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UNIT DESCRIPTION

The LLBG Trench 94 Operating Unit 18 is a land-based unit located in the 200 East Area of the Hanford Facility in the northeast corner of 218-E-12B Burial Ground. Trench 94 covers a total area of approximately 49 hectares and is designed for the receipt and final disposal of decommissioned, defueled, reactor compartments (RCs). The first defueled RC was placed in Trench 94 in April 1986. The RCs are prepared for disposal by the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) in Bremerton, Washington, and transported by barge to the Port of Benton to the Hanford Site.

The RCs destined for disposal in LLBG Trench 94 are considered state-only mixed waste and meets land disposal restriction (LDR) requirements [WAC 173-303-140 and RCW-70.105]. Disposal of mixed waste in Trench 94 requires an exemption from the liner/leachate collection system requirements. This documentation includes an exemption request for Trench 94 for the disposal of RCs contained in Addendum C, Section C.2.

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DEFINITIONS

Reserved

ACRONYMS

LLBG        Low Level Burial Ground Trench 94 Operating Unit 18.
III.18.A COMPLIANCE WITH PERMIT CONDITIONS

III.18.A.1 The Permittees will comply with all conditions in this Chapter and its addenda for LLBG Trench 94 with respect to dangerous waste management Operating Unit Group 18, in addition to applicable requirements in Part I and II.

III.18.B GENERAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

III.18.B.1 The Permittees are authorized to accept and dispose of decommissioned, defueled reactor compartments in LLBG Trench 94 in accordance with the waste acceptance criteria in Addendum B. [WAC 173-303-300]

III.18.C WASTE ANALYSIS

III.18.C.1 The Permittees will comply with the requirements in Addendum B for receipt and acceptance of decommissioned, defueled reactor compartments for disposal in Trench 94. Packaging of the reactor compartments shall be consistent with the trench liner exemption in Addendum C. [WAC 183-303-300]

III.18.C.2 Modeling – Risk Budget Tool

III.18.C.2.a The Permittees must create and maintain a modeling - risk budget tool, which models the future impacts of LLBG Trench 94 waste forms and their impact to underlying vadose and ground water. [WAC 173-303-815(2)(b)(i)]

III.18.C.2.b This model will be submitted for Ecology review as soon as possible after issuance of Final Tank Closure and Waste Management EIS, and at least 180 days following the issuance of the LLBG Trench 94 final status permit.

III.18.C.2.c The model will be updated at least every 5 years. The model will be updated more frequently if needed, to support permit modifications or SEPA Threshold Determinations whenever a new waste stream or significant expansion is being proposed for LLBG Trench 94.

III.18.C.2.d This modeling-risk budget tool will be conducted in manner that is consistent with state and federal requirements, and represents a cumulative risk analysis of all waste previously disposed of in LLBG Trench 94.

III.18.C.2.e The groundwater impact should be modeled in a concentration basis and should be compared against various performance standards including but not limited to drinking water standards (40 CFR 141 and 40 CFR 143).

III.18.C.2.f Ecology will review modeling assumptions, input parameters, and results and will provide comments to the Permittees. Ecology comments will be dispositioned through the Review Comment Record process and will be reflected in further modeling to modify the IDF ILAW waste acceptance as appropriate.

III.18.C.2.g The modeling-risk budget tool will include a sensitivity analysis reflecting parameters, their uncertainties, and changes to parameters as requested by Ecology.

III.18.C.2.h If these modeling efforts indicate results within 75% of a performance standard (including but not limited to federal drinking water standards [40 CFR 141 and 40 CFR 143]), Ecology and the Permittees will meet to discuss mitigation measures or modified waste acceptance criteria for specific waste forms.

III.18.D RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING

III.18.D.1 The Permittees will comply with the following recordkeeping and reporting requirements applicable to all Operating Unit Group 18 waste management activities [WAC 183-303-380]:

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III.18.D.1.a  All records required by Permit Condition II.I.2 will be placed into the LLBG Trench 94 Unit Specific Operating Record.

III.18.D.1.b  Records and results of waste analysis and general waste analysis [WAC 173-303-810]

III.18.E  SECURITY

III.18.E.1  The Permittees will post warning signs at all entrances to the LLBG Trench 94 as specified in Addendum E. [WAC 173-303-310(2)(a)]

III.18.F  PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION

III.18.F.1  The Permittees will comply with the Preparedness and Prevention requirements in Addendum F. [WAC 173-303-340]

III.18.G  CONTINGENCY PLAN

III.18.G.1  The Permittees will comply with Addendum J in addition to the requirements of Permit Condition II.A when applicable. [WAC 173-303-350]

III.18.H  INSPECTIONS

III.18.H.1  The Permittees will comply with the inspection requirements and schedules of Table I.1 in Addendum I (inspections applicable to the operating unit as a whole and/or to individual dangerous waste management units within the operating unit, if any).

III.18.I  TRAINING

III.18.I.1  The Permittees will include the training requirements described in Addendum G of Operating Unit Group 18 into the written training plan required by Permit Condition II.C.

III.18.J  OTHER GENERAL REQUIREMENTS- RESERVED

III.18.K  CLOSURE

III.18.K.1  The Permittees will close LLBG Trench 94 in accordance with the Closure Plan in Addendum H and Permit Condition II.J. [WAC 173-303-610(3)(b)]

III.18.L  POSTCLOSURE--RESERVED

III.18.M  COMPLIANCE SCHEDULES-RESERVED

III.18.N  LANDFILLS

III.18.N.1  Permittees will conduct all LLBG Trench 94 operations in a manner to protect the landfill from damage.

III.18.N.2  At final closure of the landfill, the Permittees will cover the landfill with a final cover (closure cap) designed and constructed to: (1) Provide long-term minimization of migration of liquids through the closed landfill; (2) Function with minimum maintenance; (3) Promote drainage and minimize erosion or abrasion of the cover; and (4) Accommodate settling and subsidence so that the cover’s integrity is maintained. [WAC 173-303-665(6)(a)]

III.18.N.3  Design and construction details of the cover shall be submitted to Ecology for incorporation into the Permit prior to installation. The instrumentation must be designed to adequately measure the soil water content and storage so that all waster inputs may be known and a water balance calculated to determine the effectiveness of the cover. In addition, other information submitted may include elevations, bulk densities, gas exchanges, biota mass, plant height/rooting depth, plant leaf area indexes, etc. to ensure the cover functions according to Permit Condition III.18.N.2.
III.18.O.1 The Permittees will implement the groundwater monitoring plans contained in Addendum D to this Chapter.

III.18.O.2 The Permittees will complete geophysical investigation by September 30, 2014 for the purposes of establishing groundwater monitoring at the LLBG Trench 94.

III.18.O.3 Within 180 days from the completion of the geophysical investigation, the Permittees must prepare and submit a groundwater monitoring plan. The plan must include the locations of the point of compliance wells, monitoring, sampling, and, reporting requirements. Should it be determined that groundwater monitoring wells are not feasible, the Permittees will submit a plan for achieving regulatory compliance.
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