inside TA-54-39 has a 6-in-high concrete curb that surrounds the room. The containment pad at the south end of TA-54-39 consists of two sections. The pad is covered by a metal canopy, which provides protection from the weather. The eastern section of the containment pad is constructed of asphaltic concrete and measures 83 ft-long by 23 ft-wide. The western section of the containment pad is approximately 58 ft-long by 16 ft-wide and is surrounded by a 1-feet-high concrete curb, which prevents run-on and runoff of liquids. The secondary containment capacity for Room 101 is approximately 3,280 gallons, which exceeds the amount necessary to hold 10% of the maximum storage capacity of the room (9,900 gallons). The secondary containment capacity for the western section of the TA-54-39 containment pad is approximately 7,120 gallons, which exceeds the amount necessary to hold 10% of the maximum storage capacity of this section of the containment pad (15,180 gallons).

A.4.2 AREA G

The permitted units at Area G are used to store containers of hazardous, mixed low level, and mixed transuranic wastes in solid and liquid form (*see* Figure 27 in Attachment N (*Figures)*. Liquid wastes are stored primarily in structures that are designed for secondary containment. However, secondary containment pallets are also used.

Secondary containment pallets are typically constructed of polyethylene or metal painted with a chemical-resistant coating Polyethylene secondary containment pallets used at TA-54 Area G are generally 50 in long by 50 in wide by 17 in deep with a designed capacity of 83 gallons. Two sizes of metal secondary containment pallets are typically used at TA-54 Area G. One size is 52 in long by 52 in wide by 6.5 in deep with a designed capacity of 57 gallons. The other is 60 in long by 60 in wide by 6.5 in deep with a designed capacity of 77 gallons.

A.4.2.1 Pad 9

The 4 to 6 in thick asphalt pad is approximately 570 feet long and 275 feet wide (*see* Figure 28 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). Transuranic Waste Inspectable Storage Project (TWISP) domes 229, 230, 231, and 232 are located on Pad 9 at the east end of Area G. Each dome is approximately 246 ft long, and 88 ft by 7 inches wide and consist of a rigid aluminum frame that supports a tensioned membrane. A series of aluminum I-beam trusses spanning the width of the structures comprise the dome framework. The membrane material is a polyester fabric coated with UV-stabilized plasticized PVC. The material is fungus-resistant and fire-retardant (*i.e.*, self-extinguishing). The membrane is integrally connected to the frame to provide a fully tensioned fit. Each dome is equipped with personnel doors and a roll-up door for vehicle access and is anchored to a concrete ring-wall with anchor bolts. Under Pad 9 is a fire water collection system that collects water from Domes 232 and 231 and transports it to a sump

system in Dome 229 at the south end of Pad 9. The system is not intended for, nor was it designed to provide, secondary containment of liquid waste releases. It was designed to provide an augmented fire water collection capability to prevent fire water running off the pad if any fire suppression activities exceeded the capacity contained in the upstream domes. Domes 231 and 232 have three drain inlets apiece in the southeast portion of the domes. The drains in each dome are connected and drain to a collection pipe line that runs down the east side of Pad 9. The line terminates in the collection sump in the east end of Dome 229. The floor of Dome 230 is designed for secondary containment of liquids. The asphalt pad floor is sloped (1%) towards a concrete sump at the east end of the dome. The asphalt floor and curbs in Dome 230 are lined with a double layer of 40 mil high-density polyethylene (HDPE), and the sump is lined with a single layer of 40 mil HDPE, creating an impervious layer to contain any liquids that might accumulate. The secondary containment capacity for Dome 230, which includes the sump and curbed area, is approximately 48,255 gallons which exceeds the amount necessary to hold 10% of the total storage capacity of the dome (330,000 gallons). The TWISP domes on Pad 9 are unheated; the storage of waste within the transportainer is for the purpose of temperature equilibration of the waste for characterization procedures (*i.e.*, real-time radiography and headspace gas sampling associated with the transuranic waste characterization program).

A.4.2.2 Pad 1

The 4 to 6 inch thick asphalt pad is approximately 358 feet long and 213 feet wide. TA-54-412 ~~and the Mobile Visual Examination and Repackaging (MOVER) with support trailer are~~ is located on the pad in the northeastern portion of Area G (*see* Figure 29 in Attachment N (*Figures)*).

TA-54-412 (*see* Figure 29 in Attachment N (*Figures)*) is a one story building that is approximately 220 feet long by 60 feet wide (13,200 ft^2). It consists of two structures, an internal primary confinement structure that houses the DVRS processing operations and an external secondary confinement structure which surrounds the primary confinement structure. The external secondary confinement structure (hereinafter referred to as "building") provides protection from the elements and a temperature-controlled space for the internal structures and associated process equipment. A 16 ft by 16 ft roll-up vehicle-access door is located on the north end of the building. The roll-up vehicle access door opens to the secondary confinement structure area and serves as a pass-through for moving DVRS feed-stock waste into the primary confinement structure. There is also vehicle access on the south end of the building for removal of compacted waste from DVRS operations. The concrete slab provides a structural foundation for the building and the shearer and baler system and provides a direct working surface for movement of fiberglass reinforced plywood boxes and processing equipment. The concrete slab is above grade to direct potential run-on away from the building. The floor in the building is sloped to a sump that has a grating cover to provide traction and a level working surface. The sump is treated with chemical-resistant epoxy filler-sealer and protective coating.

The primary confinement structure is housed entirely within the building and consists of five interconnected enclosures or cells. The system is approximately 150 feet long by 50 feet wide

by 16 feet high and sits directly on the sealed concrete floor. The primary confinement structure is constructed of 6-inch-thick, two-hour fire-rated sandwich panels made of 16-gauge steel and gypsum wallboard measuring 40 feet wide by 4 or 8 feet long. The structure interlocks in a self-supporting steel framework that can be assembled into multiple configurations. The primary confinement structure has five cells each of which is used for a specific function of the DVRS process. The cells are equipped with both personnel and large roll-up doors so that personnel, equipment, and material can access the structure and move from one cell to the next. A cell is used to sort and segregate transuranic and mixed transuranic waste and contains various tools used to dismantle the fiberglass reinforced plywood boxes. Other cells are used for decontamination and packaging and a final cell contains the shearer and baler used to compact waste items. The shearing and baling process takes place within a tightly sealed compartment. Waste containers that need to be dismantled are processed using circular saws, reciprocating saws, hammers, pry bars, and other tools, as needed. Waste containers are moved with trucks, forklifts, air pallets, and hand dollies. The primary and secondary confinement structures are built to meet criteria specified in DOE-STD-1020-92, "*Natural Phenomena Hazards Design and Evaluation Criteria for DOE Facilities"* (DOE, 1992) for Performance Criteria 2 structures. Performance Criteria 2 structures include active fire suppression, emergency communications, and confinement systems that provide important safety functions related to emergency handling or hazard recovery and are designed to protect the health and safety of workers and visitors during active operations. The building contains fire protection piping and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning ducting and is a two-hour code-compliant fire-rated building. Panels in the primary confinement structure are the same material as the two-hour fire-rated wall construction with additional supports. A dry-pipe fire-protection system provides coverage for the primary confinement structure. A water collection area in the south end of the building provides for containment of any potential leaks, spills, or accumulated water resulting from the activation of the fire protection system.

~~Located on the northeast portion of Pad 1 (form location of Dome 226) is the MOVER and support trailer. The MOVER is a 10 by 40-ft transportainer unit that contains a glovebox utilized to visually examine and repackage the contents of high activity TRU waste drums. The MOVER unit is a certified DOT 7A Type Container (CPC 1998). The MOVER structure is classified as a Type II (000) structure per NFPA 220, *Standard on Types of Building Construction*. Interior walls are double-walled for containment purposes with sealed and polished stainless steel interior for ease of decontamination. The outside walls of the MOVER are constructed of carbon steel. The walls are insulated with cellulose, which is manufactured under Consumer Product Safety Commission performance criteria mandating fire standards. The interior and exterior of the MOVER are non-flammable metal with steel stud construction. All electrical systems are designed to the National Electrical Code.~~

~~The MOVER is comprised of three rooms consisting of a control room, glovebox operations room, and the drum entry room. The control room provides space for personnel entry, a portal radiation monitor, and system controls. There are doors between each section to isolate each room. Doors are kept closed during the glovebox operations to maintain negative pressure in the unit. Airflow direction is maintained so that air flows from areas of low contamination to areas of potentially higher contamination before being exhausted through the HEPA~~

~~ventilation system. The unit has continuous air and fixed head monitors, intercom system, fire protection system, HVAC, and lighting.~~

~~The glove box operation room contains the glovebox, drum lifter, HEPA filters and differential pressure monitor panel. The drum entry room is located at one end of the trailer. This room provides space for four standard 55-gallon drums on transport dollies. TRU waste drums are bagged into the glovebox and opened. The contents are examined and then bagged out into another drum(s). Nonconformance items are identified and bagged out into a third drum. The empty parent drum and newly filled drum(s) are then removed from the MOVER unit.~~

~~The glovebox is 12-ft long, 2.75-ft high and the end is 2.3-ft wide at the top. The glovebox is fabricated from Type 304L stainless steel and includes a HEPA ventilations system.~~

~~The MOVER support trailer is 9 by 20 ft metal trailer that houses ventilation blowers with a monitored discharge system, the fire suppression system and electrical distribution system for the MOVER.~~

A.4.2.3 Pad 3

The 4 inch thick asphalt pad 3 is approximately 339 feet long and 50 feet wide. Storage Dome 48, located at the eastern end of pad 3, is 285 feet long and 50 feet wide and has a peak height of 24 feet (*see* Figure 30 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). The design and materials of construction for dome 48 are the same as the other domes at TA-54. The dome is equipped with a double-panel rolling door at the south end of the dome and eight personnel doors located approximately every 80 feet along the dome's length mainly to allow for adequate access both by vehicles and personnel. The interior perimeter of the dome is surrounded by a 6-inch-high, 8-inch-wide asphalt curb which helps prevent run-on into, and runoff from, the dome. An asphalt ramp located at the vehicle entrance allows vehicles and container handling equipment to pass safely over the curb. The dome is anchored to Pad 3 with standard drift pins.

A.4.2.4 Pad 10 (former Pads 2 and 4)

Pad 10 is constructed at the location of former Pads 2 and 4. The asphalt pad measures approximately 350 feet long by 250 feet wide and is constructed of asphalt (*see* Figure 31 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). The transuranic waste characterization facilities and container storage area are located on this pad. The transuranic waste characterization facilities consist of mobile and modular units equipped with instruments and equipment for waste characterization and repackaging. The transuranic waste characterization facilities include the following: drum-loading or receiving unit(s); equilibration units(s); gas mobile characterization unit(s); mobile repack units; and nondestructive radioassay unit(s). External containment is provided by the trailers and transportainers because waste characterization activities take place inside the structures. The characterization provided by the non-destructive assay radioactivity monitoring techniques described does not involve opening the waste containers. Activities at Pad 10 include the following:

TA 54-0498, LANL HENC

The Canberra Facility High Efficiency Neutron Counter (HENC) is designed to provide a passive neutron and gamma measurement of tranuranic waste drums in 55-gal containers. The trailer housing the HENC is Structure #498. The HENC supported the Facility's TWCP and Project 2010 and subsequently CCP operations beginning in 2004 to the present.

TA 54-0365, Office Building, Formerly MTGS

TA 54-0365 formerly housed the Mobile Tomagraphic Gamma System (MTGS). The MTGS was a gamma assay system prototype developed by the Permittees. The instrument was salvaged in 2007 and the trailer in which it was housed (Structure #365) was converted to office space.

TA 54-05470~~0~~457, Super High Efficiency Neutron Coincidence (SuperHENC) counter

Trailer TA-05470~~0~~457 houses a high efficiency neutron counter designed to handle large waste containers. It is designed to provide a passive neutron and gamma measurement of large transuranic waste containers like standard waste boxes. The SuperHENC will support the Facility's TWCP and the CCP operations beginning in 2010.

TA 54-0483, Source Storage

Trailer TA54-0483 serves as a storage repository for calibration sources needed by the NDA systems.

TA 54-0497, RTR2

The Real-Time Radiography (RTR) system #2 is designed to provide X-ray examination of the contents of a waste drum. The unit, RTR2, has been located on Pad 10 in support of the Department of Energy Carlsbad Central Characterization Project (CCP) operations.

TA 54-0506, MCS HENC

The Canberra MCS High Efficiency Neutron Counter (HENC) is functionally identical to the Permittees' HENC and provides passive neutron and gamma assays of 55-gal waste drums.

TA 54-1059, Storage

TA54-1059 has been used to store miscellaneous NDA equipment, such as turn-tables, equipment stands, etc.

TA 54-0545, Storage

Heated transportainer for transuranic and mixed transuranic waste storage prior to characterization

TA 54-0546, Storage

Heated transportainer for transuranic and mixed transuranic waste storage prior to characterization

Pad 10 asphalt

Pad 10 is primarily used for storage of feed stock and empty drums for the transuranic waste characterization activities. Additionally, storage of oversized mixed wastes in transportainers and metal boxes can occur on the pad.

A.4.2.5 Pad 5

This asphalt pad consists of former pads 5, 7, and 8, located on the south-central portion of Area G, has two domes and eight sheds (*see* Figure 32 in Attachment N (*Figures)*) associated with it. Former Pad 5 is approximately 500 feet long, 65 feet-wide, and 4 inches thick. It is sloped approximately 2% from north to south. Former Pad 8 is approximately 150 feet long, 95 feet-wide, and 3 inches thick. It is sloped approximately 1% from west to east. Former Pad 7 is approximately 200 feet long, 64 feet-wide, and 4 inches thick. It is sloped approximately 1% from west to east.

Dome 49

Storage dome 49, located on former Pad 5, is 440 feet long and 60 feet wide and has a peak height of approximately 26 feet (*see* Figure 32 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). The design and materials of construction for Dome 49 are the same as the other domes at TA-54. The dome is equipped with a double-panel rolling door at the north end of the dome and six personnel doors to allow for adequate access both by vehicles and by personnel. The interior perimeter of the dome is surrounded by a 6-inch-high, 8-inch-wide asphalt curb which helps prevent run-on into and runoff from the dome. An asphalt ramp located at the vehicle entrance to Dome 49 allows vehicles and container handling equipment to pass safely over the curb. The dome is anchored to Pad 5 with standard drift pins.

Dome 224

Storage Dome 224, located on former pad 8, is approximately 110 feet long and 60 feet wide, with a peak height of 26 feet (*see* Figure 32 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). The design and materials of construction for dome 224 are the same as other domes at TA-54. This dome is anchored to Pad 8 with anchor bolts. It is equipped with a single-panel roll-up door at the north end and four personnel doors to allow adequate access by vehicles and by personnel. A 1-foot, 8-inch wide by 2-feet, 4-inch deep concrete ring wall surrounds the interior of dome 224. A high-density polyethylene (HDPE) liner exists below the asphaltic pad within the dome. Storage sheds 144, 145, 146, and 177 are prefabricated sheds constructed of steel.

Each shed measures 6 feet long, 5 feet-wide, and 9 feet high. Access to each shed is obtained through a single door. The sheds are elevated by design, which prevents run-on and each shed is constructed with a liquid-tight sump to ensure containment of any potential leaks or spills and to prevent runoff. The floor of each shed is constructed of steel and has a metal grate that covers the entire sump area. Containers are placed directly on the metal grates, which prevent contact with liquids that may have accumulated in the sumps. The designed sump storage capacity of each shed is 120 gallons which exceeds the amount necessary to hold 10% of the total storage capacity of each shed (330 gallons).

Storage sheds 1027, 1028, 1029, and 1041 are equipped with three sets of double doors on one side of the shed for ease of access. Sheds 1027, 1028, 1030, and 1041 contain a single compartment and sump within each shed (*see* Figure 32 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). The designed storage capacity of each sump is 750 gallons which exceeds the amount necessary to hold 10% of the total capacity of each shed (1,760 gallons).

A.4.2.6 Pad 6

This permitted asphalt pad, approximately 633 ft long, 99 ft wide and 4 inches thick, is sloped approximately 1.2% from west to east and is located in the north-central portion of Area G. Storage domes 153 and 283 are located on Pad 6 (*see* Figure 33 in Attachment N (*Figures)*) and the design and materials of construction for domes 153 and 283 are the same as the other domes at TA-54.

Dome 153

Dome 153 is approximately 326 ft long and 60 ft wide, with a peak height of 26 ft (*see* Figure 33 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). A double-panel rolling door is located at the west end of the dome and 10 personnel doors are located approximately every 40 to 125 ft along the dome's length.

Dome 283

Dome 283 is approximately 250 ft long and 60 ft wide with a peak height of 26 ft (*see* Figure 33 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). A double-panel rolling door is located at the east end of the dome and 10 personnel doors are located approximately every 50 ft along the dome's length. These accesses allow adequate traffic flow of vehicles and personnel into and out of the dome. An asphalt ramp is located at the vehicle entrance of each dome to allow vehicles and container-handling equipment to pass safely over the curb. Domes 153 and 283 are anchored to Pad 6 with standard drift pins.

A.4.2.7 Storage Shed 8

Storage shed 8 is located in the north-central portion of Area G (*see* Figure 34 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). The shed is 40 ft long and 16 ft wide and has a 14-ft-high galvanized steel roof that slopes to the north. The siding of Shed 8 is constructed of galvanized steel and the

foundation is constructed of concrete. Two overhead doors and one personnel door on the south side of the shed allow both vehicles and personnel to access the shed.

A.4.2.8 TA-54-33

TA-54-33 is located in the north-central portion of Area G and consists of a dome attached to a concrete-block building (*see* Figure 34 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). This permitted unit is used for waste storage and potential or future waste characterization activities. The dome and building are located on a concrete foundation surrounded by an asphalt pad. The concrete foundation is 8 inches thick and overlies 6 inches of base course. The concrete-block building attached to the dome is approximately 40 ft long and 34 ft wide. The dome is 157 ft long and 50 ft wide with a peak height of 24 ft. A double-panel rolling door is located at the west end of the dome for vehicle access. A single-panel rolling door is located at the southeast end of the dome for container-handling access. Two personnel doors are located approximately 40 ft apart along the north wall of the dome. Two additional personnel doors are located in the concrete-block building; one on the west side, and one on the east side. In addition, two overhead doors are located on the north side of the building to allow free movement of personnel and container-handling equipment between the building and the dome.

The design and materials of construction for the TA-54-33 dome are the same as the other domes at TA-54. The dome's aluminum frame is directly connected to the building which extends approximately 5 ft into the dome. Inside the dome the concrete foundation is sloped to a 6-inch-wide centralized concrete drainage trench that is covered with 12-inch-wide steel grating. The trench slopes toward a steel sump located at the east end of the dome. Two additional trenches, located in Rooms 100A and 100B, are perpendicular to and feed into the main trench. A floor drain in Room 105 connects with the trench in Room 100A.

The steel sump is located within a concrete basin that has 8-inch-thick walls, a 9-inch-thick base and measures approximately 15 ft long by 7 ft wide by 6 ft deep. The sump is approximately 14 ft long by 6.5 ft wide by 5 ft deep and has a capacity of 3,473 gallons. A primary holding tank associated with the sump is located in a concrete basin that is 15 ft long by 12 ft wide by 5.5 ft deep and has a capacity of approximately 7,405 gallons. A secondary holding tank associated with the sump is located in a separate concrete basin that is 12 ft long by 12 ft wide by 5.5 ft deep and has a capacity of approximately 5,924 gallons. These basins have the capacity to contain any spills or leaks resulting from a potential overflow or breach of the holding tanks.

A.4.2.9 Pad 11

This asphalt pad is approximately 4 inches thick, measures approximately 478 ft long by 137 ft wide, and is sloped approximately 1 to 2% to the southeast. Storage dome 375 is located on the western portion of pad 11 and is used for storage of hazardous, mixed low level, and mixed transuranic waste. It measures approximately 300 ft long by 100 ft wide (*see* Figure 36 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). The building is an aluminum A-frame truss design that is anchored to a concrete ring wall. The dome is of modular construction utilizing a membrane or fabric covering. It is equipped with 14 personnel doors and two roll-up doors, one each at

the east and west ends of the building. Ramped entrances allow for safe movement of container handling equipment and vehicle access. Dome 375 contains a modular panel containment structure (approximately 120 feet long x 60 feet wide) used for size reduction, decontamination, segregation, waste assay, reclassification activities, and repackaging of transuranic waste prior to shipment offsite. The Real-Time Radiography (RTR) system #1 is designed to provide X-ray examination of the contents of a waste drum. The unit, RTR1, has been located on Pad 11 in support of the transuranic waste characterization operations. ~~The High Energy Real-Time Radiography (HERTR) Unit is located on the eastern portion of Pad 11. The Unit is placed on a concrete pad with an approximate footprint of 50 by 50 ft. It consists of two structures, a portable control room and a re-locatable X-ray vault constructed of modular concrete walls and blocks for shielding. Waste containers are placed inside the vault on a turntable mounted to a mechanical cart. Once the waste is loaded on to the cart, the RTR operator, from within the control room, will electronically move the cart into the X-ray vault, close the vault door, and perform the RTR. This unit will provide X-ray examination of the contents of waste drums or SWBs. The high energy of the unit will allow more efficient characterization of TRU waste container and minimize the opening and repackaging of waste containers that contain objects that the standard RTR unit could not penetrate.~~

A.4.3 TA-54 West

The two permitted units at TA-54 West include the indoor low bay and the high bay at TA-54-38 and the outdoor storage pad which surrounds the north, east, and south sides of TA-54-38 and the loading dock at TA-54-38. The permitted units at TA-54 West are used to store solid mixed low level and mixed transuranic waste (*see* Figure 37 in Attachment N (*Figures)).*

A.4.3.1 TA-54 West Building (RANT)

TA-54-38 is a building constructed of 36-ft-high pre-cast concrete panel walls topped by pre-stressed double-T concrete roof sections. Its foundation consists of a 6-inch reinforced concrete slab on compacted fill. The building is divided into several offices and houses the Indoor permitted unit which includes the low bay and the high bay (*see* Figure 37 in Attachment N (*Figures)*). The low bay is approximately 40 ft-wide and 34 ft long. An 8 ft-wide by 12 ft-high roll-up door is located at the east end and opens to an outdoor loading dock. A second 8-ft-wide by 12-ft-high roll-up door is located in the southeast corner and opens into the high bay. The walls and floor of the low bay are coated with industrial grade enamel paint. The high bay, approximately 40 ft wide and 80 ft long, is used for loading transuranic and mixed transuranic waste into Transuranic Package Transporter-II containers. It is equipped with 14-ft-wide by 18-ft-high roll-up doors on the east and west ends to allow convenient, indoor loading of the tractor-trailers that transport shipments of waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. The high bay floor is not painted and slopes at an angle of 1.5 degrees toward a central trench (which is 5 inches wide, 6 inches deep and 50 ft long) and a sump. The entire length of the trench is covered with a metal grate and is designed to hold precipitation and snow melt from tractor-trailers.

A.4.3.2 TA-54 West Outdoor Pad

The outdoor permitted asphalt pad (which is approximately 4 inches thick and slopes toward the curbed edges to allow for storm water runoff (*see* Figure 37 in Attachment N (*Figures)*) consists of the loading dock at TA-54-38 and the storage pad located on the north, east, and south sides of TA-54-38. The loading dock is 16 ft wide by 38 ft, 10 inches long and is covered by a metal awning. The loading dock is constructed of 6-inch cast-in-place concrete and is located approximately 4 inches above grade. The boundary of the storage pad is delineated by the fence surrounding the pad and the approximate dimensions of the pad are shown on Figure 37**.** Mobile radioassay trailers and storage sheds for supplies and equipment are also stored on the pad at the outdoor permitted unit (*see* Figure 37 in Attachment N (*Figures)*).

A.4.4 Security and Access Control

The permitted units at TA-54 are provided security by both their locations on top of Mesita del Buey and by 8-foot industrial chain-link fences topped by razor wire or barbed wire. Additional security is provided by a system of facility access controls to ensure that only authorized personnel are granted access. These access controls also ensure that all facility personnel can be identified and located in an emergency. Depending on national security conditions a guard station will be manned west of the TA-54 timed vehicle-access control gate. Guard stations control public access on Pajarito Road east and west of TA-54; only properly identified Facility employees or individuals under their escort will have access to TA-54. During times of low national security, any access to the TA-54 administrative area for Areas L and G is limited by a timed vehicle-access control gate on the entrance road to TA-54. This gate is open during normal working hours from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Gate hours are subject to change. Access to TA-54 West is by a manually operated gate on the west side of the facility. The gate is also open during normal working hours. Access to any part of TA-54 before or after normal working hours or on weekends requires approval of the appropriate Group Leader or Facility Manager at TA-54. TA-54 is patrolled by security personnel during non-operational hours to ensure that the gates are locked and that unauthorized entry has not occurred. Anyone entering the fenced Area L and Area G waste management areas from the TA-54 administrative area is “badged in” before proceeding. Badging in is the process of identifying the person, assessing his or her security and training status using DOE security badges, and determining the need for an escort. Authorized personnel may enter the fenced portions of Areas L and G only after negotiating additional access controls in the form of walk-through turnstiles and motorized vehicle gates. Each turnstile and vehicle gate is equipped with a badge reader to ensure authorized access only. Resident personnel are required to badge in upon arrival and prior to leaving TA-54. Non-resident personnel and visitors are required to badge or sign in and out at an access control point at the facility operations center. Depending on their level of training, non-resident personnel may be required to be escorted in order to access TA-54 Areas L and G and TA-54 West. Access to the Area L, Area G, and TA-54 West permitted units requires additional controls. Bilingual (*i.e.*, English and Spanish) warning signs are posted on the fence at 50- to 75-ft intervals, are legible from a distance of 25 ft, and can be seen from any approach to this area. The legends on the signs indicate "Danger—Hazardous Waste Storage

Area" and "Unauthorized Persons Keep Out." The security fence is inspected by on-site personnel and repairs are made as necessary. The locations of the security fence, entry gates, and entry stations are shown on Figures 7, 8, and 9, in Attachment N (*Figures)*.

A.4.5 Emergency Equipment

Emergency equipment is located throughout TA-54 and includes internal communications, alarm systems, fire alarms, spill kits, and decontamination equipment. Area L is equipped with an audible alarm system to alert personnel of a fire or the need to evacuate the area. These alarms can be activated by pulling a fire alarm or by pushing the evacuation alarm button. The fire alarm pull boxes are located in Dome 215 and are connected to the Los Alamos Fire Department (LAFD) through the Facility's central alarm system at all times. Evacuation alarms are located adjacent to the fence line crash gates and other locations in Area L (see Attachment D, Table D-1). In addition to the alarms there are numerous telephones located in and around the structures within Area L. These telephones ensure that personnel can contact on-site and Facility emergency personnel at all times. Many of these telephones also serve as emergency paging phones so that information can be announced throughout the area. Alphanumeric pagers, cellular telephones, and/or two-way radios are also distributed to workers at Area L. Employees can be notified of an emergency situation and appropriate response actions through the use of a text message sent on the emergency alpha-numeric pagers, or cellular telephone, or by two-way radio. The emergency paging system can be utilized to alert workers of an emergency situation as well as appropriate response actions. Windsocks are also located at strategic locations to indicate wind direction and strength. Fire control equipment at Area L includes fire extinguishers (*e.g.*, ABC-rated, water, carbon dioxide, dry chemical), a dry-pipe sprinkler system, and dry chemical systems. The fire extinguishers are available at or near most structures within Area L for use by on-site personnel depending on the size and fuel source of a fire. Dome 215 has an automatic dry-pipe sprinkler system that is heat activated in the event of a fire. Storage sheds 68, 69, and 70 have dry chemical systems. Fire hydrants are located near TA-54-37 and the southeast corner of TA-54-62. Personal decontamination equipment at Area L includes emergency eyewash stations and showers. This equipment is for use by personnel in emergencies involving chemical or radiological materials. These stations are generally located near or inside structures where waste is being handled. Emergency shower and eyewash stations are located at or near TA-54-39, TA-54-31, TA-54-215, ~~TA-54-216,~~ and TA-54-35. Waste characterization documentation and MSDS are also available in the event of a chemical exposure. There are several spill kits available at Area L to mitigate small containable spills. These kits typically contain sorbents, neutralizers, PPE, and other equipment essential for containment of small spills. In addition to the spill kits, shovels for cleanup are stored in TA-54-46. Oversized drums and sorbents are also stored at various locations throughout Area L. For larger spills or other unusual hazardous situations, a variety of equipment is available to emergency personnel. This equipment includes forklifts, self-propelled loaders, and other heavy equipment from Area G.

Area G is equipped with an audible alarm system to alert personnel of a fire or the need to evacuate the area. The alarms can be activated by pulling a fire alarm or by pushing the evacuation alarm button. Fire alarms and evacuation alarms are in place at strategic locations to alert personnel of emergency conditions. The fire alarms are located throughout Area G and are connected to the LAFD through the Facility's central alarm system at all times. Flame

or smoke detection equipment is located within structures ~~TA-54-226,~~ TA-54-229, TA-54-230, TA-54-231, and TA-54-232. Security personnel and LAFD are notified upon activation of the flame or smoke detectors. Fire control equipment is located throughout Area G. This equipment includes ABC-rated or BC-rated fire extinguishers, dry-chemical fire suppression systems, and several fire hydrants. Trained personnel can use the fire extinguishers to extinguish small, non-chemical fires. For larger fires, security personnel and the LAFD are alerted. Personnel working in Area G also carry alphanumeric pagers, cellular phones, or two-way radios. Emergency paging telephones are in place so that information can be announced throughout the area. This equipment ensures that personnel can contact on-site and Facility emergency personnel at all times. Windsocks are at strategic locations to indicate wind direction and strength. PPE and emergency equipment supplies are stored a various locations throughout Area G. There are different types of monitoring equipment located at the Area G CSUs that are used to qualitatively and quantitatively evaluate airborne contaminants. Alarms and strobe lights warn personnel when airborne concentrations exceed preset limits. They are for use by personnel in emergencies involving chemical or radiological materials. Waste characterization documentation and MSDSs are available in the event of a chemical exposure. First aid equipment can be used to treat injuries until trained medical personnel arrive at the scene. Spill control equipment is maintained at various structures within Area G. Trained personnel use this equipment to mitigate small, containable spills if they know what has been spilled and are sure their actions will not put themselves or others at risk. PPE is also maintained at various structures within Area G and is available for use during routine and non-routine operations to protect personnel from exposure to chemical and radiological contaminants. Warning tapes and barricades are used to post areas and prevent unauthorized entry into restricted areas. Heavy equipment is also available at Area G to move heavy objects.

TA-54-38 at TA-54 West is equipped with an audible alarm system to alert personnel of fire or the need to evacuate the area. Fire alarm pull stations are located throughout the building and can be activated in the event of a fire. Strobe lights mounted at the fire alarms and at TA-54-34, just north of TA-54-38, flash upon activation of the fire alarms to visually alert personnel. The alarm system can also be activated by using evacuation alarm buttons located near the entrances to the building. Upon activation of the evacuation alarm system, horns sound to alert personnel of emergency conditions. The building's manual fire alarm pull stations at TA-54 West are connected to the LACFD through the Facility's central alarm system at all times. The evacuation alarm system is a local system that notifies occupants in TA-54-38 and TA-54-34 of a local emergency. Additionally, a roll-up door between the high and low bays has heat sensitive links attached to a safety chain that melt at a certain temperature and cause the door to close.

TA-54-38 is also equipped with telephones to provide adequate communication and to summon external emergency assistance, if necessary. Paging telephones are located throughout the building and are used to contact on-site personnel. Paging telephones are also used in the event of an emergency to communicate the nature and location of hazardous conditions to personnel in the area. The alarm system is interrupted when the paging telephone system is activated to allow personnel to hear the announcement. Additionally, an emergency telephone is located outside the main entry area. Personnel working within the

building can also use these telephones to summon assistance from local emergency response teams in case of emergency.

Fire control equipment is available for use within TA-54-38 and at the outdoor permitted unit. Portable ABC-rated fire extinguishers are located in the high bay, low bay, and at the outdoor permitted unit. The fire extinguisher located by the east personnel entrance door in the low bay can also be used at the loading dock. Depending on the size of the fire and the fuel source, fire extinguishers can be used by on-site personnel. TA-54-38 is equipped with a pre-action~~smoke-activated dry-pipe~~ sprinkler system activated by loss of nitrogen pressure (*e.g.*, an open sprinkler) anywhere in the building or by heat detection (high bay and loading dock) or smoke detection (balance of building)~~in the low bay and with heat-activated dry-pipe fire suppression systems in the high bay and at the loading dock~~. A fire hydrant installed according to National Fire Protection Association standards is located approximately 220 ft west of TA-54-38 near the west entrance to TA-54 West.

A portable chemical spill center is maintained within TA-54-38. It contains sorbents and PPE. Personnel working anywhere within the building have access to this spill center. Trained personnel use this equipment to mitigate small containable spills when they are certain their actions will not put themselves or others at risk. Personnel decontamination equipment available includes a safety shower and eyewash located in the high bay and a safety shower and eyewash on the loading dock.

A.4.6 Preventing Run-on and Runoff

At TA-54, controlling run-on and runoff at the locations where waste management operations regularly occur is accomplished by appropriate contouring of surface areas and the use of control structures such as drainage channels, berms, and culverts. Canopies, dome structures, and other buildings are used to eliminate or minimize contact between run-on and waste containers. In addition, all stored waste containers are elevated or are placed in areas with sloped floors and sumps to provide protection from liquids that could be introduced through fire-suppression activities. Existing operational controls include inspecting run-on and runoff controls in accordance with Attachment E (*Inspection Plan*) and maintaining the structural run-on and runoff controls, as necessary. Run-on and runoff management methods specific to the Area L, Area G, and TA-54 West permitted units are discussed below.

A.4.6.1 Area L

The Area L permitted unit is maintained so that structural and operational controls divert storm water to a single outfall. These include asphalt channels, a 12-inch corrugated pipe storm drain to convey storm water to a single outfall at the northeast corner of Area L, and a contoured paved surface to direct storm water to the conveyances. Snow removal is performed to minimize run-on and runoff.

A.4.6.2 Area G

In certain drainage areas at Area G, structures are maintained to efficiently channel storm water to the ephemeral streams draining the mesa. These structures include asphalt and concrete drainage channels, a weir, riprap-lined channels, retention dam, berms, and culverts. Roads and drive pads are configured, by grading and paving, to carry storm water away from the areas of active vehicular and loading operations. Silt fences and other erosion control structures are maintained throughout the drainage areas in locations prone to erosion or affected by heavy runoff during storm events.

A.4.6.3 TA-54 West

The foundation at TA-54-38 is above grade to prevent run-on of storm water. Storm drains and trenches are maintained to collect any precipitation or snowmelt that may enter the Facility through the loading bays. The outdoor permitted unit is maintained to be sloped away from TA-54-38 towards the edges of the pad allowing storm water to flow to the edges of the pad. All containers of waste stored at the TA-54 West permitted units are located in areas with sloped floors and sumps or are elevated by design, on dollies, or on pallets. This prevents the containers from coming into contact with liquids. Positive surface drainage throughout TA-54 West directs potential run-on away from the TA-54 West permitted units. A drainage swale and curbing direct storm water runoff toward an outfall on the northeast side of the storage pad.

A.5 TA-55

TA-55 is located in the north central portion of Los Alamos National Laboratory on a mesa between a branch of Mortandad Canyon on the north and Two Mile Canyon on the south (*see* Figure 38 in Attachment N (*Figures)).* TA-55 is a plutonium processing facility, which began operating in 1978. Hazardous and mixed waste container storage at TA-55 is conducted at seven permitted units. These permitted units are identified as B40, B05, K13, B45, the Vault, the Container Storage Pad, and TA-55-185. The B05, B45, and TA-55-185 permitted units will be used to store containers with only non-liquid bearing waste (*i.e.*, solid form). These permitted units all reside in a building; therefore, run-on and run-off from storm events are not applicable. In the event of a water leak from facility systems, the TA-55-4 basement has sumps to contain the liquid.

A.5.1 B40

The B40 permitted unit is used to store containers of hazardous and mixed waste that may contain liquids. B40 is located in the southwest section of the TA-55-4 basement, as shown on Figure 40 in Attachment N (*Figures).* The permitted unit is L-shaped and has long dimensions of 61.5 by 55 feet (ft). The maximum storage capacity of this unit is 21,500 gallons (gal), the equivalent of 391 55-gal drums. The types of waste containers holding hazardous or mixed waste that are stored in B40 include: 5-, 10-, 12-, 15-, 30-, 55-, and 85-gal drums; large waste boxes; special order waste boxes; and standard waste boxes (SWB).

A.5.2 B05

The B05 permitted unit is used to store containers of hazardous and mixed waste that do not contain liquids. B05 is located in the southwest section of the TA-55-4 basement, as shown in Figure 42 in Attachment N (*Figures)*. The permitted unit is rectangular shaped and is 26 ft long by 10 ft wide. The maximum storage capacity of this unit is 3,600 gal, the equivalent of 66 55-gal drums. The types of waste containers holding hazardous or mixed waste that will be stored in B05 include 30-, 55-, and 85-gal drums, large waste boxes; and SWBs.

A.5.3 K13

The K13 permitted unit is used to store containers of hazardous and mixed waste that may contain liquids. K13 is located in the northwest section of the TA-55-4 basement, as shown on Figure 41 in Attachment N (*Figures)*. The permitted unit is rectangular shaped and is 16 ft long by 13 ft wide. The maximum storage capacity of this unit is 2,500 gal, the equivalent of 46 55-gal drums. The types of waste containers holding hazardous or mixed waste that will be stored in K13 include: 0.25-, 0.5-, 0.75-, 1-, 2-, 4-, and 6-liter/quart containers; 5-, 10-, 12-, and 15-gal containers; 30-, 55-, and 85-gal drums; and large waste boxes.

A.5.4 B45

The B45 permitted unit is used to store containers of hazardous and mixed waste that do not contain liquids. B45 is located in the northeast section of the TA-55-4 basement, as shown on Figure 43 in Attachment N (*Figures)*. The permitted unit is rectangular shaped and is 45 ft long by 17.5 ft wide. The maximum storage capacity of this unit is 11,000 gal, the equivalent of 200 55-gal drums. The types of waste containers holding hazardous or mixed waste that will be stored in B45 include: 5-, 10-, 12-, and 15-gal containers; 55- and 85-gal drums; large waste boxes; and SWBs.

A.5.5 Vault

The Vault permitted unit is used to store containers of mixed waste that may contain liquids. The Vault is located along the eastern wall of the basement at TA-55-4, as shown on Figure 42 in Attachment N (*Figures)* and is approximately 79.5 ft long by 50.5 ft wide. The maximum storage capacity of this unit is 4,000 gal, the equivalent of approximately 73 55-gal drums. The types of waste containers holding mixed waste that will be stored in the Vault include: 0.25-, 0.5-, 0.75-, 1-, 2-, 4-, and 6-liter/quart containers; and 5-, 10-, 12-, 15-, 30- and 55-gal drums.

A.5.6 Container Storage Pad

The Container Storage Pad is used to store containers of hazardous and mixed waste that may contain liquids. The pad is located outside and south southwest of TA-55-4, as shown on Figure 45 in Attachment N (*Figures)*. It was installed in the mid-1980s and is constructed of asphaltic-concrete with a variable thickness of 4 to 6 inches (in.). The Container Storage Pad permitted unit is shaped like a trapezoid and measures 102 ft, 86 ft, 156 ft, and 105 ft. It also

includes a rectangular strip measuring 70 ft by 10 ft on the southeast side. The pad is sloped, is elevated 2 to 4 in. above ground level, and has a culvert beneath the pad running from the northwest side to the southeast corner to minimize run-on of precipitation. The storage capacity of this area is 135,000 gal, the equivalent of approximately 2,455 55-gal drums. The types of waste containers holding hazardous or mixed waste that will be stored on the container storage pad include: 0.25-, 0.5-, 0.75-, 1-, 2-, 4-, and 6-liter/quart containers; 30-, 55-, and 85-gal drums; SWBs; large waste boxes; and 5-, 10-, 12-, and 15-gal containers.

A.5.7 TA-55-185

TA-55-185 is used to store containers of hazardous and mixed waste that do not contain liquids. TA-55-185 is located west of TA-55-4, as shown on Figure 46 in Attachment N (*Figures)*. The building was constructed in 1991 and consists of a steel frame with fiberglass insulation, metal walls, and a concrete floor. The TA-55-185 permitted unit will be approximately 60 ft long by 40 ft wide, and will have a maximum storage capacity of 30,000 gal, the equivalent of 546 55-gal drums. The types of waste containers holding hazardous or mixed waste that will be stored at TA-55-185 include: 30-, 55-, and 85-gal drums; large waste boxes; and SWBs.

A.5.8 Storage Tank System

There is one storage tank unit at TA-55 that is comprised of two tank components, the evaporator glovebox tank and the stabilization unit pencil tanks. The two tank components share a common piping and pumping system.

The evaporator glovebox tank was constructed in 1986. The stabilization unit pencil tanks were constructed in 1985, installed from 1987-88, and were considered existing tanks until new components were installed in 1996. These new components were determined to be a major, non-routine modification; therefore, the stabilization unit pencil tanks are subject to the new tank system regulations and are addressed as new tanks in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR § 264.192, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The TA-55 storage tank unit is located at TA-55, Building 4, in Room 401 and has a maximum capacity of 560 Liters (L) (137 gallons [gal]). The storage tank system consists of two components, with six tanks, that are used to store evaporator bottoms solutions prior to stabilization.

Liquid waste comes primarily from the evaporator as evaporator bottoms in approximately 25-L batches. Unrecyclable evaporator distillate waste (corrosive only) is also cemented when the low-level acid waste line to the TA-50 Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facility is closed. Liquid waste generated from a source other than the evaporator (such as C-AAC analytical residues) is transferred to the Cementation Unit glovebox in plastic bottles up to 2L in volume via the trolley system.

The evaporator bottoms solutions are initially stored in the evaporator glovebox tank component, where they are sampled for radionuclides, oxides, and metals. They remain in the evaporator glovebox tank component until the radionuclide content is known. If the sampling

results show radionuclide concentrations below the discard limit, the solutions are transferred to the stabilization unit pencil tanks component for storage pending the remaining analytical results. Upon completion of the remaining analyses, the solutions are transferred directly to the stabilization unit for treatment. If the sampling results show concentrations above the discard limit, the solutions are recirculated. Figure 47 in Attachment N (*Figures*) provides a general arrangement diagram and a process flow diagram for the TA-55 storage tank system.

The storage tank unit is connected to three main piping systems, which include the solution feed, ventilation, and vacuum piping systems. Each tank component has a separate header that connects to each of the piping systems. The wet-vacuum piping system is used for all transfers; and the vent-piping system is used to break vacuum. The wet-vacuum and vent-piping systems use vacuum traps to capture carryover liquid and prevent contamination of the lines downstream. One vacuum pump serves the storage tank system for liquid transfers and for vacuum sparging. The following attachment subsections provide descriptions of each of the tank system components and associated ancillary equipment.

A.5.8.1 Evaporator Glovebox Tank Component

The evaporator glovebox tank component is located in the northwest corner of TA-55-4, Room 401. It is approximately 8 feet (ft) high, 4-ft wide, and 13-ft long and consists of two welded-steel trays, eight glass columns, and associated ancillary equipment. The overall capacity of the evaporator glovebox tank component is approximately 270 L (71 gal). The evaporator glovebox tank component is fabricated from 0.1875-inch (in.), 316 stainless steel with a 2B finish conforming to the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) "A240-Standard Specification for Heat-Resisting Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet and Strip for Pressure Vessels," hereinafter referred to as ASTM A240 (ASTM, 1998). The lower half of the tank is fabricated with additional layers of materials welded to the outside of the 0.1875-in.-thick stainless-steel enclosure. These materials consist of 0.25-in.-thick lead shielding, conforming to ASTM "B29-Standard Specification for Refined Lead" (ASTM, 1997a), and an outer layer of 0.0625-in. 316 stainless steel cladding. The tank component is of welded construction with all welds blended, ground, and polished to blend with adjacent material. All joints are vacuum tight.

The support frame and legs of the evaporator glovebox tank component are constructed of carbon steel and conform to ASTM "A36-Standard Specification for Structural Steel for Welding" (ASTM, 1987). The support frame is bolted to the base of the tank component for stabilization. In addition, the legs of the tank component are bolted to the support frame and secured to the 10-in.-thick concrete floor of Room 401 with anchor bolts. The 10-in.-thick concrete floor was constructed to conform to the reinforced concrete building code requirements of the American Concrete Institute (ACI) "318-71-Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary," hereinafter referred to as ACI 318-71 (ACI, 1995). The reinforcing steel was detailed and fabricated in accordance with ACI "315-Details and Detailing of Concrete Reinforcement," hereinafter referred to as ACI 315 (ACI, 1992). The design construction and tolerance of the framework around the concrete is in accordance with ACI "347-Guide to Formwork for Concrete," hereinafter referred to as ACI 347 (ACI, 1994). The window portions of the evaporator glovebox tank component are constructed of 0.25-in.

leaded glass, laminated on both sides with 0.125-in. clear glass, and installed with a neoprene gasket. Additionally, each window is backed with 0.25-in. safety glass installed with a neoprene gasket/seal that provides airtight containment. The dual glass configuration is secured to the tank component with a welded frame consisting of a 0.25-in.-thick lead shielding and a 0.0625-in. 316 stainless steel cladding similar to the additional layers of materials welded to the outside of the lower half of the tank component. The welded window frames are bolted to the tank component. Replacement windows and gaskets, if and when needed, shall be made of the same or similar materials.

The glove portions of the evaporator glovebox tank component are constructed of neoprene and Hypalon®. Each glove is tested for material continuity by the manufacturer before acceptance and installation in the evaporator glovebox tank component. Each glove is selected for its resistance to nitric acid. Replacement gloves, when needed, are made of the same or similar materials.

The evaporator bottoms solutions are vacuum-transferred from the steel trays to the glass columns. Each glass column is individually filled and visually monitored during transfer from the steel trays to a glass column. To prevent overfill, the evaporator bottoms are automatically directed to a vacuum trap when the maximum capacity of a column is reached. The maximum capacity of the vacuum trap is approximately 5.5 L. The glass columns and the vacuum trap are constructed of PYREX® glass, manufactured by Corning, with stainless steel end plates. Replacement parts for the columns and vacuum trap will be of the same or similar materials. The glass columns are equipped with a vacuum sparging system designed to homogeneously mix the evaporator bottoms prior to sampling or transfer.

The piping associated with the evaporator glovebox tank component includes the transfer line from the evaporator, the wet-vacuum line, the lean-residue transfer line, and the ventilation lines entering and exiting the evaporator glovebox tank component. All piping and associated valves are constructed of single-walled, 316 stainless steel. The transfer line from the evaporator is 1.0-in. pipe, the wet-vacuum line and the lean-residue transfer line are 0.75-in. pipe, and the ventilation lines are 2.0-in. pipe. Pipe diameters may change in the event that a portion of the piping requires replacement. The evaporator glovebox tank component's ancillary equipment is supported by a steel channel Uni-strut® support frame. The Uni-strut® support frame is secured to the concrete ceiling with anchor bolts and provides the component's ancillary equipment with support and protection against physical damage and excessive stress that could potentially result from settlement, vibration, expansion, or contraction. Replacement supports are made of the same or similar materials.

The evaporator glovebox tank component does not operate under pressure; therefore, excessive stress due to expansion and contraction is not anticipated.

A helium leak-test using a mass spectrometer was performed on the evaporator glovebox tank component upon fabrication at Silver Engineering and again after it was installed and made operational at its present location in TA-55-4, Room 401. Because secondary containment is provided for this tank, the requirements in 40 CFR § 264.193(i), incorporated herein by reference, are not applicable.

A.5.8.2 Stabilization Unit Pencil Tanks Component

The stabilization unit pencil tanks component consists of five vertical tanks located perpendicular to the west wall of TA-55-4 in Room 401. Each of the pencil tanks has a working capacity of 50 L (13 gal), an outside diameter of 6.625 in., a straight side height of 10 ft, a wall thickness of 0.28 in., and a conical bottom. The pencil tanks are constructed of 316 stainless steel. The stainless steel materials are corrosion-resistant and are compatible with the liquid waste stored in the tanks. The vent trap and the vacuum trap operating within the stabilization unit pencil tanks component have an outside diameter of 6.625 in. The vent trap has a straight side height of 9 in. and a maximum capacity of approximately 4 L. The vacuum trap has a straight side height of 37 in., a conical bottom, and a maximum capacity of approximately 17 L. The vent trap and the vacuum trap are constructed of 316 stainless steel for corrosion resistance and materials compatibility with the waste. All of the pencil tanks were designed in accordance with the standards applicable at the time of construction, including American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) "Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code" (BPVC) (ASME, 1998), hereinafter referred to as ASME BPVC, Section VIII, Division 1. The pencil tanks are installed such that, if necessary, they can be replaced.

A.5.8.3 Ancillary Equipment

The piping associated with the stabilization unit pencil tanks component includes the header/manifold, vacuum manifold, and lower manifold for the stabilization unit pencil tanks component; the vent trap, vent line, and drain line; the transfer line from the evaporator glovebox tank component to the stabilization unit pencil tanks component header/manifold; and the transfer line from the lower manifold to the stabilization unit. All inter-tank piping and transfer piping is single-walled 0.75-in., Schedule 40, stainless steel pipe. All tank-to-piping connections are flanged.

The stabilization unit pencil tanks component is equipped with a vacuum trap that is designed to collect any mists or carryover liquid that might accumulate in the vacuum or vent lines. The vacuum trap is equipped with a sight glass for local level indication and is normally empty. Each stabilization unit pencil tank is equipped with three sight glasses located on the side of each tank for overfill protection.

The stabilization unit pencil tanks component is erected upon a 10-in.-thick concrete floor in TA-55-4, Room 401. The 10-in.-thick concrete floor provides a foundation that will maintain the load of the tank component when full. The concrete floor and ceiling were constructed to conform to the building code requirements of ACI 318-71 for reinforced concrete (ACI, 1995). The reinforcing steel was detailed and fabricated in accordance with ACI 315 (ACI, 1992). The design, construction, and tolerance of the framework around the concrete is in accordance with ACI 347 (ACI, 1994). The stabilization unit pencil tanks component and its ancillary equipment are elevated and supported by a steel channel, Uni-strut® support frame. The Uni-strut® support frame is secured to the concrete floor with anchor bolts and provides the ancillary equipment with support and protection against physical damage and excessive stress due to settlement and vibration.

In accordance with 40 CFR § 264.192(a), incorporated herein by reference, a written assessment has been prepared attesting that the stabilization unit pencil tanks component has sufficient structural integrity and is acceptable for handling mixed waste. The written assessment was reviewed and certified by an independent, qualified, registered professional engineer.

A.5.8.4 Secondary Containment

The storage tank unit is located at TA-55-4, inside Room 401. This room has a floor and walls that completely surround the tank system and serve as secondary containment, therefore, the secondary containment meets the requirements of 40 CFR § 264.193(1)(iv), incorporated herein by reference, for an external liner system. The walls and floor of Room 401 prevent the migration of wastes or accumulated liquids to any soil, groundwater, or surface water and are capable of collecting releases and accumulated liquids until the material is removed. Because the storage tank system and secondary containment are inside a building, run-on or precipitation will not affect the containment capacity. The capacity of the containment area is sufficient to contain 100 percent of the capacity of the largest liquid-bearing tank within its boundary.

The floor of Room 401 consists of 10-in.-thick reinforced concrete slab that is compatible with the wastes stored in the storage tank system and will effectively prevent migration of waste. The concrete in Room 401 is sealed with an epoxy or similar coating to aid in decontamination should a spill occur. In addition, tertiary containment is provided by the floor of the basement level of TA-55-4, which also consists of 10 in. of concrete. The construction joints in the floor slab and exterior walls are all constructed with chemical-resistant water stops in place. The conduit piping penetrating the floor of the room is secured with rubber boots, bushings, and flanges. All penetrations (*i.e.*, holes for conduit) in the floor have been sealed to prevent liquids from entering the penetrations.

Additional leak detection will be provided by continuous air monitors (CAM) at various locations throughout Room 401. CAMs will detect any airborne alpha contamination that would be present if a leak were to occur at any point in the system. Additionally, radiological control technicians periodically monitor for radioactive contamination and would detect any leaks during monitoring.

A.5.9 Stabilization Unit

The stabilization unit treats homogeneous liquid and solid mixed waste generated primarily from R&D and processing and recovery operations at TA-55 and at the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Building at TA-3. The liquid wastes (Summary Category Group L1000) generally consist of evaporator bottoms solutions and laboratory solutions that may exhibit the hazardous characteristics of corrosivity and toxicity for metals (including arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury, and silver), as defined in 40 CFR §§ 261.22 and 261.24, respectively. The homogeneous solid process wastes (Summary Category Group S3000) generally consist of process residue from the evaporator, process leached solids, filter cake, and other miscellaneous solids. This waste stream typically exhibits the hazardous

characteristics of toxic metals. These waste streams are mixed with cement in 55-gallon drums and allowed to cure into a non-corrosive solid matrix.

The stabilization unit is located in Glovebox GB-454 along the west wall of TA-55-4, Room 401. The unit has been in operation since 1991 and has a maximum capacity of 568 liters (L) (approximately 150 gallons [gal]). It consists of a pH adjustment column, a vacuum trap, two motor-driven mixers, four impellers, associated support structures, a glovebox, and piping.

The pH column has a straight side height of 5 feet (ft) and an outside diameter of 6.66 inches (in.). The maximum capacity of the column is approximately 27 L. The column is raised above the glovebox floor approximately 3 in. by three steel legs and is secured to one wall of the glovebox with a steel bracket that binds the column approximately 3 ft up from the base of the column. The vacuum trap associated with the column has a straight side height of 2 ft and an inside diameter of 6 in. The maximum capacity of the vacuum trap is approximately 11 L. The pH column and the vacuum trap are constructed of PYREX® glass with stainless steel end plates similar to the glass columns in the evaporator glovebox tank component. The glass and stainless steel materials are corrosion-resistant and compatible with the waste received in the column. The pH column is used to adjust the pH of approximately 5 L of waste to ensure compatibility with the cement used for solidification. A compressed-air line enters the glovebox and is connected to two pressurized air tanks outside of the glovebox. The compressed-air line is used for remote valve operation.

The two mixers within the unit are high-flow, gear-driven, fixed-mount mixers. All couplings, shafts, and impellers are constructed of 316 stainless steel. The shafts are 5 ft long. Two impellers are mounted to each shaft. Each impeller has a diameter of approximately 11 in. The mixers are driven by 3.5-horsepower motors encased within the mixer housing. The mixer housing is approximately 2.5 ft long. The maximum weight of each mixer is 225 pounds. Each mixer is mounted on steel plates and supported by two steel guides on either side of each mixer. Each guide is bolted to a 6-in. steel flange at either end and is secured to the glovebox floor and ceiling. Each motor is mounted to a center screw drive that allows the mixers to be independently raised and lowered within the glovebox.

The glovebox is constructed of a section of 0.75 in. lead between two sections of approximately 0.188-in.-thick low-carbon grade, 316 stainless steel. The floor of the glovebox contains two circular openings with removable covers that allow the shafts and impellers of each mixer to be lowered into drums attached beneath the glovebox.

During stabilization operations, two 55-gal steel drums are positioned under the glovebox directly under the openings in the floor of the glovebox. A “bag-out” bag extends from the glovebox into each drum between the drum and the drum liner. This liner is fastened at the bottom of the glovebox with an elastic cord and clamped into place to prevent hazardous constituents from escaping the confinement of the glovebox and the drums during treatment operations. The cement and the waste to be solidified are transferred into the drums and homogeneously mixed inside the drums. Each drum is positioned on a steel platform/scale that is secured in a steel track. The platform allows the drums to be safely and easily removed from the unit after the cement has hardened.

The majority of the piping associated with the stabilization unit is 316 stainless steel. Tygon® tubing is used to transfer sodium hydroxide and the contents of the pH column to the drums. The cement is transferred into the glovebox and drums from a hopper/screw feeder through rubber tubing.

The homogeneous solid process wastes generated at TA-55 is delivered to the Cementation Unit in a closed container from the generator glovebox through a trolley system. The generator is instructed to size reduce the waste to minus 8 mesh. The Stabilization Unit personnel confirm this and do the size reduction if necessary. The particulate waste is poured into the waste drum just before or during the addition of cement to the drum and homogeneously mixed with the cement paste.

The stabilization unit is located in a vacuum-pressurized glovebox at TA-55-4 inside Room 401. Room 401 provides secondary containment for the stabilization unit. The floor of the room is recessed approximately 2.5 in. The room itself is approximately 60 ft long by 75 ft wide. The capacity of the secondary containment area is greater than 100 percent of the volume of waste that is treated in the stabilization unit at any one time. The entire floor is constructed of a 10-in.-thick reinforced concrete slab. Eight continuous air monitors installed at various locations throughout TA-55-4, Room 401 detect any airborne alpha contamination that would be present if a leak were to occur resulting in a release outside of glovebox GB-454.

The stabilization unit is located within a negative pressure glovebox that is connected to the TA-55-4 facility ventilation system. The high-efficiency particulate air filters on the glovebox are on the air intake side of the ventilation and are designed to prevent escape of contamination from the glovebox in the event of a power failure. TA-55-4 is equipped with a backup generator that re-establishes power to all vital systems, providing exhaust to the glovebox. The unit is a batch waste treatment system. If a power failure occurs, all operations cease inside the glovebox until power is restored. In addition, the glovebox is located within three succeedingly greater pressure zones. These zones are (in order of increasing pressure) the glovebox, Room 401, and the main corridor outside of Room 401. These pressure zones are designed to create airflow into Room 401 and the glovebox and limit the potential for hazardous constituents to migrate to the atmosphere. Figure 48 in Permit Attachment N (*Figures)* provides a general arrangement diagram and a process flow diagram for the TA-55 stabilization unit.

A.5.10 Security and Access Control

Security at TA-55 is maintained with both manmade and natural barriers. These barriers prevent the unknowing entry and minimize the possibility for unauthorized entry of persons or livestock into TA-55. Two 12-foot (ft) high chain-link security fences with razor wire at the top surround the entire perimeter of TA-55. Three entry gates allow access to TA-55. One entry gate is located at the main entrance to TA-55 on the southeast side of the facility, one entry gate is located on the road to TA-48 at the northwest end of TA-55, and one entry gate is located at the northeast corner of TA-55 (for access to TA-55, Building 28 [TA-55-28] only). An entry station is located adjacent to the entry gate at the main entrance to the facility. The

entry station is manned 24 hours a day by security personnel. Unescorted access to TA-55 is granted only to persons possessing appropriate security clearance and meeting specific training requirements.

TA-55 is patrolled by security personnel during both operational and nonoperational hours to ensure that the gates are locked and that unauthorized entry has not occurred. The entire length of both security fences is also inspected several times each day by on-site security personnel. The locations of the security fences, entry gates, and entry stations are shown on Figure 10 in Attachment N (*Figures).*

In addition to the fence and entry gates, cliffs and canyons surrounding TA-55 provide natural barriers to discourage unauthorized entry.

Warning signs are posted on the perimeter fences at approximately 40 to 110-ft intervals and can be seen from any approach to TA-55. Warning signs are also posted at each access to the waste management units in sufficient numbers to be seen from any approach. The legends on the signs are bilingual (*i.e.*, English and Spanish) and indicate "No Trespassing by Order of the United States Department of Energy." The signs are legible from a distance of 25 ft.

A.5.11 Emergency Equipment

Buildings at TA-55 are equipped with multiple audible and visual safety-alarm systems to alert personnel in the event of an emergency and to evacuate the area. These alarm systems are located both inside and outside buildings at TA-55 and are monitored and controlled by the facility monitor and control system (FMCS). The FMCS is in operation 24 hours a day and is located in the Operations Center at TA-55-4 with access through TA-55-3. Specific FMCS alarm systems at TA-55 are discussed below.

A TA-55 computer system monitors the smoke and heat sensors, fire-alarm pull boxes, and drop box push-button alarms located throughout TA-55. Fire-alarm pull boxes and/or drop box push-button alarms are located in the vicinity of the waste management units addressed in this permit application. Fire-alarm pull boxes may be used by personnel to activate a local fire alarm when a fire or other emergency is discovered. Fire-alarm pull boxes are located in TA-55-4, Room 401, and throughout the basement in the vicinity of the container storage management units. The equipment includes portable eyewash stations and safety showers. Eyewash stations and safety showers are located in Room 401 and throughout the basement of TA-55-4. Eyewash stations are also located on the Container Storage Pad and outside on the south side of TA-55-4 near TA-55-185. Safety showers are readily available in the following locations: TA-55-4, Room 401; in the basement of TA-55-4; on the Container Storage Pad; and outside on the south side of TA-55-4. TA-55-185 is equipped with a portable safety shower prior to wastes being managed there. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) provide useful exposure information and are available in Room 401 and in the basement of TA-55-4. The MSDS will also be located in TA-55-185 prior to wastes being managed there.