# YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION FINAL STATUS SURVEY REPORT

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## **List of Abbreviations and Acronyms**

AL \_\_\_\_\_ Action Level

ALARA \_\_\_\_\_ As Low As Reasonably Achievable

c/d Counts per Disintegration

DCGL \_\_\_\_\_ Derived Concentration Guideline Level

DCGL<sub>EMC</sub> DCGL for small areas of elevated activity

DCGL<sub>W</sub> DCGL for average concentration over a wide area, used with statistical tests

DQO Data Quality Objectives

EMC Elevated Measurement Comparison

ETD \_\_\_\_\_ Easy-to-Detect

FSS Final Status Survey

FSSP Final Status Survey Plan

GPS Global Positioning System

H<sub>o</sub> Null Hypothesis

HSA Historical Site Assessment

HTD Hard-to-Detect

ISOCS \_\_\_\_\_ In-situ Object Counting System®

LBGR \_\_\_\_\_ Lower Bound of the Grey Region

LTP License Termination Plan

MARSSIM Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual

MDA Minimum Detectable Activity

MDC Minimum Detectable Concentration

PAB Primary Auxiliary Building

QAPP Quality Assurance Project Plan

QC Quality Control

RCA Radiological Controlled Area

RP\_\_\_\_\_ Radiation Protection

RSS Reactor Support Structure

SFP Spent Fuel Pool

VC Vapor Container

VCC Vertical Concrete Cask

VSP \_\_\_\_\_ Visual Sample Plan

YNPS Yankee Nuclear Power Station

#### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Final Status Survey (FSS) was performed of Survey Area OOL-17 in accordance with Yankee Nuclear Power Station's (YNPS) License Termination Plan (LTP). This FSS was conducted as an open land area FSS with soil DCGLs.

## 1.1 Identification of Survey Area and Units

OOL-17 consists of one Survey Unit, OOL-17-01, that is a Class 2 open land area comprised of stone fill and soil. There are no sub-surface systems that traverse or connect within OOL-17. The land area is located in the non-RCA portion of the site and is entirely bounded by non-impacted YAEC owned property. Survey area OOL-17 contains soil that was excavated during construction activities at the YNPS site. Decommissioning activities potentially impacted the surface soil due to temporarily storing material inside the bounds of the survey area that originated from inside the RCA. All affected material was removed, the area was graded and clean fill was deposited on the expanded surface to utilize it as a personnel parking area.

A map of the Survey Area and Survey Units in relation to the site is found in Attachment A.

## 1.2 Dates of Surveys

Table 1 Date of Surveys and DQOs

| Survey Unit | Survey Start Date | Survey End Date | DQA Date   |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|
| OOL-17-01   | 9/13/2006         | 9/14/2006       | 10/16/2006 |

## 1.3 Number and Types of Measurements Collected

Final Status Survey Plans were developed for these Survey Units in accordance with YNPS LTP and FSS procedures using the MARSSIM protocol. The planning and design of the survey plan employed the Data Quality Objective (DQO) process, ensuring that the type, quantity and quality of data gathered was appropriate for the decision making process and that the resultant decisions were technically sound and defensible. A total of 20 statistical soil samples were taken in the Survey Area, providing data for the non-parametric testing of the Survey Area. In addition to the statistical soil samples, 19 biased, subsurface soil samples, at a depth of 15" to 21", were taken to access the radiological status of pre-fill soil and greater than 10% of OOL-17-01 was scanned with SPA-3.

#### 1.4 Summary of Survey Results

Following the survey, the data were reviewed against the survey design to confirm completeness and consistency, to verify that the results were valid, to ensure that the survey plan objectives were met and to verify Survey Unit classification. Soil sample surveys indicated that none of the systematic or biased measurements exceeded the DCGL $_{\rm W}$ , depicted in Attachment B. Retrospective power curves were generated and demonstrated that an adequate number of samples were collected to support the Data Quality Objectives. Therefore, the null hypothesis ( $H_{\rm o}$ ) (that the Survey Unit exceeds the release criteria) is rejected.

#### 1.5 Conclusions

Based upon the evaluation of the data acquired for the FSS, OOL-17 meets the release requirements set forth in the YNPS LTP. The Total Effective Dose Equivalent (TEDE) to the average member of the critical group does not exceed 25 mRem per year, including that from groundwater. 10CFR20 Subpart E ALARA requirements have been met as well as the site release criteria for the administrative level DCGLs that ensure that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's 10 mRem per year limit will also be met.

#### 2.0 FSS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## 2.1 Survey Planning

The YNPS FSS Program employs a strategic planning approach for conducting final status surveys with the ultimate objective to demonstrate compliance with the DCGLs, in accordance with the YNPS LTP. The DQO process is used as a planning technique to ensure that the type, quantity, and quality of data gathered is appropriate for the decision-making process and that the resultant decisions are technically sound and defensible. Other key planning measures are the review of historical data for the Survey Area and the use of peer review for plan development.

#### 2.2 Survey Design

In designing the FSS, the questions to be answered are: "Does the residual radioactivity, if present in the Survey Area, exceed the LTP release criteria?" and "Is the potential dose from this radioactivity ALARA?" In order to answer these questions, the radionuclides present in the Survey Area must be identified, and the Survey Units classified. Survey Units are classified with respect to the potential for contamination: the greater the potential for contamination, the more stringent the classification and the more rigorous the survey.

The survey design additionally includes the number, type and locations of soil samples (as well as any judgmental assessments required), scanning requirements, and instrumentation selection with the required sensitivities or detection levels. DCGLs are developed relative to the surface/material of the Survey Unit and are

used to determine the minimum sensitivity required for the survey. Determining the acceptable decision error rates, the lower bound of the gray region (LBGR), statistical test selection and the calculation of the standard deviation and relative shift allows for the development of a prospective power curve plotting the probability of the Survey Unit passing FSS.

## 2.3 Survey Implementation

Once the planning and development has been completed, the implementation phase of the FSS program begins. Upon completion of remediation and final characterization activities, a final walk down of the Survey Unit is performed. If the unit is determined to be acceptable (i.e. physical condition of the unit is suitable for FSS), it is turned over to the FSS team, and FSS isolation and control measures are established. After the Survey Unit isolation and controls are in place, grid points are identified for the soil samples, using Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates whenever possible, consistent with the Massachusetts State Plane System, and the area scan grid is identified. Data is collected and any required investigations are performed.

## 2.4 Survey Data Assessment

The final stage of the FSS program involves assessment of the data collected to ensure the validity of the results, to demonstrate achievement of the survey plan objectives, and to validate Survey Unit classification. During this phase, the DQOs and survey design are reviewed for consistency between DQO output, sampling design and other data collection documents. A preliminary data review is conducted to include: checking for problems or anomalies, calculation of statistical quantities and preparation of graphical representations for data comparison. Statistical tests are performed, if required, and the assumptions for the tests are verified. Conclusions are then drawn from the data, and any deficiencies or recommendations for improvement are documented.

#### 2.5 Quality Assurance and Quality Control Measures

YNPS FSS activities are implemented and performed under approved procedures, and the YNPS Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) assures plans, procedures and instructions have been followed during the course of FSS, as well as providing guidance for implementing quality control measures specified in the YNPS LTP.

#### 3.0 SURVEY AREA INFORMATION

#### 3.1 Survey Area Description

OOL-17 consists of a single Survey Unit, OOL-17-01, that is a Class 2 open land area comprised of stone fill and soil. There are no sub-surface systems that traverse or connect within OOL-17. The land area is located in the non-RCA portion of the

site and is entirely bounded by non-impacted YAEC owned property. Survey area OOL-17 contains soil that was excavated during construction activities at the YNPS site. A map of the Survey Area and Unit divisions are found in <u>Attachment A.</u>

#### 3.2 History of Survey Area

Survey Area OOL-17 was not part of the RCA, as delineated in years 2004-2005, and did not have any radioactive systems present in the area. OOL-17 contains soil that was excavated during construction activities at the YNPS site. Additionally, it received material and equipment that had previously been inside the site. Some of the material placed in this area originated within the RCA yard area but had passed the criteria for free release prior to being placed in OOL-17. These materials included shield blocks and other items. Some items were subsequently identified as radioactive material (i.e. materials containing small amounts of tritium and C-14). The material that was affected was recovered and placed back inside the YNPS RCA. The area was graded and clean fill was deposited on the expanded surface to utilize it as a personnel parking area.

## 3.3 Division of Survey Area into Survey Units

OOL-17 consists of a single Survey Unit, OOL-17-01, that is a Class 2 open land area comprised of stone fill and soil. A map of the Survey Area and Unit is found in Attachment A.

#### 4.0 SURVEY UNIT INFORMATION

## 4.1 Summary of Radiological Data Since Historical Site Assessment (HSA)

## 4.1.1 Chronology and Description of Surveys Since HSA

The Table below provides a summary of surveys performed during the Final Status Survey of OOL-17.

**Table 2 Dates of Surveys since HSA** 

| Survey Unit | Survey Start Date | Survey End Date | Description |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| OOL-17-01   | 9/13/2006         | 9/14/2006       | FSS Survey  |

#### 4.1.2 Radionuclide Selection and Basis

During the initial DQO process, Cs-137 was identified as the radiological nuclide of concern for OOL-17-01. However, soil samples were evaluated for all LTP listed nuclides

## 4.1.3 Scoping & Characterization

Survey Unit OOL-18-01 was utilized in a similar manner as OOL-17-01; therefore data from the 13 characterization samples taken in OOL-18 were used to develop the DQOs for OOL-17-01.

#### 4.2 Basis for Classification

Based upon the radiological condition of this Survey Area identified in the operating history and as a result of the decommissioning activities performed to date, Survey Unit OOL-17-01 was identified as a Class 2 area.

## 4.3 Remedial Actions and Further Investigations

No investigations or remedial actions were required in OOL-17-01.

## 4.4 Unique Features of Survey Area

OOL-17-01 is a Class 2 open land area comprised of stone fill and soil. There are no sub-surface systems that traverse or connect within OOL-17. The land area is located in the non-RCA portion of the site and is entirely bounded by non-impacted YAEC owned property. Survey area OOL-17 contains soil that was excavated during construction activities at the YNPS site.

#### 4.5 ALARA Practices and Evaluations

The generic ALARA evaluation for soils is documented in <u>Appendix C</u>, Technical Report YA-REPT-00-003-05, "Generic ALARA Review for Final Status Survey of Soil at YNPS". The report is augmented by individual evaluations which are found in <u>Appendix D</u>, which concludes that no further remediation of soil below the DCGL is warranted.

## 5.0 SURVEY UNIT FINAL STATUS SURVEY

#### 5.1 Survey Planning

## 5.1.1 Final Status Survey Plan and Associated DQOs

The FSS for OOL-17 Survey Area was planned and developed in accordance with the LTP using the DQO process. Form DPF-8856.1, found in YNPS Procedure 8856, "Preparation of Survey Plans," was used to provide guidance and consistency during development of the FSS Plans. The FSS Plans can be found in <u>Appendix A</u>. The DQO process allows for systematic planning and is specifically designed to address problems that

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require a decision to be made in a complex survey design and, in turn, provides alternative actions.

The DQO process was used to develop an integrated survey plan providing the Survey Unit identification, sample size, selected analytical techniques, survey instrumentation, and scan coverage. The Sign Test was specified for non-parametric statistical testing for this Survey Unit, if required. The design parameters developed are presented below.

Table 3 Survey Area OOL-17 Design Parameters

| Survey  | Design Parameter                 | Value                | Basis  |
|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Unit    |                                  |                      |  |
| OOL-17- | Survey Unit Area                 | 2,428 m2             | Class 2, Soil, $> 2,000 \text{ m2}, \le 10,000 \text{ m2}$ |
| 01      | Number of Direct Measurements    | 15 (calculated)      | $\alpha$ (Type I) = 0.05                                   |
|         |                                  | + 5 (added)          | $\beta \qquad \text{(Type II)} = 0.05$                     |
|         |                                  | Total: 20            | σ: 0.0347  |
|         |                                  |                      | Relative Shift: 2  |
|         |                                  |                      | DCGLw: 3 (Cs-137)  |
|         |                                  |                      | LBGR: 2.93   |
|         | Area Factor:                     | N/A                  | Class: 2 - N/A   |
|         | Critical Value                   | 14 for Sign test.    | (20/2)+(1.645/2)*Square Root (20)                          |
|         | Gridded Sample Area Size Factor  | 121.4m2              | Area / Number of Samples (2428 m2/20)                      |
|         | Sample Grid Spacing:             | Triangular: 11.8m    | Square Root (2428 m2/(0.866*20))                           |
|         | Direct Measurement Investigation |                      |  |
|         | Level                            | > DCGLw              | Class 2 Area.  |
|         | Scanning Coverage Requirements   | 242.8 m2             | Class 2 Soil Area: 10-100% systematic & judgmental         |
|         | Scan Investigation Level         | > Background Audible | Class 2 Area: > DCGLw or > MDC                             |

#### 5.1.2 Deviations from the FSS Plan as Written in the LTP

The FSSP design was performed to the criteria of the LTP; therefore, no LTP deviations with potential impact to this Survey Area need to be evaluated.

## 5.1.3 DCGL Selection and Use

For the final evaluation of the OOL-17 Survey Area and throughout this report, the administrative acceptance criterion of 8.73 mRem per year has been set for Soil LTP-listed radionuclides.

**Table 4 Soil DCGL Values** 

| Nuclide | Soil 8.73 mr per year<br>(pCi/g) | Nuclide | Soil 8.73 mr per year (pCi/g) |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Co-60   | 1.4E+00                          | H-3     | 1.3E+02                       |
| Nb-94   | 2.5E+00                          | C-14    | 1.9E+00                       |
| Ag-108m | 2.5E+00                          | Fe-55   | 1.0E+04                       |
| Sb-125  | 1.1E+01                          | Ni-63   | 2.8E+02                       |
| Cs-134  | 1.7E+00                          | Sr-90   | 6.0E-01                       |
| Cs-137  | 3.0E+00                          | Tc-99   | 5.0E+00                       |
| Eu-152  | 3.6E+00                          | Pu-238  | 1.2E+01                       |
| Eu-154  | 3.3E+00                          | Pu-239  | 1.1E+01                       |
| Eu-155  | 1.4E+02                          | Pu-241  | 3.4E+02                       |
| Am-241  | 1.0E+01                          | Cm-243  | 1.1E+01                       |

#### **5.1.4** Measurements

Error tolerances and characterization sample population statistics drove the selection of the number of statistical measurements. The quantity of statistical measurements collected for the survey unit is listed above in the table titled "Survey Area OOL-17 Design Parameters". Split samples and recounts are addressed under the quality control section 6.2. The OOL-17-01 soil sampling grid was developed as a systematic grid with spacing consisting of a triangular pitch pattern with a random starting point. Sample measurement locations are provided in <u>Attachment A.</u>

SPA-3s were used for scan surveys of OOL-17-01. No activity greater than background or DCGLw, attributable to plant radionuclides was present in OOL-17-01.

## **5.2** Survey Implementation Activities

The Table below provides a summary of daily activities performed during the Final Status Survey of OOL-17.

**Table 5 FSS Activity Summary for OOL-17** 

| Survey Unit | Date                   | Activity   |
|-------------|------------------------|--|
| OOL-17-01   | 9/13/2006              | Performed walk-down of Survey Unit                       |
|             | 9/13/2006              | Established Isolation and Controls                       |
|             | 9/13/2006              | Performed Job Hazard Analysis                            |
|             | 9/13/2006              | Performed Unit Classification                            |
|             | 9/13/2006              | Performed Sample Quantity Calculations, established DQOs |
|             | 9/13/2006              | Generated FFS Sample Plans                               |
|             | 9/13/2006 to 9/14/2006 | Performed Scans, and Direct measurements.                |
|             | 10/16/2006             | Performed DQA, FSS Complete                              |

## **5.3** Surveillance Surveys

## **5.3.1** Periodic Surveillance Surveys

Upon completion of the FSS of Survey Area OOL-17, the Survey Area was placed into the program for periodic surveillance surveys on a quarterly basis in accordance with YNPS procedure DP-8860, "Area Surveillance Following Final Status Survey." These surveys provide assurance that areas with successful FSS remain unchanged until license termination.

## 5.3.2 Resurveys

No resurveys were performed in OOL-17.

## 5.3.3 Investigations

No additional investigations were required for this Survey Area due to surveillance surveys.

## **5.4** Survey Results

Soil sample surveys indicated that OOL-17 had no systematic measurements that exceeded the DCGL<sub>W</sub>, depicted in <u>Attachment B.</u> Retrospective power curves were generated and demonstrated that an adequate number of samples were collected to support the Data Quality Objectives. Therefore, the null hypothesis (H<sub>o</sub>) (that the Survey Unit exceeds the release criteria) is rejected.

SPA-3s were used for scan surveys of OOL-17-01. No activity greater than background (i.e. no audible indication greater than background, using the SPA-3, was identified) or DCGLw, attributable to plant radionuclides was present in OOL-17-01.

**Table 6 Soil Sample Summary** 

| Sample Description | Activity |
|--------------------|----------|
| OOL-17-01-001-F    | 0.08     |
| OOL-17-01-002-F    | 0.02     |
| OOL-17-01-003-F    | 0.05     |
| OOL-17-01-004-F    | 0.04     |
| OOL-17-01-005-F    | 0.07     |
| OOL-17-01-006-F    | 0.02     |
| OOL-17-01-007-F    | 0.08     |
| OOL-17-01-008-F    | 0.10     |
| OOL-17-01-009-F    | 0.04     |
| OOL-17-01-010-F    | 0.02     |
| OOL-17-01-011-F    | 0.02     |
| OOL-17-01-012-F    | 0.03     |

| OOL-17-01-013-F    | 0.03 |
|--------------------|------|
| OOL-17-01-014-F    | 0.03 |
| OOL-17-01-015-F    | 0.05 |
| OOL-17-01-016-F    | 0.05 |
| OOL-17-01-017-F    | 0.03 |
| OOL-17-01-018-F    | 0.03 |
| OOL-17-01-019-F    | 0.03 |
| OOL-17-01-020-F    | 0.03 |
| Max                | 0.1  |
| Average            | 0.04 |
| Standard Deviation | 0.02 |

## 5.5 Data Quality Assessment

The Data Quality Assessment phase is the part of the FSS where survey design and data are reviewed for completeness and consistency, ensuring the validity of the results, verifying that the survey plan objectives were met, and validating the classification of the Survey Unit.

The sample design and the data acquired were reviewed and found to be in accordance with applicable YNPS procedures DP-8861, "Data Quality Assessment"; DP-8856, "Preparation of Survey Plans"; DP-8853, "Determination of the Number and Locations of FSS Samples and Measurements"; DP-8857, "Statistical Tests"; DP-8865, "Computer Determination of the Number of FSS Samples and Measurements" and DP-8852, "Final Status Survey Quality Assurance Project Plan".

The Data Quality Assessment power curves, scatter, quantile and frequency plots are found in <u>Attachment B</u>. Posting Plots are found in <u>Attachment A</u>.

The biased soil sample results were below the DCGLw. Fixed point sample concentrations were below the DCGLw and no sum-of-fractions were equal to or greater than one. The data set was within approximately three standard deviations with normal dispersion about the arithmetic mean. The data posting plot does not clearly reveal any systematic spatial trends. The quantile plot exhibits some asymmetry in the lower quartile and the frequency plot demonstrates a normal distribution. The survey maintained sufficient power to pass the unit and the data set verified the assumptions of the statistical test.

# 6.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL

## **6.1** Instrument QC Checks

Operation of the E-600 w/SPA-3 was in accordance with DP-8535, "Setup and Operation of the Eberline E-600 Digital Survey Instrument," with QC checks preformed in accordance with DP-8540, "Operation and Source Checks of Portable Friskers." Instrument response checks were performed prior to and after use for the

E-600 w/SPA-3. All instrumentation involved with the FSS of OOL-17 satisfied the above criteria for the survey. QC records are found in <u>Attachment C.</u>

## **6.2** Split Samples and Recounts

Two split and one recount "QC" samples were gathered and within tolerable limits in accordance with DP-8864, "Split Sample Assessment for Final Status Survey".

#### **6.3** Self-Assessments

No self-assessments were performed during the FSS of OOL-17.

## 7.0 CONCLUSION

The FSS of OOL-17 has been performed in accordance with YNPS LTP and applicable FSS procedures. Evaluation of the soil sample data has shown none of the systematic soil samples exceeded the DCGL<sub>W</sub>, depicted in <u>Attachment B</u>. Retrospective power curves were generated and demonstrated that an adequate number of samples were collected to support the Data Quality Objectives. Therefore, the null hypothesis (H<sub>o</sub>) is rejected.

OOL-17 meets the objectives of the Final Status Survey.

Based upon the evaluation of the data acquired for the FSS, OOL-17 meets the release requirements set forth in the YNPS LTP. The Total Effective Dose Equivalent (TEDE) to the average member of the critical group does not exceed 25 mRem per year, including that from groundwater. 10CFR20 Subpart E ALARA requirements have been met as well as the site release criteria for the administrative level DCGLs that ensure that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's 10 mRem per year limit will also be met.

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