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Gentlemen:

Staff from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories (BPNL), will visit your site on February 17, 1993. This visit is in response to your application to renew your Newfield facility's Source Material License Number SMB-743. Mr. Craig Rieman (RSO - Shieldalloy) was given the details of the visit by Mr. Yawar Faraz (Project Manager - NRC) by phone on January 11, 1993.

I am enclosing documents related to the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) document by the NRC, which is a prerequisite for the renewal of your license. The enclosed documents, which were prepared by BPNL, under NRC contract, are as follows:

1. Additional Information Needs for Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation's Environmental Assessment;
2. Draft Annotated Outline of the Environmental Assessment for License Renewal of Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation's Newfield, N.J., Facility.

Please review these documents before February 17, 1993. Enclosure 1 indicates that a significant amount of additional environmental information is required to prepare an EA. Therefore, we request that the appropriate technical Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation and contractor staff be available to address items listed in Enclosure 1 and questions that may arise during the meetings of the 18th (1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and 19th (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) of February 1993.

NRC staff will arrive on site at 10:00 p.m. on February 17 so that they may observe your firing processes of ferrocolumbium ore following midnight. On the morning of February 19, they would also like to observe the unloading of bag house dust into trucks for transport to the Source Material Storage Yard. For the duration of the visit, please do not significantly modify your routine procedures, since NRC staff would like to observe practices typically undertaken at the facility.

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The individuals expected to visit your site are: Mr. Yawar Faraz - NRC (Current Project Manager), Mr. Gary Comfort - NRC (Future Project Manager), Dr. Michael Tokar - NRC (Future Section Leader), Ms. Elizabeth Ullrich - NRC Region I (Inspector), Dr. David Guzzetta - BPNL (EA Project Manager) and Mr. Tracy Ikenberry - BPNL (EA Dose Assessment Task Leader). Even though Ms. Ullrich is an inspector from our regional office, we will not consider her visit as an inspection of your facility.

Please submit before February 10, 1993, all radioactivity results of your quarterly groundwater sampling program of the six onsite wells which began in 1989. Include a site map showing the locations of the wells.

By letter dated December 15, 1992, we requested that you submit analyses related to the determination of the routine annual average atmospheric releases of radioactivity from your facility. Please submit this information before February 10, 1993. If you cannot meet this date, then at least provide the methodology that you have used, or will use, to determine the atmospheric source term. Be advised that this source term should include significant atmospheric releases of radon and thoron from storage and process areas in addition to the routine radioactivity releases from the baghouses.

Also, please submit before February 10, 1993, results of all air sampling of radioactivity performed during the previous year. We are specifically interested in isotopic air concentrations in the work place, derived through the use of lapel air samplers.

Please contact Mr. Yawar Faraz of my staff on (301) 504-2669 if you have questions regarding the enclosed documents, the upcoming site visit, or the requested information.

Sincerely,

/S/

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**INFORMATION NEEDS FOR SHIELDALLOY METALLURGICAL CORPORATION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Following is a list of information needed to support the preparation of the Environmental Assessment for the relicensing of Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation.

**SITE LOCATION**

Seven and one-half minute (7 1/2') United State Geologic Survey (USGS) maps (or equivalent) for the facility and all areas within 10 km (6.2 miles).

Regional or state maps that show all land areas within 80 km (50 miles) of the site. This will be used to show the relationship of the project to major population centers, rivers, transportation routes, etc.

**DEMOGRAPHY**

Estimated population within 1.6 km (1 mile) of the site. If possible this population should be presented in a table that shows the populations by the 16 compass headings (NW, NNW, WNW, etc.) so that the data corresponds with the meteorological data that supports air quality modeling.

1980 and 1990 population of all counties out to a distance of 80 km (50 mi) of the site. Projected population for these same counties for the year 2000. The preferred source of this data is the U.S. Department of the Census, state published data would be acceptable. The area of these same counties. This information will be used to estimate population densities.

1980, 1990, and projected<sup>ed</sup> year 2000 population data for all Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA) within 80 km (50 mi) of the site.

1980 and 1990 population of all communities within 10 km (6.2 mi) of the site. If available, projected year 2000 population for these same communities.

**LAND USE**

Identify dairy operations or dairy animals (including goats) that are within 1.6 km (1 mile) of the facility. Give compass direction and distance.

Identify family garden plots that are within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the facility. Give compass direction and distance.

Provide a map that shows the location of all businesses, residences, vacant land, etc. that border or are across the street from the property. Indicate if any of these neighbors have dairy animals or gardens.

Describe the area within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the site. Is it generally rural, residential, light industry, wetlands, agricultural? A map showing the different uses would be helpful.

Identify on a map and provide a brief text description of the following cultural features within 10 km (6.2 mi) of the site:

- Schools (indicate if they are elementary, middle, high, etc., and number of students),
- State <sup>r</sup>of federally designated historic or archaeologic sites,
- Parks and other recreation areas. Give the area in hectares or acres, ownership, and use (e.g. 40 acres, church camp, day use only; or 10 acres, Newfield City park, picnicking and softball).

## **GEOLOGY**

Provide a list, distance, and direction of all geologic (mineral or construction material) and hydrocarbon extraction operations within 10 km (6.2 miles) of the site. If known provide the name of the formation from which these material are or could be extracted.

Provide the following information on earthquakes (VI or greater on the mercalli scale) that have occurred in the region (approximately 200 miles); the year the earthquake took place, the intensity, location, and approximate distance to the epicenter. If available, provide the seismic risk factor for the site.

## **SURFACE WATER**

Identify the location of the nearest gauging station downstream of the site. Provide the distance downstream and the name of the waterway. If the gauging station is reasonably close to the site (within 10 km (6.2 mi)), provide summary flow data.

Provide any available information on the water quality of the Hudson's Branch.

Provide the distance to the downstream junction of Hudson's Branch with the Burnt Mill Branch. Describe any surface water use that takes place downstream and within 10 km (6.2 mi) of the facility.

Provide average annual flow estimate for Hudson's Branch and Burnt Mill Branch.

#### **FLOOD RISK**

Describe the flood history of the site and its vicinity. If gauge records are available, provide typical peak flows during these flood events.

Provide a copy of a flood zone map for the area. Is the facility within a 100 year flood zone?

#### **GROUNDWATER**

If available provide,

- hydraulic conductivity measured as a function of moisture content. If that is not available, then,
- data from water retention curves with saturated hydraulic conductivity. If that is not available, then,
- moisture data with depth in boreholes, bulk density, and particle size of the same samples.

If none of the above information is available then we will make assumptions of the unsaturated hydraulic conductivity based on what we know about the geology.

Provide the distance and direction of all water wells within 1.6 km of the site.

#### **METEOROLOGY AND CLIMATOLOGY**

Provide total annual precipitation. Provide month by month averages for temperature (average high and low), wind speed and precipitation.

Data is needed to support dispersion modeling. The information provided in the ER is not useful for this purpose. What is needed is the joint frequency distribution for wind speed, direction and stability classes known as a standard STAR chart or STAR data. This should be obtained from the nearest National

Weather Service station, typically co-located with a major airport. This STAR data should be provided as both hardcopy and a disk.

Extreme meteorological data of note should be provided. Note, that the summary information provided in the ER for tropical storms from 1899 through 1980 uses a 1967 reference.

## **ECOSYSTEMS**

The description of the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems is based on the Environmental Report for the Hope Creek Generating Station. This description is not relevant to the facility area. A similar but less detailed description is needed for the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.

Provide a list of federal and state listed, candidate, and nominated threatened and endangered species whose range include the project site. Have any of these threatened or endangered species been observed using habitat near the site (i.e. within 10 km).

The authors of the ER should provide the reference or source for the statement in the ER that "Seventeen of the [threatened and endangered species] are known to or are likely to breed within the surrounding counties."

## **FACILITY AND OPERATION**

An accurate understanding of the operation of the facility is key to understanding the potential environmental impacts. Accurate quantities and description of materials input and outflow is needed. Information (quantity and quality) of raw material inputs, the products produced, and the waste streams and their final disposition are needed. Therefore Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation needs to provide the following on a per run/batch and annual basis:

1. List and quantify of all materials that enter the facility for the production of ferro-columbian and specialty alloys.
  - Specifically needed for the pyrochlore is the typical quantity on hand, how it is stored, and the percent by weight of thorium and uranium. If the typical quantity on hand is not known provide the maximum quantity that can be stored on site.

2. Quantify the waste streams for solid, liquid, and gaseous emissions.

- Provide the quantity of solids waste generated in the form of slag. Provide a description of the size of the pieces of slag (i.e., cobble size, gravel size).
- Provide the composition of the dust in the bag house and the true filtering efficiency. Provide the dust production rate during operations (i.e., estimated total quantity of dust that escapes within the facility during the processing of the ore. This includes the quantity that ultimately ends up in the baghouse and the quantity that does not). Provide the estimated quantity of the dust that escapes during each of the following steps:
  - during the metal processing phase,
  - loading in the transport truck and transportation to the "lime" pile, and
  - offloading onto the "lime" pile and until the "crust" forms, and
  - leachability of the baghouse dust.
- Describe the liquid waste streams that result from the ferro-columbian production process.

Provide a description of how process material, particularly pyrochlore, is delivered to and handled within the site. Provide a map that shows that typical delivery route out to the nearest interstate highway or rail junction. How many deliveries per month are made to the facility.

Describe where the material is stored and how it is handled. Describe any measures taken to reduce worker exposure in the storage area. Describe the type of structure where the pyrochlore is stored and fire protection measures in place.

Describe the facility where the pyrochlore and other raw material are processed. What hazards have been anticipated and what measures have been taken to reduce these hazards to an acceptable level (e.g., fire sprinklers or halone system, respirators for the workers). Do all three furnaces operate simultaneously or in succession?

## **EFFLUENT CONTROL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Describe all gaseous discharges for the facility. Provide their location on a facility layout and height above the ground. Describe the emissions that are released at each of these discharge points.

Describe the operational protocol for the two baghouses. For example, how would failure of one or more of the bags be handled? Are both baghouses needed to operate the facility. For each baghouse stack provide the velocity of the discharge gases, the height and diameter of the release point and the typical emission rate per unit of time.

Indicate on a facility layout the location of each regulated liquid discharge points. Describe the liquid waste discharge points. Which of these liquid waste discharge points are associated with the ferro-columbian process. Provide a description of the type liquid wastes are discharged at each of these discharge points.

Indicate on the facility layout, the location of the different waste piles. Provide an estimate of the quantify of material contained in each waste pile and how much is added on an annual basis.

Provide the leach rate of the baghouse dust ("lime" pile). Describe how materials are moved from the baghouse silos to the "lime" pile and what measures are taken to minimize fugitive dust. Describe how the "lime" pile(s) are managed to minimize fugitive dust and maintain a surface crust. Do the "lime" pile(s) have erosional feature on their surfaces?

Describe the waste discharge area. Is it lined (clay and/or and artificial liner)? What is the drainage pattern of the area? How are liquid waste controlled and where do the liquid wastes discharge?

If available provide radon levels for the waste discharge area, and the pyrochlore storage area.

## **FACILITY DECOMMISSIONING**

Describe the proposed approach to facility decommissioning. Address both the metal processing facility and the waste piles.

## **RADIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF OPERATION**

How many of the on-site workers are involved in each phase of the ferro-columbian production process? What is the average exposure



of each worker based on actual measurement (provide also the standard deviation)? What is the exposure of the maximally exposed individual (i.e. the highest reading during the period of record)?

#### **NON-RADIOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF FACILITY OPERATIONS**

Provide copies of the air quality permits and recent reports.

Provide copies of water quality permit(s) and recent reports.

Provide background information on the CERCLA action.

Will the proposed action affect any previously undisturbed land? If yes, what is the area in acres or hectares and the nature of the area that will be disturbed. How will this area be used?

#### **DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL<sup>AL</sup> MONITORING PROGRAMS**

Provide an overview statement of the corporate approach to minimizing worker and environmental health exposure.

For each of the following provide a description of the existing system. If significant system upgrades are proposed in conjunction with the proposed action, describe these system upgrades as well.

- The personnel dosimetry,
- Airborne monitoring system,
- Stack emissions,
- Liquid effluents,
- Environmental monitoring programs for radiation to air, soil, vegetation, and surface water both on the site and off the site.

Explain how these monitoring efforts are reported. Provide a summary of the results of these monitoring efforts.

**ANNOTATED OUTLINE FOR SHIELDALLOY METALLURGICAL CORPORATION (SMC)  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)**

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This introduction will describes why the EA is being prepared and the nature of the proposed activities at the facility.

**1.1 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION**

The proposed action is to amend SMC's U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) license for SMC's Newfield, New Jersey facility. This section provides a brief description of activities that would be covered by the license renewal.

**1.2 NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION**

This section identifies the underlying purpose and need in proposing the alternatives; including the proposed action.

**1.3 INTERACTION WITH OTHER AGENCIES**

Relevant interactions between the NRC and Federal, State, and local organizations will be discussed. Significant interactions between SMC and state and local organization will be included.

A list of significant environmental permits will be provided. Particularly significant are state permits under their Clear Air Act and Clean Water Act and the status of the on-site CERCLA action.

**1.4 RELATED INFORMATION**

This section identifies and describes site and facility specific documents and information sources used in the preparation of the EA.

**1.5 ORGANIZATION OF THIS REPORT**

Each of the following sections of the EA is described in one or two sentences.

**1.6 REFERENCES**

A list of references cited in this section will be provided.

## 2.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND ENVIRONMENT

This section describes the site location, demography, land use, geology, hydrology, meteorology, climatology, background radiological characteristics, ecology, and residual contamination of the site and surrounding area.

### 2.1 SITE LOCATION

This section will use maps and a description to clearly identify the location of the site.

### 2.2 DEMOGRAPHY

This section describes the population of towns and counties near the facility. It also provides the distance, direction, and population of the nearest cities of significant size (e.g., Philadelphia).

The population of adjoining and nearby counties will be summarized in a table that shows actual and projected populations for for 1980, 1990, and 2000.

### 2.3 LAND USE

#### 2.3.1 Current Land Use

This section describes land use in vicinity of the facility. It identifies the location of the nearby gardens and dairy farms or any land use which is relevant to determining exposure pathways. The uses of land, residences, and businesses adjoining the site will be described.

#### 2.3.2 Cultural Resources

This section describes all nearby historic and archaeological resources, parks, schools, recreational and other special use facilities that could be potentially affected by the proposed action.

#### 2.3.2 Land Commitments

This section describes any land commitments that are inherent to the proposed action.

### 2.4 GEOLOGY, SEISMOLOGY, AND TOPOGRAPHY

#### 2.4.1 Topography

This section describes the terrain of the project area.

#### 2.4.2 Geology

This section describes both the regional and site specific geology. The site specific geologic description will be more detailed than the regional geologic description and will support an understanding of the groundwater regime.

Also noted here are geologic resource of economic value within 10 kilometers of the site.

#### 2.4.3 Seismology

This section describes the seismic characteristics of the region through a listing of historic earthquakes.

### 2.5 HYDROLOGY

#### 2.5.1 Surface Water

This section describes the nearest water bodies, the drainage system, distance to confluence, average flow, and nearby and downstream surface water uses.

#### 2.5.2 Surface Flooding Potential

This section discusses the flood potential of the site. Information on flood analysis and flood control measures will be discussed. Any unusual risks such as upstream dams will be presented.

#### 2.5.3 Groundwater

This section describes the groundwater, aquifer, and groundwater use.

### 2.6 METEOROLOGY AND CLIMATOLOGY

This section will provide an overview the area's climate. It defines the climate using the Koeppen climatological classification. Predominant airflow patterns, precipitation, and temperature are described. Monthly meteorologic statistics will be provided in a table. "Extreme" meteorological events (e.g., precipitation, tornadoes, fog, blizzards) will be described as they may reflect on the operation of the site.

The meteorologic monitoring station that provided annual joint-frequency distribution for wind speed and direction will be identified. Nearby climatological stations that provided information will also be identified.

## 2.7 BACKGROUND RADIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

This section describes the typical background radiological character of the area. It will be based on surveys performed in support of the relicensing effort. These will be compared to regional averages.

## 2.8 ECOLOGY

Because this an ongoing activity, this will be only a brief overview of the ecosystem.

### 2.8.1 Terrestrial Ecology

This section describes characteristics of the local terrestrial and wetland ecosystems.

### 2.8.2 Aquatic Ecology

This section describes the biological characteristics of the nearby creek, rivers, lakes, ponds, etc. and identifies any important (i.e., recreational or commercial) species.

### 2.8.3 Endangered Species

This will include federal and state listed and candidate species whose range includes the project site. This section will note any species that use habitats near the facility.

## 2.9 REFERENCES

A list of references cited in this section will be provided.

## 3.0 THE FACILITY AND OPERATIONS

This section describes the SMC facility and operation.

### 3.1 THE FACILITY

This section describes the appearance of the facility. It also describes facility layout and identifies the operation of the different parts of the facility (administrative, storage, waste management, material handling, receiving, operation, etc.). Emphasis will be placed on those portions of the facility that are regulated by the NRC license.

### 3.2 SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS/PROCESSES

Continuation of the ongoing operation of the facility is the primary focus of this EA. Therefore, this section needs to provide the detail needed to support the analysis found in

sections 4, 5, and 6. This part (i.e., 3.2) provides a brief overview of the ferro-columbian production process; elaboration on the process will be covered in the following sub-sections.

A flow-chart will show the quantities of material input, production, and residuals (solid, liquid, and air emissions) for a single batch. Based on the number of batches processed in a typical year a table will be provided that estimates the total quantity of waste generated in a year.

Each of the following sections will also briefly describe the efforts made to control and reduce pollution and protect worker health. Details on worker and environmental controls will be discussed in Section 4.0 and 5.0.

#### 3.2.1 Material Receipt

This section describes how process materials, particularly pyrochlore, is delivered to and handled within the facility. Materials associated with the production of ferro-columbian that represent a potential environmental, health, or safety hazard will also be discussed.

#### 3.2.2 Material Staging and Storage

This describes where and how materials are stored and the typical quantity of material on hand.

#### 3.2.3 Material Processing

This describe the facility used to process the ore. It also explains how the material is turned into commercial products.

#### 3.2.3 Waste Management and Disposal

This section describes how and where solid waste materials are disposed of. The nature of the waste materials, and total quantities on hand will be described. It will describe how these waste materials are maintained (e.g., in a lined basin) and actions taken to stabilize the material to reduce air or liquid effluents.

### 3.9 REFERENCES

A list of references cited in this section will be provided.

## **4.0 EFFLUENT CONTROL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT**

### **4.1 GASEOUS DISCHARGES**

This section describes the gaseous effluent discharge control system. It discusses the management of the baghouse, for example; how the failure of one or more of the filter bags are handled, how and when the bags are cleaned, and frequency of inspection/maintenance. Quantities of the material going up the stack and material converted into other waste forms (solid or liquid) will be provided. It will explain where and how solid and liquid waste derived from the air quality control system are disposed of.

### **4.2. LIQUID DISCHARGES**

This will be a description of the quantity and variety of waste streams generated by the metalurgical process. Management of the human waste stream and storm runoff from the area of the waste pile will be described. Effluents controls will be discussed. Releases to the environment will be quantified.

### **4.3 SOLID WASTE**

This section will quantify and qualify the solid residuals generated from the production and associated processes. Included will be the air and liquid waste streams that are converted to solid waste as a result of treatment or control. Actions taken to stabilize and control the solid waste will be described.

### **4.4 FACILITY DECOMMISSIONING**

This is a brief discussion of decommissioning of the facility; particularly the waste pile.

### **4.5 REFERENCES**

A listing of references cited in this section will be provided.

## **5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF NORMAL FACILITY OPERATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION**

The radiological and non-radiological impacts that would be expected to result from normal facility operations and associated transportation of materials are discussed in this section.

## 5.1 RADIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF OPERATION

This section describes the radiological effects of facility operation. The details will be provided in the following subsection.

### 5.1.1 Airborne Effluents

This section describes the possible pathways for radiological airborne emissions. Estimates of annual effluent releases (in Ci) from current operations and the waste storage piles will be provided in a table. Estimates of worker, general population, and "maximally exposed individual" exposure will be provided.

### 5.1.2 Liquid Effluents

Describe the possible pathways for radiological liquid effluents. It provide the estimated quantity of each significant isotope released by this pathways. If appropriate, an analysis of the "maximally exposed individual" based on this pathway will be provided.

### 5.1.3 Radiation Exposure to Workers

This section includes an overview statement of the company's approach to worker protection. This section also includes estimates of maximum, average, and total worker exposure.

### 5.1.4 Transportation

This is a description of the typical exposure of transporting source material to the facility. The level of detail will be dependent on the a preliminary analysis of this as a possible exposure pathway and the availability of data on the transportation corridor. Analysis will be limited to the route to the interstate or the nearest rail line.

### 5.1.5 Summary of Radiation Health Effects

This will provide a combined dose via all pathways and to the identified populations. and to all individuals described above.

## 5.2 NON-RADIOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF FACILITY OPERATIONS

### 5.2.1 Operational Releases to the Atmosphere

The air quality permit and the periodic reports to the Air Quality Maintenance District (AQMD) will provide most of the information for this section. This will include a list and quantification of chemicals that are released to the atmo-



sphere through controlled and monitored stack releases.

Also included in this section would be a discussion on uncontrolled emission from the production process and fugitive emissions resulting from materials handling and the waste pile.

Only those emissions that appear significant will be discussed in terms of potential environmental, health, and safety risks.

#### 5.2.2 Operational Releases of Liquid Effluent

The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and reports for the facility will provide information on point source liquid effluents to the receiving water body. The information from these sources will be summarized in this section. None point sources of pollution will also be discussed including leaching of the slag and lime piles.

Only those emission that appear significant will be discussed in terms of potential environmental, health, and safety risk.

#### 5.2.3 Operational Effects on the Terrestrial Environment

This section describes and evaluates the impact of those activities that could have a potential impact on the terrestrial and wetland ecosystems.

#### 5.2.4 Operational Effects on the Aquatic Environment

This section will describe and evaluate the impact of those activities that could have a potential impact on the aquatic ecosystem.

#### 5.2.5 Social and Economic Effects

This section will describe and briefly evaluate the potential socio-economic effects of the proposed action.

#### 5.2.6 Transportation

This section describe the potential effects of normal, incident free transportation of materials. It will describe the most probable route to the site. If the information is readily available this section will also discuss the accident rate associated with materials movement.

### 5.3 IMPACTS ON LAND USE

This section will discuss the short term and long terms land use commitment that would be implicit in this license extension.

### 5.4 IRREVERSIBLE/IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENTS OF RESOURCES

This will be a short discussion of the irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources associated with this project.

### 5.5 REFERENCES

A listing of references cited in this section will be provided.

## 6.0 DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL MONITORING PROGRAMS

This section discusses the environmental and occupational monitoring program conducted in connection with the proposed license renewal activities. Any planned upgrades to the monitoring system should be briefly discussed.

### 6.1 OCCUPATIONAL MONITORING PROGRAM

This section discusses the personnel dosimetry and any airborne monitoring systems used at the facility.

### 6.2 MONITORING OF ATMOSPHERIC EFFLUENTS

This section briefly describes the methods and systems used to measure stack and other emissions to the atmosphere. This section will also explain how the results of these measurements are reported.

### 6.3 MONITORING OF LIQUID EFFLUENTS

This section briefly describes the methods and systems used to measure point source discharges and other emissions to the atmosphere. This section also explains how the results of these measurements are reported.

### 6.4 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM

This section describe the environmental monitoring program of external radiation, air, soil, vegetation, surface water, and groundwater.

#### 6.4.1 Atmospheric Monitoring

This section describe the system used on and off site to monitor airborne emissions.

#### 6.4.2 Water Sampling

This section describe the system use on and off site to monitor surface and groundwater.

#### 6.4.3 Soil and Vegetation Sampling

This section describes the soil and vegetation sampling programs both on and off the site

#### 6.5 REFERENCES

A listing of references cited in this section will be provided.

### 7.0 IMPACT OF POTENTIAL ACCIDENTS IN FACILITY OPERATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

#### 7.1 INTRODUCTION

This section will propose potential accidents associated with facility operation, transportation, and/or natural events. The potential for these accidents and their potential impacts will provide bounding limits for the operation of the facility.

#### 7.2 EVALUATION OF THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL IMPACT OF ACCIDENTS.

Each accident scenario will be described including the assumptions that were made in postulating the accident. Accidents will be quantified to the extent possible based on available data with a focus on the radiological health risks.

#### 7.3 REFERENCES

A listing of references cited in this section will be provided

### 8.0 ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION

The impacts of not relicensing the facility will be the only alternative considered and evaluated.

### 9.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF RELICENSING

This is a summary of the major effects of the relicensing option. It will consist of the following two sections.

**9.1 SUMMARY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF RELICENSING**

This will be prepared and submitted to the NRC for their review.

**9.2 NRC STAFF FINDING**

This will be prepared by the NRC with input from PNL.

**LIST OF PERSONS PREPARING THIS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS**