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# Vicinity Property Completion Report

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Remedial Actions  
Contractor  
for the  
Uranium Mill Tailings  
Remedial Actions  
Project



MK-FERGUSON COMPANY  
A MORRISON KNUDSEN COMPANY

Vicinity Property No. LO-023S

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VICINITY PROPERTY COMPLETION REPORT

AT

LO-023S

SOUTH FORK SUMMER HOME SITES (LOT #7)  
LOWMAN, IDAHO

MARCH 26, 1991

FOR

URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMEDIAL ACTION PROJECT OFFICE  
ALBUQUERQUE OPERATIONS OFFICE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

BY

MK-FERGUSON COMPANY

AND

CHEM-NUCLEAR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

MK-Ferguson Company has been granted authorization to perform remedial action under the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, Public Law 95-604. Remedial action was done in accordance to the EPA Standards for Cleanup of Lands and Buildings Contaminated with Residual Radioactive Material from Inactive Uranium Processing Sites, 40 CFR 192.12, 192.20-23.

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1.0 SUMMARY

PROPERTY NUMBER:	LO-023S
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	SOUTH FORK SUMMER HOME SITE (LOT #7) LOWMAN, IDAHO 83637
PROPERTY OWNER:	REX P. & PEARL B. MCDONALD 1217 SOUTH ROOSEVELT BOISE, IDAHO 83705
PROPERTY CATEGORY:	RESIDENCE
REMEDIAL ACTION CONTRACTOR:	MK-FERGUSON COMPANY
CONSTRUCTION SUBCONTRACTOR:	FULFER'S ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
RADIOLOGICAL CONTRACTOR:	CHEM-NUCLEAR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
REA APPROVED:	MARCH 14, 1990
REMEDIAL ACTION STARTED:	SEPTEMBER 5, 1990
REMEDIAL ACTION COMPLETED: (APPENDIX C SIGNED)	OCTOBER 17, 1990
VOLUME OF MATERIAL REMOVED:	OUTDOOR: 341 cy INDOOR: 19 cy



## 1.0 SUMMARY

Remedial action was completed on Vicinity Property LO-023. A total of 360 cubic yards of soil was removed from the property.

Radiological surveys conducted following removal of contaminated material, but before property restoration, demonstrate that the property has been cleaned up to the EPA standards with the application of Supplemental Standard to the area where a tree is rooted in residential radioactive material and the area under the rockwall footing. This completion report recommends that DOE review the radiological data provided for the property, with final certification to be awarded upon satisfactory results of long-term radon daughter concentration measurements.

## 2.0 OPERATIONS SUMMARY

### 2.1 Remedial Action Plan

The basic remedial action on this property was performed according to the Remedial Action Plan. A total of 360 cubic yards of soil was removed from the property, compared with an estimated excavation of 218 cubic yards of soil.

### 2.2 Previously Unidentified Contamination

No new areas of contamination were identified during remedial action. The extent and depth of contamination were greater than estimated in some areas.

### 2.3 Unanticipated Items During Remedial Action

No unanticipated items occurred during remedial action on this property.

## 3.0 VERIFICATION SUMMARY

### 3.1 Radiological Survey Data

All survey data were acquired according to approved procedures.

#### 3.1.1 Pre-Remedial Action Survey

The results of the survey defining the contaminated area requiring remedial action are presented on Drawing LO-023-015.

### 3.1.2 Pre-Restoration Survey

#### Exterior:

After removal of contamination, and prior to backfilling, a soil sample survey was conducted in the excavated areas. Soil samples were aliquoted from the 13 verification grids and analyzed by gamma spectroscopy with the opposed crystal system in accordance with Health Physics Procedure 015. The radium concentration in these soil samples ranged from 1.6 to 29.0 pCi/g, as described in Table 3.1 (see Appendix A for radiological survey data).

L0-023-020 shows the actual areas of excavation.

These results confirm that exterior contamination has been reduced to levels below the EPA standards for radium in soil in most areas (see Section 3.1.3). Background for the Lowman site is 1.0 pCi/g Ra-226.

#### Interior:

Remedial action was performed indoors on this property. A gamma scan in the structure prior to and following excavation showed gamma levels up to a maximum of 20 micro R/hr, which is less than the EPA standard of background plus 20 micro R/hr. These results are described in Table 3.2. Background for the Lowman site is 15 micro R/hr.

"Grab" radon daughter concentration (RDC) measurements were made in four locations as described in Table 3.3. These measurements were made under standard conditions as described in the VPMIM and do not meet DOE guidelines for estimating that annual WL average to be less than 0.03.

3.1.3 Justification Checklist for Application of Supplemental Standards

Application of Supplemental Standards (SS) is in accordance with 40 CFR 192.22, Subpart (x) (check appropriate Subpart).

- ☐ a. Risk injury to worker/public
- ☒ b. Environmental harm
- ☒ c. High cost relative to long-term benefits
- ☐ d. High cost of cleaning up building relative to benefits
- ☐ e. No known remedial action
- ☐ f. Radionuclides other than RA-226 exists

Brief Condition Description and Justification:

One large Blue Spruce tree on the property is rooting in residual radioactive material. The owner expressed concern about any damage to this tree. Excavation removed contamination to the point where further excavation could not be performed without risk of damaging the root systems and killing the tree. It would be very costly, if not impossible, to replace this tree with a tree of comparable size. This area meets the requirements described in Section 3.2.3 of the VPMIM for the application of supplemental standards.

Additionally, contamination is present under the rock retaining wall at the rivers edge. This contamination is a six-inch layer under a forty foot length of the retaining wall. The average Ra-226 concentration in this area is 27 pCi/g. It would have been very costly relative to the long-term benefit to remove this material due to the need to demolish, remove and rebuild the retaining wall. The area is covered with four and one half feet of backfill.

The areas are covered with 6 to 54 inches of backfill and sod. Land use in the area is not expected to change in the future. With the contamination left in place the relative health risk is minimal. If a person spent 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, for 50 weeks a year in the area of maximum gamma exposure rate (19.5 micro R/hr), he would receive about 39 millirem of gamma exposure in one year. This is about 8% of the amount allowed the general public (10 CFR 20.105).

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Additional cost for the retaining wall without application of supplemental standards equals \$3,600.00.

Yes No If Supplemental Standards are Applied

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|--------------|--------------|--|
| <u>    </u>  | <u>  X  </u> | 1. Open Land?  |
| <u>  X  </u> | <u>    </u>  | 2. Occupied Building?  |
| <u>    </u>  | <u>  X  </u> | 3. If yes to No. 2, is contaminated area beneath or within 10 feet of a building?                        |
| <u>    </u>  | <u>  X  </u> | 4. Anticipated change of land use within the next 5 years?   |
| <u>    </u>  | <u>  X  </u> | 5. If yes to No. 4, then will land use produce health risk?  |
| <u>    </u>  | <u>  X  </u> | 6. Is contamination in a habitable area?   |
| <u>  X  </u> | <u>    </u>  | 7. Have owners comments been solicited? (Attach comments or record of teleconference). (See Appendix B). |

Estimated volume of contaminated material to remain =   8   (cy).

Contaminated area to remain = 15.1 (sy).

Range for contaminated areas = 15.0 to 19.5 (micro R/hr) [at 3 feet above surface].

Range Ra-226 concentration in soil in contaminated area = 26.6 to 29.0 (pCi/g)

If tailings are below or within 10 feet of the structure, radon daughter concentration = N/A (WL).

### 3.2 Recommendation for Certification

#### 3.2.1 Exterior:

Eight areas of contamination were identified and removed. Soil samples after excavation and prior to backfilling indicate that the limits of 5 pCi/g in the surface 15 cm. and 15 pCi/g in any 15 cm. layer below the surface are not exceeded in most areas. Based on this information, we recommend that the exterior of this vicinity property be certified to be in compliance with EPA standards, with the application of supplemental standards, for the UMTRA Project.

3.2.2 Interior:

Remedial action was conducted in one structure on this vicinity property. All gamma readings taken in the structures were less than the 20 micro R/hr above background limit. Radon daughter concentrations are above the 0.01 WL limit. Based on this information, we recommend that the interior data be reviewed, with final certification pending the results of long term radon daughter concentration measurements.

Table 3.1  
 VERIFICATION SOIL SAMPLE SURVEY  
 LO-023S

LOCATION (GRID NO.)		DEPTH (cm.)	CONCENTRATION (Pci/g)
1	LO-SV-213	34	3.2
2	LO-SV-229	30	9.5
3.	LO-SV-230	66	3.2
4.	LO-SV-231	30	2.2
5.*	LO-SV-SS-232	15	29.0
6.	LO-SV-233	66	5.9
7.	LO-SV-234	46	3.0
8.	LO-SV-235	46	3.0
9.	LO-SV-236	46	3.0
10.	LO-SV-297	128	5.0
11.	LO-SV-298	128	4.4
12.	LO-SV-299	20	1.8
13.	LO-SV-300	20	1.6
SAMPLES UNDER RETAINING WALL			
	LO-SE-208	128	33.6
	LO-SE-209	128	<u>19.7</u>
Average			26.6

\* This sample was taken around trees rooted in residual radioactive material. This is one of two areas for the application of supplemental standards.



Table 3.2  
INTERIOR GAMMA SURVEY  
Property LO-023

LOCATION	MICRO R/hr
House	
Room 1	
E Wall	14
S Wall	14
W Wall	13
Floor	15
Ceiling	14
Room 2	
N Wall	14
E Wall	13
Floor	14
Ceiling	14
Room 3	
N Wall	13
S Wall	13
W Wall	14
Floor	15
Ceiling	13
Room 4	
N Wall	11
E Wall	11
S Wall	12
W Wall	11
Floor	14
Ceiling	12
Room 5	
N Wall	13
E Wall	12
S Wall	13
W Wall	12
Floor	14
Ceiling	12

Table 3.2 Cont'd.  
 INTERIOR GAMMA SURVEY  
 Property LO-023

LOCATION	MICRO R/hr
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## Room 6

N Wall	15
E Wall	13
S Wall	17
W Wall	20
Floor	16
Ceiling	17

*Be a post remedial?*

## Room 7

N Wall	12
E Wall	12
S Wall	14
W Wall	15
Floor	15
Ceiling	13

## Room 8

N Wall	12
S Wall	11
W Wall	13
Floor	14
Ceiling	12

## Room 9

N Wall	11
E Wall	11
S Wall	11
W Wall	11
Floor	11
Ceiling	11

## Room 10

N Wall	12
E Wall	11
S Wall	12
W Wall	11
Floor	12
Ceiling	11

Table 3.2 Cont'd.  
INTERIOR GAMMA SURVEY  
Property LO-023

LOCATION	MICRO R/hr
Room 11	
N Wall	12
E Wall	12
S Wall	12
W Wall	11
Floor	12
Ceiling	12
SHED	
N Wall	6
E Wall	7
S Wall	7
W Wall	7
Floor	7
Ceiling	6
GARAGE	
Room 1	
N Wall	5
E Wall	6
S Wall	7
W Wall	6
Ceiling	6
Floor	6
Room 2	
N Wall	6
E Wall	6
S Wall	6
W Wall	7
Floor	8
Ceiling	7

Table 3.3  
RADON DAUGHTER CONCENTRATION MEASUREMENTS  
Property LO-023S

LOCATION	DATE	CONCENTRATION
# House	9/28/90	0.0101
# House	9/28/90	0.008
* Garage	9/29/90	0.0103
* Garage	9/28/91	0.0116

\* Alpha track detectors placed 10/17/90.

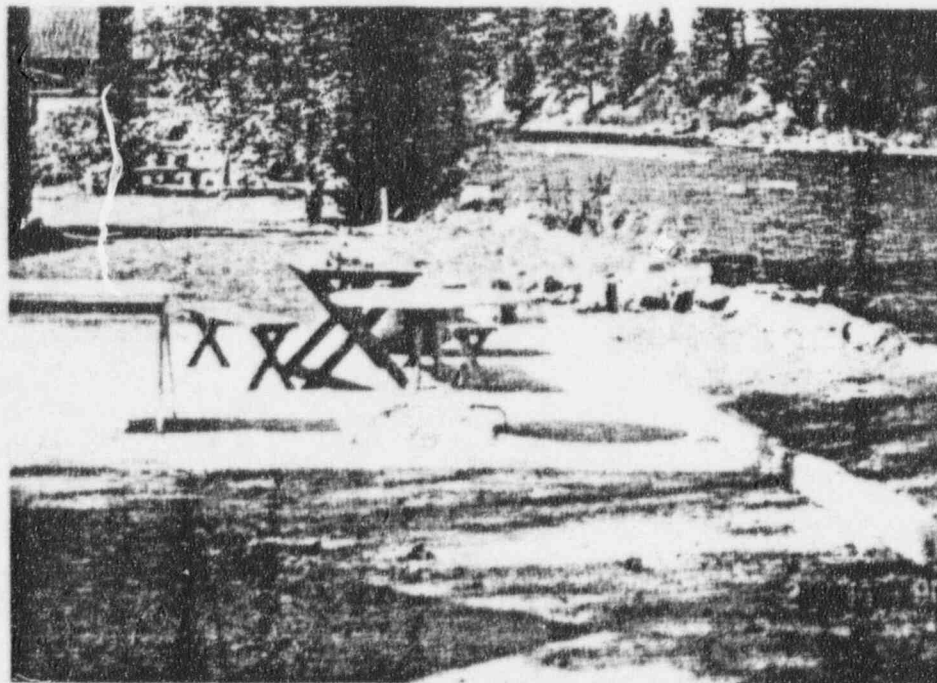
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- 4.3 Health Physics Procedures; Chem-Nuclear Environmental Services, Inc., for MK-Ferguson Company, Remedial Action Contractor; Albuquerque, New Mexico; June 1986.
- 4.4 Vicinity Properties Management and Implementation Manual; UMTRAP, U.S. Department of Energy; Albuquerque, New Mexico; August 1986.
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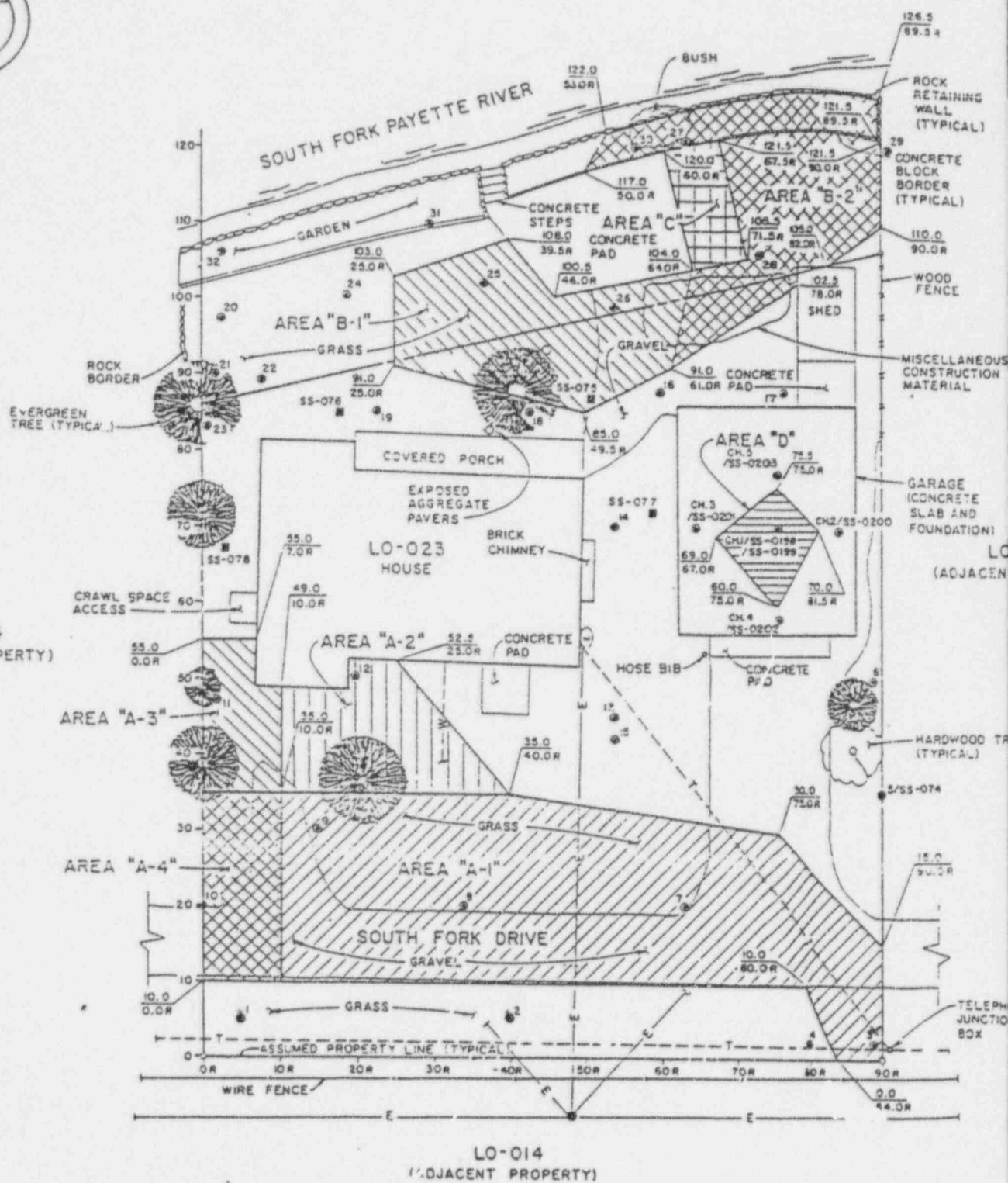


Looking West at Area "1" With Exterior Concrete Slab  
Form in Place and Ready To Be Poured



Looking West at Area "1" With Remedial Action Complete







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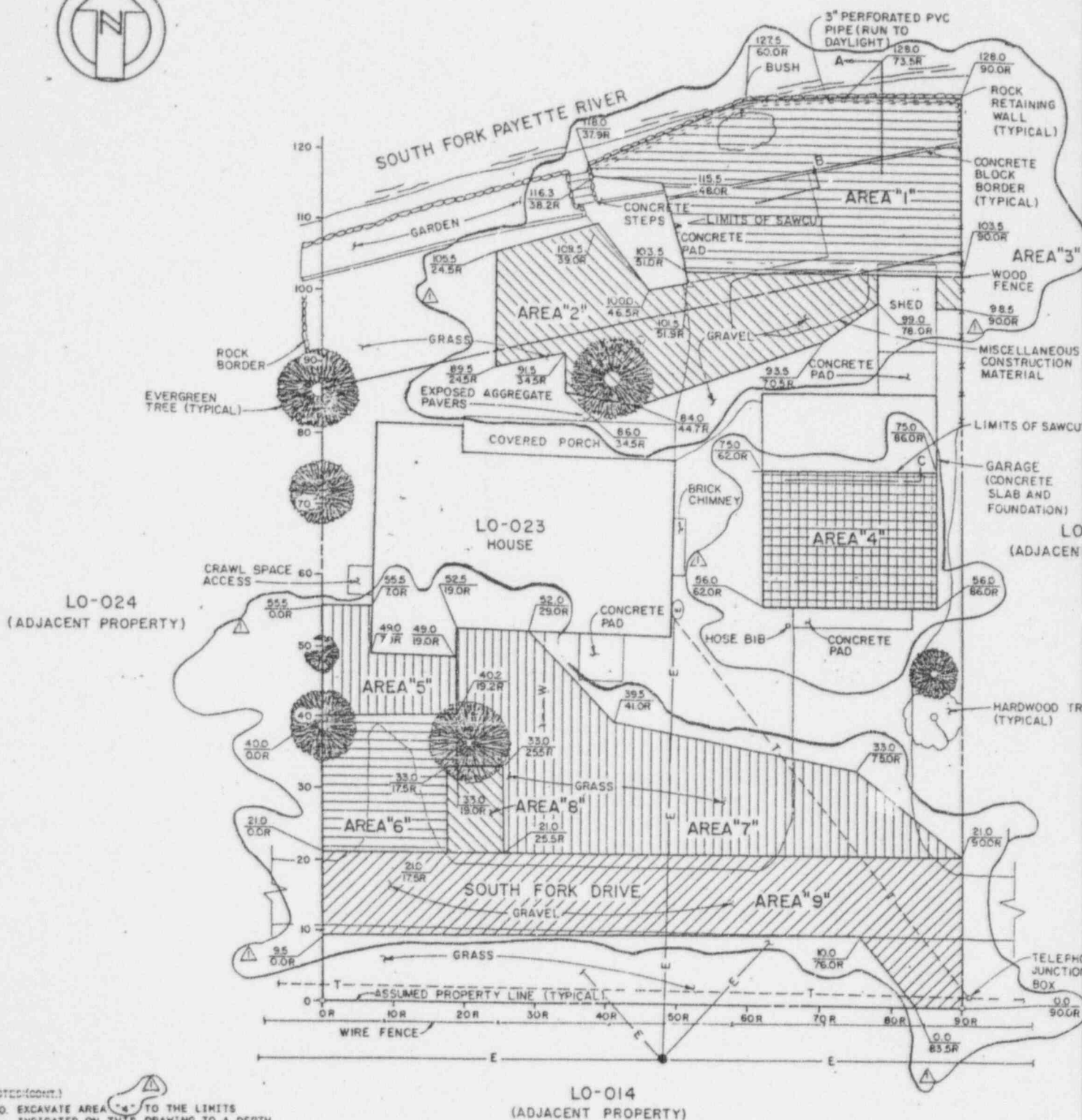
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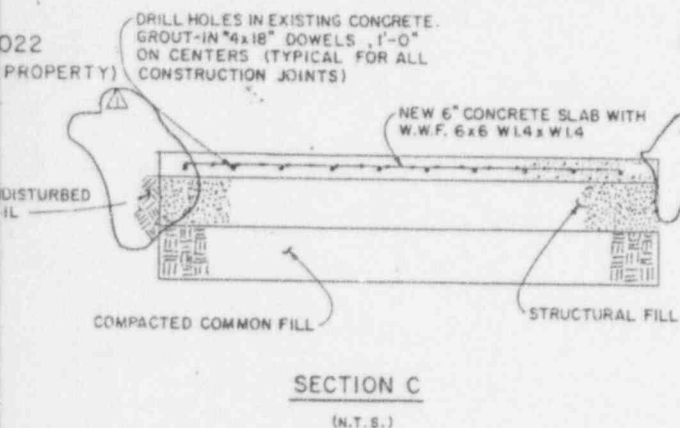
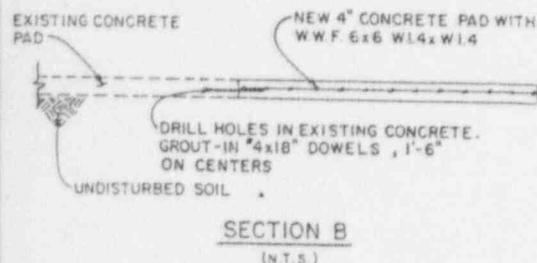
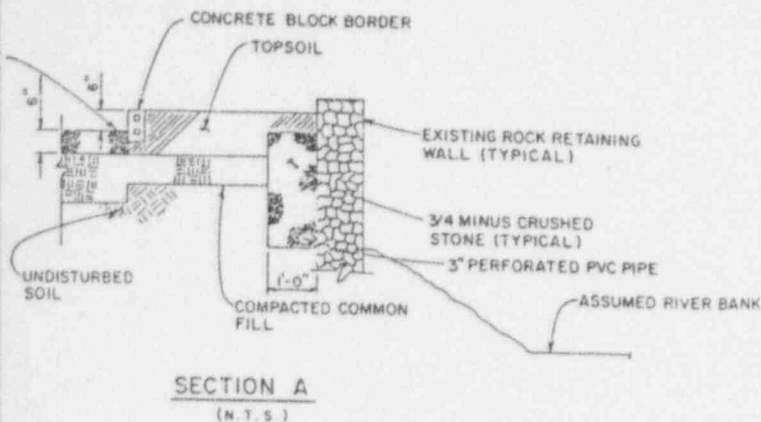
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STM	STORM SEWER
E	ELECTRICAL LINE
T	TELEPHONE LINE
TV	CABLE TV
—	PROPERTY LINE
—X—X—X—	FENCE LINE
⊙ G, W, or E	METER
⊗ G or W	VALVE
○	PROPERTY PIN
●	POWER POLE

OVERHEAD SERVICE DENOTED BY SOLID LINE  
UNDERGROUND SERVICE DENOTED BY DASHED LINE



## NOTES (CONT.)

- PROVIDE MOISTURE CONTROL FOR COMPACTED COMMON FILL USED AS BACKFILL UNDER CONCRETE SLABS AND GRAVEL DRIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 02200 PART 1.02.B3.
- RELOCATE MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL AS DIRECTED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- REMOVE AND SALVAGE CONCRETE PAVERS AND CONCRETE BLOCK BORDER AS REQUIRED TO PERFORM REMEDIAL ACTION. REPLACE TO LOCATION SHOWN AS DIRECTED BY CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- SAWCUT CONCRETE PAD TO THE LIMITS INDICATED THIS DRAWING.
- DEMOLISH AND REMOVE CONCRETE PAD.
- EXCAVATE THE FOLLOWING AREAS TO THE LIMITS INDICATED ON THIS DRAWING TO THE FOLLOWING AVERAGE DEPTHS:
 

AREA "1" 50 INCHES	AREA "8" 8 INCHES
AREA "2" 8 INCHES	AREA "9" 24 INCHES
AREA "3" 6 INCHES	
AREA "4" 13 INCHES	
AREA "5" 12 INCHES	
AREA "6" 28 INCHES	
AREA "7" 12 INCHES	

CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE TO RESURVEY PRIOR TO BACKFILLING. IF ADDITIONAL CONTAMINATION IS FOUND, REMOVE AS DIRECTED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE.

## NOTES:

- THE LATEST REVISION OF THE FOLLOWING TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS APPLY TO THE REMEDIAL ACTION WORK REQUIRED FOR PROPERTY NO. LO-023:
 

SECTION 02050	DEMOLITION
SECTION 02110	CLEARING AND GRUBBING
SECTION 02130	CONTAMINATED MATERIAL REMOVAL
SECTION 02200	EXCAVATION AND BACKFILL
SECTION 02480	LANDSCAPING
SECTION 02500	PAVING AND SURFACING
SECTION 03900	CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE

UTILITY LOCATIONS ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY. SUBCONTRACTOR SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTUAL LOCATIONS OF UTILITIES PRIOR TO START OF CONSTRUCTION.

- THE EXCAVATION LIMITS AND DEPTHS ARE BASED ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF BORINGS TAKEN DURING THE RADIOLOGICAL SURVEYS OF THIS PROPERTY. ADDITIONAL RADIOLOGICAL SURVEYS PERFORMED DURING REMEDIAL ACTION MAY REQUIRE MORE OR LESS EXCAVATION TO BE TAKEN FROM THE DESIGNATED AREAS. ALL CHANGES TO THE LIMITS AND DEPTHS OF EXCAVATION SHOWN ON THE DESIGN DRAWINGS SHALL BE AS DIRECTED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE.

EXISTING TREES SHALL NOT BE REMOVED EXCEPT AS DIRECTED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE. CARE SHALL BE TAKEN TO AVOID DAMAGE TO EXISTING TREE ROOTS DURING EXCAVATION. ALL EXCAVATED AREAS SHALL BE RESTORED TO MATCH EXISTING GRADES.

SUBCONTRACTOR TO USE CAUTION WHEN PERFORMING REMEDIAL ACTION IN VICINITY OF ROCK RETAINING WALL. SUBCONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO ROCK RETAINING WALL AS A RESULT OF OTHER WORK.

## NOTES (CONT.)

- BACKFILL REMAINING EXCAVATED GRAVEL AREAS IN AREAS 1 AND 2 WITH 6 INCHES OF PER GRAVEL AND GRADE TO MATCH ORIGINAL ELEVATION. WHERE EXCAVATION IN THIS AREA EXCEEDS 9 INCHES, BACKFILL WITH COMPACTED COMMON FILL FOLLOWED BY 6 INCHES OF PER GRAVEL.
- GRASS AREAS SHALL BE BACKFILLED WITH TOPSOIL. EXCAVATIONS DEEPER THAN 5 INCHES SHALL BE BACKFILLED WITH COMPACTED COMMON FILL FOLLOWED BY 6 INCHES OF TOPSOIL TO FINISH GRADE. ALL DISTURBED GRASS AREAS TO BE TOPPED WITH SOO.
- RELOCATE ITEMS IN GARAGE AS DIRECTED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE. REPLACE TO ORIGINAL LOCATION FOLLOWING OTHER WORK.
- SAWCUT CONCRETE SLAB IN GARAGE TO THE LIMITS INDICATED THIS DRAWING.
- DEMOLISH AND REMOVE CONCRETE SLAB TO THE LIMITS INDICATED THIS DRAWING.



## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

### EXCAVATION AND RESTORATION PLAN

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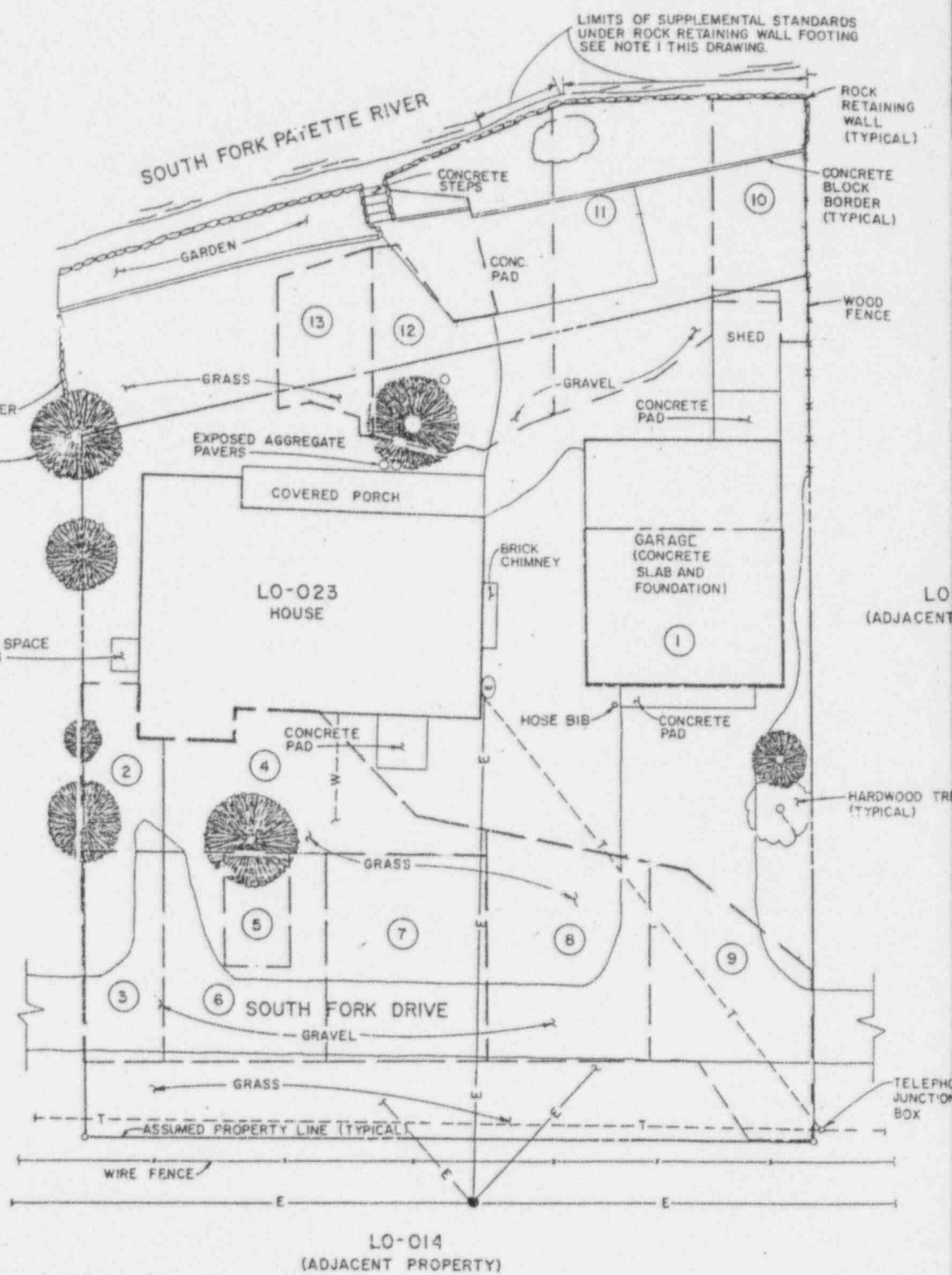
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# VERIFICATION SOIL SAMPLES

LOCATION	SOIL SAMPLE NUMBER
1	LO-SV-213
2	LO-SV-229
3	LO-SV-230
4	LO-SV-231
5	LO-SV-SS-232
6	LO-SV-233
7	LO-SV-234
8	LO-SV-235
9	LO-SV-236
10	LO-SV-297
11	LO-SV-298
12	LO-SV-299
13	LO-SV-300
SAMPLES UNDER RETAINING WALL	LO-SE-208
	LO-SE-209

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## NOTES:

- SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 40 CFR 192.22 (B) AND (C) SHALL APPLY TO LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL SURROUNDING ROOTS OF TREES IN VERIFICATION GRID 5 AND UNDER ROCK RETAINING WALL FOOTING. APPROXIMATELY 8 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL COVERING 15.1 SQUARE YARDS REMAINS IN PLACE TO THE AVERAGE DEPTHS AS FOLLOWS:

### FOR GRID 5:

AN AREA OF 10.66 SQUARE YARDS IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING THE EVERGREEN, STARTING 6 INCHES BELOW GRADE TO 30 INCHES BELOW GRADE.

### FOR ROCK RETAINING WALL FOOTING:

AN AREA OF 4.44 SQUARE YARDS IMMEDIATELY UNDER THE FOOTING STARTING 54 INCHES BELOW GRADE TO 60 INCHES BELOW GRADE.

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CERTIFICATION RADIOLOGICAL PLAN  
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APPENDIX A  
RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY DATA

MC-FERGUSON/CHEM NUCLEAR  
EXPOSED CRYSTAL SYSTEM RECORD

ATTACHMENT 2

IE NAME Lolimon-012  
IE AREA LO-023

# 1184319  
OCS SERIAL NO. 784359\*

COUNT DATE	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE LOCATION	DATE SAMPLED	DATE SEALED	OCS #	FUNCTION NO.	MASS	RA-226	OC SAMPLE	VENDOR LAB RESULT	DEPTH	TECH	REMARKS
INITIAL 20 DAY					INITIAL 20 DAY	INITIAL 20 DAY	WET DRY	INITIAL 20 DAY		RA-226	Th-230	INITIAL 20 DAY	
9-5-90*	LO-SV-	LO-023			58	1517	658.4	2.3/1.6	QC			JC	F3=1212
9-26-90	213	#1	9-5-90	9-6-90	12	1864	588.5	3.2				JC	Area D' Garage
9-7-90*	LO-SV-	LO-023			12	4506	558.3	8.1/16.3				JC	F3=1660
10-1-90	229	#2	9-7-90	9-11-90	26	4783	504.0	9.5				JC	
9-7-90*	LO-SV-	LO-023			13	1584	652.1	2.4/1.8				JC	F3=919
10-1-90	230	#3	9-7-90	9-11-90	27	1786	553.8	3.2				JC	
9-7-90*	LO-SV-	LO-023			18	900	460.0	2.0/1.0				JC	F3=454
10-1-90	231	#4	9-7-90	9-11-90	28	905	407.0	2.2				JC	
9-7-90*	LO-SV-	LO-023			19	11512	460.1	252/50.9				JC	F3=3219
10-1-90	232	#5	9-7-90	9-11-90	29	12361	425.7	29.0				JC	
9-7-90*	LO-SV-	LO-023			14	2824	692.2	4.1/1.2				JC	F3=1557
10-1-90	233	#6	9-7-90	9-11-90	30	3150	536.0	5.9				JC	
9-7-90*	LO-SV-	LO-023			15	1277	581.8	2.2/1.1				JC	F3=816
10-1-90	234	#7	9-7-90	9-11-90	31	1454	479.3	3.0				JC	
9-7-90*	LO-SV-	LO-023			16	1198	645.4	1.9/1.8				JC	F3=1083
10-1-90	235	#8	9-7-90	9-11-90	32	1648	541.6	3.0				JC	
9-7-90*	LO-SV-	LO-023			17	1225	661.9	1.9/1.8				JC	F3=893
10-2-90	236	#9	9-7-90	9-11-90	34	1685	560.3	3.0				JC	

NOTE: All soil sample results are in pCi/gm

MOA Calculation

REVIEWED BY:

SITE H.P. MANAGER

Site Correction Factor = 2.0, 1.7  
Count time = 500 Sec, unless noted otherwise.  
MOA = 1.2 pCi/gm Ra-226

$\frac{A}{4.65 \text{ V}} \times \frac{10,000 \text{ sec. background cts.}}{20}$

(Ct. Time) (Eff.) (Sample Mass)\*

\*typically 500 gms

PK-TERGASON/CHEM NUCLEAR  
EXPOSED CRYSTAL SYSTEM RECORD

ATTACHMENT 2

ITE NAME Louman-012

ITE AREA L0-023

OCS SERIAL NO. #1184219

EXHIBIT DATE	SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLE LOCATION	DATE SAMPLED	DATE SEALED	OCS #	FUNCTION NO.	MASS	RA-226	OC SAMPLE	VENDOR LAB RESULT		DEPTH	TECH	REMARKS
INITIAL 20 DAY										Re-226	Th-230			
9-18-90	L0-SV-	L0-023			31	3152	658.0	11.8/8.2					JC	F3=1841
10-10-90	297	#10	9-18-90	9-19-90	33	2975	600.6	5.0				✓	JC	Area B-2
9-18-90	L0-SV-	L0-023			32	3293	714.2	11.6/7.8					JC	F3=2065
10-10-90	298	#11	9-18-90	9-19-90	34	2947	670.7	4.4				✓	JC	
9-18-90	L0-SV-	L0-023			38	1473	641.8	21/13.6					JC	F3=1083
10-10-90	299	#12	9-18-90	9-19-90	35	1301	660.3	1.8				✓	JC	
9-18-90	L0-SV-	L0-023			39	822	646.5	13/2.2					JC	F3=1117
10-10-90	300	#13	9-18-90	9-19-90	36	987	626.5	1.6				✓	JC	
9-18-90	L0-SF	L0-023			23	21628	778.3	17.8/4.2					JC	F3=9647 ≈ 5' Depth, under rock wall, Area B-2, N. Side of Prop. Δ 3221 CPTM 1123/56.5R
10-11-90	208	#10	9-18-90	9-19-90	15	23482	699.5	33.6				✓	JC	
9-18-90	L0-SF	L0-023			24	12236	754.0	16.2/27.5					JC	F3=7104 ≈ 5' Depth, under rock wall, Area B-2, N. Side of Prop. Δ 2290 1128/73.5R
10-11-90	209	#11	9-18-90	9-19-90	16	13484	682.8	19.7				✓	JC	
9-18-90	L0-SF	L0-023			25	9185	783.5	11.7/19.9					JC	F3=4080 ≈ 4' Depth, under rock wall W. of Area B-2 planter 1121.5/47.5R Δ 2010 CPTM
10-11-90	210	#12	9-18-90	9-19-90	17	9294	712.3	13.0				✓	JC	
9-24-90	L0-BF-	L0-023			5	448	574.7	0.8/1.4				✓	JC	F3=523
	055	#1	9-24-90											
9-24-90	L0-BF-	L0-023			6	773	607.5	11/2.2				✓	JC	F3=380
	056	#2	9-24-90											

data under retaining wall

NOTE: All soil sample results are in pCi/gm

MCA Calculation

REVIEWED BY:

SITE H.P. MANAGER

Site Correction Factor = 1.7  
Count Time = 500 sec, unless noted otherwise.  
MCA = 1.2 pCi/gm Ra-226

$\frac{1}{4.65 \sqrt{10,000 \text{ sec. background cts.}}}$   
20

(Ct. Time) (Eff.) (Sample Mass)\*

\*typically 500 gms



Chem-Nuclear Environmental Services, Inc.

TO: Ron Jacobs

LOCATION: Albuquerque, NM

SUBJECT: Interior Gamma Scan  
at LO-023

DATE: October 24, 1991

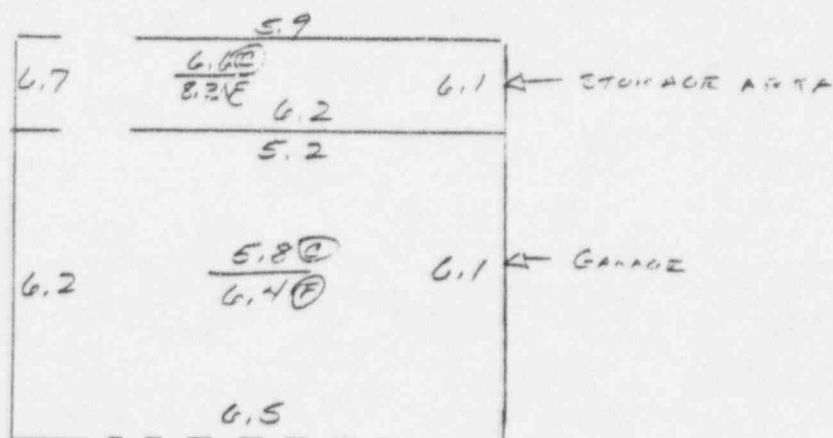
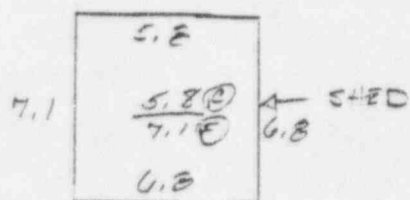
FROM: Neil Kiely

LOCATION: Lowman, ID

INSTRUMENT USED: 1-2220#35641 W/44-10#029740  
 $NR/HR = (0.008 YCPM) - 4.44$

NUMBERS CORRESPOND TO LOCATION AND ARE EXPRESSED  
IN NR/HR.

← FLOW ←  
RIVER





INTERIOR SURVEY DATA LOG/EXPOSURE

SURVEY CREW S. WILLIAMS  
D. McCormick

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DATE 9/18/89  
PROPERTY ID# 40-023  
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*before removal  
see Table 3.2*

SURVEY METHOD: ESP-1 ☒ 2220 EXPOSURE DATA INST. ID# 1658 w/SPA-3 #1601023

☐ PIC

INST. ID# N/A CALIBRATION DATE N/A

HOUSE

ROOM: 1		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	OPEN	
E WALL	1650	14
S WALL	1700	14
W WALL	1500	13
FLOOR	1800	15
TOTALS =	1600	14
AVE. =		

ROOM: 2		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	1650	14
E WALL	1550	13
S WALL	OPEN	
W WALL	OPEN	
FLOOR	1700	14
TOTALS =	1650	14
AVE. =		

ROOM: 3		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	1500	13
E WALL	OPEN	
S WALL	1470	13
W WALL	1700	14
FLOOR	1800	15
TOTALS =	1570	13
AVE. =		

ROOM: 4		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	1250	11
E WALL	1200	11
S WALL	1400	12
W WALL	1200	11
FLOOR	1650	14
TOTALS =	1400	12
AVE. =		

ROOM: 5		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	1500	13
E WALL	1300	12
S WALL	1500	13
W WALL	1400	12
FLOOR	1650	14
TOTALS =	1350	12
AVE. =		

ROOM: 6		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	1850	15
E WALL	1500	13
S WALL	2100	17
W WALL	2600	20
FLOOR	1950	16
TOTALS =	2100	17
AVE. =		

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

# INTERIOR SURVEY DATA LOG/EXPOSURE

SURVEY CREW S. WILLIAMS  
D. McCormick  
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DATE 9/18/89  
PROPERTY ID # LC-023  
PROJECT UMTRA

SURVEY METHOD: ☒ ESP-1 EXPOSURE DATA  
☐ ~~2230~~ INST. ID # 1658 W/SPA-3 #1601023

☐ PIC INST. ID # N/A CALIBRATION DATE N/A

ROOM: 7		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	1350	12
E WALL	1350	12
S WALL	1650	14
W WALL	1800	15
FLOOR	1800	15
TOTALS =	1500	13
AVE. =		

ROOM: 8		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	1350	12
E WALL	OPEN	
S WALL	1200	11
W WALL	1550	13
FLOOR	1650	14
TOTALS =	1400	12
AVE. =		

ROOM: 9		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	1250	11
E WALL	1150	11
S WALL	1200	11
W WALL	1250	11
FLOOR	1250	11
TOTALS =	1200	11
AVE. =		

ROOM: 10		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	1300	12
E WALL	1250	11
S WALL	1350	12
W WALL	1250	11
FLOOR	1300	12
TOTALS =	1250	11
AVE. =		

ROOM: 11		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	1400	12
E WALL	1400	12
S WALL	1300	12
W WALL	1200	11
FLOOR	1300	12
TOTALS =	1350	12
AVE. =		

ROOM:		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL		
E WALL		
S WALL		
W WALL		
FLOOR		
TOTALS =		
AVE. =		

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## INTERIOR SURVEY DATA LOG/EXPOSURE

SURVEY CREW

S. WILLIAMS

D. McCormick

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DATE

9/18/89

PROPERTY ID #

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SURVEY METHOD: ☒ ESP-1EXPOSURE DATA  
INST. ID # 1658 w/SPA-3 #1601023☐ PIC

INST. ID #

N/A

CALIBRATION DATE

N/A

SHED

GARAGE

ROOM: 1		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	7000	49
E WALL	3200	24
S WALL	3500	26
W WALL	2200	17
FLOOR	2450	19
TOTALS =		
AVE. =		

ROOM: 1		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	1900	15
E WALL	1800	15
S WALL	1750	14
W WALL	1700	14
CEILING	2200	17
TOTALS =		
AVE. =		

ROOM: 1		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
NW FLOOR	1700	14
NE FLOOR	1460	13
FLOOR CENTER	9000	62
SE FLOOR	1630	14
SW FLOOR	1620	14
TOTALS =		
AVE. =		

GARAGE

ROOM: 2		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
N WALL	1850	15
E WALL	1800	15
S WALL	1950	16
W WALL	1800	15
FLOOR	1850	15
TOTALS =	2000	16
AVE. =		

ROOM:		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
TOTALS =		
AVE. =		

ROOM:		
READING LOCATION	COUNTS /0.1MIN	RATE uR/h
TOTALS =		
AVE. =		

COMMENTS:

OPERATION

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COMPANY

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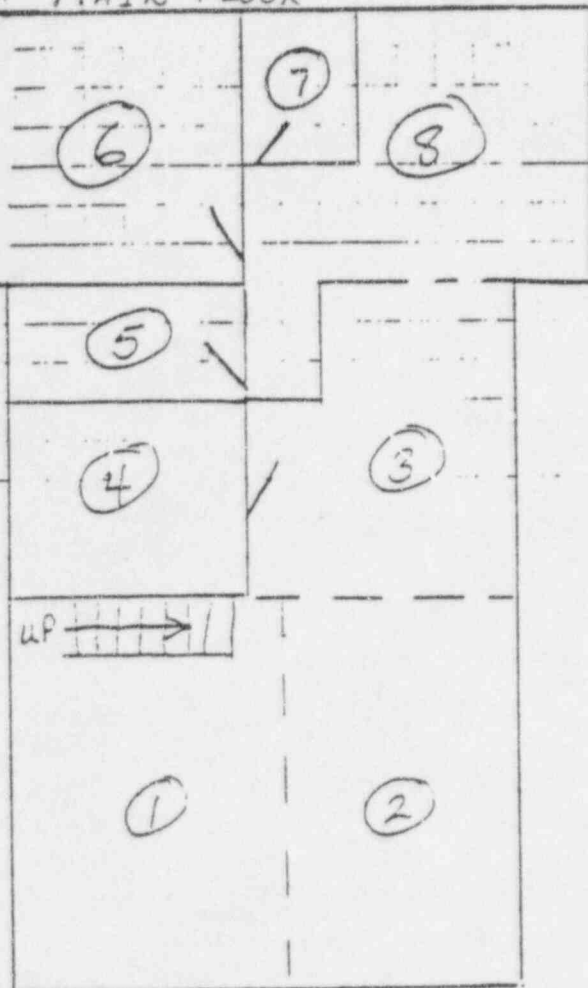
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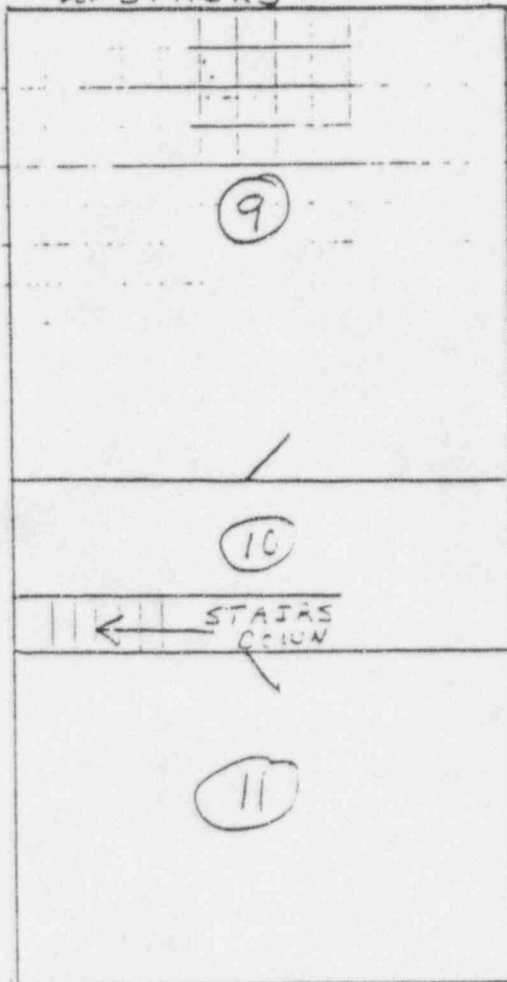
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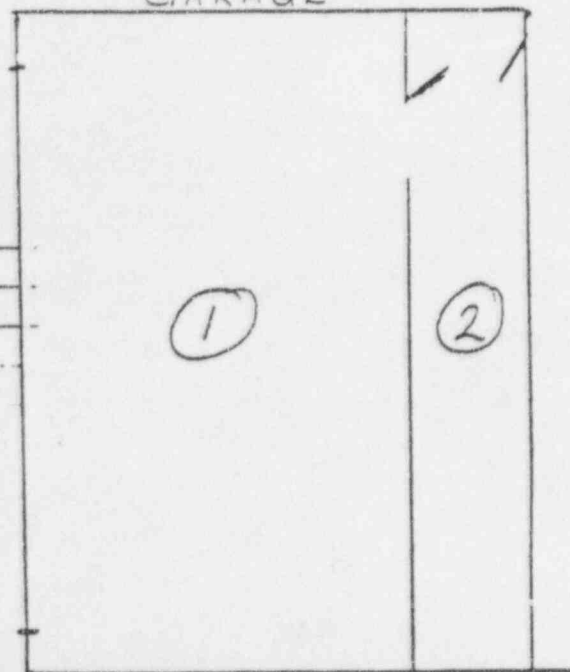
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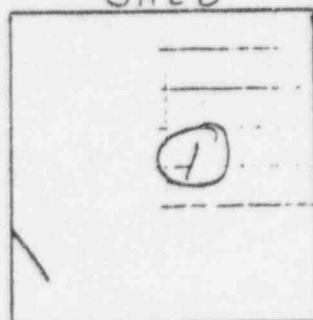
UPSTAIRS



GARAGE



SHED



## RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY

AIR SAMPLING

RADON DETECTORS

Location: Louisa - 01/L0-023Date: 7-28-90Surveyor: N.C. Kiely

LOCATION	COLLECTION (LHM)					ANALYSIS								
	Time		Total Time (min)	Flow Rate (LHM)		Sample		Background		Net Count	EFF. CM IHM	TAS	Table Factor	Working Level
	Start	Stop		Start	Stop	Gross Count	Count Time	Gross Count	Count Time					
L0-WLG-L0-023 - * 1 House	0907	0912	5	2.3	2.1	17	5	1	5	16	0.248	55	116	.0101
L0-WLG-L0-023 - * 2 House	0917	0912	5	2.4	2.35	12	5	1	5	11	0.248	65	98	.008
L0-WLG-L0-023 - * 1 Garage	0912	0921	5	2.3	2.1	16	5	1	5	15	0.248	60	107	.0103
L0-WLG-L0-023 - * 2 Garage	0912	0921	5	2.4	2.35	16	5	1	5	15	0.248	70	84	.0116

☒ ROUTINE    ☐ SPECIAL (If special, indicate reason for initiation of survey below).
Wind Speed & Close up Criteria Met

## Conversion Factors

## SUM OF SAMPLING + COUNTING TIMES (MIN)

DECAT TIME (min)	Bucnals*	4	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	30	40
40	150	151	151	150	149	148	146	143	138	127	91
45	140	142	141	140	139	138	136	133	128	107	91
50	130	132	131	130	129	128	126	123	117	99	85
55	120	122	121	120	119	118	116	112	107	90	75
60	110	112	111	110	109	108	106	102	98	82	68
65	100	102	101	100	99	98	96	92	88	74	61
70	90	92	91	90	89	88	86	82	78	67	56
75	80	82	81	80	79	78	76	72	68	61	50
80	70	72	71	70	69	68	66	62	58	55	45
85	60	62	61	60	59	58	56	52	48	49	41
90	50	52	51	50	49	48	46	42	38	40	34

Conversion factor, C, for modified W. Method and the generalized Bucnals\*

Rep I.D.No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

$$W = \frac{\text{Net Alpha Counts}}{E * V * ST * CT * K}$$

Where:

E - Detection system efficiency;  $\frac{\text{cpm}}{\text{dpm}}$ 

V - Volume (Flow per minute) (L/min)

ST - Sampling collection time (min)

CT - Counting time (min)

K - Conversion factor (dpm per WL)

1. Air sample collection exactly five minutes through .45u membrane filter at a flow rate of 2-10 LHM.

2. Analysis minimum of 60 minutes after collection. Count for a minimum of 5 minutes or as required to achieve a MDA of 0.005 WL.

3. Calibration Check Thorium 230 Standard I.D. No. #106/88Thorium Standard IHM 11180Gross Counts, CM 2774CM - Efficiency 0.248  
IHMLab Tech: Derek J. Workman

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HIGH SHINE

~~CPTM~~

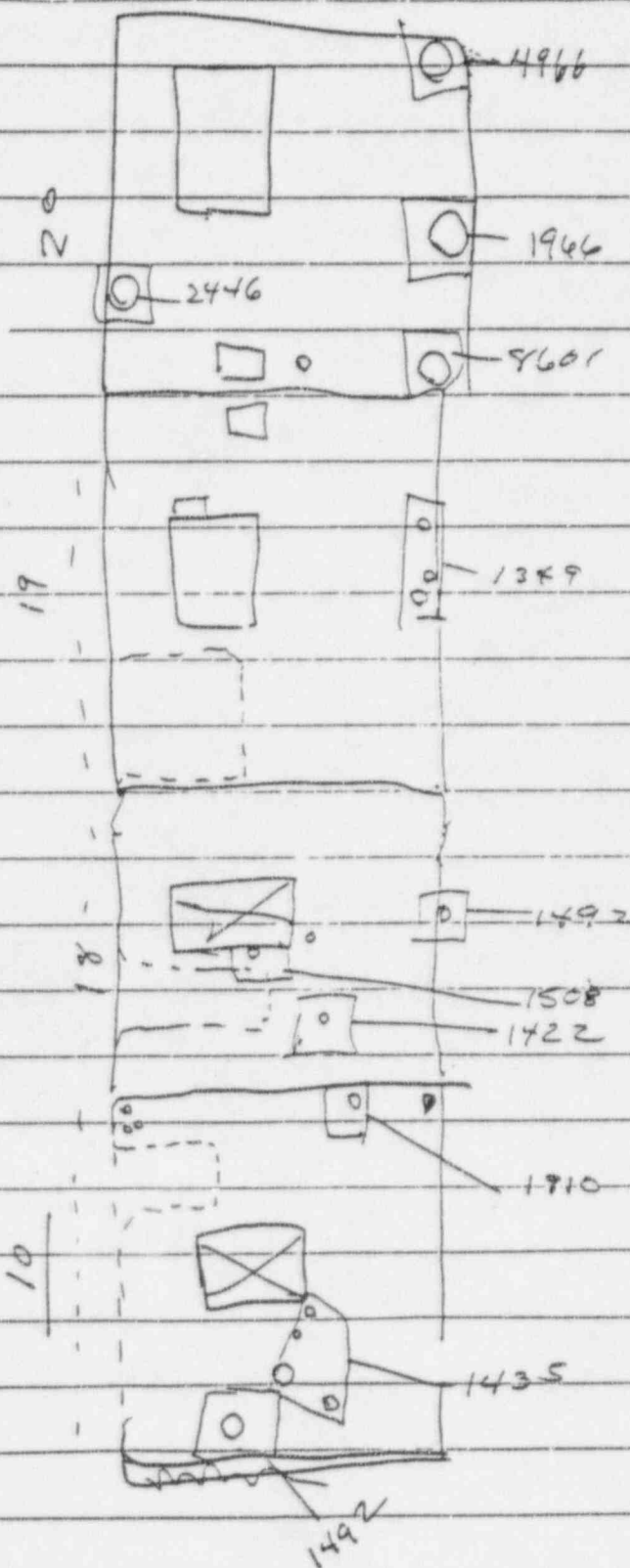
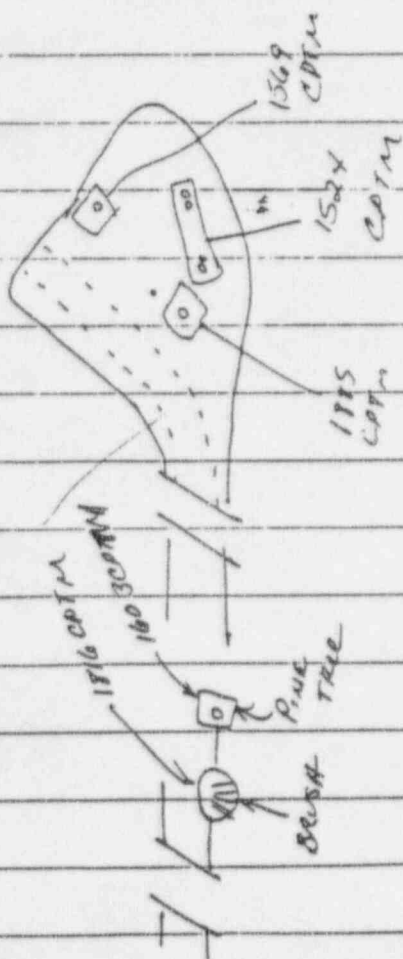
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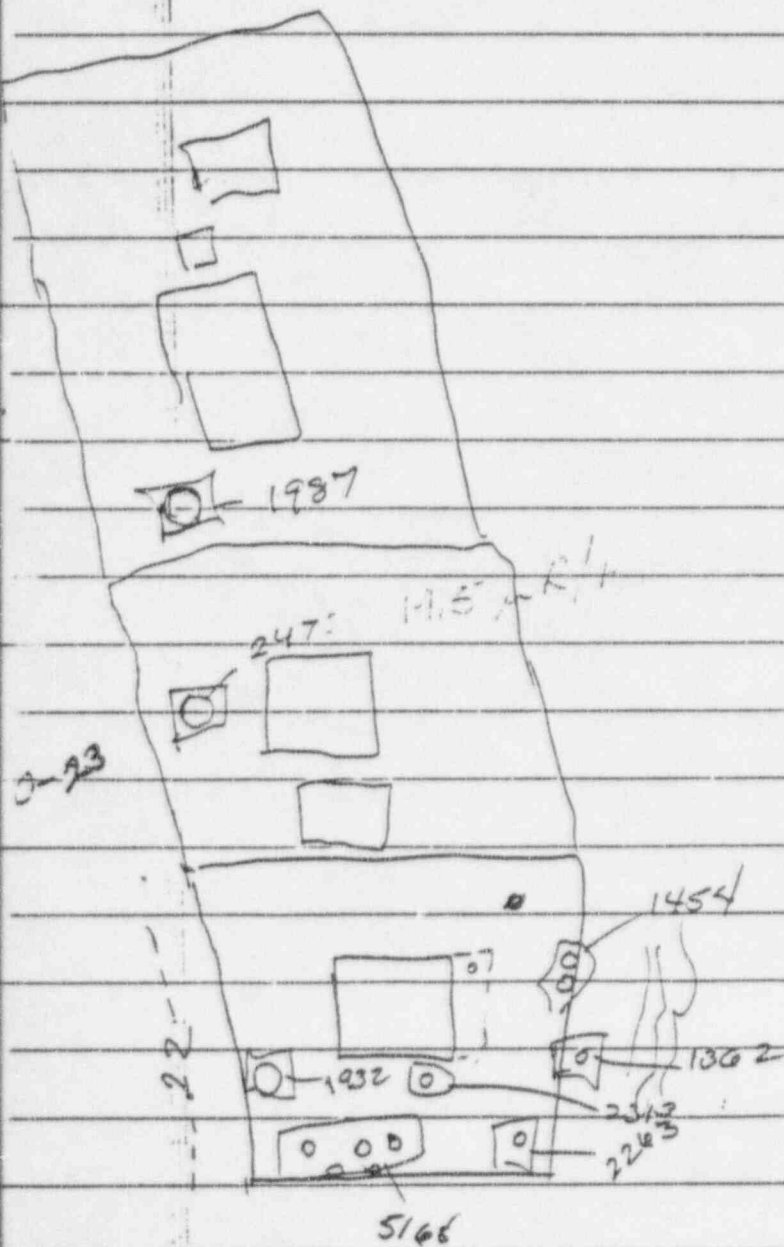
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LOW SHINE

(CPTM)(0.0043) + 3.8

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Vicinity Property No. LO-0235

APPENDIX B  
SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS DOCUMENTATION

ENGINEERS  
AND  
CONSTRUCTORS



**MK-FERGUSON COMPANY**  
A MORRISON KNUDSEN COMPANY

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE  
ONE ERIEVIEW PLAZA  
CLEVELAND, OHIO U.S.A. 44114  
PHONE: (216) 523-5600/TELEX: 985542

REPLY TO: MK-FERGUSON COMPANY  
REMEDIAL ACTIONS  
CONTRACTOR-UMTRA PROJECT  
PO BOX 9136  
ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO U.S.A. 87119

April 3, 1991

Paul McDonald  
1217 South Roosevelt  
Boise, Idaho 83705

**SUBJECT: Application For Supplemental Standards LO-023**

Dear Mr. McDonald:

In accordance with the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) of 1978, Public Law 95-604, the Department of Energy (DOE) included Property (LO-023) which you own, for remedial action. During remediation of the property it was discovered that one large blue spruce tree on the property is rooted in residual radioactive material. Excavation removed contamination to the point where further excavation could not be performed without risk of damaging the root system and killing the tree. It would be very costly, if not impossible, to replace this tree with a tree of comparable size. Additionally, contamination is present under the rock retaining wall at the river's edge. This contamination is a six inch layer under a forty foot length of the retaining wall. It would have been very costly relative to the long term benefit to remove this contaminated material due to the need to demolish, remove and rebuild the retaining wall. The area is covered with four and a half feet of backfill. MK-Ferguson did not excavate this material and has proposed that it be left in place. This recommendation is proposed per the Code of Federal Regulations 40 C.F.R. 192, Supplemental Standards. We are basing the recommendation on the criteria presented below. Your comments are requested.

A radiological characterization was performed on the area during remedial action. This characterization revealed that radiologically contaminated materials were left in place in the root system of one tree and under a section of the retaining wall footer. Drawing LO-023-010 (attached) shows the locations where contamination was left in place. The depth of the contaminated material under the tree varies from 6 to 18 inches.

Land use in this area is not expected to change in the future and it is unlikely that a person would spend an extended period of time in the area. Remediation of this area would require removal and replacement of the tree and retaining wall which would be very expensive. These facts make the cost of remediation very high relative to the long-term health benefits. Therefore, we are recommending that the contaminated material be left in place. This action is permitted under Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 192.21 and 22.



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These sections of the EPA Standards, which are established for the cleanup of the Uranium Mill Tailings, allow residual radioactive materials to remain in place when certain conditions are met. The criteria defining when remedial action need not take place (Supplemental Standards) are as follows:

1. Remedial actions to satisfy the cleanup standards for land would directly produce environmental harm that is clearly excessive compared to the health benefits to persons living on or near the site, now or in the future.
2. The estimated cost of remedial action is unreasonably high relative to the long term benefits, and the residual radioactive materials do not pose a clear present or future hazard.

The application of Supplemental Standards requires that the remedial action remove as much of the contaminated material as is reasonably possible. To meet this goal, contaminated material on all other areas of the property was excavated to meet the EPA Standards.

With the contaminated material left in place and a minimum of 6 inches of backfill covering these areas, general area radiation levels range from 15.0 to 19.5 micro R/hr. Background for the Lowman area is 15.0 micro R/hr. If a person spent 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, for 50 weeks in a 19.5 micro R/hr radiations field, he would receive about 39 millirem of gamma exposure in one year. This is about 8% of the amount allowed the general public (10 C.F.R. 20.105). The amount of contaminated material that remains in place is approximately 8 cubic yards.

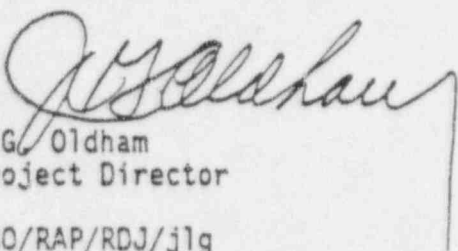
In compliance with the EPA regulations found in the Code of Federal Regulations 40 192.21, we solicit your comments concerning this action. We are attaching a copy of the applicable section of the Code of Federal Regulations for your convenience in responding to this proposed action. To comply with EPA regulations, we must receive a written response with your

Paul McDonald  
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comments. We request your response by April 26, 1991. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ron Jacobs of my staff at 1-800-443-4379.

Sincerely,

MK-FERGUSON COMPANY

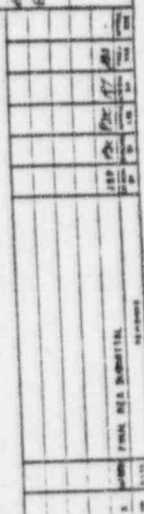


J.G. Oldham  
Project Director

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AREAS WHERE  
CONTAMINATION WAS  
LEFT IN PLACE

GK 3937

	WATER LINE	8
	GAS LINE	6
	RAD. MAIN	9
	SEWER LINE	80
	HEAT EXCH.	75
	FURNACE	125
	ELECTRICAL LINE	5
	TELEPHONE LINE	5
	CABLE TV	AL
	PROPRIETARY LINE	—
	PEDICULE LINE	—
	BATH	—
	SHOWER	—
	TUB	—
	STOVE	—
	SINK	—
	DISHWASH.	—
	REF. FRIDGE	—
	ICE BOX	—
	FREEZER	—
	W.C.	—
	TOILET	—
	BATHING	—
	HOT WATER	—
	DRYER	—
	IRONING BOARD	—
	MACHINE	—
	LAUNDRY	—
	REFRIG.	—
	STOVE	—
	SINK	—
	DISHWASH.	—
	REF. FRIDGE	—
	ICE BOX	—
	FREEZER	—
	W.C.	—
	TOILET	—
	BATHING	—
	HOT WATER	—
	DRYER	—
	IRONING BOARD	—
	MACHINE	—
	LAUNDRY	—
	REFRIG.	—
	STOVE	—
	SINK	—
	DISHWASH.	—
	REF. FRIDGE	—
	ICE BOX	—
	FREEZER	—
	W.C.	—
	TOILET	—
	BATHING	—
	HOT WATER	—
	DRYER	—
	IRONING BOARD	—
	MACHINE	—
	LAUNDRY	—
	REFRIG.	—
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	FREEZER	—
	W.C.	—
	TOILET	—
	BATHING	—
	HOT WATER	—
	DRYER	—
	IRONING BOARD	—
	MACHINE	—
	LAUNDRY	—
	REFRIG.	—
	STOVE	—
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	DRYER	—
	IRONING BOARD	—
	MACHINE	—
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	W.C.	—
	TOILET	—
	BATHING	—
	HOT WATER	—
	DRYER	—
	IRONING BOARD	—
	MACHINE	—
	LAUNDRY	—
	REFRIG.	—
	STOVE	—
	SINK	—
	DISHWASH.	—
	REF. FRIDGE	—
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	W.C.	—
	TOILET	—
	BATHING	—
	HOT WATER	—
	DRYER	—
	IRONING BOARD	—
	MACHINE	—
	LAUNDRY	—
	REFRIG.	—
	STOVE	—
	SINK	—
	DISHWASH.	—
	REF. FRIDGE	—
	ICE BOX	—
	FREEZER	—
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THESE RESULTS ARE IN ACCORD WITH THE FINDINGS OF OTHER STUDIES THAT HAVE SHOWN THAT THE USE OF A SINGLE-STEP PROCESS CAN BE EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING THE RISK OF INFECTION.

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Record of Telephone Conversation

Date: May 7, 1991

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

Between: R. Jacobs *RDJ* and P. McDonald of LO-023 (owner)

Subject: Application of Supplemental Standards

For Information: A letter was sent to Mr. McDonald requesting his comments on the application of supplemental standards at his property (LO-023). His comments were requested by April 26, 1991.

Discussion: I asked if he had received the letter and if he had any comments. He said he did not have a problem with the application of supplemental standards on his property. I then told him the "Record of Telephone Conversation" would stand at his response.

Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Route To: \_\_\_\_\_

*Ronald D Jacobs*  
*5/7/91*

ENGINEERS  
AND  
CONSTRUCTORS



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A MORRISON KNUDSEN COMPANY

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REPLY TO: MK-FERGUSON COMPANY  
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CONTRACTOR-UMTRA PROJECT  
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May 8, 1991

Mr. Clyde Cody  
Division of Environmental Quality  
Boise Field Office  
1410 North Hilton Street, Suite 101  
Boise, ID 83706-1290

SUBJECT: Application For Supplemental Standards L0-023

Dear Mr. Cody:

During remediation of the subject vicinity property, it was discovered that one large blue spruce tree on the property is rooted in residual radioactive material. Excavation removed contamination to the point where further excavation could not be performed without risk of damaging the root system and killing the tree. It would be very costly, if not impossible, to replace this tree with a tree of comparable size. Additionally, contamination is present under the rock retaining wall at the river's edge. This contamination is a six inch layer under a forty foot length of the retaining wall. It would have been very costly relative to the long term benefit to remove this contaminated material due to the need to demolish, remove and rebuild the retaining wall. The area is covered with four and a half feet of backfill. MK-Ferguson did not excavate this material and has proposed that it be left in place. This recommendation is proposed per the Code of Federal Regulations 40 C.F.R. 192, Supplemental Standards. We are basing the recommendation on the criteria presented below. Your comments/concurrence is requested.

A radiological characterization was performed on the area during remedial action. This characterization revealed that radiologically contaminated materials were left in place in the root system of one tree and under a section of the retaining wall footer. Drawing L0-023-010 (attached) shows the locations where contamination was left in place. The depth of the contaminated material under the tree varies from 6 to 18 inches.

Land use in this area is not expected to change in the future and it is unlikely that a person would spend an extended period of time in the area. Remediation of this area would require removal and replacement of the tree and retaining wall which would be very expensive. These facts make the cost of remediation very high relative to the long-term health benefits. Therefore, we are recommending that the contaminated material be left in place. This action is permitted under Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 192.21 and 22.

Clyde Cody  
May 8, 1991  
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These sections of the EPA Standards, which are established for the cleanup of the Uranium Mill Tailings, allow residual radioactive materials to remain in place when certain conditions are met. The criteria defining when remedial action need not take place (Supplemental Standards) are as follows:

1. Remedial actions to satisfy the cleanup standards for land would directly produce environmental harm that is clearly excessive compared to the health benefits to persons living on or near the site, now or in the future.
2. The estimated cost of remedial action is unreasonably high relative to the long term benefits, and the residual radioactive materials do not pose a clear present or future hazard.

The application of Supplemental Standards requires that the remedial action remove as much of the contaminated material as is reasonably possible. To meet this goal, contaminated material on all other areas of the property was excavated to meet the EPA Standards.

With the contaminated material left in place and a minimum of 6 inches of backfill covering these areas, general area radiation levels range from 15.0 to 19.5 micro R/hr. Background for the Lowman area is 15.0 micro R/hr. If a person spent 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, for 50 weeks in a 19.5 micro R/hr radiation field, he would receive about 39 millirem of gamma exposure in one year. This is about 8% of the amount allowed the general public (10 C.F.R. 20.105). The amount of contaminated material that remains in place is approximately 8 cubic yards.

In compliance with the EPA regulations found in the Code of Federal Regulations 40 192.21, we solicit your comments concerning this action. We are attaching a copy of the applicable section of the Code of Federal Regulations for your convenience in responding to this proposed action. To comply with EPA regulations, we must receive a written response with your

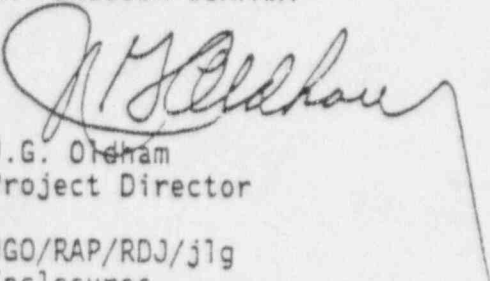


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May 8, 1991  
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comments/concurrence. We request your response by May 28, 1991. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ron Jacobs of my staff at 1-800-443-4379.

Sincerely,

MK-FERGUSON COMPANY



J.G. Oldham  
Project Director

JGO/RAP/RDJ/jlg  
Enclosures

cc: w/o enclosures:  
P. Mann, DOE/UMTRA  
File - VP

bcc: w/o attachments:  
M. Albertin  
W. Zebick  
R. Cooney  
R. Pommerening  
D. Charlton  
R. Jacobs  
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DIVISION OF  
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LO-023

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May 28, 1991

Mr. J.G. Oldham  
MK-Ferguson Company  
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UMTRA Project  
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Subject: Application of Supplemental Standard to LO-014, LO-019,  
LO-023 and LO-024

Dear Mr. Oldham:

Based on the information you provided us, and the concurrence of the property owners for the above referenced vicinity properties, the state agrees with the application of supplemental standards at these locations to avoid the destruction of the trees on the properties.

Sincerely,

*Clyde A. Cody*

Clyde A. Cody  
Superfund Project Officer

CAC/gmc

APPENDIX C  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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The property which is the subject of this Completion Report, the address of which is South Fork Summer Home Sites, Lot #7, Lowman, Idaho, is more particularly described in the Boise County Recorder's Office, as follows:

Lot 7, River Front Home Sites, Lowman, Boise County, Idaho.