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**Table 9.2-1 American Centrifuge Plant Action Levels for Radionuclide Effluents**

Weekly Sample Results		Required Actions <sup>b</sup>
Uranium <sup>a</sup>	Technetium <sup>a</sup>	
BEQ	BEQ	Review release data for previous six months for trends, and estimate probable impact over calendar year. Evaluate whether additional controls would significantly reduce public exposure.
10 x BEQ or 2 x BEQ averaged over 6 months	80 x BEQ or 16 x BEQ averaged over 6 months	Determine whether increased releases are ongoing or a single spike. Initiate investigation into cause(s) of increased releases. Evaluate whether mitigative and/or corrective measures are necessary to reduce public dose. Implement mitigative and/or corrective measures as needed.
EPA Reportable Quantity <sup>c</sup> (RQ) (0.1 Ci in 24 hours)	EPA RQ <sup>c</sup> (10 Ci in 24 hours)	Notify Operations Supervisor Trace source of abnormal releases and establish control or shutdown as needed. If releases cannot be mitigated within 24 hours, elevate to next level.
1 Ci <sup>d</sup>	8 Ci <sup>d</sup>	Close affected discharge points until control of releases is re-established.
<sup>a</sup> Uranium has an approximately 8-fold greater dose rate response than <sup>99</sup> Tc over air dominated exposure pathways. Uranium dose response completely dominates <sup>99</sup> Tc over water dominated exposure pathways.		
<sup>b</sup> Required actions for any level include required actions listed under lower emission levels.		
<sup>c</sup> RQ does <u>not</u> include permitted emissions. The ACP is regulated under 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart H for release of airborne radionuclides from the entire reservation up to the equivalent of 10 mrem/year TEDE to the most exposed member of the public.		
<sup>d</sup> 1 Ci or 8 Ci in one weekly sample analysis.		
Note: The Operations Supervisor has the authority to allow a restart.		

Table 9.2-2 Baseline Effluent Quantities for American Centrifuge Plant Discharges

Release Point	Total Uranium	Technetium
<b>Vents</b>		
X-3001 North Vent	0.2 mCi/week	0.1 mCi/week <sup>a</sup>
X-3001 South Vent	0.2 mCi/week	0.1 mCi/week <sup>a</sup>
X-3002 North Vent	0.2 mCi/week	0.1 mCi/week <sup>a</sup>
X-3002 South Vent	0.2 mCi/week	0.1 mCi/week <sup>a</sup>
X-3346 Feed Area Vent	0.02 mCi/week	0.1 mCi/week <sup>a</sup>
X-3346 Customer Services Area Vent	0.02 mCi/week	0.1 mCi/week <sup>a</sup>
X-3356 Tails Area Vent	0.02 mCi/week	0.1 mCi/week <sup>a</sup>
X-3356 Product Area Vent	0.02 mCi/week	0.1 mCi/week <sup>a</sup>
X-7725 Gas Test Stands Vent	0.01 mCi/week	0.1 mCi/week <sup>a</sup>
<b>Outfalls</b>		
LEC Effluents <sup>b</sup>	$3 \times 10^{-7} \mu\text{Ci/ mL}$ or 0.1 Ci/year	$6 \times 10^{-5} \mu\text{Ci/ mL}$ or 0.1 Ci/year
X-2230N West Holding Pond (NPDES 012)	$2.5 \times 10^{-8} \mu\text{Ci/ mL}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-7} \mu\text{Ci/ mL}$
X-2230M Southwest Holding Pond (NPDES 013)	$2.5 \times 10^{-8} \mu\text{Ci/ mL}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-7} \mu\text{Ci/ mL}$
TWC System Blowdown	$5.9 \times 10^{-8} \mu\text{Ci/ mL}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-7} \mu\text{Ci/ mL}$
<sup>a</sup> Technetium BEQs for vents are based on five times the MDA.		
<sup>b</sup> LEC effluents are characterized <u>before</u> being discharged to the site sanitary sewer. The 100 mCi/yr standard includes uranium and technetium isotopes discharged to the site sanitary sewer during a calendar year.		

Table 9.2-3 Anticipated Gaseous Effluents

Discharge Point	Total Uranium <sup>a</sup>		Technetium	
	$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{mL}^b$	$\text{mCi}/\text{wk}^c$	$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{mL}^b$	$\text{mCi}/\text{wk}^c$
X-3346 Feed and Customer Services Building (2 vents)	$<3.2 \times 10^{-15}$	$<0.04$	$1.2 \times 10^{-16}$	0
X-3001 and X-3002 Process Buildings (4 vents)		$<0.8$		0
X-3356 Product and Tails Withdrawal Building Vent (2 vents)		$<0.04$		0
X-7725 Gas Test Stands Vent		$<0.01$		0
XT-847 Glovebox Vent		0.0004		0.005
Laboratory Hoods <sup>d</sup>		0.17		0.035
10 CFR Part 20, App. B, Table 2	$3 \times 10^{-12}$	-----	$8 \times 10^{-9}$	-----
<sup>a</sup> Since uranium isotopes present at the ACP have the same discharge limit, uranium isotope activities are combined into a Total Uranium activity for simplify comparison to the Table 2 limits.				
<sup>b</sup> Anticipated concentrations are maximum ambient concentrations at the DOE reservation boundary due to emission sources and are based on emission estimates and atmospheric dispersion modeling. Anticipated technetium concentration is based on no detectable releases from the X-7725 facility and X-3000 series buildings.				
<sup>c</sup> Anticipated discharges are measured at the vent and, by definition, are less than the Baseline Effluent Quantities. Anticipated technetium discharges from the X-7725 facility and X-3000 series buildings are zero.				
<sup>d</sup> Bounding case for associated analytical services.				

Table 9.2-4 Anticipated Liquid Effluents <sup>a</sup>

Discharge Point	Total Uranium <sup>b</sup> μCi/ mL	Technetium μCi/ mL
LEC Effluents	<3 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> and <0.1 Ci/yr	<2 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> (<MDA)
TWC System Blowdown	<3 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	<2 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> (<MDA)
X-2230N West Holding Pond (NPDES Outfall 012) <sup>c</sup>	<1 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	<2 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> (<MDA)
X-2230M Southwest Holding Pond (NPDES Outfall 013) <sup>c</sup>	<1 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	<2 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> (<MDA)
Sanitary wastewater (excluding LEC effluents)	<3 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	<2 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> (<MDA)
North Cylinder Pad Runoff	<1 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	<2 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> (<MDA)
10 CFR Part 20, App. B, Table 2	3 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	6 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
10 CFR Part 20, App. B, Table 3	3 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	6 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
<sup>a</sup> ACP contributions only. Combined effluents from other site operations remain the responsibility of the individual operator.		
<sup>b</sup> Since uranium isotopes present at the ACP have the same discharge limit, uranium isotope activities are combined into a Total Uranium activity to simplify comparison to the Table 2 limits.		
<sup>c</sup> By definition, anticipated activity discharges are less than the BEQ.		
<sup>d</sup> LEC effluents are characterized prior to discharge. One Ci/yr limit applies to combined uranium and technetium activities.		
<sup>e</sup> Anticipated concentrations are annual averages based on monthly grab samples from 1995 through 2000.		

**Table 9.2-5 Environmental Baseline Activities/Concentrations  
1998-2002**

	Total Uranium μg/g	Technetium pCi/g	Gross Alpha pCi/g	Gross Beta pCi/g
<b>Reservation (9 Sampling Locations)</b>				
<b>Soil</b>				
Num. of Samples	117 (0)	117 (93)	117 (59)	117 (64)
Average	2.8	<0.2	<8	<14
Minimum	0.6	<0.1	<2	8
Maximum	4.4	1.5	21	36
<b>Vegetation</b>				
Num. of Samples	116 (113)	116 (103)	-----	-----
Average	<0.25	<0.3	-----	-----
Minimum	<0.04	<0.1	-----	-----
Maximum	0.9	7.3	-----	-----
<b>Off Reservation (6 Sampling Locations)</b>				
<b>Soil</b>				
Num. of Samples	74 (0)	74 (32)	74 (38)	74 (41)
Average	2.9	<0.2	<7	<14
Minimum	0.7	<0.1	<2	<8
Maximum	4.6	3.8	14	47
<b>Vegetation</b>				
Num. of Samples	73 (73)	73 (61)	-----	-----
Average	<0.24	<0.3	-----	-----
Minimum	<0.05	<0.1	-----	-----
Maximum	<0.34	3.3	-----	-----
<p>The "number of samples" shows the total number of samples collected, including replicate and duplicate samples collected for quality assurance (QA) purposes, followed by the number of samples that were lower than the Minimum Detectable Concentration in parentheses. QA sample locations for soil and vegetation are assigned independently, so the number of samples in each group does not necessarily match.</p>				

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	<b>Total Uranium μg/g</b>	<b>Technetium pCi/g</b>	<b>Gross Alpha pCi/g</b>	<b>Gross Beta pCi/g</b>
<b>Remote (12 Sampling Locations)</b>				
<b>Soil</b>				
<b>Num. of Samples</b>	139 (0)	139 (133)	139 (73)	139 (77)
<b>Average</b>	3.0	<0.2	<7	<14
<b>Minimum</b>	0.7	<0.1	<3	<7
<b>Maximum</b>	5.9	0.8	16	22
<b>Vegetation</b>				
<b>Num. of Samples</b>	137 (80)	137 (128)	-----	-----
<b>Average</b>	<0.23	<0.2	-----	-----
<b>Minimum</b>	0.08	<0.1	-----	-----
<b>Maximum</b>	<0.28	<0.5	-----	-----
<b>Background (4 Sampling Locations)</b>				
<b>Soil</b>				
<b>Num. of Samples</b>	40 (0)	40 (36)	40 (17)	40 (26)
<b>Average</b>	3.5	<0.2	<8	<14
<b>Minimum</b>	1.7	<0.1	<5	<8
<b>Maximum</b>	6.8	0.5	16	25
<b>Vegetation</b>				
<b>Num. of Samples</b>	40 (23)	40 (37)	-----	-----
<b>Average</b>	<0.24	<0.2	-----	-----
<b>Minimum</b>	<0.14	<0.1	-----	-----
<b>Maximum</b>	0.28	0.5	-----	-----
<p>The "number of samples" shows the total number of samples collected, including replicate and duplicate samples collected for QA purposes, followed by the number of samples that were lower than the Minimum Detectable Concentration in parentheses. QA sample locations for soil and vegetation are assigned independently, so the number of samples in each group does not necessarily match.</p>				

**Table 9.2-6 Environmental Baseline Activities/Concentrations  
1998 - 2002**

	<b>Total Uranium µg/L</b>	<b>Technetium pCi/L</b>	<b>Gross Alpha pCi/L</b>	<b>Gross Beta pCi/L</b>
<b>Surface Water/Upstream Big Run Creek</b>				
Num. of Samples	60 (56)	60 (60)	60 (57)	60 (39)
Average	<1.3	<15	<5	<13
Minimum	<0.1	<6	<1	<6
Maximum	23.5	<28	<8	30
<b>Surface Water/Downstream Big Run Creek</b>				
Num. of Samples	118 (68)	118 (116)	118 (106)	118 (82)
Average	<1.5	<15	<6	<13
Minimum	0.2	<6	1	6
Maximum	23.2	<28	<140	33
<b>Surface Water/Upstream Little Beaver Creek</b>				
Num. of Samples	60 (59)	60 (60)	60 (56)	60 (41)
Average	<0.9	<15	<5	<11
Minimum	<0.1	<6	<1	<6
Maximum	1.3	<28	<12	<22
<b>Surface Water/Downstream Little Beaver Creek</b>				
Num. of Samples	321 (34)	322 (246)	322 (182)	322 (101)
Average	<1.7	<16	<6	<15
Minimum	<0.6	<8	2	<7
Maximum	9.4	43	44	78
<b>Surface Water/Upstream Big Beaver Creek</b>				
Num. of Samples	60 (36)	60 (58)	60 (48)	60 (25)
Average	<1.2	<16	<5	<14
Minimum	0.3	<8	2	<7
Maximum	5.8	<28	37	62
The "number of samples" shows the total number of samples collected, including replicate and duplicate samples collected for QA purposes, followed by the number of samples that were lower than the Minimum Detectable Concentration in parentheses.				

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	<b>Total Uranium μg/L</b>	<b>Technetium pCi/L</b>	<b>Gross Alpha pCi/L</b>	<b>Gross Beta pCi/L</b>
<b>Surface Water/Downstream Big Beaver Creek</b>				
<b>Num. of Samples</b>	60 (50)	60 (58)	60 (51)	60 (36)
<b>Average</b>	<1.1	<16	<6	<14
<b>Minimum</b>	<0.1	<6	<1	<6
<b>Maximum</b>	5.2	<28	72	108
<b>Surface Water/Upstream Scioto River</b>				
<b>Num. of Samples</b>	261 (8)	261 (251)	261 (213)	261 (151)
<b>Average</b>	<1.9	<15	<6	<13
<b>Minimum</b>	<1.0	<6	2	<6
<b>Maximum</b>	32.6	<28	<13	40
<b>Surface Water/Downstream Scioto River</b>				
<b>Num. of Samples</b>	261 (6)	261 (254)	261 (206)	261 (156)
<b>Average</b>	<1.8	<16	<6	<13
<b>Minimum</b>	<1.0	<6	2	<7
<b>Maximum</b>	9.5	<29	86	34
<b>Surface Water/Background Creeks</b>				
<b>Num. of Samples</b>	240 (214)	240 (237)	240 (223)	240 (179)
<b>Average</b>	<1.0	<16	<4	<11
<b>Minimum</b>	<0.1	<6	<1	<6
<b>Maximum</b>	6.9	114 <sup>a</sup>	11	46
<p>The "number of samples" shows the total number of samples collected, including replicate and duplicate samples collected for QA purposes, followed by the number of samples that were lower than the Minimum Detectable Concentration in parentheses.</p> <p><sup>a</sup> One sample from a background location was analyzed at 114 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) of technetium, a beta emitter, but only 12 pCi/L of gross beta activity. The technetium activity is believed to be a case of cross contamination. The next highest technetium activity at the background locations was 28 pCi/L.</p>				

**Table 9.2-7 Environmental Baseline Activities/Concentrations  
1998 - 2002**

	<b>Total Uranium</b> µg/g	<b>Technetium</b> pCi/g	<b>Gross Alpha</b> pCi/g	<b>Gross Beta</b> pCi/g
<b>Sediment/X-2230M Southwest Holding Pond Discharge</b>				
Num. of Samples	10 (0)	10 (6)	10 (4)	10 (4)
Average	3.8	<0.2	<9	<16
Minimum	1.8	<0.1	<4	<7
Maximum	6.2	0.3	18	<36
<b>Sediment/X-2230N West Holding Pond Discharge</b>				
Num. of Samples	13 (0)	13 (4)	13 (4)	13 (11)
Average	3.2	<0.3	<7	<11
Minimum	2.3	<0.1	<3	<7
Maximum	4.9	0.6	10	<17
<b>Sediment/Upstream Little Beaver Creek</b>				
Num. of Samples	15 (0)	15 (13)	15 (6)	15 (11)
Average	2.8	<0.1	<7	<13
Minimum	1.5	<0.1	<4	<7
Maximum	5.7	0.2	11	18
<b>Sediment/X-230J-7 Discharge</b>				
Num. of Samples	17 (0)	17 (0)	17 (7)	17 (4)
Average	5.9	7.1	<16	<32
Minimum	2.7	0.7	<5	<7
Maximum	21.2	31.3	83	170
<b>Sediment/Downstream Little Beaver Creek</b>				
Num. of Samples	28 (0)	28 (6)	28 (3)	28 (9)
Average	7.0	<64.5	<17	<85
Minimum	1.8	<0.1	<5	<10
Maximum	35.1	801 <sup>a</sup>	61	924
The "number of samples" shows the total number of samples collected, including replicate and duplicate samples collected for QA purposes, followed by the number of samples that were lower than the Minimum Detectable Concentration in parentheses.				

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	Total Uranium μg/g	Technetium pCi/g	Gross Alpha pCi/g	Gross Beta pCi/g
<b>Sediment/Upstream Big Beaver Creek</b>				
Num. of Samples	10 (0)	10 (2)	10 (4)	10 (6)
Average	2.1	<0.3	<7	<13
Minimum	0.9	<0.1	<5	<7
Maximum	4.6	0.7	9	25
<b>Sediment/Downstream Big Beaver Creek</b>				
Num. of Samples	10 (0)	10 (0)	10 (1)	10 (2)
Average	4.0	4.7	<11	<18
Minimum	2.8	1.1	<6	<12
Maximum	5.5	14.6	33	24
<b>Sediment/Upstream Big Run Creek</b>				
Num. of Samples	11 (0)	11 (8)	11 (3)	11 (8)
Average	3.8	<0.2	<7	<13
Minimum	2.3	<0.1	4	9
Maximum	4.8	<0.2	13	<17
<b>Sediment/Downstream Big Run Creek</b>				
Num. of Samples	29 (0)	29 (6)	29 (6)	29 (18)
Average	4.1	<0.8	<9	<14
Minimum	1.1	<0.1	<4	<7
Maximum	5.9	2.7	33	28
<b>Sediment/Upstream Scioto River</b>				
Num. of Samples	11 (0)	11 (11)	11 (7)	11 (8)
Average	2.1	<0.1	<7	<12
Minimum	0.9	<0.1	3	<7
Maximum	4.6	<0.2	<9	<17
The "number of samples" shows the total number of samples collected, including replicate and duplicate samples collected for QA purposes, followed by the number of samples that were lower than the Minimum Detectable Concentration in parentheses.				

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	<b>Total Uranium µg/g</b>	<b>Technetium pCi/g</b>	<b>Gross Alpha pCi/g</b>	<b>Gross Beta pCi/g</b>
<b>Sediment/Downstream Scioto River</b>				
<b>Num. of Samples</b>	10 (0)	10 (8)	10 (5)	10 (6)
<b>Average</b>	2.1	<0.2	<9	<14
<b>Minimum</b>	1.4	<0.1	5	<8
<b>Maximum</b>	4.4	0.4	17	19
<b>Sediment/Background Creeks</b>				
<b>Num. of Samples</b>	40 (0)	40 (37)	40 (22)	40 (25)
<b>Average</b>	3.2	<0.2	<6	<13
<b>Minimum</b>	1.3	<0.1	<3	<7
<b>Maximum</b>	6.8	2.7	13	24
The "number of samples" shows the total number of samples collected, including replicate and duplicate samples collected for QA purposes, followed by the number of samples that were lower than the Minimum Detectable Concentration in parentheses.				
* In Fall 2002, duplicate samples taken at the RM8 sample point contained 689 and 801 pCi/g of technetium. A replicate sample taken at the same time and a few yards away contained only 13 pCi/g of technetium. The RM8 sample taken the following spring contained only 13 pCi/g, which is consistent with previous samples.				

**Table 9.2-8 Environmental Baseline Radiation Levels  
1998-2002**

<b>Area of Readings</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Reservation (includes 518, 737, 862, 906, 933, 1404A, A35, A36, and A40)	10.5 µRad/hr	6.4 µRad/hr	17.9 µRad/hr
X-746 Cylinder Yard (includes 874)	70.5 µRad/hr	60.1 µRad/hr	82.3 µRad/hr
Boundary (includes A3, A8, A9, A12, A15, A23, A24, and A29)	10.5 µRad/hr	6.2 µRad/hr	22.6 µRad/hr
Piketon (includes A6)	9.6 µRad/hr	7.4 µRad/hr	13.9 µRad/hr
Camp Creek (includes A28)	10.4 µRad/hr	7.8 µRad/hr	14.9 µRad/hr

Note: Locations ACP-1, ACP-2, ACP-3, ACP-4, and ACP-5 are new monitoring locations that will be established as the ACP is built.