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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ABP	Agent Breakdown Product
AFCEE	Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence
AOC	Area of Concern
AMSL	Above Mean Sea Level
AUF	Area Unit Factor
bgs	Below Ground Surface
C-14	Carbon-14
Co-60	Cobalt-60
Cs-137	Cesium-137
CHPPM	Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine
COC	Chemical of Concern
COPC	Chemical of Potential Concern
CWA	Chemical Warfare Agent
Cpm	Counts Per Minute
CSM	Conceptual Site Model
CAO	Corrective Action Objective
CMS	Corrective Measures Study
DIMP	Diisopropylmethylphosphonate
DPG	Dugway Proving Ground
DQO	Data Quality Objective
DSHW	Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste
DWQ	Division of Water Quality
EERPIMS	Enhanced Environmental Restoration Program Information Management System
EP	Test Pit
EPC	Exposure Point Concentration
ERA	Ecological Risk Assessment
FIDLER	Field Instrument for the Detection of Low Energy Radiation
$f_{oc}$	Fraction of Organic Carbon
ft	Feet
GC	Gas Chromatography
GM	Geiger-Mueller
GPS	Global Positioning System
HA	Hand Auger
HI	Hazard Index
HRA	Human Risk Assessment
H-3	Hydrogen-3 or Tritium
HQ	Hazard Quotient
IMPA	Isopropyl Methyl Phosphonic Acid
LOAEL	Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
LUST	Leaking Underground Storage Tank
MARSSIM	Multi-Agency Radiant Survey and Site Investment Manual

## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
MDL	Method Detection Limit
µg/L	Micrograms per Liter
µR/hr	Microroentgens per Hour
mR/hr	Milliroentgens per Hour
mg/L	Milligrams per Liter
mg/Kg	Milligrams per Kilogram
MPA	Methyl Phosphonic Acid
mR/hr	
mrem/yr	Millirem Per Year
MS	Mass Spectrometry
MS	Material Sample
ND	Non-Detect
NFA	No Further Action
NOAEL	No Observed Adverse Effect Level
OE	Ordinance and Explosive
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
PAH	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon
PCE	Tetrachloroethylene
pCi/g	Picocuries per gram
PQL	Practical Quantitation Limit
PRG	Preliminary Remediation Goal
QAPP	Quality Assurance Project Plan
QC	Quality Control
Ra-226	Radium-226
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RFA	RCRA Facility Assessment
RfD	Reference Dose
RfC	Reference Dose
RFI	RCRA Facility Investigation
RL	Reporting Limit
RPD	Relative Percent Difference
SCS	Soil Conservation Service
SLHQ	Screening-Level Hazard Quotient
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SQL	Sample Quantitation Limit
SS	Surface Soil
SSL	Soil Screening Level
SR-90	Strontium-90
SVOC	Semivolatile Organic Compound
SWMU	Solid Waste Management Unit
TCE	Trichloroethylene

## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TEDE	Total Effective Dose Equivalent
TEQ	Toxicity Equivalence Quotient
TIC	Tentatively Identified Compound
TPH	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon
TR	Trench
TRV	Toxicity Reference Value
UAC	Utah Administrative Code
UCL	Upper Confidence Limit
UDEQ	Utah Department of Environmental Quality
URF	Unit Risk Factor
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USATHAMA	United States Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
UST	Underground Storage Tank
UTL	Upper Tolerance Limit
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
WDTC	West Desert Test Center
WRS	Wilcoxon Rank Sum
WW	Water Well
Y-90	Yttrium-90
ABP	Agent Breakdown Product
AOC	Area of Concern
AUF	Area Use Factor
bgs	Below Ground Surface
BTEX	Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylenes
CMS	Corrective Measures Study
COPC	Chemical of Potential Concern
CSM	Conceptual Site Model
CWA	Chemical Warfare Agent
CWM	Chemical Warfare Materiel
DAF	Dilution Attenuation Factor
DPG	Dugway Proving Ground
DQA	Data Quality Assessment
DQO	Data Quality Objective
DSHW	Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste
dS/m	deciSiemens per Meter
DWQ	Division of Water Quality
EM	Electromagnetic
EP	Test Pit
EPC	Exposure Point Concentration

## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ERA	Ecological Risk Assessment
f <sub>oc</sub>	Fraction of Organic Carbon
ft	Feet
GPS	Global Positioning System
GC/MS	Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry
HA	Hand Auger
HC	Hexachloroethane
HI	Hazard Index
HQ	Hazard Quotient
HRA	Human Risk Assessment
Kg	Kilogram
LANL	Los Alamos National Laboratory
LOAEL	Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
MDL	Method Detection Limit
mg/L	Milligrams per Liter
mg/Kg	Milligram per Kilogram
NA	Not Applicable
ND	Non Detect
NFA	No Further Action
NOAEL	No Observed Adverse Effect Level
OE	Ordnance and Explosive
ORNL	Oak Ridge National Laboratory
PQL	Practical Quantitation Limit
PRG	Preliminary Remediation Goal
PUF	Plant Uptake Factor
QAPP	Quality Assurance Project Plan
QC	Quality Control
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RfC	Reference Concentration
RFI	RCRA Facility Investigation
RL	Reporting Limit
RPD	Relative Percent Difference
SAR	Sodium Absorption Ratio
SLHQ	Screening-Level Hazard Quotient
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SS	Surface Soil
SSL	Soil Screening Level
SVOC	Semivolatile Organic Compound
SWMU	Solid Waste Management Unit
TCDD	tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TEQ	Toxic Equivalent
TIC	Tentatively Identified Compound

## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

TPH	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon
TR	Trench
TRV	Toxicity Reference Value
UAC	Utah Administrative Code
URF	Unit Risk Factor
US	United States
USACHPPM	United States Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
UTL	Upper Tolerance Limit
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
WHO	World Health Organization
WRS	Wilcoxon Rank Sum
WW	Water Well
yd <sup>3</sup>	Cubic Yards

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1           The results of the Phase II nature and extent investigation, the risk assessment,  
2 and recommendations for Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU)-11 are presented in  
3 this site-specific addendum for Dugway Proving Ground (DPG).

4           SWMU-11 is situated on the east side of Granite Mountain and is one of seven  
5 reported radioactive landfills that were part of the Resource Conservation and Recovery  
6 Act (RCRA) facility assessment (RFA). The site consists of six trenches, five mounds,  
7 and a CONEX container. SWMU-11 also corresponds to the location for the East Granite  
8 Holding Area.

9           Materials stored at the East Granite Holding Area included tritium and carbon-14,  
10 and were reported to be held in this area between 1958 and 1977 (DPG, 1982). During  
11 the spring and summer of 1965, DPG received beryllium containing propellant waste. At  
12 SWMU-11, a study was conducted to determine the dispersion of beryllium in the  
13 environment resulting from burning beryllium-containing missile propellant wastes in an  
14 open trench (USAEHA, 1965). Four trenches at the site (TR-1 through TR-4) were used  
15 for the propellant burning. Two additional burial areas (TR-5 and TR-6) were discovered  
16 during the Phase II investigation, which are most likely associated with radiological  
17 waste disposal.

18           The objective of the initial Phase I activities at SWMU-11 was to determine the  
19 types of debris buried at the site and to determine whether hazardous constituents,  
20 including radioactivity, have been released to surface and/or subsurface soils. Based on  
21 the results of the Phase I investigation, the primary objectives of the Phase II RFI were  
22 to: 1) further investigate potential source areas of radioactive contamination; 2)  
23 investigate areas for potential chemical contamination; 3) characterize the nature and  
24 extent of any such radiological and/or chemical contamination; and 4) collect data to  
25 support a risk assessment.

26           The objectives of the Phase II RFI at SWMU-11 were accomplished by  
27 conducting geophysical and radiological surveys; collecting surface soil, subsurface soil,  
28 and material samples; and excavating test pits.

1 Material sample results from TR-2, TR-5, and TR-6 indicated that radioactive  
2 materials were disposed at these features; however, radiological survey results indicate  
3 that radioactivity levels at TR-1 through TR-4, the CONEX container, and soils  
4 associated with TR-6 are at background levels, and meet the free release criteria for  
5 radiation. Elevated levels of radiation measured near the surface of TR-5 prevented  
6 intrusive activities at this trench; therefore, radiological surveying could not be conducted  
7 on subsurface soil or buried waste in TR-5. Although the waste in TR-6 was visually  
8 inspected and screened during test pitting, the radiological and/or chemical constituents  
9 associated with this waste could not be conclusively identified. Radiological risks from  
10 exposure to these uncharacterized/unidentified portions of TR-5 and TR-6 could not be  
11 quantified, and are therefore considered *a priori* unacceptable.

12 Soil samples were collected from biased, worst-case locations. No chemicals were  
13 detected in surface soils above both the corresponding background comparison value (if  
14 available) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 9  
15 (2004) Residential Soil Preliminary Remediation Goal (PRG). Select dioxins/furans and  
16 inorganics were detected in subsurface soils in excess of both the corresponding  
17 background comparison value (if available) and the USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential  
18 Soil PRG. However, a review of multiple lines of evidence indicated that additional  
19 characterization is not required.

20 Results of the site-attribution analysis for risk assessment indicate that surface and  
21 subsurface soil concentrations of select organic and inorganic analytes are inferred to be  
22 greater than background levels or do not have background levels; therefore, these  
23 analytes were retained as preliminary chemicals of potential concern (COPCs) for  
24 analysis in a risk assessment conducted in accordance with Utah Administrative Code  
25 (UAC) R315-101 (DSHW, 2001).

26 Direct sampling of TR-5 for chemical analysis could not be conducted due  
27 elevated levels of radiation measured near the surface. Therefore, a risk assessment per  
28 UAC R315-101 (DSHW, 2001) was not completed for the chemically uncharacterized  
29 surface soil, subsurface soil, or buried wastes within TR-5 or for surface soil in TR-6,  
30 which was also chemically uncharacterized. Although the waste in TR-6 was visually  
31 inspected and screened during test pit excavation, this material could not be conclusively



1 identified. Potential chemical risks and/or hazards associated with these uncharacterized  
2 and unidentified materials at TR-5 and TR-6 are assumed *a priori* to be unacceptable.  
3 Therefore, potential exposure to the uncharacterized and unidentified materials in TR-5  
4 and TR-6 by human and ecological receptors should be prevented.

5 The results of the human risk assessment (HRA) performed per UAC R315-101  
6 (DSHW, 2001) indicate that the site currently does not qualify for no further action  
7 (NFA) based on hypothetical residential land use. Industrial-level risk estimates of  
8 exposures of potential intrusive workers to mixed-interval soil identified beryllium as a  
9 chemical of concern (COC) to be addressed in the CMS Work Plan. Soil-to-groundwater  
10 analysis indicates that future impacts to groundwater from COPCs in soil are not  
11 expected.

12 The results of the ecological risk assessment (ERA) conducted in two sequential  
13 tiers (Tiers 1 and 2) indicated that there are no preliminary COCs identified as potential  
14 hazards to populations of ecological receptors.

15 A CMS will be conducted at SWMU-11 to address: 1) the beryllium industrial  
16 COC in mixed-interval soil; and 2) the uncharacterized and/or unidentified soils and  
17 wastes in TR-5 and TR-6. Steps involved in conducting a CMS include identifying,  
18 screening, selecting, and developing alternatives based on the site-specific corrective  
19 action objectives (CAOs) developed in the CMS Work Plan.

20 Two CAOs were established to: 1) prevent exposure to the industrial COC; and 2)  
21 prevent exposure to the uncharacterized and unidentified material and satisfy NRC  
22 closure requirements for radioactive material. Corrective measures technologies were  
23 screened using four criteria: 1) effectiveness in satisfying CAOs; 2) technical  
24 implementability; 3) safety hazard potential; and 4) cost.

25 Technologies to address the CAO for the beryllium industrial COC that were  
26 retained based on the results of screening were combined into the following three  
27 corrective measures alternatives with various components: 1) site controls; 2) landfill  
28 cover; 3) removal of buried waste. Technologies to address the CAO for uncharacterized  
29 and unidentified material that were retained based on the results of screening were  
30 combined into the following three corrective measures alternatives with various  
31 components: 1) site controls; 2) landfill cover; 3) removal of uncharacterized and

- 1 unidentified materials. Each of these alternatives will be evaluated specifically in the
- 2 detailed CMS Report.

## SECTION 1.0 INTRODUCTION

1           The purpose of this addendum to the Dugway Proving Ground (DPG) Phase II  
2 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation (RFI) Report is  
3 to present site-specific data and other information for Solid Waste Management Unit  
4 (SWMU)-11. A separate addendum will be submitted for every SWMU investigated  
5 during Phase II. Each addendum is a supplement to Volume I of the Phase II RFI Report  
6 (Parsons, 2004b), and is not in itself a stand-alone document.

7           Volume I of the Phase II RFI Report contains general information that applies to  
8 all SWMUs, including program methodology and rationale associated with sampling,  
9 analysis, risk assessment, and corrective measures studies (CMSs). Universal  
10 introductory and background information, such as the regulatory framework and the  
11 facility description, is also included in Volume I.

12           The objective of each SWMU-specific addendum to Volume I is to present the  
13 results of the Phase II nature and extent investigation. A risk assessment is also presented  
14 in addenda for SWMUs where site characterization results indicate a release may have  
15 occurred. Additionally, a CMS Work Plan is presented for SWMUs with unacceptable  
16 risk. The submittal of SWMU-specific addenda will allow the presentation of a large  
17 amount of data and information in a concise and ordered manner, minimizing  
18 unnecessary repetition of text.

### 1.1 REPORT ORGANIZATION

19           This SWMU-specific addendum has been organized into the following five  
20 sections and six appendices:

- 21           Section 1 – Introduction
- 22           Section 2 – Nature and Extent Investigation
- 23           Section 3 – Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment Results
- 24           Section 4 – Corrective Measures Study Work Plan
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1	Appendix A – Field Logs
2	Appendix B – Photographs
3	Appendix C – Analytical Results
4	Appendix D – Site-Attribution Analysis for Risk Assessment and Supporting
5	Soil-to-Groundwater SSL Calculations
6	Appendix E – Supporting Calculations for Risk Assessment
7	Appendix F – Radiological Survey Report

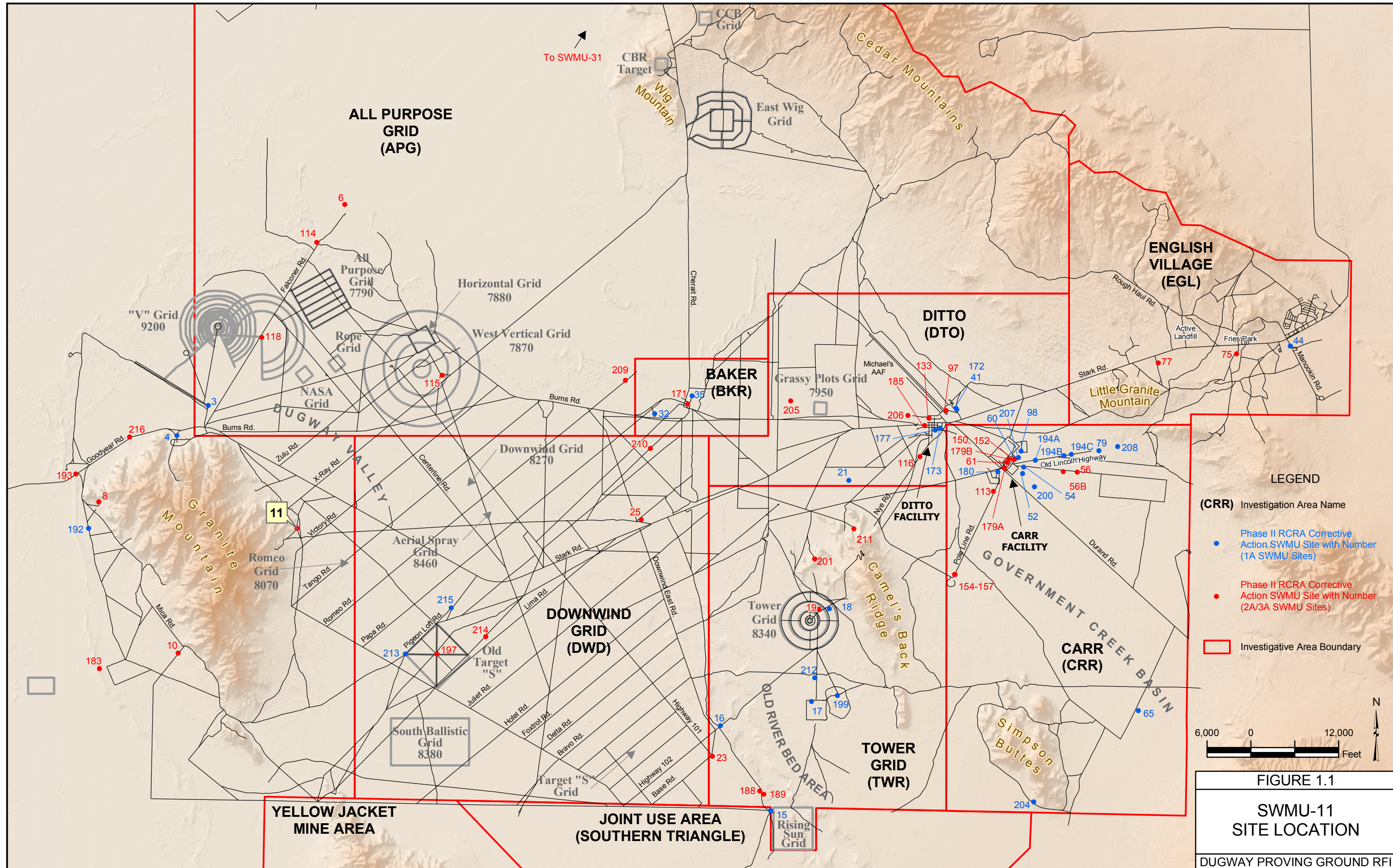
## 1.2 SITE/WASTE-GENERATION HISTORY

8 SWMU-11 is situated on the east side of Granite Mountain (Figure 1.1) and is one  
9 of seven reported radioactive landfills that were part of the RCRA facility assessment  
10 (RFA). The site consists of six trenches, five mounds, and a CONEX box container  
11 (Figure 1.2). SWMU-11 also corresponds to the location for the East Granite Holding  
12 Area. This holding area was reported to be approximately 65 hectares (160.6 acres) and  
13 bound on three sides by steep canyon walls with the fourth side cordoned off by a  
14 security fence, which is no longer present (DPG, 1982). SWMU-11 was not identified in  
15 the available literature as being associated with testing of radiological munitions  
16 (tantalum-182). Historical inspection records indicate that buried wastes in the area  
17 consisted primarily of contaminated rags and papers. Evidence also suggests that  
18 radioactive waste materials repackaged for sea disposal in the Able Area may have been  
19 disposed at SWMU-11 after the sea disposal program was discontinued.

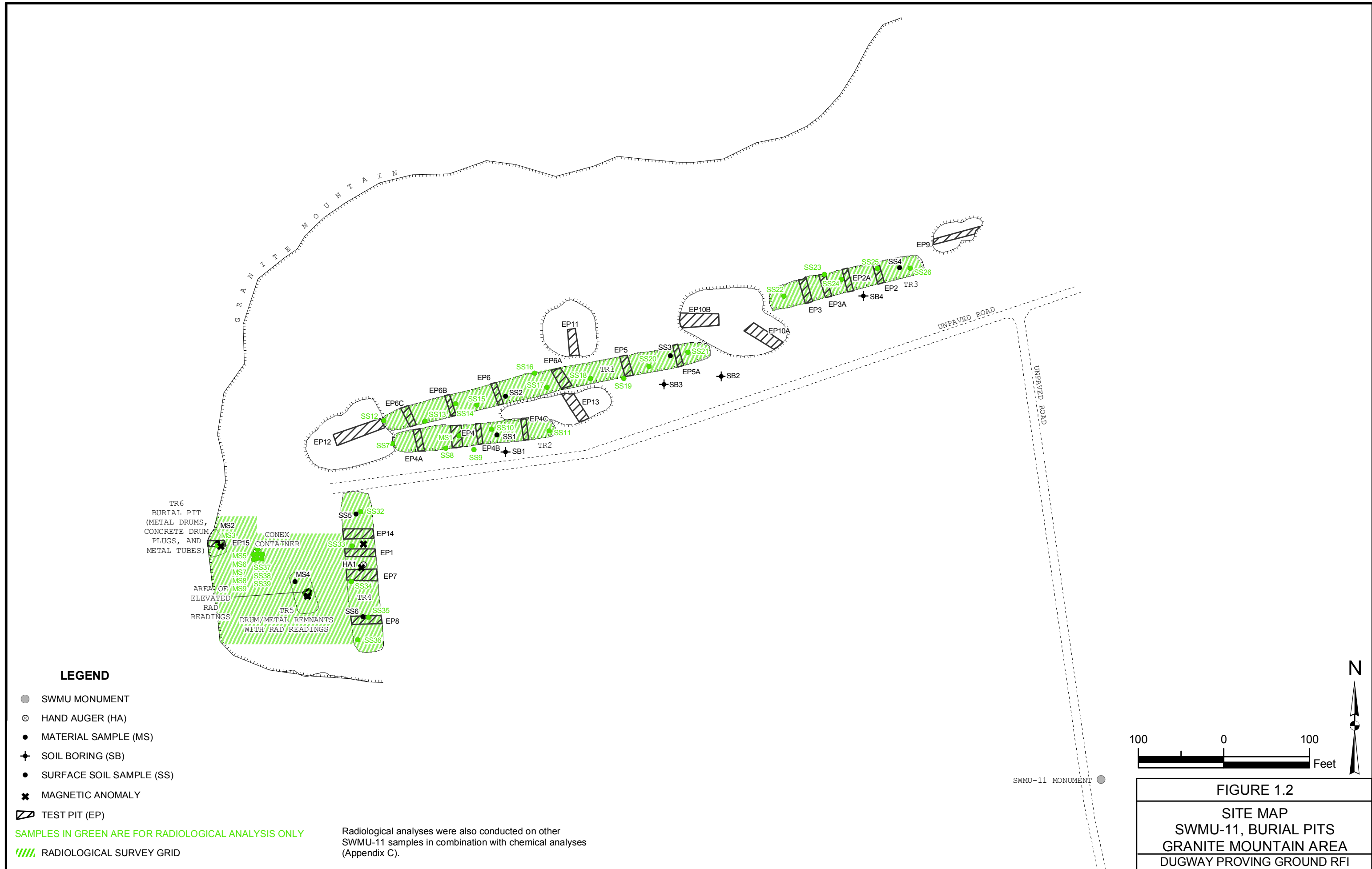
20 It was reported that radioactive waste materials were stored in the CONEX  
21 container to protect them from the elements (DPG, 1982). In March 1980, the DPG  
22 Radiation Protection Officer collected glassware contaminated with carbon-14 from the  
23 East Granite Holding Area and delivered it to the chemical laboratory in Ditto where it  
24 was disposed of by the carbon dioxide evolution process. Post-removal monitoring for  
25 radiation indicated that the waste containers and materials were at background levels.  
26 Materials stored at the East Granite Holding Area included tritium and carbon-14, and  
27 were reported to be held in this area between 1958 and 1977 (DPG, 1982). Currently  
28 there are no laboratory wastes remaining in the CONEX container.

29 During the spring and summer of 1965, DPG received 50,000 pounds of  
30 propellant waste, of which 300 pounds were estimated to be beryllium metal. Under the  
31 direction of the US Air Force and the approval of the state of Utah, a study was









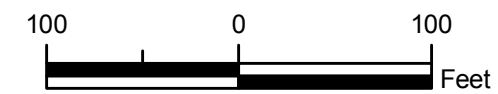
**LEGEND**

- SWMU MONUMENT
- ⊙ HAND AUGER (HA)
- MATERIAL SAMPLE (MS)
- ⊕ SOIL BORING (SB)
- SURFACE SOIL SAMPLE (SS)
- ✕ MAGNETIC ANOMALY
- ▨ TEST PIT (EP)

SAMPLES IN GREEN ARE FOR RADIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS ONLY

▨ RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY GRID

Radiological analyses were also conducted on other SWMU-11 samples in combination with chemical analyses (Appendix C).



**FIGURE 1.2**

**SITE MAP**  
**SWMU-11, BURIAL PITS**  
**GRANITE MOUNTAIN AREA**  
**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND RFI**

1 conducted to determine the dispersion of beryllium in the environment resulting from  
2 burning beryllium-containing missile propellant wastes in an open trench (USAEHA,  
3 1965). At least two trenches were used during the test and contain residual burned waste  
4 material. The first trench (TR-1) is open, runs east-west parallel to the ridge, and is  
5 approximately 400 feet (ft) long. The second trench (TR-4) is backfilled to existing  
6 grade, runs north-south perpendicular to the ridge, and is approximately 200 ft long  
7 surrounded by four metal warning signs stating: “Danger - Contaminated Waste - Buried  
8 July 1966.” Two additional trenches (TR-2 and TR-3) are parallel to the ridge and near  
9 TR-1. These are open trenches which were most likely associated with additional  
10 propellant burning operations. Based on the available information (USAEHA, 1965), the  
11 beryllium contamination is believed to be confined to the four trenches (TR-1  
12 through TR-4).

13 Two additional burial areas on the west side of TR-4 were also discovered during  
14 Phase II geophysical and radiological surveying. These two backfilled trenches were  
15 designated TR-5 and TR-6, and are perpendicular to the ridge approximately 50 and  
16 150 ft west of TR-4, respectively (Figure 1.2). Phase II results indicate that TR-5 and  
17 TR-6 are most likely associated with radiological waste disposal.

18 The site occupies an affected area (the portion of the SWMU where soil has been  
19 potentially disturbed or otherwise affected by site activities) of approximately 3.4 acres,  
20 and is gently sloping to the east with an average elevation of 4375 ft above mean sea  
21 level (AMSL).

22 A photograph showing the area encompassing SWMU-11 is provided in  
23 Figure 1.3. Additional photographs are provided in Appendix B.



SWMU-11 – View of the East Granite Holding Area (SWMU-11) looking east.



## SECTION 2.0

### NATURE AND EXTENT INVESTIGATION

1           Activities performed and results of the Phase II nature and extent investigation  
2 conducted at SWMU-11 in support of the RFI are presented in this section. Activities  
3 performed and results of the Phase I investigation conducted at this site are summarized  
4 in this section and are presented in their entirety in the Final Phase I RFI Report  
5 (Parsons, 1999a). The primary objectives of the nature and extent investigations  
6 described in this section are to: 1) present the results of the RFI investigations;  
7 2) determine if sufficient sampling was conducted to adequately characterize the nature  
8 and extent of radioactivity and chemicals detected in site media; and 3) provide data to  
9 support a site-attribution analysis for risk assessment (Appendix D), and if necessary, a  
10 risk assessment.

#### 2.1 INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES

11           SWMU-11 was identified as a landfill site type based on available site history and  
12 field observations that suggest wastes are present in the six trenches identified at the site.  
13 The types of waste present at the site are radioactive waste and wastes associated with  
14 beryllium-containing propellant burning. Risks associated with chemicals detected at the  
15 site are evaluated in the risk assessment in Section 3. Radiological risks are summarized  
16 in Section 3, and evaluated in greater detail in Appendix F.

17           The objective of the initial Phase I activities at SWMU-11 was to determine the  
18 types of debris buried at the site and to determine whether hazardous constituents have  
19 been released to surface and/or subsurface soils. The results of the Phase I investigation  
20 concluded that contamination was present in the soil at SWMU-11, and further  
21 investigation was required. After the completion of the initial Phase I field activities,  
22 additional field activities were proposed in the 2A/3A Addendum to the Phase II Work  
23 Plan (Parsons, 2000b).

24           Following identification of the trenches and the CONEX container at the site, the  
25 primary objectives of the Phase II RFI were to characterize the general nature and extent

1 of radioactive and chemical contamination and to collect data to support a risk  
2 assessment (if needed).

3 The objectives of the Phase II RFI at SWMU-11 were accomplished by:

- 4 1. Collecting two composite surface soil samples (SS005-SS006) from TR-4 to  
5 characterize the surface soil overlying the backfilled trench.
- 6 2. Conducting a geophysical survey using a Schonstedt magnetometer to identify  
7 areas where buried waste may be present.
- 8 3. Excavating 14 test pits (EP02-EP15) to investigate potentially buried wastes in  
9 TR-1 through TR-4, TR-6, and the five mounds, and collecting subsurface soil  
10 samples from these test pits where evidence of waste was found in order to  
11 characterize subsurface soils in these site features.
- 12 4. Conducting a radiological survey that consisted of grids over each of the six  
13 trenches, the CONEX container, and the additional area of land west of TR-4;  
14 screening of test pits and associated debris; and collecting 28 confirmation surface  
15 soil samples to be sent to the laboratory for confirmation radiological analysis.
- 16 5. Collecting background radiation measurements from nearby unimpacted areas in  
17 order to compare the radiological results from the site survey.
- 18 6. Collecting three material samples (MS01, MS03, and MS04 from TR-2, TR-6,  
19 and TR-5, respectively) from materials identified during test pitting activities  
20 which exhibited anomalous radioactivity.
- 21 7. Collecting one material sample (MS02) from solidified material found in corroded  
22 empty metal drums excavated during test pitting activities at TR-6.
- 23 8. Collecting five wipe samples (MS05-MS09) from the CONEX container.
- 24 9. Conducting detailed Global Positioning System (GPS) mapping of the site to  
25 establish location of samples and relevant objects.

26 The purpose and type of activities performed to accomplish the Phase II RFI  
27 objectives are summarized in Table 2.1. A completeness evaluation presented in  
28 Table 2.2 comparing proposed versus completed Phase II activities identified one  
29 discrepancy associated with additional test pits excavated to investigate the mounds and  
30 further characterize the trenches. These supplemental test pit activities included an  
31 additional sample collected from EP15, excavated in TR-6.

### 2.1.1 Field Screening Activities

32 Field screening activities were not conducted at SWMU-11 during Phase I.

33 Phase II field screening activities at SWMU-11 included a geophysical survey and  
34 radiological field measurements. Geophysical surveying was conducted at SWMU-11

**TABLE 2.1**  
**CHARACTERIZATION OBJECTIVES**  
**SWMU-11**  
**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

Phase	Field Activity	Type	Characterization Objective of Field Activity			
			Determine Disposal Site Boundaries	Evaluate Potential Surface Soil Contamination Source Areas	Evaluate Potential Subsurface Soil Contamination Source Areas	Determine if Contamination is Migrating from Source Areas
I	Surface Soil Sampling	Confirmation		<u>SS001-SS004</u> Four soil samples		
I	Hand-Auger Borings	Confirmation			<u>HA01</u> Two soil samples	
I	Test Pits	Confirmation			<u>EP01</u> Two soil samples	
I	Soil Borings	Confirmation				<u>SB01-SB04</u> 12 soil samples
II	Geophysical Survey	Screening	3.4 acre grid			
II	Surface Soil Sampling	Confirmation		<u>SS005-SS006</u> Two soil samples		
II	Test Pits	Confirmation			<u>EP02-EP15</u> 14 soil samples	
II	Radiological Survey	Screening	6 grid locations			
II	Radiological Survey	Confirmation		<u>SS007-SS039</u> 33 soil samples		

**TABLE 2.2**  
**COMPLETENESS EVALUATION FOR PHASE II INVESTIGATIONS**  
**SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

Confirmation Sampling	Locations Proposed	Locations Completed	Samples Proposed	Samples Completed	Location ID	Date	Analyses Proposed	Analyses Completed	Explanation If Any Discrepancy
Surface Soil Sampling <sup>a/</sup>	2	2	2	2	SS005-SS006	2005	SVOCs, Metals, Dioxins/Furans, Explosives	SVOCs, Metals, Dioxins/Furans, Explosives	None required
Test Pits <sup>a/</sup>	7	14	21	14	EP02-EP15	2005	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals, Dioxins/Furans, Explosives	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals, Dioxins/Furans, Explosives	Test pits were added during field operations to investigate potential buried wastes associated with magnetic anomalies and mounds. Not all completed test pits required sampling due to the lack of observed waste or debris. One additional sample was collected at EP15.
Radiological Surface Soil Sampling <sup>b/</sup>	Minimum 20	28	Minimum 20	28	SS007-SS026 and SS032-SS039	2005	Alpha/Beta (Gross), Gamma Spectroscopy	Alpha/Beta (Gross), Gamma Spectroscopy	None required

<sup>a/</sup> Per Final Phase II Work Plan Addendum B – 2A and 3A SWMUs (Parsons, 2000b).

<sup>b/</sup> Per Final Phase II RCRA Facility Work Plan SWMUs 11 and 41 Radiological Survey (Parsons, 2005g).

1 using a Schonstedt magnetometer. During this survey anomalies were identified in  
2 several areas of SWMU-11, including TR-4 and two previously unidentified areas (TR-5  
3 and TR-6). These magnetic anomalies required further investigation and were used to  
4 direct Phase II test pitting activities. Since this site is not unexploded ordnance (UXO)  
5 related, anomaly avoidance was not required during site investigation activities.  
6 Therefore, point-source Schonstedt magnetometer geophysical screening was also  
7 conducted over individual site features to direct intrusive activities at SWMU-11.

8 Field measurements for radiation were collected by establishing survey grids at  
9 TR-1 through TR-4, the CONEX container, and the area west of TR-4 where TR-5 and  
10 TR-6 were identified (Figure 1.2) in accordance with the Final Phase II RCRA Facility  
11 Investigation Work Plan SWMUs 11 and 41 Radiological Survey (Parsons, 2005g).  
12 Results of the survey are discussed in Section 2.2.3.4. A complete discussion of the  
13 radiological survey is presented in Appendix F.

### 2.1.2 Confirmation Sampling Activities

14 Confirmation sampling activities were conducted during both the Phase I and II  
15 field programs (Table 2.3) and as described below. Locations of confirmation samples are  
16 presented on Figure 1.2.

#### 2.1.2.1 Phase I Confirmation Sampling Activities

17 Phase I confirmation sampling at SWMU-11 consisted of the following activities:

- 18 • Collecting four surface soil samples (SS001-SS004) from TR-1, TR-2, and TR-3.
- 19 • Collecting 16 subsurface soil samples from one hand-auger boring (HA01) and  
20 one test pit (EP01) in TR-4, and four soil borings (SB01-SB04) drilled adjacent to  
21 TR-1, TR-2, and TR-3.

22 Surface soil samples were collected from the bottom of the three open trenches to  
23 identify any impacts to surface soils immediately within these features (TR-1, TR-2, and  
24 TR-3; see Figure 1.2 for sample locations). HA01 was drilled in the center of TR-4 to a  
25 total depth of 7 ft bgs to investigate potentially buried material within this backfilled  
26 trench. No staining or other evidence of buried waste was identified within HA01. EP01  
27 was excavated in the central area of TR-4 to further investigate any potentially buried  
28 waste or burnt material within this trench. A burn layer with metal fragments was  
29 identified at 8 ft bgs. The four soil borings were drilled adjacent to TR-2 (SB01), TR-1

**TABLE 2.3**  
**CONFIRMATION SOIL SAMPLING AND MATERIAL SAMPLING SUMMARY**  
**SWMU-11**

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH

	Sample Location	Site Feature	Total Depth (ft bgs)	Sampling Depth 1 (ft bgs)	Sampling Depth 2 (ft bgs)	Sampling Depth 3 (ft bgs)	Comments <sup>a/</sup>
Surface Soil Samples	SS001 <sup>b/</sup>	TR-2	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination.
	SS002 <sup>b/</sup>	TR-1	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination.
	SS003 <sup>b/</sup>	TR-1	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination.
	SS004 <sup>b/</sup>	TR-3	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination.
	SS005	TR-4	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination.
	SS006	TR-4	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination.
	SS007 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-2	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS008 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-2	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS009 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-2	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS010 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-2	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS011 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-2	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS012 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-1	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS013 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-1	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS014 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-1	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS015 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-1	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS016 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-1	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS017 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-1	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS018 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-1	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS019 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-1	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS020 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-1	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS021 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-1	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS022 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-3	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS023 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-3	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS024 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-3	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS025 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-3	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS026 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-3	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.

**TABLE 2.3 (CONTINUED)**  
**CONFIRMATION SOIL SAMPLING AND MATERIAL SAMPLING SUMMARY**  
**SWMU-11**  
**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

	Sample Location	Site Feature	Total Depth (ft bgs)	Sampling Depth 1 (ft bgs)	Sampling Depth 2 (ft bgs)	Sampling Depth 3 (ft bgs)	Comments <sup>a/</sup>
<b>Surface Soil Samples (Continued)</b>	SS027 <sup>c/</sup>	Background	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. Samples collected from the canyon adjacent to SWMU-11 in an unimpacted area for the purpose of comparing site radiation levels to background levels.
	SS028 <sup>c/</sup>	Background	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	
	SS029 <sup>c/</sup>	Background	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	
	SS030 <sup>c/</sup>	Background	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	
	SS031 <sup>c/</sup>	Background	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	
	SS032 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-4	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS033 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-4	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS034 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-4	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS035 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-4	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS036 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-4	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS037 <sup>c/</sup>	CONEX container	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
	SS038 <sup>c/</sup>	CONEX container	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.
SS039 <sup>c/</sup>	CONEX container	0.5	0 - 0.5	NA	NA	Radiological analysis only. No staining or other evidence of contamination.	
<b>Hand-Auger Boring</b>	HA01 <sup>b/</sup>	TR-4	7	0 - 3.5	3.5 - 6	NA	Drilled in the center of TR-4 to investigate potentially buried waste in the backfilled trench. No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination.
<b>Soil Borings</b>	SB01 <sup>b/</sup>	TR-2	15	2 - 4	6 - 8	13 - 15	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination.
	SB02 <sup>b/</sup>	TR-1	15	2 - 4	6 - 8	13 - 15	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination.
	SB03 <sup>b/</sup>	TR-1	15	2 - 4	6 - 8	13 - 15	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination.
	SB04 <sup>b/</sup>	TR-3	15	2 - 4	6 - 8	13 - 15	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination.
<b>Test Pits</b>	EP01 <sup>b/</sup>	TR-4	10	8	10	NA	A burn layer was identified along with metal fragments at 8 ft bgs. Waste included metal fragments.
	EP02	TR-3	4	4	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination.
	EP03	TR-3	4.5	2 - 2.5	4 - 4.5	NA	Burn layer at 2.5 ft bgs and <1 inch thick. Waste included 8-inch conical vitrified clay/graphite plugs and plastic material.
	EP04	TR-2	4.5	1.5 - 2	4 - 4.5	NA	Burn layer at 1.75 ft bgs and 1.5 ft thick. Waste included 8-inch conical vitrified clay/graphite plugs, insulation, masonite sheets and a paper-like material with low-level radioactivity.
	EP05	TR-1	2.6	1.5 - 1.6	2.5 - 2.6	NA	Burn layer at 1.5 ft bgs and 4 inches thick. Waste included glass bottles, wiring, paper, and 8-inch conical vitrified clay/graphite plugs.
	EP06	TR-1	2.6	1.5 - 1.6	2.5 - 2.6	NA	Burn layer at 1.5 ft bgs and 1 ft thick. Waste included glass bottles, wiring, paper, and 8-inch conical vitrified clay/graphite plugs.

**TABLE 2.3 (CONTINUED)**  
**CONFIRMATION SOIL SAMPLING AND MATERIAL SAMPLING SUMMARY**

**SWMU-11**

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH

	Sample Location	Site Feature	Total Depth (ft bgs)	Sampling Depth 1 (ft bgs)	Sampling Depth 2 (ft bgs)	Sampling Depth 3 (ft bgs)	Comments <sup>a/</sup>
Test Pits (Continued)	EP07	TR-4	12.5	3.5 - 4	8 - 8.5	12 - 12.5	Burn layer at 8 ft bgs and 2 inches thick. Waste included one corroded empty metal drum.
	EP08	TR-4	7	NA	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination. No samples collected
	EP09	Mound	8	NA	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination. No samples collected
	EP10	Mound	9	NA	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination. No samples collected
	EP11	Mound	6	NA	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination. No samples collected
	EP12	Mound	6	NA	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination. No samples collected
	EP13	Mound	8	NA	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination. No samples collected
	EP14	TR-4	6.5	NA	NA	NA	No staining, waste, or other evidence of contamination. No samples collected
	EP15	TR-6	10	10	NA	NA	No burn layer was present in TR-6. Waste included corroded drums with solidified sand in the bottom (at ~2 ft bgs), numerous unidentified silver-gray metallic tubes filled with a white wax-like substance accompanied by metal rods that appeared to go inside the tubes (at ~4 ft bgs), and two large concrete cylinders that were each shaped like 55-gallon metal drums (at ~6 ft bgs).
EP16 <sup>c/</sup>	Background	8	2	4	8	Radiological analysis only. Samples collected from the canyon adjacent to SWMU-11 in an unimpacted area for the purpose of comparing site radiation levels to background levels. Five samples collected; one from 2 ft (west), two from 4 ft (north and south) and two from 8 ft (north and south).	
Material Samples	MS01 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-2	NA	NA	NA	NA	Debris composed of thin layers of paper-like material and appeared to have a white to yellowish paint coating on one side. The debris exhibited elevated radioactivity compared to background based on field screening measurements
	MS02 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-6	6	6	NA	NA	Solidified sand present inside the corroded drums.
	MS03 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-6	NA	NA	NA	NA	Small metal tube that is silver-gray in color and filled with a hard, white, wax-like material. Sample was not sent to the laboratory and remains on site
	MS04 <sup>c/</sup>	TR-5	0.5	0-0.5	NA	NA	Partially buried metal drum remnant which had elevated radioactivity compared to background, based on field screening measurements
	MS05 <sup>c/</sup>	CONEX container	NA	NA	NA	NA	Wipe samples collected from the interior walls of the CONEX container.
	MS06 <sup>c/</sup>	CONEX container	NA	NA	NA	NA	
	MS07 <sup>c/</sup>	CONEX container	NA	NA	NA	NA	
	MS08 <sup>c/</sup>	CONEX container	NA	NA	NA	NA	
	MS09 <sup>c/</sup>	CONEX container	NA	NA	NA	NA	

<sup>a/</sup> Including evidence of contamination, where observed.

<sup>b/</sup> Sample collected during Phase I investigation.

<sup>c/</sup> Sample collected per the Final Phase II RCRA Facility Work Plan SWMUs 11 and 41 Radiological Survey (Parsons, 2005g). Results of this survey, including grid locations, are presented in Appendix F.

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1 (SB02-SB03), and TR-3 (SB04) to investigate potential releases from the trenches to  
2 surrounding soil. No staining or other evidence of contamination was identified in these  
3 soil borings. A complete discussion of Phase I confirmation sampling is presented in the  
4 Final Phase I RFI Report (Parsons, 1999a).

### 2.1.2.2 Phase II Confirmation Sampling Activities

5 Phase II confirmation sampling activities were performed in 2005 and 2006.  
6 These activities were conducted according to the general sampling strategy described in  
7 the work plan for landfill site types. Activities were also performed as outlined in the  
8 Phase II RFI and Radiological Survey Work Plans (Parsons, 2000b and 2005g).

9 Phase II confirmation sampling activities consisted of the following activities:

- 10 • Collecting two surface soil samples (SS005-SS006) from TR-4 to investigate  
11 potential impacts to surface soil overlying TR-4.
- 12 • Collecting 14 subsurface soil samples from seven of the 14 scheduled test pits  
13 (EP02-EP07 and EP15) located within TR-1, TR-2, TR-3, TR-4, and TR-6 to  
14 investigate potential chemical impacts to subsurface soils from buried wastes.
- 15 • Conducting a radiological survey which included collection of 33 surface soil  
16 confirmation samples (SS007-SS039; including 5 background samples) and nine  
17 material samples from TR-2 (MS01), TR-6 (MS02 and MS03), TR-5 (MS04), and  
18 the CONEX container (MS05-MS09; wipe samples).

19 Based on site history and previous sampling results, the nature of the potential  
20 contamination present in all site features was uncertain. Test pits were excavated to  
21 investigate potential waste buried in five of the six trenches (TR-1 through TR-4 and  
22 TR-6). Descriptions of the beryllium-containing fuel burn in the relevant text (USAEHA,  
23 1965) identified two trenched areas associated with the burning. However, several other  
24 trenches were identified at the site. These additional trenches were most likely associated  
25 with either beryllium-containing fuel burning and/or low-level radioactive waste disposal.  
26 In addition to the 14 Phase II test pits described above, nine supplemental exploratory test  
27 pits which were also excavated in association with the scheduled test pits in TR-1 through  
28 TR-3 to delineate the extent of burn layers within these features.

29 Six test pits were excavated at TR-1; two were scheduled test pits (EP05 and  
30 EP06) and four were exploratory (EP05A, EP06A, EP06B, and EP06C). This test pitting  
31 activity identified a burn layer within TR-1. The burn layer varies in thickness along the

1 trench; from east to west the layer is 0.5 ft (EP06C), 1.5 ft (EP06B), 1 ft (EP06), 1 inch  
2 (EP06A), and 4 inches (EP05) thick, and not present at EP05A. Burnt material included  
3 glass bottles, wiring, paper, and small 8-inch conical vitrified clay/graphite plugs (see  
4 Photograph 4 in Appendix B). Two samples were collected from each of the two  
5 scheduled test pits (EP05 and EP06) at 1.5 ft bgs (measured from the bottom of the open  
6 trench) within the burn material and at 2.5 ft bgs in underlying native soil. All test pits  
7 and associated soil and debris at TR-1 were qualitatively screened using the instruments  
8 described in Appendix F for radioactivity, and no above-background readings were  
9 found.

10 Four test pits were excavated at TR-2; one was a scheduled test pit (EP04) and  
11 three were exploratory (EP04A, EP04B, and EP04C). Test pitting activities identified a  
12 burn layer within TR-2. The burn layer varies in thickness along the trench; from east to  
13 west the layer is 1 ft (EP04A) and 1.5 ft (EP04) thick, and not present at EP04B and  
14 EP04C. Burnt material included between 50 and 100 small 8-inch conical vitrified  
15 clay/graphite plugs, insulation, and masonite sheets. Also, a small clump of soil with a  
16 paper-like material on one side was found while conducting field radiation screening on  
17 the excavated material from EP04. The material displayed elevated readings with both  
18 the Geiger-Mueller (GM) pancake and Field Instrument for the Detection of Low Energy  
19 Radiation (FIDLER), as discussed in Appendix F. All of the excavated material  
20 displaying elevated readings was collected as MS01 and sent to the laboratory for  
21 radiological analysis. No other evidence of this material was found during the radiation  
22 screening of the TR-2 test pits or any other screening and/or test pitting conducted at  
23 SWMU-11. Two samples were collected from the scheduled test pit (EP04) at 1.75 ft bgs  
24 within the burn layer and at 4.25 ft bgs in underlying native soil.

25 Four test pits were excavated at TR-3; two were scheduled test pits (EP02 and  
26 EP03) and two were exploratory (EP03A and EP02A). This test pitting activity identified  
27 a burn layer within TR-3. EP03 and EP03A show a thin (< 1 inch) burn layer at 2.5 ft  
28 bgs, and at EP02 and EP02A it is not present. EP02 and EP02A appeared to be clean and  
29 no debris or other evidence of contamination was observed. Two samples were collected  
30 from EP03 at 2.25 ft below ground surface (bgs) within the burn layer and at 4.75 ft bgs  
31 in underlying native soil. One sample was collected from EP02 at 4 ft bgs in native soil.

1 Burnt material in TR-3 included plastic and small conical vitrified clay/graphite plugs.  
2 All test pits and associated soil and debris at TR-3 were qualitatively screened for  
3 radioactivity using the instruments described in Appendix F, and no above-background  
4 readings were found.

5 TR-4 was one of the three backfilled trenches identified at SWMU-11; however,  
6 this trench was conspicuous since there were four surrounding signs warning of  
7 hazardous waste. Three scheduled Phase II test pits were excavated at TR-4 (EP07, EP08,  
8 and EP14). EP07 was excavated at the location of one of two similar magnetic anomalies  
9 identified during the geophysical survey. Test pitting activities identified a 2-inch burn  
10 layer within EP07 at 8 ft bgs and also that the structure of the trench appears to be  
11 ramped at both the northern and southern ends presumably for vehicle access. Three  
12 samples were collected from EP07 at 3.75 ft bgs (backfill soil), 8.25 ft bgs (within the  
13 burn layer), and 12.25 ft bgs (underlying native soil). The other two test pits (EP08 and  
14 EP14) showed no evidence of a burn layer, debris, or other evidence of contamination;  
15 therefore, no samples were collected at these locations. Debris within TR-4 included  
16 black stained soil and metal fragments in Phase I test pit EP01 (Section 2.1.2.1), and a  
17 burn layer and one corroded empty metal drum in EP07. All test pits and associated soil  
18 and debris at TR-4 were screened for radiation, and no anomalous readings were found.

19 One magnetic anomaly was delineated within TR-5 and several metal fragments  
20 were also identified in the surface soil; additionally, anomalous radioactivity was  
21 measured at these locations. Radioactivity measurements in the area were highest at a  
22 cleared, slightly depressed area which was located in the approximate center of the  
23 anomalous area. Gamma exposure rate measurements ranged from 420 microroentgens  
24 per hour ( $\mu\text{R/hr}$ ) at the maximum immediately over the location, to about 50  $\mu\text{R/hr}$  3 ft  
25 away, to background levels ( $\sim 30 \mu\text{R/hr}$ ) about 6 ft away. An additional exposure rate  
26 measurement was collected after removing about 6 inches of soil from the highest  
27 measurement location. After soil removal, the exposure rate over the location increased to  
28 approximately 2 milliroentgens per hour ( $\text{mR/hr}$ ). The removed soil did not exhibit  
29 elevated radioactivity. The 2  $\text{mR/hr}$  measurement exceeded the Parsons health and safety  
30 stop-work limit (500  $\mu\text{R/hr}$ ), and intrusive activities at TR-5 were canceled. Elevated  
31 radiation levels were also found at a depression in TR-5 located to the north, where a

1 partially buried drum remnant was located. A sample of metal (MS04) was collected  
2 from this drum remnant and was sent to the laboratory for radiological analysis. The  
3 analytical results indicated that the radioactivity from MS04 was primarily due to the  
4 radionuclide strontium-90 (Sr-90). A further discussion of the results from this location is  
5 presented in Section 2.2.3.4 below and in Appendix F.

6 An additional burial area (TR-6) was identified based on the presence of a  
7 magnetic anomaly delineated west of TR-4 during a Phase II Schonstedt magnetometer  
8 sweep. A test pit was excavated in the vicinity of the magnetic anomaly at TR-6 (EP15).  
9 Materials observed in this test pit excavation included:

- 10 • Corroded drums with solidified sand in the bottom (at ~2 ft bgs).
- 11 • Numerous unidentified silver-gray metallic (appeared to be aluminum) tubes  
12 about 8-inches long and 1.5-inches in diameter, which were filled with a white  
13 wax-like substance accompanied by 8-inch metal rods that appeared to go inside  
14 the tubes (Photograph 2 in Appendix B) (at ~7 ft bgs).
- 15 • Two large concrete cylinders that were each shaped like 55-gallon metal drums  
16 (apparently remnant cores of concrete-filled drums; Photograph 3 in Appendix B)  
17 (at ~7.5 ft bgs).

18 All materials excavated from TR-6 were screened for radioactivity and slightly  
19 elevated readings were detected only from the unidentified metal tubes. One of the tubes  
20 was collected as a sample (MS03) to be sent to the laboratory for radiological analysis.  
21 However, the item was not sent off-site due to the lack of information about its use and  
22 associated hazards; therefore, the source of the radioactivity present in the tubes has not  
23 been identified. A sample was also collected from the solidified sand (MS02) present  
24 inside the corroded drums and sent to the laboratory for chemical analysis. One soil  
25 sample (EP15) was collected at 10 ft bgs from native soil underlying the debris described  
26 above.

27 Test pits were also excavated at the five mounds and no magnetic anomalies were  
28 identified and no staining, debris, or other evidence of contamination was present.  
29 Therefore, no samples were collected from these five test pits.

30 Confirmation sampling performed as part of the radiological survey, conducted  
31 per the Final Phase II RCRA Facility Investigation Work Plan SWMUs 11 and 41  
32 Radiological Survey (Parsons, 2005g), included 28 surface soils samples collected from

1 the six trenches and the CONEX container. These samples were sent to the laboratory for  
2 radiological analysis of gross alpha/beta levels and gamma spectroscopy. Results of the  
3 radiological survey are summarized in Section 2.2.3.4, and a complete discussion of the  
4 radiological survey is presented in Appendix F.

### 2.1.3 Uncharacterized and Unidentified Materials

5 Soil samples were collected for chemical analysis from five of the six burial  
6 features identified at SWMU-11 (TR-1 through TR-4, and TR-6). Radiological field  
7 measurements collected after surficial soil was removed from TR-5 exceeded the stop  
8 work limit; therefore, direct soil sampling and intrusive activities could not be conducted  
9 at this trench. Shallow bedrock precluded drilling angle borings to sample subsurface soil  
10 beneath the waste in TR-5. As such, in addition to the uncharacterized waste at TR-5, the  
11 overlying surface soil and underlying subsurface soil are also uncharacterized in the  
12 absence of samples collected for chemical analysis.

13 A worst-case soil sample was collected for chemical analysis from TR-6 at 10 ft  
14 bgs; however, no surface soil samples were collected from this trench. Although surface  
15 soil at TR-6 is likely unimpacted by site activities based on visual observations and  
16 radiological screening results, this soil is considered uncharacterized in the absence of  
17 direct sampling for chemical analysis. TR-6 contains various types of debris including  
18 small metal tubes which have low levels of radioactivity consistent with Cs-137, but  
19 which remain unidentified in the absence of conclusive radiological analyses. Although  
20 the waste in TR-6 was visually inspected and screened during test pit excavation, this  
21 material could not be fully identified. MS03, the representative sample of a metal tube,  
22 was not sent off-site for laboratory analysis due to uncertainties regarding the use of this  
23 item and the associated hazards. Therefore, since analytical results are not available to  
24 conclusively identify the metal tubes, the waste in TR-6 is classified as unidentified.

25 Potential risks and/or hazards associated with the uncharacterized waste and soils  
26 and unidentified waste at SWMU-11 are assumed to be *a priori* unacceptable based on  
27 the types of materials that may be present. Therefore, potential exposure to  
28 uncharacterized waste and soils and unidentified waste should be prevented.

## 2.2 INVESTIGATION RESULTS

### 2.2.1 Geology/Hydrology

1 SWMU-11 is located at the mouth of a small, northeast-trending alluvial valley  
2 along the eastern side of Granite Mountain. The valley is flanked to the south by a small  
3 ridge of granite that extends from the main Granite Mountain area, and to the north and  
4 west by granite outcroppings characteristic of Granite Mountain. To the east, the valley is  
5 open to the broad expanse of the Dugway Basin. Granite Mountain is an isolated, north-  
6 south trending mountain block approximately 8 miles long by 6 miles wide. The southern  
7 two-thirds of the mountain are dominated by dark colored gneiss and gneissic granite  
8 with a thin sliver of schists and phyllites at the extreme southern end. The northern one-  
9 third of the mountain is made up of intrusive leuco-granitic rocks that form a gradational  
10 contact with the gneissic granite to the south. While past reports and maps have indicated  
11 a Precambrian age for Granite Mountain, more recent geologic age-dating conducted by  
12 the Utah Geological Survey indicates the rocks of Granite Mountain are Jurassic in age.  
13 Quaternary-aged lacustrine, alluvium and colluvium deposits are present along the flanks  
14 of Granite Mountain, including the small valley where SWMU-11 is located. Away from  
15 the mountain, the surrounding basin floor consists of aeolian sand and silt deposits and  
16 Quaternary-aged playa and lacustrine sediments associated with deposits of ancient Lake  
17 Bonneville and older pluvial lakes.

18 Information about the subsurface lithology specific to the SWMU-11 area was  
19 obtained from the test pit excavations and soil borings completed at the site. Lithologic  
20 data at the site has been collected to a maximum depth of 15 ft bgs, and show that the  
21 shallow subsurface at SWMU-11 generally consists of a thin (1-2 ft thick) layer of  
22 lacustrine clay and marl, underlain by well sorted sand that grades into coarser-grained  
23 sand and gravel at depth. Site-specific information is not available for the deeper  
24 subsurface, but regional lithology suggests that SWMU-11 is most likely underlain by  
25 coarse-grained Quaternary alluvium and colluvium, consisting chiefly of granitic and  
26 gneissic boulders, cobbles, and gravels in a matrix of coarse-grained, gravelly sand. A  
27 well-driller's log for water well WW10, located approximately 4 miles northwest of  
28 SWMU-11, indicates that this sequence of coarse grained materials continues to a depth  
29 of approximately 140 ft, where granitic bedrock is encountered. Depth to bedrock at

1 SWMU-11 may be greater, based on the higher elevation of this site relative to the  
2 ground surface at water well WW10.

3 Groundwater in the area of SWMU-11 is part of the Dugway Valley aquifer  
4 system. Groundwater in this region is generally characterized by high total dissolved  
5 solids (TDS) and very flat hydraulic gradients. However, the flanks of Granite Mountain,  
6 including the SWMU-11 site, constitute a local recharge zone for basin groundwater. In  
7 these localized zones, groundwater is deeper and of higher quality than groundwater  
8 beneath the basin floor. As groundwater flows from the local recharge area toward the  
9 basin floor, it becomes increasingly laden with dissolved mineral constituents and the  
10 quality of groundwater is greatly diminished. The estimated depth to groundwater at  
11 SWMU-11 is approximately 100 ft bgs, based on the measurements from water well  
12 WW10, which is located in a similar hydrogeologic environment on the north side of  
13 Granite Mountain. Groundwater flow at SWMU-11 is likely to the east or northeast,  
14 based largely on the local topographic gradient present at the site.

15 Due to the overall low quality of groundwater in the western DPG region, there  
16 have been no potable water resources developed in the Granite Mountain area.  
17 Groundwater quality at SWMU-197, located approximately 5 miles southwest of  
18 SWMU-11 on the valley floor, is Class IV (saline) per Utah Administrative Code (UAC)  
19 R317-6-3 (Division of Water Quality, 2002), with all field TDS measurements exceeding  
20 10,000 milligrams per liter (mg/L), and an average TDS value of approximately  
21 48,700 mg/L. Water well WW32, located 6 miles west-northwest of SWMU-11, is  
22 reportedly “very salty” and provides water only for hand washing and toilet flushing  
23 purposes at the US Air Force Strategic Training Range Complex west of Granite  
24 Mountain. Water well WW10, located approximately 4 miles northwest of SWMU-11, is  
25 currently used for dust suppression only. Chemical analysis of WW10 well water  
26 presented by Stephens and Sumsion (1978) indicates a Class II (drinking water) rating for  
27 the well. However, more recent DPG historical documents indicate that the well is non-  
28 potable (Woffinden, 2004). Historical information available from the Utah Division of  
29 Water Rights indicates that water from well WW10 was not fit for human consumption  
30 and was used only for municipal purposes (e.g., boiler feed, fire suppression,  
31 decontamination) at the Granite Peak Installation-2 (GPI-2; SWMU-4) facility.

1 Groundwater at the SWMU-11 site would likely be similarly characterized, based on the  
2 site's similarity in location and environment to that of WW10.

### 2.2.2 Data Quality

3 Phase II program laboratory issues and data validation are presented in  
4 Section 3.3 of the Volume I Phase II RFI Report (Parsons, 2004b). Phase I data have  
5 been previously assessed and a Quality Control (QC) report was issued (Parsons, 1996).  
6 Phase I data are used in this report consistent with the data reduction methodology  
7 contained in the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a). This discussion is  
8 limited to Phase II confirmation data and associated QC results. SWMU-specific QC  
9 issues are discussed here in terms of precision, accuracy, representation, and  
10 completeness. Discussion of comparability is reserved for the program text in Section 3.3  
11 of the Volume I Phase II RFI Report (Parsons, 2004b). Data, including data validation  
12 flags and reason codes, are presented in Appendix C, Table C.1. Tables C.2 through C.6  
13 contain explanatory information for Table C.1. Table C.7 is a data sensitivity summary.  
14 QC data are presented beginning with Table C.8. Data assessed here are for all samples  
15 collected pursuant to the work plans for SWMU-11, and may not include all data used for  
16 site characterization or risk assessment.

#### 2.2.2.1 Precision

17 Precision is controlled through the use of field duplicates and matrix spike  
18 duplicates.

#### Field Duplicates

19 In accordance with Section 3.2.7.11 of the Quality Assurance Project Plan  
20 (QAPP) (Parsons, 2001b), field duplicates are required at a rate of one per 20 samples of  
21 the same matrix per SWMU. Field duplicate acceptance criteria are defined as 35 relative  
22 percent difference (RPD) for soil. The QAPP requires that corrective action be taken for  
23 field duplicates that exceed RPD limits. Required action is to evaluate the sampling  
24 program. Additionally, data validation criteria established in Table 3.12 of the QAPP  
25 generally require treating data as estimated ("J" or "UJ" flagging) when field duplicates  
26 exceed 70 RPD in soil.



1           Sixty-one soil samples (including eight material samples) were collected at this  
2 site during Phase II. Four field duplicates were collected for soil, meeting the frequency  
3 requirement for field duplicates. Table C.8 presents the results of the field duplicate  
4 sample for detections in soil. A total of 160 distinct analytes were tested, generating  
5 282 results. Soil test panels included volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semivolatile  
6 organic compounds (SVOCs), gross alpha/beta, gamma emitters, dioxins and furans,  
7 explosives (including nitrocellulose), and metals. The RPD is evaluated when the  
8 concentration in the sample is greater than or equal to 10 times the method detection limit  
9 (MDL). Precision limits were exceeded for sodium results in one sample and potassium-  
10 40 results in another sample, resulting in 99.3-percent compliance in soils. Corrective  
11 action consisted of evaluating the results to determine if the sampling program required  
12 adjustment. In one sample, it was determined that it was unlikely that this exceedance  
13 was caused by the sampling program because of the excellent agreement of the 16 other  
14 analytes which were detected in significant (greater than or equal to 10 times the MDL)  
15 concentration in the same sample pair. For the other sample, there were 16 analytes  
16 which were detected in significant concentration in the same sample pair. No cause was  
17 assigned for the two excursions. None of the results exceeded 70 RPD.

18           Precision was well controlled with respect to field duplicates, since 99.3-percent  
19 of duplicate results met established criteria.

### **Matrix Spike Duplicates**

20           In accordance with Section 3.2.7.10 of the QAPP (Parsons, 2001b), the frequency  
21 requirement for matrix spike duplicates is set at one per 20 samples of the same matrix.  
22 Because this frequency is not SWMU-specific, and because matrix effects are not  
23 generally expected on a SWMU-specific basis, matrix spike duplicates are evaluated on a  
24 program basis. However, data flagged at this SWMU for matrix spike duplicate precision  
25 are summarized below. Anomalies resulting in data flagged “J” or “UJ” are considered  
26 minor, and by definition these anomalies result in usable data. Only “J” flagging was  
27 applied for matrix spike duplicate precision at this SWMU.

### 2.2.2.2 Accuracy

1 Field control of accuracy is monitored by matrix spikes. In accordance with  
2 Section 3.2.7.10 of the QAPP (Parsons, 2001b), matrix spikes are required at a frequency  
3 of one per 20 samples of the same matrix. Because this frequency is not SWMU-specific,  
4 and because matrix effects are not generally expected on a SWMU-specific basis, matrix  
5 spikes are evaluated on a program basis. However, data flagged for this SWMU as a  
6 result of matrix spike recovery are summarized below. Anomalies resulting in data  
7 flagged “J” or “UJ” are considered minor, and by definition, these anomalies result in  
8 usable data. Only minor anomalies were observed with regard to matrix spike recoveries  
9 at SWMU-11; these are summarized in Section 2.2.2.5 below.

10 Since only minor anomalies occurred with regard to matrix spike recoveries, the  
11 accuracy of the data was adequately controlled for this SWMU.

### 2.2.2.3 Representation

12 Representation is controlled through the Data Quality Objective (DQO) process,  
13 and is detailed in the Phase II RFI Work Plan (Parsons, 1998). QC guidelines as  
14 established in the work plan, standard operating procedures (SOPs) (Parsons, 1998), and  
15 QAPP (Parsons, 2001b), describe management of sampling procedures, use of  
16 appropriate sample containers, adherence to holding times, use of proper preservation,  
17 and sampling of equipment and trip blanks. Table 3.6 of the QAPP (Parsons, 2001b)  
18 describes requirements for containers, preservation, and holding times. Containers and  
19 preservation were used in accordance with Table 3.6. Table 3.6 allows collection of soil  
20 for VOC analysis in a glass jar or in En Core™ Samplers. Although collection in glass  
21 jars is allowed, practice in the Phase II RFI has been to use the En Core™ Samplers.  
22 Sample MS02, a material sample, was described as solidified sand or lithified gravel.  
23 This material could not be collected in an En Core™ Sampler. Therefore, the material  
24 was collected in a glass jar. This results in additional uncertainty in the degree of  
25 representation for these results. VOC results of MS02 have been “UJ” flagged to signify  
26 this uncertainty. Holding times and equipment blanks were assessed for each analytical  
27 result and are discussed here.

## Holding Time

1 Holding times were exceeded for 5.50-percent of (169 of 3075) results, as  
2 summarized in Section 2.2.2.5 below. Exceedances between one and two times holding  
3 time result in “J” or “UJ” flagging and are considered minor. Data in this condition are  
4 defined as usable. Exceedances greater than two times holding time result in “R” flagging  
5 and are considered major. Data in this condition are defined as unusable. Therefore,  
6 holding times were adequately controlled at this site except for the 38 results which were  
7 flagged “R” due to analysis at greater than twice the holding time for VOC analysis.

8 Holding times for VOCs were exceeded because the laboratory originally  
9 analyzed the samples from the wrong (bulk) sample container. The laboratory caught the  
10 issue and re-analyzed from the correct sample containers (En Core™ Samplers);  
11 however, for several samples holding time had expired. Parsons and the US Army Corps  
12 of Engineers (USACE) performed an on-site laboratory audit in response to this issue. A  
13 flaw in the way the laboratory tracked and identified containers for analysis was  
14 identified during the audit, and was subsequently corrected by the laboratory. As part of  
15 its corrective action, the laboratory performed a detailed data review to identify if any  
16 prior cases of this error had occurred undetected in the past. No such cases were  
17 identified. The impact to the data is insignificant for the following reasons:

- 18 • Data for one sample were rejected since they were re-analyzed outside of two  
19 times the holding time. The impact of this data loss is discussed below in  
20 “Potential Analytical Data Gaps from Rejected Data” subsection.
- 21 • Data present a clear picture of contamination in association with the burn layer of  
22 TR-1 through TR-4, and this layer will require corrective measures. The impact of  
23 data analyzed in excess of holding time is increased uncertainty in the analytical  
24 result. In this case because other analytes (metals and dioxins analyzed within  
25 holding time) are present at levels that will result in corrective measures, the  
26 uncertainty will not impact site decisions.

27 Therefore, holding times were adequately controlled at this site, since  
28 94.5-percent of results met established criteria, and the impact to site decisions for other  
29 data is minimal.

## Field Blanks

30 Equipment blanks were required at a frequency of one per sample technique per  
31 20 samples per SWMU. For purposes of meeting the frequency requirement, “technique”

1 was interpreted in terms of reusable equipment that came in contact with the sample  
2 during sampling. One equipment blank was collected in association with the 53 (not  
3 including the 8 material samples) soil samples. Soil samples were collected using two  
4 techniques, and therefore insufficient equipment blanks were collected. This has a  
5 conservative impact on the data, in that it may result in treating detections as site  
6 attributable when in fact they are not. Because the effect is conservative, use of the data is  
7 not impacted. In all, 150 analytical results were generated from the one equipment blank  
8 analyzed. Test panels included VOCs, SVOCs, dioxins and furans, explosives, metals,  
9 and nitrocellulose. Detections are shown on Table C.9. The impact of blank  
10 contamination is dependent on the level of contamination observed and the levels of the  
11 corresponding analytes in field samples. Mineral-related chemical species at DPG  
12 including calcium, chloride, magnesium, sodium, and sulfate commonly occur at levels  
13 several orders of magnitude in excess of their MDLs (Parsons, 2004b). It is normal for  
14 blanks to contain low levels of these analytes under such conditions. None of these  
15 analytes are evaluated as a contaminant.

16 Sample results associated with equipment or trip blank detections are flagged if  
17 they are observed at levels up to five times (10 times for “common laboratory  
18 contaminants” [USEPA, 1994b]) the value contained in the blank. Flagged results for  
19 equipment and trip blanks are presented in Table C.10. Four of 3075 (0.130-percent of)  
20 analytical results were flagged for field blank contamination at SWMU-11.

21 Results were deemed representative, consistent with the sample design.

#### 2.2.2.4 Analytical Completeness

22 A total of 10.86-percent of (334 of 3075) analytical results for normal and field  
23 duplicate samples were flagged for QC issues, including 41 results that were rejected. All  
24 other results met QC criteria. Completeness is defined in Section 3.2.5.5 of the QAPP  
25 (Parsons, 2001b) as the percent of usable data. The completeness goal is 95-percent. In  
26 all, 3034 of 3075 analytical results were usable, resulting in 98.7-percent analytical  
27 completeness and meeting the goal for this SWMU.

### 2.2.2.5 Summary of Qualified Results

1 Results were considered qualified in terms of data usability if they were flagged  
 2 “U”, “UJ”, “J”, or “R” during data validation. Flags are defined in Table C.5. Results  
 3 may be qualified “U” simply because no analyte was detected. Results may be qualified  
 4 “J” simply because the detected value is between the MDL and reporting limit (RL)  
 5 (practical quantitation limit [PQL]) (i.e., is a trace value). Flags are also applied due to  
 6 QC exceedances. This summary does not consider routine flagging of non-detects and  
 7 trace results. Qualified results were classified as minor if flagged “U”, “UJ”, or “J”, and  
 8 major if flagged “R”. All results, including Phase I data, are presented in Table C.1.

#### Minor Data Quality Issues

9 A total of 293 results were flagged due to minor QC issues. Note that the sum of  
 10 results below equals more than 293, since some results were flagged for more than one  
 11 QC issue; however, a total of 293 results were affected. These issues are presented below:

- 12 • 18 results (4 antimony, 13 nitrocellulose, and 1 octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin) were  
 13 flagged “U” or “UJ” due to laboratory blank issues. “UJ” flags arise in this  
 14 context when the blank recovery is negative for metals analysis.
- 15 • 84 results (8 2-chloroethyl vinyl ether, 13 2-hexanone, 13 acetone, 1 benzo  
 16 [g,h,i]perylene, 8 carbon disulfide, 5 chloroethane, 1 indeno[1,2,3-c,d]pyrene,  
 17 13 methyl ethyl ketone [2-butanone], 13 methyl isobutyl ketone [4-methyl-2-  
 18 pentanone], 1 sodium, and 8 vinyl acetate) were flagged “UJ” or “J” due to  
 19 continuing calibration issues. Note that for gas chromatography/mass  
 20 spectrometry (GC/MS) techniques, continuing calibrations may meet all method  
 21 requirements and still result in data usability flags.
- 22 • 4 nitrocellulose results were flagged “U” due to field blank contamination.
- 23 • 19 results (17 antimony and 2 N-nitrosodi-n-propylamine) were flagged “UJ” or  
 24 “J” due to matrix spike recoveries.
- 25 • 1 gross alpha result was flagged “J” due to matrix spike duplicate precision.
- 26 • 4 results (1 bismuth-214, 2 mercury, and 1 thorium-232) were flagged “UJ” or “J”  
 27 due field duplicate precision.
- 28 • One nitroglycerin result was flagged “J” due to surrogate recoveries.
- 29 • 131 results (3 1,1,1-trichloroethane, 3 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane,  
 30 3 1,1,2-trichloroethane, 3 1,1-dichloroethane, 3 1,1-dichloroethene,  
 31 3 1,2-dichlorobenzene, 3 1,2-dichloroethane, 3 1,2-dichloropropane,  
 32 3 1,3-dichlorobenzene, 3 1,4-dichlorobenzene, 3 2-chloroethyl vinyl ether,  
 33 3 2-hexanone, 4 acetone, 4 benzene, 1 benzo[g,h,i]perylene,

1 3 bromodichloromethane, 3 bromoform, 3 bromomethane, 3 carbon disulfide,  
 2 3 carbon tetrachloride, 3 chlorobenzene, 3 chloroethane, 3 chloroform,  
 3 3 chloromethane, 3 dibromochloromethane, 3 dichlorodifluoromethane,  
 4 3 ethylbenzene, 3 m,p-xylene [sum of isomers], 4 methyl ethyl ketone  
 5 [2-butanone], 3 methyl isobutyl ketone [4-methyl-2-pentanone], 3 methylene  
 6 chloride, 3 o-xylene [1,2-dimethylbenzene], 3 styrene, 3 tetrachloroethylene  
 7 [PCE], 4 toluene, 3 trichloroethylene [TCE], 3 trichlorofluoromethane, 3 vinyl  
 8 acetate, 3 vinyl chloride, 3 cis-1,2-dichloroethylene, 3 cis-1,3-dichloropropene,  
 9 3 trans-1,2-dichloroethene, and 3 trans-1,3-dichloropropene) were flagged  
 10 “UJ” or “J” due to holding time exceedances.

- 11 • 58 results (4 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane, 1 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-heptachlorodibenzofuran,  
 12 1 1,2,3,4,7,8,9-heptachlorodibenzofuran, 1 1,2,3,4,7,8-hexachlorodibenzofuran,  
 13 1 1,2,3,6,7,8-hexachlorodibenzofuran, 1 1,2,3,7,8,9-hexachlorodibenzofuran,  
 14 4 1,2-dichlorobenzene, 4 1,3-dichlorobenzene, 4 1,4-dichlorobenzene,  
 15 1 2,3,4,6,7,8-hexachlorodibenzofuran, 3 2-hexanone, 1 benzo[a]pyrene,  
 16 1 benzo[b]fluoranthene, 1 benzo[g,h,i]perylene, 1 benzo[k]fluoranthene,  
 17 3 bromoform, 3 chlorobenzene, 1 di-n-octylphthalate, 1 dibenz[a,h]anthracene,  
 18 3 dibromochloromethane, 3 ethylbenzene, 1 indeno[1,2,3-c,d]pyrene,  
 19 3 m,p-xylene [sum of isomers], 3 o-xylene [1,2-dimethylbenzene],  
 20 1 octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin, 1 octachlorodibenzofuran, 3 styrene, and 3 PCE)  
 21 were flagged “UJ” or “J” due to internal standard recovery outside control limits.
- 22 • 5 results (3 acetone and 2 methyl ethyl ketone [2-butanone]) were flagged “UJ” or  
 23 “J” due to linear calibration range exceedances.

### Major Data Quality Issues

24 A total of 41 results were flagged due to major QC issues. These issues are  
 25 presented below:

- 26 • 38 results (1 1,1,1-trichloroethane, 1 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane,  
 27 1 1,1,2-trichloroethane, 1 1,1-dichloroethane, 1 1,1-dichloroethene,  
 28 1 1,2-dichlorobenzene, 1 1,2-dichloroethane, 1 1,2-dichloropropane,  
 29 1 1,3-dichlorobenzene, 1 1,4-dichlorobenzene, 1 2-chloroethyl vinyl ether,  
 30 1 2-hexanone, 1 bromodichloromethane, 1 bromoform, 1 bromomethane,  
 31 1 carbon disulfide, 1 carbon tetrachloride, 1 chlorobenzene, 1 chloroethane,  
 32 1 chloroform, 1 chloromethane, 1 dibromochloromethane,  
 33 1 dichlorodifluoromethane, 1 ethylbenzene, 1 m,p-xylene [sum of isomers],  
 34 1 methyl isobutyl ketone [4-methyl-2-pentanone], 1 methylene chloride,  
 35 1 o-xylene [1,2-dimethylbenzene], 1 styrene, 1 PCE, 1 TCE,  
 36 1 trichlorofluoromethane, 1 vinyl acetate, 1 vinyl chloride, 1 cis-1,2-  
 37 dichloroethylene, 1 cis-1,3-dichloropropene, 1 trans-1,2-dichloroethene, and  
 38 1 trans-1,3-dichloropropene) were flagged “R” due to holding time exceedances.
- 39 • 3 nitrolycerin results were flagged “R” due to surrogate recovery failure.

### 2.2.2.6 Tentatively Identified Compounds

1 A detailed discussion of procedures for screening tentatively identified  
2 compounds (TICs) is presented in Section 3.3.5 of the Volume I Phase II RFI Report  
3 (Parsons, 2004b). TIC data were screened against Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRGs)  
4 (USEPA Region 9, 1998) and a list of chemical warfare agent (CWA)-related  
5 compounds. No TICs requiring further investigation were noted at SWMU-11 based on  
6 the results of this screening.

### 2.2.2.7 Data Quality Conclusions

7 Several minor QC anomalies occurred at SWMU-11 that did not significantly  
8 impact data usability. No TICs were identified for inclusion in site characterization, risk  
9 assessment, or corrective measures studies at SWMU-11. Precision, accuracy,  
10 representation, and completeness were all substantially under control. The data are  
11 suitable for decision-making purposes related to this project such as site characterization,  
12 human and ecological risk assessment, and in the determination of corrective action  
13 measures, except as flagged “R”.

### Potential Analytical Data Gaps from Rejected Data

14 Data rejections are presented in detail in Section 2.2.2.5. All VOC results were  
15 rejected in one deep soil sample collected at 2.5 ft bgs from test pit EP06. Samples taken  
16 at EP06 at 1.5 ft bgs and EP05 at 1.5 and 2.5 ft bgs define the vertical extent of VOCs for  
17 this one rejected VOC sample. Therefore, the rejection of VOCs in this one sample is  
18 considered insignificant.

19 Three nitroglycerin results at EP03, EP04, and EP06 at 2-2.5 ft bgs, 1.5-2 ft bgs,  
20 and 1.5-1.6 ft bgs respectively were also rejected. Two samples taken at EP03 and EP04  
21 at 4-4.5 ft bgs and one sample taken at EP06 at 2.5-2.6 ft bgs had no nitroglycerin  
22 detections and define the vertical extent of nitroglycerin for the three rejected samples.  
23 Therefore, the rejection of these three results is considered insignificant.

### 2.2.3 Evaluation of Soil Analyses

24 The purpose of this section is to: 1) present the results of the RFI soil  
25 investigation; 2) determine if sufficient sampling was conducted to adequately  
26 characterize the nature and extent of chemicals and radiation detected in site soils; and

1 3) provide data to support a site-attribution analysis for risk assessment (Appendix D),  
2 and if necessary, a risk assessment (Section 3).

3 The steps used to determine whether adequate soil sampling was conducted for  
4 chemical constituents are shown on Figure 2.1 (reproduced from Figure 6.1 of the  
5 Background Metals Report [Parsons, 2001a]) and are summarized as follows:

- 6 1. Identify inorganics and organics detected in site soils that do not have DPG-  
7 specific background comparison values (i.e., the lower of the 95-percent upper  
8 tolerance limit [UTL] or the maximum detected background soil concentration  
9 from the Background Metals Report [Parsons, 2001a]) or that are above  
10 corresponding background comparison values.
- 11 2. Determine which (if any) chemicals identified in Step 1 exceed corresponding  
12 United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 9 (2004)  
13 Residential Soil PRGs.
- 14 3. Use professional judgment (consisting of a review of site history; an evaluation of  
15 the magnitude, frequency, and spatial distributions of chemical concentrations;  
16 and/or for inorganics, a review of graphical plots) to determine if adequate soil  
17 sampling was conducted for the chemicals (if any) identified in Step 2.

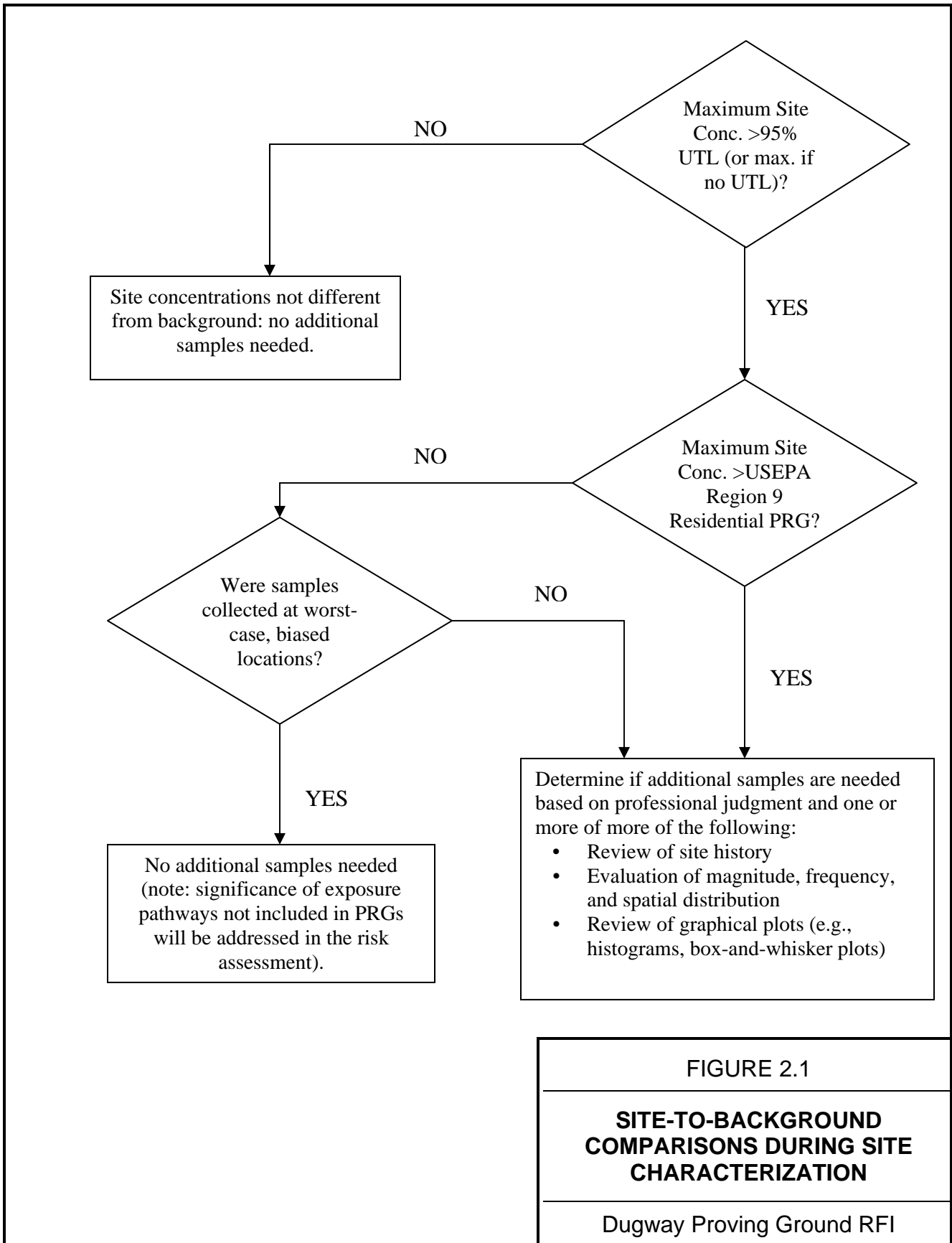
18 As shown on Figure 2.1, it is also important to demonstrate that soil samples were  
19 collected from biased locations with the greatest potential for contamination (i.e., worst-  
20 case locations).

21 The steps used to determine if adequate sampling for radiation was conducted are  
22 presented in Appendix F, and the results of this evaluation are summarized in  
23 Section 2.2.3.4.

### 2.2.3.1 Surface Soil Analytical Results

24 Six surface soil samples (SS001-SS006) were collected from four of the trenches  
25 (TR-1 through TR-4) and analyzed for chemical and radiological constituents. These  
26 surface soil samples were analyzed for SVOCs, agent breakdown products (ABPs)  
27 (SS001-SS004), CWA (SS001-SS004), explosives, dioxins/furans (SS005-SS006), gross  
28 alpha/beta and gamma (SS001-SS004), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) (SS001-  
29 SS004), and inorganics (metals). Default analytes specific to these test panels are listed  
30 by analytical method in Table 3.8 of the QAPP (Parsons, 2001b). Analytical methods,  
31 associated analytes specific to this SWMU, and results for all surface soil samples are  
32 provided in Appendix C. Detections in surface soil consisted of select inorganics and one  
33 dioxin. Locations and concentrations of the dioxin and the inorganic detections in excess





**FIGURE 2.1**  
**SITE-TO-BACKGROUND**  
**COMPARISONS DURING SITE**  
**CHARACTERIZATION**  
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1 of background comparison values (see Attachment 2 of Appendix D) in surface soils are  
2 presented on Figure 2.2.

3 Other SWMU-11 surface soil samples (SS007-SS039) were collected in support  
4 of the radiological survey, and were therefore only analyzed for radiological constituents  
5 in accordance with the Final Phase II RCRA Facility Investigation Work Plan  
6 SWMUs 11 and 41 Radiological Survey (Parsons, 2005g). Results of the radiological  
7 analyses are evaluated in Appendices D and F. Results of the radiological survey are  
8 summarized in Section 2.2.3.4 below, and are included on Figure 2.2.

9 Surface soil samples were collected from biased locations with the greatest  
10 potential for contamination based on field observations and site history (Parsons, 1998).  
11 The additional background comparison value and Residential Soil PRG comparison and  
12 professional judgment steps shown on Figure 2.1 are presented below.

### **Step 1 - Site Concentrations versus Background Comparison Values**

13 Figure 2.2 presents chemicals in surface soil that had maximum site  
14 concentrations greater than their corresponding background comparison values, or did not  
15 have DPG-specific background comparison values (refer to the summary statistics table  
16 for surface soils in Attachment 2 of Appendix D). These chemicals include:

#### **Inorganics**

- Beryllium
- Boron
- Calcium
- Magnesium
- Molybdenum
- Silver
- Sodium

#### **Organics**

- Octachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin

17 Calcium, magnesium, and sodium are essential nutrients and therefore are not  
18 shown on Figure 2.2.

### **Step 2 - Residential Soil PRG Comparison**

19 Consistent with state-approved methods (Parsons, 2001a), although future  
20 residential land use is not likely at this SWMU, maximum soil concentrations were  
21 conservatively compared with their corresponding USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential

1 Soil PRGs as one step in determining whether additional characterization of soils is  
2 required.

3 Of the chemicals listed in Step 1 above, none had maximum site concentrations in  
4 surface soil greater than their corresponding USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential Soil  
5 PRGs (refer to the summary statistics table for surface soils in Attachment 2 of  
6 Appendix D). The chemicals listed in Step 1 were represented by samples collected from  
7 locations biased toward worst-case contamination. Therefore, the professional judgment  
8 step is not necessary and additional sampling to characterize surface soils is not required.

### **Summary of Adequacy of Surface Soil Characterization**

9 As presented on Figure 2.1, additional sampling for site characterization is not  
10 required if samples were collected from biased, worst-case locations and if: 1) maximum  
11 site concentrations did not exceed corresponding background comparison values (for  
12 inorganics); 2) maximum site concentrations exceeded corresponding background  
13 comparison values (or background comparison values were not available) but were less  
14 than corresponding USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential Soil PRGs (for inorganics and  
15 organics); or 3) the application of professional judgment and additional lines of evidence  
16 rule out the need for additional sampling.

17 Based on these criteria and as demonstrated above, the nature and extent of  
18 chemicals detected in surface soil has been adequately characterized, and additional  
19 surface soil sampling is not required.

### **2.2.3.2 Subsurface Soil Analytical Results**

20 Twenty-nine subsurface soil samples were collected from four soil borings  
21 (SB01-SB04), one hand-auger boring (HA01), and eight test pit (EP01-EP07 and EP15)  
22 locations (Figure 2.3). Subsurface soil samples were analyzed for VOCs, SVOCs,  
23 dioxins/furans (EP02-EP07 and EP15), explosives, gross alpha/beta and gamma (SB01-  
24 SB04, HA01, and EP01), ABPs (SB01-SB04, HA01, and EP01), CWA (SB01-SB04,  
25 HA01, and EP01), TPH (SB01-SB04, HA01, and EP01), and inorganics. Default analytes  
26 specific to these test panels are listed by analytical method in Table 3.8 of the QAPP  
27 (Parsons, 2001b). Analytical methods and associated analytes specific to this SWMU are  
28 detailed in Table C.1. Detections in subsurface soil samples consisted of VOCs, SVOCs,

DPG Background Comparison Values for Analytes Detected at SWMU-11

Analyte	Background Comparison Value (mg/Kg)
Beryllium	1.6
Boron	None
Molybdenum	None
Silver	None

**MS4 (0.25 ft bgs)**  
 alpha, Gross = 41  
 Antimony = 20  
 Arsenic = 43  
 beta, Gross = 840  
 Cadmium = 1.6  
 Chromium, Total = 72  
 Cobalt = 230  
 Copper = 950  
 Lead = 12000  
 Lead-214 = 1  
 Manganese = 2300  
 Nickel = 190  
 Silver = 0.66  
 Strontium-90 = 200  
 Thorium-228 = 0.19 J  
 Thorium-230 = 0.23 J  
 Thorium-232 = 0.11 J  
 Uranium 233 And 234 = 0.43 J  
 Uranium-238 = 0.33 J  
 Zinc = 7000

**MS1**  
 Actinium 228 = 2.8  
 alpha, Gross = 1300  
 beta, Gross = 1700  
 Bismuth-214 = 1.6  
 Lead-212 = 3.1  
 Lead-214 = 1.4  
 Potassium-40 = 37  
 Radium-228 = 2.8  
 Thallium-208 = 1.1  
 Thorium-232 = 2.8  
 Thorium-234 = 220  
 Uranium-238 = 220

**SS2 (0 - 0.5 ft bgs)**  
 Beryllium = 2.2  
 Boron = 24 J

**SS3 (0 - 0.5 ft bgs)**  
 Boron = 46 J

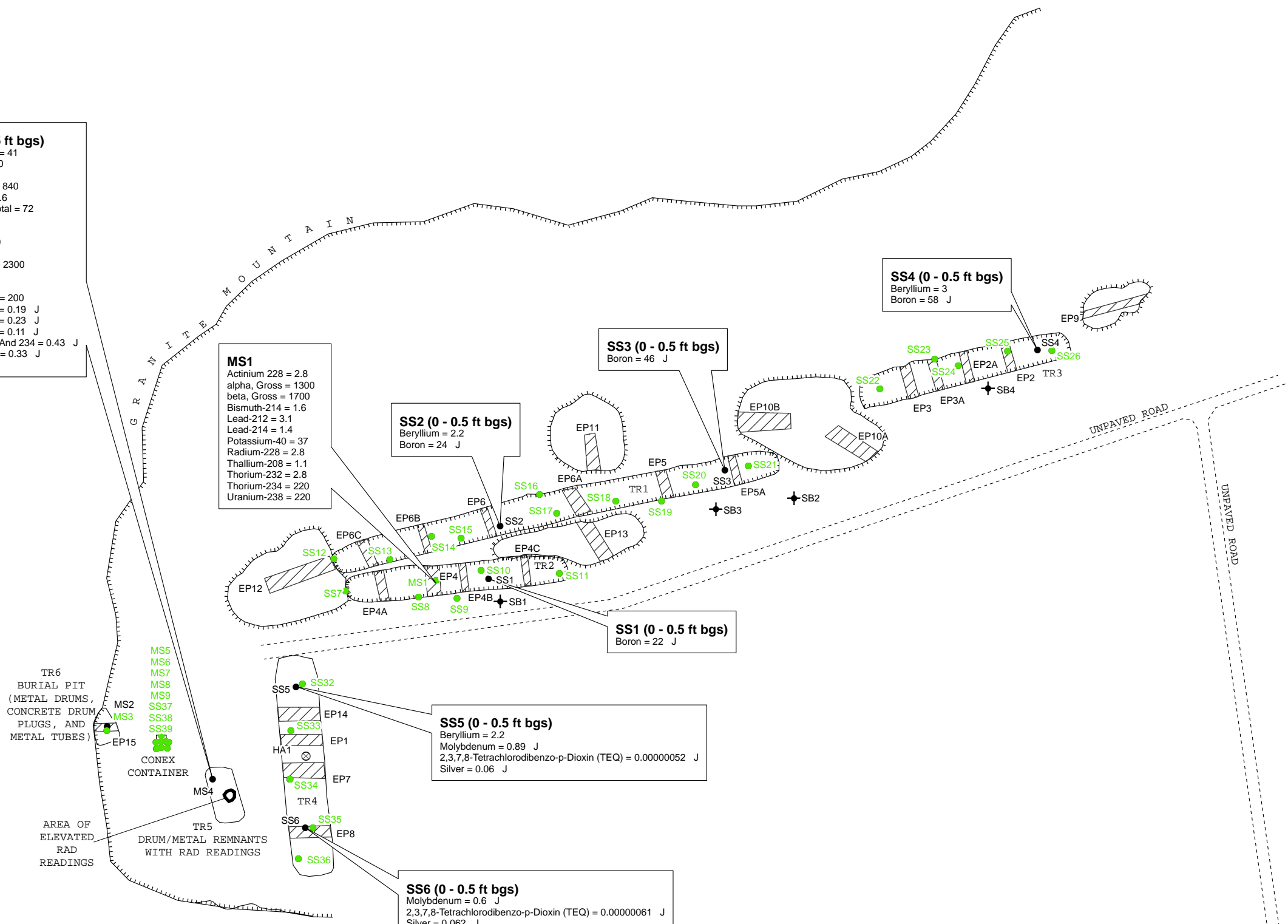
**SS4 (0 - 0.5 ft bgs)**  
 Beryllium = 3  
 Boron = 58 J

**SS1 (0 - 0.5 ft bgs)**  
 Boron = 22 J

**SS5 (0 - 0.5 ft bgs)**  
 Beryllium = 2.2  
 Molybdenum = 0.89 J  
 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin (TEQ) = 0.00000052 J  
 Silver = 0.06 J

**SS6 (0 - 0.5 ft bgs)**  
 Molybdenum = 0.6 J  
 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin (TEQ) = 0.00000061 J  
 Silver = 0.062 J

TR6 BURIAL PIT (METAL DRUMS, CONCRETE DRUM PLUGS, AND METAL TUBES)  
 MS2  
 MS3  
 CONEX CONTAINER  
 MS4  
 TR5  
 DRUM/METAL REMNANTS WITH RAD READINGS  
 MS5  
 MS6  
 MS7  
 MS8  
 MS9  
 SS37  
 SS38  
 SS39



**LEGEND**

- SWMU MONUMENT
- ⊙ HAND AUGER (HA)
- MATERIAL SAMPLE (MS)
- ✦ SOIL BORING (SB)
- SURFACE SOIL SAMPLE (SS)
- ▭ TEST PIT (EP)

SAMPLES IN GREEN ARE FOR RADIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS ONLY

Radiological results that were determined to be similar to background are not shown.

Inorganic detections in soil below DPG background comparison values not shown.

J equals an estimated value.

Soil sample results reported in mg/Kg.

Field duplicates and essential nutrients not shown.

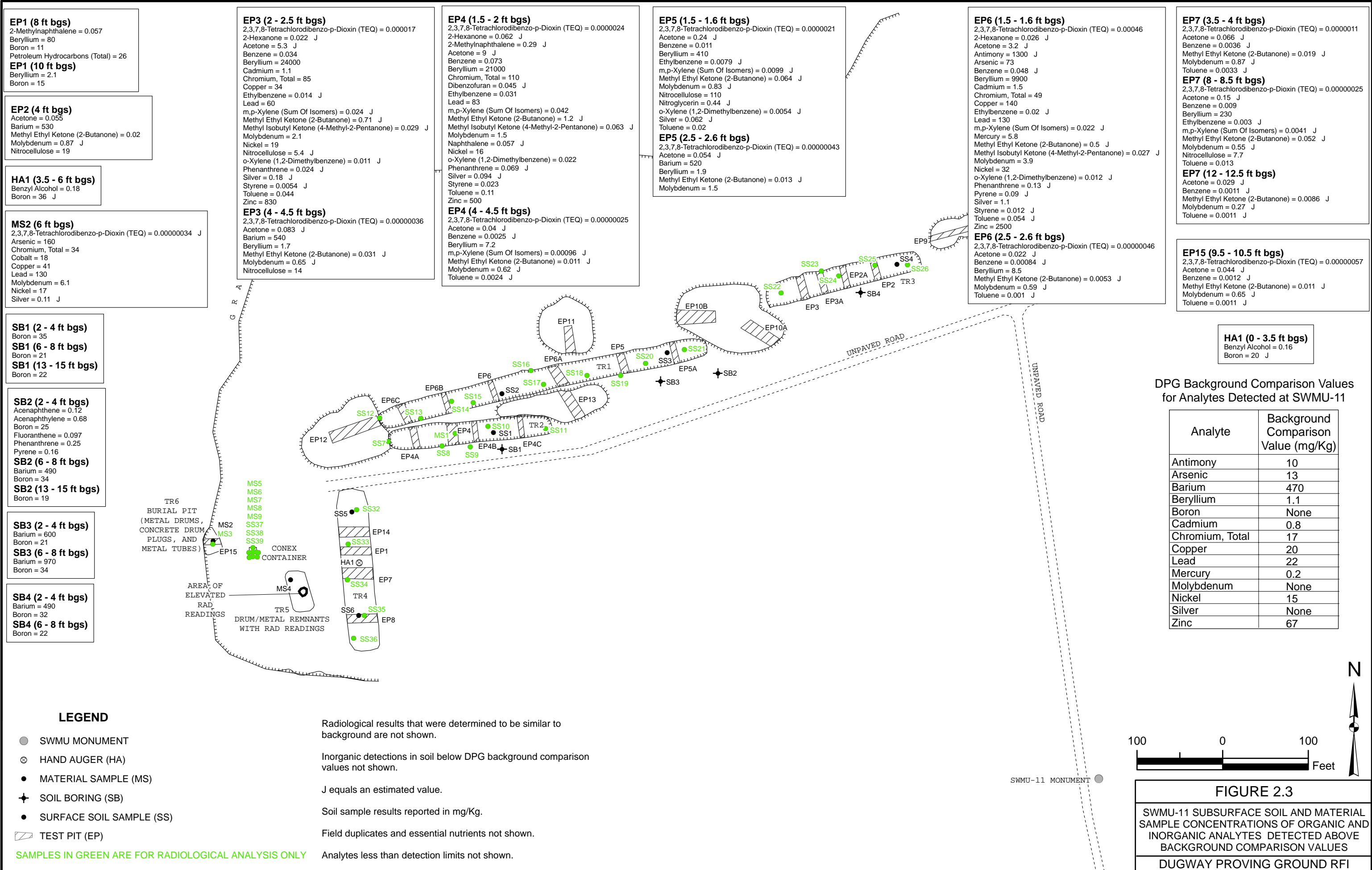
Analytes less than detection limits not shown.



**FIGURE 2.2**

SWMU-11 SURFACE SOIL AND MATERIAL SAMPLE CONCENTRATIONS OF ORGANIC, INORGANIC AND RADIOLOGICAL ANALYTES DETECTED ABOVE BACKGROUND COMPARISON VALUES

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DPG Background Comparison Values for Analytes Detected at SWMU-11

Analyte	Background Comparison Value (mg/Kg)
Antimony	10
Arsenic	13
Barium	470
Beryllium	1.1
Boron	None
Cadmium	0.8
Chromium, Total	17
Copper	20
Lead	22
Mercury	0.2
Molybdenum	None
Nickel	15
Silver	None
Zinc	67

**LEGEND**

- SWMU MONUMENT
- ⊗ HAND AUGER (HA)
- MATERIAL SAMPLE (MS)
- ✦ SOIL BORING (SB)
- SURFACE SOIL SAMPLE (SS)
- ▨ TEST PIT (EP)

Radiological results that were determined to be similar to background are not shown.

Inorganic detections in soil below DPG background comparison values not shown.

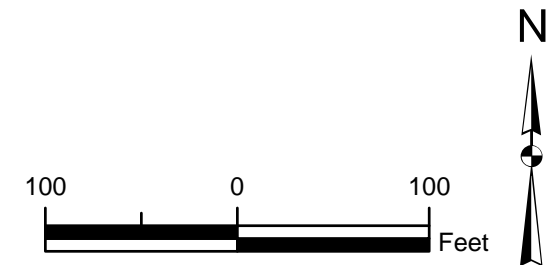
J equals an estimated value.

Soil sample results reported in mg/Kg.

Field duplicates and essential nutrients not shown.

Analytes less than detection limits not shown.

SAMPLES IN GREEN ARE FOR RADIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS ONLY



**FIGURE 2.3**

SWMU-11 SUBSURFACE SOIL AND MATERIAL SAMPLE CONCENTRATIONS OF ORGANIC AND INORGANIC ANALYTES DETECTED ABOVE BACKGROUND COMPARISON VALUES  
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1 dioxins/furans, explosives, TPH, gross alpha/beta and gamma, and inorganics. Locations  
 2 and concentrations of detections in subsurface soils (including inorganics in excess of  
 3 background comparison levels; see Attachment 2 of Appendix D) are presented on  
 4 Figure 2.3. Results of the radiological survey are summarized in Section 2.2.3.4 below.

5 Subsurface soil samples were collected from biased locations with the greatest  
 6 potential for contamination based on previous sampling results, field observations, and  
 7 site history. The additional background comparison value and Residential Soil PRG  
 8 comparison and professional judgment steps shown on Figure 2.1 are presented below.

### Step 1 - Site Concentrations versus Background Comparison Values

9 Figure 2.3 presents chemicals in subsurface soil that had maximum site  
 10 concentrations greater than their corresponding background comparison values, or did not  
 11 have DPG-specific background comparison values (refer to the summary statistics table  
 12 for subsurface soils in Attachment 2 of Appendix D). These chemicals include:

#### Inorganics

- |             |                     |              |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| • Antimony  | • Calcium           | • Molybdenum |
| • Arsenic   | • Chromium ( Total) | • Nickel     |
| • Barium    | • Copper            | • Silver     |
| • Beryllium | • Iron              | • Sodium     |
| • Boron     | • Lead              | • Zinc       |
| • Cadmium   | • Mercury           |              |

#### Organics

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| • Acenaphthene                                      | • Benzyl Alcohol                                | • 1,2,3,7,8,9-<br>Hexachlorodibenzofuran    |
| • Acenaphthylene                                    | • Fluoranthene                                  | • 2,3,4,6,7,8-<br>Hexachlorodibenzofuran    |
| • Acetone   | • Pyrene  | • Octachlorodibenzofuran                    |
| • Benzene   | • Dibenzofuran                                  | • Octachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin                |
| • Ethylbenzene                                      | • 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-<br>Heptachlorodibenzofuran     | • 1,2,3,7,8-<br>Pentachlorodibenzofuran     |
| • 2-Hexanone  | • 1,2,3,4,7,8,9-<br>Heptachlorodibenzofuran     | • 2,3,4,7,8-<br>Pentachlorodibenzofuran     |
| • Methyl Ethyl Ketone (2-<br>Butanone)              | • 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-<br>Heptachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin | • 1,2,3,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzo-<br>p-Dioxin |
| • Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (4-<br>Methyl-2-Pentanone) | • 1,2,3,4,7,8-<br>Hexachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin    | • 2,3,7,8-<br>Tetrachlorodibenzofuran       |
| • 2-Methylnaphthalene                               | • 1,2,3,6,7,8-<br>Hexachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin    |   |
| • Naphthalene                                       |   |   |
| • Phenanthrene                                      |   |   |

- Styrene
- Toluene
- o-Xylene (1,2-Dimethylbenzene)
- m,p-Xylene (Sum Of Isomers)
- 1,2,3,7,8,9-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
- 1,2,3,4,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran
- 1,2,3,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran
- 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
- Nitrocellulose
- Nitroglycerin
- TPH

1 Calcium, iron, and sodium are essential nutrients and therefore are not shown on  
2 Figure 2.3.

### Step 2 - Residential Soil PRG Comparison

3 Consistent with state-approved methods (Parsons, 2001a), although future  
4 residential land use is not likely at this SWMU, maximum soil concentrations were  
5 conservatively compared with their corresponding USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential  
6 Soil PRGs as one step in determining whether additional characterization of soils is  
7 required. TPH, nitrocellulose, and 2-hexanone do not have USEPA (2004) Residential  
8 Soil PRGs, and therefore are discussed in the “Other Analytes” subsection.

9 Of the chemicals listed in Step 1 above, 17 had a maximum site concentration in  
10 subsurface soils greater than their corresponding USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential  
11 Soil PRG (refer to the summary statistics table for subsurface soils in Attachment 2 of  
12 Appendix D). These chemicals include:

#### Inorganics

- Antimony
- Arsenic
- Beryllium

#### Organics

- 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-Heptachlorodibenzofuran
- 1,2,3,4,6,7,8-Heptachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
- 1,2,3,4,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
- 1,2,3,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
- 1,2,3,7,8,9-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
- 1,2,3,4,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran
- 1,2,3,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran
- 1,2,3,7,8,9-Hexachlorodibenzofuran
- 2,3,4,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran
- 1,2,3,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzofuran
- 2,3,4,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzofuran
- 1,2,3,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
- 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzofuran
- 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin

### Step 3 - Professional Judgment

1           The chemicals listed above were detected above the USEPA Region 9 (2004)  
2 Residential Soil PRG in samples collected from TR-1, TR-2, TR-3, and TR-4 (EP03-  
3 EP07). The majority of these detections above the PRG were from EP06 (TR-1) within  
4 the burn layer. Beryllium was detected above the PRG in the five sample locations  
5 (EP03-EP07) within the burn layer, and two dioxin/furans were detected in EP03 (within  
6 the burn layer) above their PRGs. The chemicals in the bulleted list above were not  
7 detected at concentrations above their corresponding PRG and (if available) background  
8 comparison value in soil boring samples collected adjacent to these three trenches (SB01-  
9 SB04). These chemicals were also not detected above their corresponding PRG and (if  
10 available) background comparison value in samples collected at deeper intervals at the  
11 same locations (EP03-EP07). Therefore the vertical and horizontal extent of  
12 contamination has been adequately characterized and further sampling is not required for  
13 the subsurface interval.

### Other Analytes

14           TPH, nitrocellulose, and 2-hexanone do not have USEPA Region 9 (2004)  
15 Residential Soil PRGs for comparison in Step 2 above. TPH was detected in one  
16 subsurface soil sample at a concentration of 26 mg/Kg in EP01 (Table C.1). Although a  
17 USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential Soil PRG is not available for TPH, this detection in  
18 subsurface soils was over two orders of magnitude less than the Leaking Underground  
19 Storage Tank (LUST) program (UDEQ, 2000) non-risk-based screening value of  
20 10,000 mg/Kg for total recoverable petroleum hydrocarbons. Therefore, the extent of  
21 TPH in subsurface soils has been adequately characterized, and further subsurface soil  
22 sampling is not required for this analyte. In addition, TPH was eliminated from further  
23 consideration in the risk assessment because: 1) specific organic chemical results  
24 (e.g., VOCs and SVOCs) were obtained; and 2) risks and/or hazards are assessed using  
25 chemical-specific toxicity data, and not non-specific results from mixtures such as TPH.

26           The propellant, nitrocellulose, was detected at SWMU-11 in five soil samples  
27 collected at EP02, EP03, EP05, and EP07. A background value and USEPA Region 9  
28 (2004) Residential Soil PRG is not available for nitrocellulose. However, USEPA (2004e  
29 and 2000f) indicates that nitrocellulose is non-toxic. Therefore, additional sampling for



1 nitrocellulose is not recommended, given the non-toxic nature of the substance and the  
2 evidence that the extent of nitrocellulose is likely confined to the trenched areas of  
3 SWMU-11.

4 Three isolated 2-hexanone concentrations were detected in the shallow samples  
5 collected from EP03, EP04, and EP06 (Figure 2.3). This chemical was not detected in  
6 underlying deeper samples collected from EP03 or EP04, nor was it detected in EP02  
7 excavated in the same site feature as EP03 (TR-2) or in SB01 drilled adjacent to TR-2  
8 where EP04 is located. Although the 2-hexanone result from the deeper EP06 interval  
9 was rejected, this chemical was not detected in the shallow or deep samples collected  
10 from EP05, excavated in the same site feature as EP06 (TR-1). Therefore, the extent of  
11 2-hexanone in subsurface soils has been adequately characterized, and additional  
12 sampling for this chemical is not required.

### **Summary of Adequacy of Subsurface Soil Characterization**

13 As presented on Figure 2.1, additional sampling for site characterization is not  
14 required if samples were collected from biased, worst-case locations and if: 1) maximum  
15 site concentrations did not exceed corresponding background comparison values (for  
16 inorganics); 2) maximum site concentrations exceeded corresponding background  
17 comparison values (or background comparison values were not available), but were less  
18 than corresponding USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential Soil PRGs (for inorganics and  
19 organics); and 3) the application of professional judgment and additional lines of  
20 evidence rule out the need for additional sampling.

21 Based on these criteria and as demonstrated above, the nature and extent of  
22 chemicals detected in subsurface soil has been adequately characterized, and additional  
23 subsurface soil sampling is not required.

### **2.2.3.3 Summary of Surface and Subsurface Soil Results**

24 Soil samples were collected from biased, worst-case locations with the greatest  
25 potential for contamination based on field observations and site history (Parsons, 1998  
26 and 1999a). No chemical concentrations in surface soils were above both their  
27 corresponding background value and their USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential Soil PRG  
28 at SWMU-11 (Figures 2.2 and 2.3); therefore, additional sampling is not required for

1 surface soils. A total of 17 chemicals were detected in subsurface soils at concentrations  
2 that exceeded both their corresponding background comparison value and USEPA  
3 Region 9 (2004) Residential Soil PRG. Additional sampling is not required for these  
4 17 chemicals based on the lines of evidence presented in Section 2.2.3.2 for subsurface  
5 soils. Characterization objectives have been achieved at this site based on the criteria  
6 established for this investigation, and further characterization of the nature and extent of  
7 soil contamination is not necessary. An evaluation of potential future soil-to-groundwater  
8 impacts is presented in Section 3.1.6.

9 Results from SWMU-11 surface and subsurface soil samples collected in support  
10 of the radiological survey in accordance with the Final Phase II RCRA Facility  
11 Investigation Work Plan SWMUs 11 and 41 Radiological Survey (Parsons, 2005g) are  
12 summarized in Section 2.2.3.4, with a complete discussion of these results presented in  
13 Appendix F. A site-attribution analysis of the radiological survey results is presented in  
14 Appendix D.

#### **2.2.3.4 Radiological Survey Summary and Material Sample Results**

15 The purpose of this section is to summarize the results of the radiological survey  
16 conducted at SWMU-11 as part of the RFI. Details of the survey and an evaluation of the  
17 survey results are presented in Appendix F. A site-attribution analysis of the radiological  
18 results is presented in Appendix D.

19 Based on the site history, the primary constituents of concern for the radiological  
20 survey were reported to be hydrogen-3 (H-3, or tritium) and carbon-14 (C-14), which are  
21 not expected to persist in the environment. Other radionuclides of concern based on  
22 possible DPG usage were cobalt-60 (Co-60) and radium-226 (Ra-226). The radiological  
23 investigation was conducted over the six trenches and the CONEX container. Based on  
24 site history, visual observations, and geophysical survey results these seven areas  
25 constitute the worst-case locations for potential residual radioactive contamination.

26 The radiological survey was conducted in accordance with the approved  
27 SWMU-11 Radiological Survey Work Plan (see Final Phase II RCRA Facility  
28 Investigation Work Plan, SWMUs 11 and 41 Radiological Survey [Parsons, 2005g]). The

1 results of the surveys conducted at each of the seven areas, TR-1 through TR-6 and the  
2 CONEX container, are summarized below.

3 As part of the SWMU-11 RFI, test pit excavations and grid-based radiation  
4 surveys were conducted initially in December 2005, and radiological surveys were  
5 completed in February 2006. The Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation  
6 Manual (MARSSIM; USNRC, 2001) was used in the method development of the  
7 radiological portion of the RFI at SWMU-11. Due to the potential presence of naturally-  
8 occurring radioactivity that may be present in significant amounts in the environment or  
9 man-made radionuclides that may be present in the environment due to atmospheric  
10 weapons testing, background (i.e., baseline) radiological soil sampling and field  
11 measurements were conducted in a canyon immediately south of SWMU-11 to  
12 distinguish radiation from these potential sources from radiation derived from SWMU-11  
13 activities.

14 Radiological surveys at SWMU-11 identified three waste disposal areas that  
15 contained wastes/debris with above-background levels of radiation. All other surveyed  
16 areas were determined to be similar to background levels and no additional sampling for  
17 radioactivity is required for these areas. The three areas with elevated radiation levels  
18 include:

- 19 • TR-2, where a single piece of radioactive debris (MS01) was found during the  
20 excavation of EP04.
- 21 • TR-6, where multiple buried metal tubes (MS03), drum remnants, and concrete  
22 drum plugs were found during the excavation of EP15.
- 23 • TR-5, an area of drum debris and metal remnants (MS04). TR-5 also contained  
24 three areas where significantly higher levels of radioactivity indicated buried  
25 radioactive sources.

26 Each of these three areas is discussed below.

### **Trench TR-2 (sample MS01)**

27 The results of the grid surveys, soil samples, and test pit screenings at trenches  
28 TR-1, TR-2, and TR-3 show that radiation levels in these trenches are similar to those  
29 measured at the background location. However, during the radiation field screening of  
30 debris excavated from EP04, a small (4-6 inch) piece of debris was found to have  
31 elevated radiation levels. The debris (MS01) was composed of primarily soil with a thin

1 layer of a white to yellowish paint coating or paper-like material on one side. Initial  
 2 gamma spectroscopy analysis of the debris identified uranium-238 and its immediate  
 3 decay progeny thorium-234. Further isotopic analyses from an off-site commercial  
 4 laboratory confirmed that the material had elevated uranium levels. A comparison of  
 5 uranium isotopic ratios indicated that the material had levels of uranium-238 and  
 6 uranium-235 consistent with depleted uranium, even though visually the material did not  
 7 appear to be a metal. Further, the absence of elevated levels of uranium decay series  
 8 progeny such as thorium-230, lead-214, and bismuth-214 suggests that the material was  
 9 not naturally-occurring. (Uranium processed to any degree would have these impurities  
 10 removed, and ingrowth takes longer than the waste was likely buried.) No other waste or  
 11 debris resembling this sample was found during investigative activities at SWMU-11.  
 12 Table 2.4 lists the radiological analytical results for sample MS01 and corresponding  
 13 results from the background soil sampling conducted in the canyon south of SWMU-11.

**TABLE 2.4**  
**SAMPLE RESULTS FOR MS01**  
**SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Analysis</b>	<b>Sample Result (pCi/g)<sup>a/</sup></b>	<b>Average Background (pCi/g)</b>
Gross Alpha	--	1280	35.01
Gross Beta	--	1660	32.12
U-238	Gamma Spectroscopy	217	NR <sup>b/</sup>
Th-234	Gamma Spectroscopy	217	NR
Pa-234m	Gamma Spectroscopy	271	NR
Pb-214	Gamma Spectroscopy	1.39	1.29
Bi-214	Gamma Spectroscopy	1.58	1.32
Th-230	Isotopic Alpha	1.09	NA <sup>c/</sup>
U-234	Isotopic Alpha	32.1	NA
U-235/236	Isotopic Alpha	6.9	NA
U-238	Isotopic Alpha	221	NA

<sup>s/</sup> pCi/g = picocuries per gram.

<sup>b/</sup> NR = analyte not reported in background gamma spectroscopy results (i.e., it was not detected).

<sup>c/</sup> NA = isotopic analysis not used with background samples.

1 MS01 was comprised of the material with above-background radioactivity levels  
2 found in TR-2, and the material was completely removed to produce this sample. Soils  
3 adjacent to MS01 were surveyed for radiation and found to be similar to background  
4 levels. Therefore, based on the radiological grid and test pit screening results, TR-2 is  
5 adequately characterized for radiation and no further sampling is required.

### **TR-6 (sample MS03)**

6 Debris and buried waste was found during the test pit excavation (EP15) of TR-6  
7 located to the west of the CONEX container (Figure 2.3). This burial area was identified  
8 by field crews during a magnetometer sweep of SWMU-11. Debris observed from the  
9 excavation included 12-15 corroded empty metal drums, at least two large concrete  
10 cylinders that were shaped like a 55-gallon metal drum, and numerous small metal tubes,  
11 approximately 8 inches in length and 1.5 inches in diameter (Photographs 2 and 3 in  
12 Appendix B, respectively). The small metal tubes were located at a depth of about 7 ft  
13 bgs, were silver-gray in color, and were filled with a hard, white, wax-like material. The  
14 tubes were found with numerous small, thin metal rods that were threaded on one end and  
15 appeared to fit into or connect to the metal tubes. These tubes were screened with field  
16 instruments for radiation and a limited number of the metal tubes exhibited low levels of  
17 radioactivity. One tube was collected as a material sample (MS03) and was measured  
18 using the field gamma spectroscopy system. The gamma radiation emitted by the MS03  
19 tube shares the primary energy peak with cesium-137 (Cs-137), as seen on Figure 2.4. On  
20 that basis, it was concluded that the tubes contained a Cs-137 source, and it is suspected  
21 that the source may be encased in the white, wax-like material inside the tubes. However,  
22 due to potential radiological hazards associated with the unknown Cs-137 source, the  
23 nature of this source has not been ascertained, and the inner contents of the metal tubes  
24 remain unknown. Likewise, no chemical analysis has yet been performed on the metal  
25 tubes or their contents. The metal drums, concrete-filled drum cores, and small metal rods  
26 did not exhibit detectable levels of radioactivity. Soils underlying the debris were  
27 screened for radiation during the test pitting activity and were found to be at background  
28 levels; therefore, soils within TR-6 have been adequately characterized with respect to  
29 radiation and no additional soil sampling for radioactive contamination is required. The

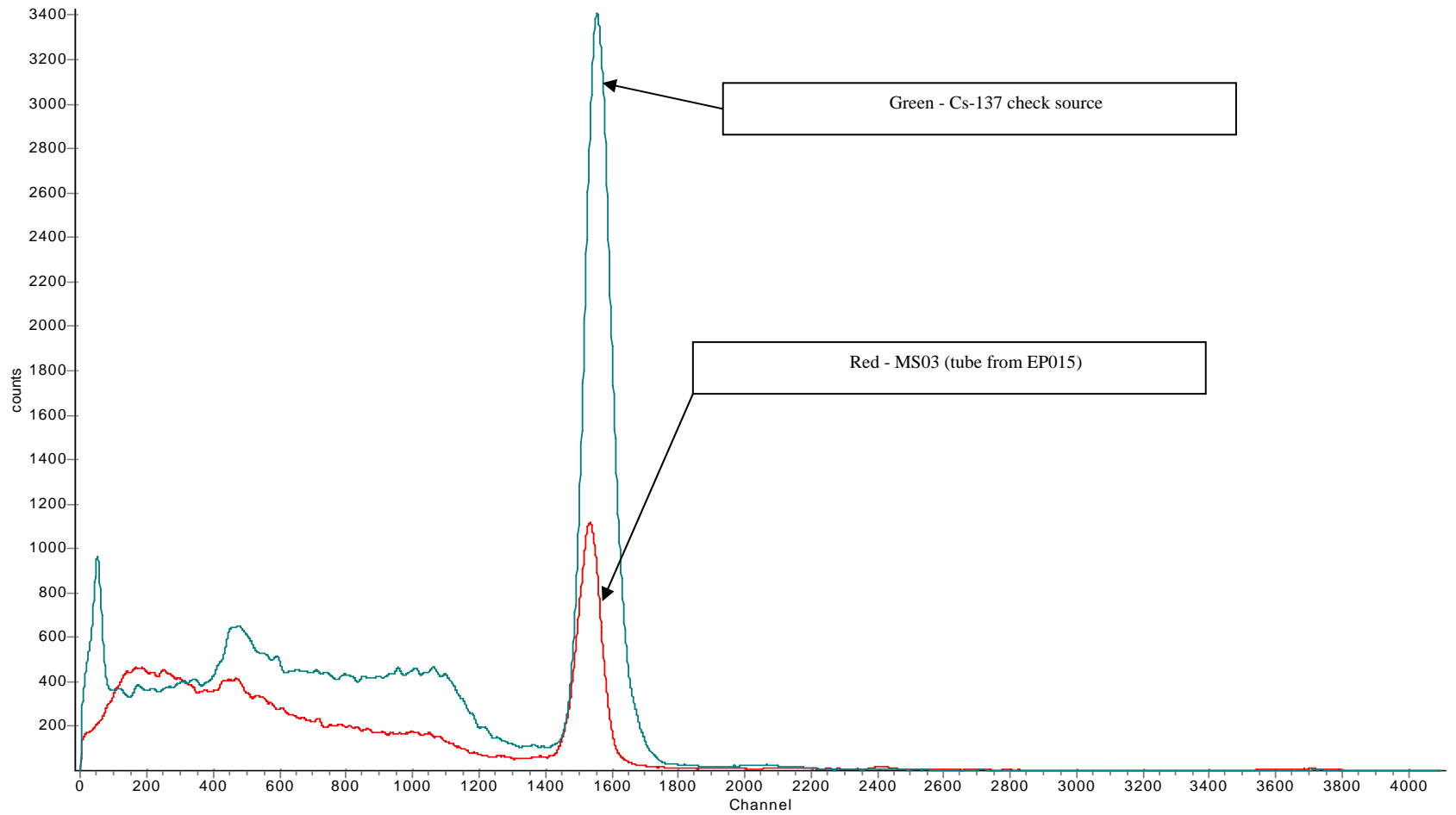


FIGURE 2.4  
**HISTOGRAMS  
SWMU-11  
GAMMA SPECTROSCOPY  
RESULTS, SAMPLE MS03**  
DUGWAY PROVING GROUND RFI

1 waste within TR-6 has been visually described and is presumed to pose a radiological  
2 risk; however, the exact nature of the TR-6 waste is not known because it has not been  
3 conclusively identified. Since this waste is unidentified, it is assumed to pose *a priori*  
4 unacceptable risks and/or hazards based on the types of materials that may be present.

#### **TR-5 Drum Debris and Metal Remnants (sample MS04)**

5 TR-5 is located southeast of the CONEX container (Figure 2.2) and contains  
6 several depressions. Some of the depressions contain metal fragments (apparently drum  
7 remnants) that protrude from ground surface.

8 Radiological field measurements of this area initially identified a small  
9 (approximately 1 ft x 1 ft) point on the ground surface where elevated radiation readings  
10 were observed. This area was also conspicuously devoid of vegetation and was slightly  
11 depressed. Gamma exposure rate measurements taken at this point, using a 2" x 2"  
12 sodium-iodide (NaI) detector, ranged from 420  $\mu\text{R/hr}$  at the center of the area to 50  $\mu\text{R/hr}$   
13 at a distance of 3 ft. Background radiation levels (approximately 30  $\mu\text{R/hr}$ ) were  
14 observed about 6 feet away from this point. Additional field measurements taken directly  
15 over the area with a FIDLER instrument (measuring gamma radiation) showed readings  
16 up to 575,000 counts per minute (cpm). A GM pancake probe (measuring beta radiation)  
17 produced readings of 1,200 cpm. Background radiation levels for these instruments at  
18 SWMU-11 were between 25,000 and 28,000 cpm for the FIDLER and 75 to 125 cpm for  
19 the GM Pancake probe. Field gamma spectroscopy conducted over the area, using the 2"  
20 x 2" NaI detector, revealed a broad peak that was initially interpreted to be consistent  
21 with depleted uranium. Approximately 4-6 inches of soil was scraped from the area with  
22 a shovel and the exposure rate over the spot increased to approximately 2 milliRoentgens  
23 per hour (mR/hr), or about five times that observed prior to soil removal. While  
24 temporarily staged off to the side, the scraped soil itself was scanned with the GM  
25 Pancake and did not exhibit radioactivity above background, indicating that the soil over  
26 the anomalous area is not radioactive itself, but is instead covering a buried radioactive  
27 source under the area. The scraped soil was placed back over the area and radioactivity  
28 returned to the original exposure rate reading of approximately 420  $\mu\text{R/hr}$ . Per the  
29 Parsons' Site Safety and Health Plan (Parsons, 2005h), investigation of this area was

1 terminated because the stop work exposure rate of 500  $\mu\text{R/hr}$  had been exceeded. No  
2 intrusive investigations have been performed at this location. The waste and subsurface  
3 soil at TR-5 remain uncharacterized with respect to radiation, and potential risks and/or  
4 hazards associated with the uncharacterized materials are assumed to be *a priori*  
5 unacceptable.

6 Within TR-5, metal debris with similar gamma spectroscopic characteristics was  
7 observed at a location approximately 25 ft away from the anomalous point and sample  
8 MS04 was collected from this material and analyzed by an off-site commercial  
9 laboratory. Initial results for gross alpha/beta, and gamma spectroscopy analysis from  
10 MS04 indicated only elevated gross beta results, which was not consistent with depleted  
11 uranium. All of the metal was consumed during the analytical process, and no metal  
12 remained to perform additional analyses. Therefore, a second sample was collected at the  
13 same location (MS04A), and additional analyses (including gross alpha/beta, gamma  
14 spectroscopy, isotopic uranium, isotopic thorium, and strontium-90 [Sr-90] analysis)  
15 were performed to further characterize the metal. Results for the two material samples are  
16 presented in Table 2.5 below.

17 The analytical results from MS04 and MS04A are not consistent with depleted  
18 uranium; the gross alpha results are at background levels, and uranium levels, as  
19 indicated by the isotopic analysis, are insignificant. The Sr-90 level detected in MS04A is  
20 consistent with the gross beta level measured in that sample. Sr-90 is a pure beta emitter  
21 with a half-life of 28.6 years. Its decay progeny is yttrium-90 (Y-90) which is also a pure  
22 beta emitter. Because the half-life of Y-90 is very short (64.1 hours) compared to that of  
23 Sr-90, they are in secular equilibrium, and the activity of Y-90 is equal to that of Sr-90.  
24 When the Sr-90 from MS04A is multiplied by two (to account for the presence of Y-90)  
25 and the average background is added, the total is  $199+199+32 = 430$  picocuries per gram  
26 (pCi/g). While this total is not exactly equal to the MS04A gross beta result (481 pCi/g;  
27 Table 2.5), it is within the measurement uncertainty levels.

28 The field measurements (i.e., high gamma results) and field gamma spectroscopy  
29 measurements taken at the anomalous area (discussed above) are also consistent with the  
30 Sr-90 analytical results from MS04A. This can be explained if the beta-emitting



1 radioactive source underlying the anomalous area were shielded inside a metal container,  
2 such as a drum, or if minerals within the soil provided shielding.

**TABLE 2.5**  
**SAMPLE RESULTS FOR MS04 AND MS04A**  
**SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

<b>Analyte</b>	<b>Analysis</b>	<b>Sample Result (pCi/g)<sup>a/</sup></b>	<b>Average Background (pCi/g)</b>
<b>MS04</b>			
Gross Alpha	--	40.5	35.01
Gross Beta	--	840	32.12
Pb-214	Gamma Spectroscopy	1.00	1.29
<b>MS04A</b>			
Gross Alpha	--	41.8	35.01
Gross Beta	--	481	32.12
Pb-214	Gamma Spectroscopy	0.85	1.29
U-234	Isotopic Alpha	0.43	NA <sup>b/</sup>
U-235/236	Isotopic Alpha	ND <sup>c/</sup>	NA
U-238	Isotopic Alpha	0.33	NA
Sr-90	Isotopic Beta	199	NA

<sup>a/</sup> pCi/g = picocuries per gram.

<sup>b/</sup> NA = isotopic analysis not used with background samples.

<sup>c/</sup> ND = nondetected result.

3 Based on the results presented above, the metal (MS04/4A) is a ferrous metal that  
4 has been contaminated with Sr-90, either as an alloy of the metal itself, or more likely, by  
5 surface contamination from another source of Sr-90. Also based on these results the  
6 unidentified radioactive source (or multiple sources) of Sr-90 buried in TR-5 is a similar  
7 material, shielded by ferrous metal. The depth of material in TR-5 is not known;  
8 however, based on the depth of the depressions in the area, material may be present as  
9 close as 1 to 2 ft bgs. Although the area associated with TR-5 has not been completely  
10 characterized with respect to the type and amount of waste present in TR-5, based on  
11 visual observations, site history, and magnetic and/or radiological survey results, the  
12 buried radioactive material is most-likely confined to a small area in TR-5.

13 The NRCs NUREG-1757 (USNRC, 2003) generic soil screening level for Sr-90 is  
14 1.7 pCi/g. This value corresponds to a total effective dose equivalent (TEDE) of

1 25 millirem per year (mrem/yr) to a generic (i.e., non-site-specific) receptor. The MS04A  
2 sample result was 199 pCi/g, and was taken at a location with lower field readings  
3 relative to other readings taken at TR-5. Therefore, Sr-90 contamination throughout TR-5  
4 could be at least at a concentration of 199 pCi/g, and is likely several times that  
5 concentration, especially in the vicinity of the anomalous area. Including the anomalous  
6 area, a total of six discrete locations within TR-5 exhibited elevated radioactivity.  
7 Readings from the other five locations were above background but were of lower  
8 intensity than at the anomalous area. Soils in TR-5 were not sampled, but given the  
9 known mobility of Sr-90 in the environment, the potential exists for Sr-90 contamination  
10 in the soils immediately adjacent to the contaminated drum fragments.

11 In conclusion, TR-5 is likely contaminated with Sr-90 from an unknown source or  
12 sources, at an unknown depth, and in an unknown quantity. The source of the radiation is  
13 most-likely confined to the area of anomalous readings at TR-5.

### **Conclusions of the Radiological Survey**

14 Radiological field and laboratory investigations at SWMU-11 have identified  
15 three areas of concern at the site where above-background radiation has been observed.

16 One of these locations (TR-2) contained only a single, small piece of waste with  
17 detected concentrations of uranium. Uranium isotopic ratios from this debris are  
18 consistent with depleted uranium (Table 2.4). The waste appeared to be non-metallic, but  
19 was coated with what appeared to be white or yellowish paint. No other radioactive  
20 readings or radioactive debris was found in this trench and TR-2 is considered to be  
21 adequately characterized.

22 A previously unknown and unmarked burial pit (TR-6), located to the west of the  
23 CONEX container (Figure 1.2), was excavated for purposes of an environmental field  
24 investigation. Buried debris observed during this excavation included numerous  
25 unidentified small metal tubes several of which exhibited radioactivity consistent with the  
26 presence of Cs-137 (Figure 2.4). Other types of debris were recovered from TR-6, but  
27 these items did not exhibit above-background radiation.

28 Another previously unknown and unmarked backfilled trenched area (TR-5) was  
29 identified southeast of the CONEX container. This area contained metal fragments

1 protruding from the subsurface and a few depressions. Radiological field measurements  
2 and chemical and radiological laboratory analyses of the metal fragments indicate Sr-90  
3 contamination (Table 2.5). A small, localized point on the ground surface, measuring  
4 approximately 1 ft x 1 ft, exhibited very elevated radioactivity, and this anomalous area is  
5 likely underlain by a shielded Sr-90 source. Additional locations within TR-5 exhibited  
6 similar radioactivity to a lesser degree. Based on the overall site radiological survey the  
7 only anomalous known radioactivity of concern at SWMU-11 is the Sr-90 source buried  
8 at TR-5.

#### 2.2.4 Evaluation of Surface Water and Groundwater Analyses

9 Surface water samples were not collected during Phase I or Phase II  
10 investigations. There is no surface water or temporary ponding of water at this site. No  
11 natural erosion marks or evidence of standing water are evident due to the low  
12 precipitation, and no surface water has been observed at this site. There are no defined  
13 drainages, and surface water drainage would locally be to the southwest downgradient of  
14 the Granite Mountain slope.

15 Groundwater samples were not collected at this SWMU. Subsurface soil sampling  
16 results indicate that the vertical extent of soil contamination is confined to the shallow  
17 subsurface (Section 2.2.3.2) in TR-1 through TR-4 and TR-6, where subsurface soil is  
18 characterized. Impacts to groundwater are not expected, based on the lack of vertical  
19 migration of contamination (Figure 2.3), and the estimated depth to groundwater  
20 (approximately 100 ft; Section 2.2.1). Potential future impacts to groundwater were  
21 evaluated based on soil-to-groundwater screening using results from soil samples  
22 collected at SWMU-11, and are discussed in Section 3.1.6.

#### 2.2.5 Vegetation and Wildlife Description

23 Based on observations made during an ecological reconnaissance conducted by  
24 Parsons in July 2003, SWMU-11 is located in the shadscale-gray molly-greasewood  
25 ecological community. Shrubs typifying this community include shadscale (*Atriplex*  
26 *confertifolia*), gray molly (*Kochia americana*), and greasewood (*Sarcobatus*  
27 *vermiculatus*), with sparsely distributed grasses and forbs such as cheat grass (*Bromus*  
28 *secalinus*), clasping pepperweed (*Lepidium perfoliatum*), and halogeton (*Halogeton*

1 *glomeratus*). Fifty- to 60-percent of the affected area is vegetated. Plants identified at the  
2 site included cheat grass, greasewood, and halogeton. The least chipmunk (*Tamias*  
3 *minimus*), deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*), and chisel-toothed kangaroo rat  
4 (*Dipodomys microps*) are the principal rodents that inhabit this community, and an  
5 occasional white-tailed antelope squirrel (*Ammospermophilus leucurus*) or Townsend's  
6 ground squirrel (*Spermophilus townsendii*) may occur.

## 2.3 CONTAMINATION ASSESSMENT

7 The primary objectives of Section 2 were to: 1) present the results of the RFI;  
8 2) determine if adequate sampling was conducted to characterize the nature and extent of  
9 radioactivity and chemicals detected in site media; and 3) provide data to support a site-  
10 attribution analysis for risk assessment (Appendix D), and if necessary, a risk assessment  
11 (Section 3). In accordance with the general sampling approach, soil samples were  
12 collected from worst-case biased locations. Additional soil sampling is not required at  
13 SWMU-11 based on the evaluation of site data, which was performed in accordance with  
14 Figure 2.1 (reproduced from Figure 6.1 of the Background Metals Report [Parsons,  
15 2001a]). A localized area of highly elevated radioactivity is present at TR-5. Due to the  
16 hazards associated with this area intrusive activities were not completed, and the waste  
17 present in TR-5 is uncharacterized. In the absence of soil sampling at this site feature,  
18 surface and subsurface soil is also uncharacterized. Surface soil at TR-6 is similarly  
19 uncharacterized, and the waste in this trench is unidentified. The potential risks and/or  
20 hazards to human and ecological receptors associated with these uncharacterized and  
21 unidentified materials are assumed to be *a priori* unacceptable (Section 2.3.1).

22 Inorganics and one dioxin were detected in SWMU-11 surface soil samples. None  
23 of these chemicals were detected in surface soil samples at concentrations in excess of  
24 both background comparison values and USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential Soil PRGs.  
25 Additional sampling is not required for any chemicals in surface soils based on a  
26 comparison of maximum detected site concentrations to background comparison values  
27 and USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential Soil PRGs, and professional judgment, in  
28 accordance with Figure 2.1.

1           Select VOCs, SVOCs, dioxins/furans, explosives, and inorganics as well as TPH  
2 were detected in subsurface soil samples at SWMU-11. A total of 17 chemicals were  
3 detected in subsurface soil samples at concentrations in excess of both corresponding  
4 background comparison values (if available) and USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential  
5 Soil PRGs. A background comparison value or PRG is not available for TPH,  
6 nitrocellulose, or 2-hexanone. Additional sampling is not required for TPH,  
7 nitrocellulose, 2-hexanone, or the other 17 chemicals based on the lines of evidence  
8 presented in Section 2.2.3.2, nor is additional sampling required for any other chemicals  
9 detected in subsurface soils based on a comparison of maximum detected site  
10 concentrations to background comparison values and USEPA Region 9 (2004)  
11 Residential Soil PRGs, and professional judgment, in accordance with Figure 2.1.

12           The radiological survey conducted at SWMU-11 targeted areas with the greatest  
13 potential for residual radioactive contamination, and the results indicated that there were  
14 three areas of elevated radiation based on a comparison with background and/or  
15 screening values. Two of these areas were associated with materials that were present in  
16 TR-2 and TR-6, but soils surrounding these materials were at background radiation  
17 levels. The radioactive material in TR-2 was removed during sampling and no further  
18 radioactive material above background was found in this feature. TR-6 contains various  
19 types of debris including unidentified small metal tubes which have low levels of  
20 radioactivity consistent with Cs-137. The third area (TR-5) has highly elevated radiation  
21 levels, and due to the unknown hazards associated with this area intrusive activities were  
22 not completed, and the waste and subsurface soil present in TR-5 are uncharacterized  
23 with respect to radiation. The potential risks and/or hazards to human and ecological  
24 receptors associated with the uncharacterized materials are assumed to be *a priori*  
25 unacceptable. All other areas of SWMU-11 are considered to be adequately characterized  
26 with respect to radiological constituents, and further investigation is not required.

27           Nature and extent investigation objectives for the RFI at this site (presented in  
28 Section 2.1) have been achieved based on the criteria established for the investigation.

## 2.4 RECOMMENDATIONS

1           Select organics, inorganics, and radionuclides were detected at SWMU-11 during  
2 the Phase II RFI; therefore, a site-attribution analysis (Section 3.1.3.1; Appendix D) and a  
3 risk assessment (human health and ecological; Section 3) are recommended for soil in  
4 accordance with UAC R315-101 (DSHW, 2001). An evaluation of potential future  
5 impacts to groundwater is also recommended (Section 3.1.6) based on soil sampling  
6 results. As discussed in Section 2.2.3, the nature and extent investigation objectives for  
7 soils have been achieved based on the criteria established for this investigation (refer to  
8 Section 3.1.6 for an analysis of future soil-to-groundwater impacts), and further  
9 characterization of the nature and extent of soil contamination is not required.

10           Potential risks associated with the uncharacterized surface and subsurface soils  
11 and the uncharacterized and unidentified waste at the site are addressed in the CMS Work  
12 Plan, which is presented in Section 4 of this addendum in accordance with the Corrective  
13 Action Module of the Part B Permit (US Army, 2001a).

## SECTION 3.0

### HUMAN HEALTH AND ECOLOGICAL RISK

#### ASSESSMENT RESULTS

1 As described in the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a), one of the  
2 steps of a Phase II RFI includes an evaluation of the risks associated with potential  
3 hazardous waste releases at a site. SWMU-11 has been identified as a landfill site type  
4 based on available site history and Phase I and Phase II observations that indicate the  
5 presence of buried wastes (Section 2.1).

6 During field measurements, radiation levels greater than the Parsons' Health and  
7 Safety stop work limit of 500  $\mu$ R/hr were encountered at the surface interval of TR-5.  
8 Based on geophysical and radiological field measurements of the surface, the radioactive  
9 source is most likely confined to the subsurface of TR-5. Given the safety concerns for  
10 encountering highly radioactive materials, intrusive activities were not conducted at this  
11 site feature and surface or subsurface soil samples were not collected for chemical  
12 analysis at TR-5; therefore, these soils as well as the waste buried in TR-5 are considered  
13 uncharacterized (Section 2.1.3).

14 One material sample was collected and analyzed for radiation from metal  
15 fragments collected at the surface of TR-5. The confirmation results for this sample were  
16 used to identify the potential radioactive source buried within TR-5. Based on evidence  
17 presented in Section 2.2.3.4 the radioactive source was determined to mostly likely be Sr-  
18 90, which has a half-life of 28.6 years. Since the amount and extent of this contamination  
19 are not known, and buried waste and subsurface soil could not be accessed for  
20 radiological evaluation, risks associated with exposure to this radionuclide cannot be  
21 quantified, and these materials are considered uncharacterized (Section 2.1.3).

22 Potential risks and/or hazards associated with exposure to the uncharacterized  
23 surface soil, subsurface soil, and buried waste at TR-5 are assumed to be *a priori*  
24 unacceptable based on the types of materials that may be present.

25 Although the wastes within TR-6 have been visually described, the nature and  
26 extent of these wastes are unknown since they have not been conclusively identified

1 (Section 2.1.3). Therefore, exposure to the unidentified waste within TR-6 is also  
2 assumed *a priori* to pose unacceptable risks. Note however, subsurface soils potentially  
3 impacted by the uncharacterized waste within TR-6 have been characterized and the  
4 surface soils have also been characterized for radiological constituents. However, surface  
5 soil samples were not collected and analyzed for chemical constituents at TR-6, and are  
6 therefore considered uncharacterized for these components and assumed *a priori* to pose  
7 unacceptable risks (Section 2.1.3). Since the subsurface soils within the waste at TR-6  
8 have been sampled, these analytical results were incorporated into the risk assessment.

9 This risk assessment was not conducted to assess the cumulative effects of  
10 potential exposure to both the uncharacterized/unidentified materials and to the chemicals  
11 of potential concern (COPCs) detected in characterized soils. Rather, the objective of the  
12 risk assessment was to assess risks and hazards associated with exposure to COPCs in  
13 characterized soils in order to determine if remedial strategies also need to include the  
14 characterized soils. This is an important distinction for resource managers who may need  
15 to consider the characterized soils during decision making for remedial or mitigative  
16 strategies. Potential receptor exposure and risks associated with the radioactive  
17 contamination at SWMU-11 are discussed in Section 3.2.4 and detailed in Appendix F.

18 Direct sampling of surface soil at TR-5 and TR-6, as well as the contents of TR-5  
19 and the underlying subsurface soil could not be conducted due to the presence of  
20 uncharacterized or unidentified waste containing radioactive or potentially radioactive  
21 materials (Section 2.1.3); therefore, a risk assessment per UAC R315-101 (DSHW, 2001)  
22 was not completed for the uncharacterized and unidentified materials in these two  
23 trenches. Potential risks and/or hazards associated with the uncharacterized and  
24 unidentified materials are assumed *a priori* to be unacceptable based on the types of  
25 materials that may be present. Therefore, potential exposure to the uncharacterized and  
26 unidentified materials in TR-5 and TR-6 should be prevented.

27 Direct sampling and characterization of impacts to SWMU-11 soils were  
28 conducted on surface and/or subsurface soils at all site features with the exception of  
29 surface and subsurface soils at TR-5 and surface soil at TR-6. Per Section 2.1.2, surface  
30 soil and subsurface soil at all site features where direct sampling was conducted (i.e.,  
31 surface soil with the exception of TR-5 and TR-6, and subsurface soil with the exception



1 of TR-5) is considered to be adequately characterized since soil samples were collected  
2 from biased “worst-case” locations with the greatest potential for contamination based on  
3 previous sampling results (where available), field observations, and site history (Parsons,  
4 1999a and 2000b).

5 Accounting for the *a priori* assumption that exposure to  
6 uncharacterized/unidentified wastes and/or uncharacterized soils at TR-5 and TR-6  
7 should be avoided, the objectives of the human risk assessment (HRA) and ecological  
8 risk assessment (ERA) were to:

- 9 • Assess potential risks and hazards from exposure to chemicals and/or radiation in  
10 characterized surface/subsurface soils
- 11 • Support an evaluation under the CMS task to determine if remedial strategies  
12 need to include the characterized surface/subsurface soils

13 Detailed analysis methods and exposure assumptions used to assess potential  
14 human and ecological risks/hazards associated with exposure to contaminants are  
15 described in the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a), and are consistent with  
16 UAC R315-101: Cleanup Action and Risk-Based Closure Standards (DSHW, 2001). The  
17 state of Utah DSHW staff have reviewed and approved multiple versions of the Risk  
18 Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a) in order to ensure that risk- and rule-based  
19 decision criteria reflect a consensus among interested parties (e.g., state regulators and  
20 DPG). Any modifications of the methodologies and/or exposure assumptions are  
21 described herein; otherwise, the reader is referred to the Risk Assumptions Document  
22 (Parsons, 2002a). This human and ecological risk assessment was generated November  
23 2006 using current chemical-specific PRGs, toxicity data and toxicity reference values  
24 (TRVs), and a facility-specific value for the fraction of organic carbon in soil ( $f_{oc}$ ) of 0.02  
25 Kg organic carbon per Kg soil (2-percent) (Shaw, 2003).

26 Appendix F presents an analysis of potential exposure and hazards from  
27 radioactive materials present at SWMU-11. Field measurements and confirmation  
28 samples were compared with background measurements and dose-based screening levels  
29 (i.e. generic NUREG-1757 Volume 2 soil screening levels), respectively, to evaluate the  
30 potential impacts to human health from residual radioactive material at the site.

### 3.1 SHARED HRA/ERA PROTOCOLS AND RESULTS

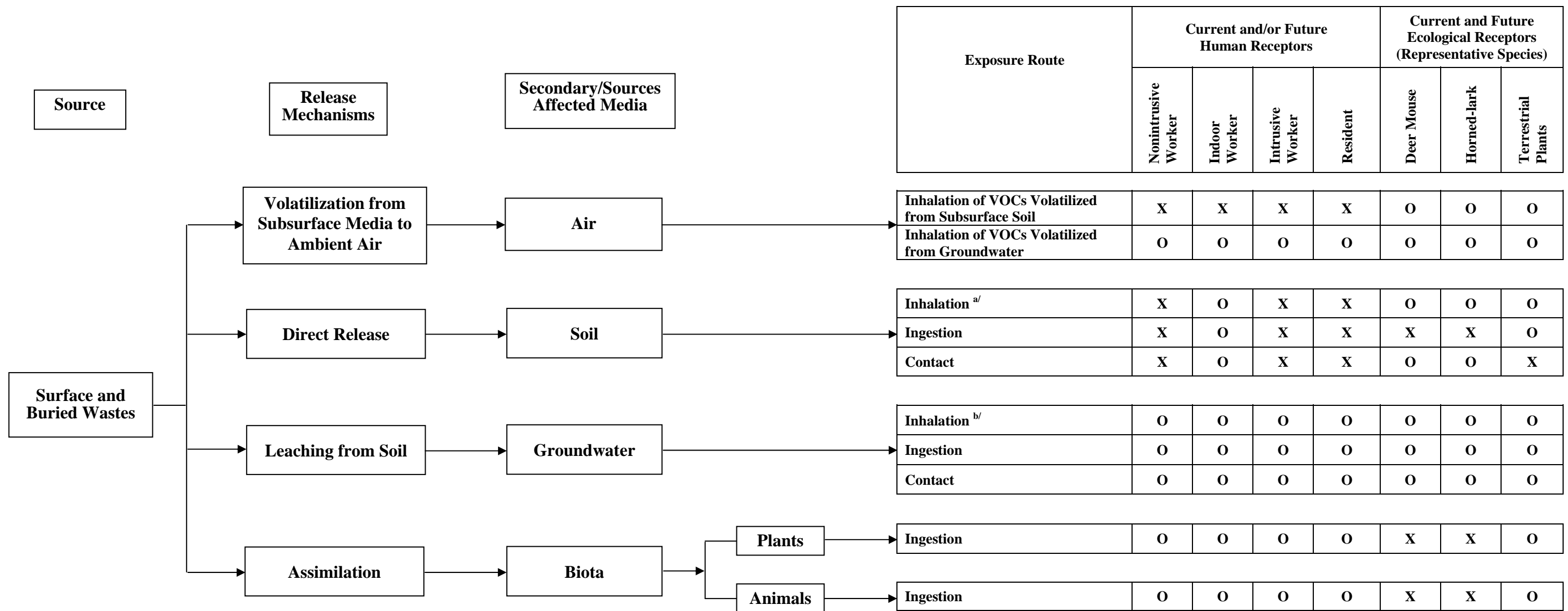
1           Although there are separate methods for the HRA (Section 3.2) and ERA  
2 (Section 3.3), the purpose of this section is to discuss the protocols and results common  
3 to both assessments. Chemicals of potential concern (COPCs) are defined as the potential  
4 site-related chemicals from Appendix D that have been retained for analysis in the HRA  
5 and ERA. Chemicals of concern (COCs) are those identified for potential consideration  
6 in a CMS based on the results of the HRA and ERA. Exposure to radioactive materials is  
7 addressed in Section 3.2.4 and detailed in Appendix F.

#### 3.1.1 Conceptual Site Model

8           The site-specific conceptual site model (CSM) for SWMU-11, developed based  
9 on the results of the Phase I and II investigations (see Section 2), is shown on Figure 3.1.  
10 Potential contaminant sources, release mechanisms, and affected media are discussed in  
11 Section 2. Current and future land-use scenarios, potential receptors, and the exposure  
12 pathways used in estimating risks and hazards are summarized in the following  
13 subsections.

##### 3.1.1.1 Land-Use Scenarios

14           SWMU-11 has been identified as a landfill site-type based on the presence of  
15 buried waste and site history and is located on the east side of Granite Mountain  
16 (Figure 1.1; Section 1.2). SWMU-11 is located within area of concern (AOC) 1 in the  
17 RCRA Part B Permit (US Army, 2001a). These AOCs were identified as impact ranges  
18 or test areas based on historical land use. Current land use at SWMU-11 was assumed to  
19 be industrial (Parsons, 2002a). Future residential land use and building on the site is not  
20 expected and land use will likely be restricted to activities consistent with an industrial  
21 closure as defined in UAC R315-101 (DSHW, 2001) due to: 1) the presence of  
22 uncharacterized waste containing radioactive material; 2) the remote location; 3) the  
23 active status of the DPG installation and AOC 1, where SWMU-11 is located; and 4) the  
24 base Summary Development Plan (AGEISS and HBA, 2000), which summarizes future  
25 property development at DPG. Although current and reasonably expected future land use  
26 likely will remain industrial, future residential land use was also considered when  
27 screening available data in order to determine: 1) if soils meet UAC R315-101 (DSHW,



Legend:

X = Pathway evaluated quantitatively in the HRA and ERA or, for human receptors, other risk predictions encompass and are protective of the potential receptor's exposures.

O = Pathway evaluated qualitatively and determined to be incomplete and/or insignificant.

<sup>a/</sup> Inhalation of VOCs/Particulates from the mixed soil interval (0-10 ft bgs).

<sup>b/</sup> Inhalation of VOCs volatilized from groundwater during domestic use.

FIGURE 3.1  
**CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL FOR RECEPTOR EXPOSURE PATHWAYS AT SWMU-11**  
 DUGWAY PROVING GROUND RFI

1 2001) no further action (NFA) requirements; and 2) if further risk calculations would be  
2 necessary under an industrial land-use scenario. Corrective action objectives, screening of  
3 corrective action technologies, corrective measures alternatives, or remedial options will  
4 be assessed during a CMS, if warranted, for both industrial and residential land use.

5 The degree to which land management activities alter the natural environment  
6 affects the composition of biological resources and potential ecological receptors present  
7 at a site. The natural environment has been altered by the use of the site for waste  
8 disposal. However, the inactive status of the site has resulted in some re-establishment of  
9 vegetation at disturbed areas and use of the site by wildlife. The natural environment may  
10 be disturbed further by the implementation of future corrective measures or institutional  
11 controls (e.g., capping or fencing) that may be required to mitigate potential hazards  
12 associated with buried wastes.

### 3.1.1.2 Potential Receptors

13 Consistent with USEPA (1989a and 1995a) guidance, current and reasonably  
14 anticipated future land uses were considered when selecting potential receptors for  
15 evaluation in the risk assessment. Screening-level risks and hazards from exposure to site  
16 related chemicals were estimated for a hypothetical resident using maximum detected  
17 concentrations from soil samples and USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential PRGs.  
18 Screening-level cancer risk from exposure to radiation was evaluated using the NRC  
19 guidance for unrestricted land use (Appendix F). Residential land use is hypothetical and  
20 unlikely to be allowed, however, residential screening-level risks and hazards were  
21 calculated to determine: 1) if characterized soils meet UAC R315-101 (DSHW, 2001)  
22 NFA requirements; and 2) if further risk calculations would be necessary under an  
23 industrial land-use scenario. Residential risks from potential exposure to radiation were  
24 also assessed by using generic NUREG-1757 Volume 2 soil screening levels to determine  
25 if characterized soils meet NFA for radiological components. Site-specific risk-based  
26 screening levels were not necessary at SWMU-11 based on the results and lines of  
27 evidence presented in Appendix F. In addition to the hypothetical resident, the following  
28 potential receptors were evaluated in the human-health risk assessment:

- 29 • Current/future nonintrusive site workers (industrial and/or military)

- 1 • Future intrusive workers (e.g., construction workers or workers that install/repair  
2 utility lines)
- 3 • Future indoor worker (for inhalation of VOCs volatilized into indoor air from  
4 subsurface media)

5 Although a portion of DPG is open to limited hunting, permit requirements  
6 restrict hunting to designated areas away from SWMU-11. In addition, the site is located  
7 in an area that is monitored by DPG range control. Therefore, potential exposure to site-  
8 related chemicals and radioactive material by hunters is not likely. Potential exposure of  
9 livestock ranchers also is unlikely because of access restrictions. In addition, the exposure  
10 (and subsequent risk) for hunters and livestock ranchers would be less than that of an  
11 industrial worker due to the reduced exposure frequency. Although a trespasser scenario  
12 is possible, a trespasser's exposure would also be less than that of an industrial worker.  
13 As such, assessment of industrial worker exposures encompasses potential exposures that  
14 a hunter, livestock rancher, or trespasser might encounter and potential exposure and  
15 subsequent risks to these receptors were not evaluated quantitatively.

16 The "default" nonintrusive industrial worker (Parsons, 2002a) was evaluated for  
17 potential exposure to site-related COPCs. This site is located more than 0.5 mile from the  
18 Carr and Ditto facilities (Section 1.2); therefore, a remote site worker (Parsons, 2002a)  
19 was also evaluated, rather than a Carr/Ditto perimeter worker. Risks to industrial workers  
20 from potential exposure to radiation were not estimated since radiation levels in  
21 characterized soils were similar to background or met NFA criteria (see Appendix F).

22 Based on observations made during a 2003 ecological reconnaissance of DPG,  
23 potential wildlife receptors evaluated were selected from the list of representative,  
24 facility-wide receptors presented in the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a).  
25 Vegetation was considered a representative receptor for this site because primary  
26 productivity is a vital ecological component, and vegetation is an important component of  
27 habitat for wildlife receptors. No special-status species of wildlife or plants were  
28 identified at or near the site. Based on the foraging ranges for those wildlife species  
29 considered to be representative of the ecology at DPG (Parsons, 2002a) and the size of  
30 the affected area of soil (3.4 acres; Section 1.2), only the deer mouse (*Peromyscus*  
31 *maniculatus*) and horned lark (*Eremophila alpestris*) conceivably could contact the

1 affected area of the SWMU to a great enough extent as to receive appreciable exposures  
2 to site-related COPCs.

3 The following were selected as representative receptors for evaluation in the  
4 ERA:

- 5 • Deer mouse population
- 6 • Horned lark population
- 7 • Terrestrial plant community

8 The animal receptors are non-domesticated wildlife that may reasonably be  
9 expected to occur at the SWMU given the current and anticipated future site conditions.  
10 The plant community is an integral ecological component as well as serving as a potential  
11 conduit for exposures of herbivorous wildlife. When considered in conjunction with  
12 plants and invertebrates as biotransfer media, the selected wildlife receptors are  
13 representative of the food web in the site area. Habitat requirements, dietary  
14 requirements, and behavioral traits for each of the representative wildlife receptors at  
15 DPG are presented in the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a).

### 3.1.1.3 Potential Exposure Pathways

16 Potentially complete exposure pathways to human and ecological receptors are  
17 summarized on Figure 3.1. Available data from two soil exposure intervals, 0-0.5 ft bgs  
18 (i.e., surface soil interval) and 0-10 ft bgs (i.e., mixed soil interval), were used to estimate  
19 exposures to chemicals in soil. A discussion of receptor-specific exposure intervals for  
20 soil has been included in the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a) and is not  
21 repeated here.

22 The following exposure pathways were evaluated quantitatively in the risk  
23 assessment:

- 24 • Incidental ingestion of soil (human and ecological [bird and mammal] receptors)
- 25 • Contact with soil (human and ecological [plant] receptors)
- 26 • Inhalation of dusts/volatiles from soils (human receptors)
- 27 • Ingestion of biota exposed to contaminated soil (ecological [bird and mammal]  
28 receptors)
- 29 • Inhalation of VOCs volatilized from subsurface soil into indoor air (human  
30 receptors)

1 Wildlife exposures to COPCs in soil via inhalation (of volatiles or dust) and  
2 dermal contact were not evaluated quantitatively in the ERA. Since there is a general  
3 paucity of toxicological data for chemicals via inhalation and dermal-contact exposure  
4 routes for free-ranging wildlife, hazard estimates for these routes would not support  
5 defensible or effective decision-making due to a high degree of uncertainty. Since there  
6 are few phytotoxicity benchmarks in the available technical literature that are relevant to  
7 plants in arid environments, and since plant responses to chemicals in soil are influenced  
8 by site-specific conditions (e.g. soil characteristics, climate, moisture), quantitatively  
9 assessing risk to plants from contaminant concentrations has high uncertainty.  
10 Nonetheless, potential effects to plants were quantitatively evaluated in the ERA  
11 (Section 3.3).

12 Volatilization of chemicals from subsurface soil into outdoor air, and subsequent  
13 inhalation would not be quantified due to the uncharacterized nature of subsurface in TR-  
14 5, as discussed in the uncertainties section (Section 3.4). Inhalation of outdoor fugitive  
15 dust was evaluated with the exception of the uncharacterized surface soils at TR-5 and  
16 TR-6.

17 Risks and hazards from an outdoor intrusive and nonintrusive workers' exposures  
18 via the subsurface-to-outdoor air inhalation pathway for the characterized portion of the  
19 site would be less than that of an indoor worker since: 1) all receptors would be exposed  
20 to potential site-related chemicals volatilized from subsurface soil; 2) the exposure  
21 frequencies and duration for intrusive and nonintrusive workers are less than that of an  
22 indoor worker; and 3) chemicals volatilized from subsurface media disperse more readily  
23 in outdoor air than indoor air, reducing concentrations of COPCs in the outdoor air  
24 breathing zone. Therefore, assessment of indoor worker exposures encompasses potential  
25 nonintrusive and intrusive worker exposures, and potential exposure and subsequent risks  
26 to these receptors via inhalation of VOCs volatilized from subsurface media were not  
27 evaluated in the HRA.

28 Future ingestion of, and dermal contact with, shallow groundwater by intrusive  
29 workers were assumed incomplete and/or insignificant exposure pathways because for  
30 the dermal contact pathway, depth to groundwater (~100 ft bgs; Section 2.2.1) is greater

1 than 10 ft bgs, preventing contact by human and ecological receptors (Parsons, 2002a).  
2 Groundwater was not sampled during the RFI at this site.

#### 3.1.1.4 Potential Exposure Areas

3 The portion of the site potentially affected by past activities covers approximately  
4 3.4 acres (Section 1.2) and is comprised of three backfilled trenches, three open trenches,  
5 and a CONEX container. The site's affected area was adopted as the direct exposure area  
6 for potential nonintrusive workers and ecological receptor contact with COPCs in surface  
7 soil, and the characterized features of the site were adopted as the direct exposure area for  
8 the intrusive worker and ecological (plant) receptor contact with COPCs in mixed soil.  
9 The affected area was also used to define the exposure areas for indirect exposures to soil  
10 COPCs via ingestion of vegetation and prey.

#### 3.1.2 Evaluation of Analytical Data for Usability

11 The usability of Phase I and II soil and groundwater data for risk assessment was  
12 reviewed as described in the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a). The  
13 location, number/type, and results for soil samples collected during Phases I and II have  
14 been discussed in Section 2. A data quality assessment was conducted on the Phase II  
15 confirmation analytical data and is presented in Section 2.2.2. The result of this  
16 assessment concluded that the data were suitable for decision-making purposes, including  
17 human and ecological risk assessment. Soil analytical results are provided in Appendix C.  
18 Soil sampling locations, depths, and dates for the data used to assess risks/hazards from  
19 potential exposure of human and ecological receptors are summarized in Appendix D.  
20 The results of the risk assessment data usability review (e.g., number of "R"-qualified  
21 records removed) and summary statistics (e.g., frequencies of detection and ranges of  
22 detected concentrations) for soil samples used in the risk assessment are provided in  
23 Appendix D.

#### 3.1.3 Identification of Preliminary COPCs

24 Chemicals detected in the 0-0.5 ft bgs and the 0-10 ft bgs soil intervals  
25 (Attachment 2, Appendix D) were eliminated or retained as preliminary COPCs for soil  
26 based on one or more of the following steps (Parsons, 2002a):

- 27
- Site-attribution analysis



- 1 • Essential nutrient screen
- 2 • Risk-based toxicity screen

3 Chemicals that were 100-percent non-detect (ND) were eliminated from further  
4 quantitative consideration. The adequacy of detection limits for target analytes that were  
5 not detected has been addressed in the state-approved work plan (Parsons, 1998). Non-  
6 detect chemicals in soil samples with MDLs that were greater than USEPA Region 9  
7 (2004) Residential Soil PRGs are discussed in Appendix C and in the uncertainty analysis  
8 (Section 3.4).

9 Radiation detected in the 0-0.5 ft bgs and the 0-10 ft bgs soil intervals was  
10 determined to be either elevated compared to background or similar to background for  
11 soil based on the site attribution analysis presented in Appendix F and summarized in  
12 Appendix D.

### 3.1.3.1 Site-Attribution Analysis

13 The methodologies for conducting the chemical site-attribution analysis for risk  
14 assessment have been described elsewhere (Parsons, 2001a and 2002a) and are not  
15 repeated here. The comparison of radiation screening measurements to background levels  
16 is discussed in Appendix F.

17 The risk assessment site-attribution analysis for chemicals detected in soil is  
18 provided in Appendix D. All organics that were detected in soils were assumed to be the  
19 potential result of site activities and were retained as preliminary COPCs (Parsons,  
20 2002a). The initial list of potential site-related chemical analytes in surface and mixed-  
21 soil intervals is shown in Table 3.1, and was based on the results of the site-attribution  
22 analysis for risk assessment (Appendix D).

### 3.1.3.2 Essential-Nutrient Analysis

23 Calcium, iron, magnesium, and sodium are essential nutrients which were  
24 detected above their background comparison values in the mixed soil interval at  
25 SWMU-11. Calcium and sodium were detected in soil at maximum concentrations of  
26 500,000 and 23,000 mg/Kg, respectively; however, these nutrients are considered non-  
27 toxic and were eliminated from further consideration as preliminary COPCs. Iron was  
28 detected in soil at a maximum concentration of 32,000 mg/Kg, which is below its

1 corresponding essential-nutrient soil screening level of 200,000 mg/Kg (Parsons, 2002a).  
 2 Magnesium was detected in soil at a maximum concentration of 110,000 mg/Kg, which is  
 3 below its corresponding essential-nutrient soil screening level of 550,000 mg/Kg  
 4 (Parsons, 2002a). Therefore, iron and magnesium were eliminated from further  
 5 consideration as preliminary COPCs.

TABLE 3.1

**PRELIMINARY CHEMICALS OF POTENTIAL CONCERN  
 IN SURFACE AND MIXED SOILS FOR RISK ASSESSMENT  
 SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

<b>Surface (0-0.5 ft bgs)<sup>af</sup> Soil Interval</b>	<b>Mixed (0-10 ft bgs) Soil Interval</b>	<b>Subsurface (&gt;0.5 ft bgs) Soil Interval</b>
Octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin	Acenaphthene	Acenaphthene
Beryllium	Acenaphthylene	Acenaphthylene
Boron	Acetone	Acetone
Magnesium	Benzene	Benzene
Molybdenum	Ethylbenzene	Ethylbenzene
Silver	2-Hexanone	2-Hexanone
	Methyl Ethyl Ketone (2-Butanone)	Methyl Ethyl Ketone (2-Butanone)
	Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (4-Methyl-2-Pentanone)	Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (4-Methyl-2-Pentanone)
	2-Methylnaphthalene	2-Methylnaphthalene
	Naphthalene	Naphthalene
	Phenanthrene	Phenanthrene
	Styrene	Styrene
	Toluene	Toluene
	o-Xylene (1,2-Dimethylbenzene)	o-Xylene (1,2-Dimethylbenzene)
	m,p-Xylene (Sum Of Isomers)	m,p-Xylene (Sum Of Isomers)
	Benzyl Alcohol	Benzyl Alcohol
	Fluoranthene	Fluoranthene
	Pyrene	Pyrene
	Dibenzofuran	Dibenzofuran
	1,2,3,4,6,7,8-Heptachlorodibenzofuran	1,2,3,4,6,7,8-Heptachlorodibenzofuran
	1,2,3,4,7,8,9-Heptachlorodibenzofuran	1,2,3,4,7,8,9-Heptachlorodibenzofuran
	1,2,3,4,6,7,8-Heptachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin	1,2,3,4,6,7,8-Heptachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin

TABLE 3.1 (CONTINUED)

**PRELIMINARY CHEMICALS OF POTENTIAL CONCERN  
IN SURFACE AND MIXED SOILS FOR RISK ASSESSMENT  
SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

<b>Mixed (0-10 ft bgs) Soil Interval</b>	<b>Subsurface (&gt;0.5 ft bgs) Soil Interval</b>
1,2,3,4,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin	1,2,3,4,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
1,2,3,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin	1,2,3,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
1,2,3,7,8,9-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin	1,2,3,7,8,9-Hexachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
1,2,3,4,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran	1,2,3,4,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran
1,2,3,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran	1,2,3,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran
1,2,3,7,8,9-Hexachlorodibenzofuran	1,2,3,7,8,9-Hexachlorodibenzofuran
2,3,4,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran	2,3,4,6,7,8-Hexachlorodibenzofuran
Octachlorodibenzofuran	Octachlorodibenzofuran
Octachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin	Octachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
1,2,3,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzofuran	1,2,3,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzofuran
2,3,4,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzofuran	2,3,4,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzofuran
1,2,3,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin	1,2,3,7,8-Pentachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzofuran	2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzofuran
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin	2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin
Nitroglycerin	Nitroglycerin
Antimony	Antimony
Arsenic	Arsenic
Barium	Barium
Beryllium	Beryllium
Boron	Boron
Cadmium	Cadmium
Calcium	Calcium
Chromium, Total	Chromium, Total
Copper	Copper
Iron	Iron
Lead	Lead
Magnesium	Mercury
Mercury	Molybdenum
Molybdenum	Silver
Silver	Sodium
Sodium	Zinc
Zinc	

<sup>a/</sup> ft bgs = Feet below ground surface.

### 3.1.3.3 Risk-Based Toxicity Screening

1 Risk-based toxicity screening differs for the HRAs and ERAs and is discussed in  
2 Sections 3.2 and 3.3, respectively.

### 3.1.4 Acute Exposure and Toxicity

3 Given the presence of radioactivity within TR-5 and the unknown risks associated  
4 with the unidentified waste in TR-6 (Section 2), there is the potential for acute exposure  
5 to human and ecological receptors. Therefore, risks and hazards from exposure to the  
6 buried waste are assumed to be unacceptable *a priori*, and exposure should be prevented.  
7 Exposure from uncharacterized soils in TR-5 and TR-6, which are also assumed to  
8 present *a priori* unacceptable risks and hazards, should also be prevented. Acute toxic  
9 effects are not expected from exposure to characterized soil at SWMU-11 because  
10 hazardous levels of radioactivity, UXO, CWM, and OE debris were not anticipated  
11 (based on site history; Section 1.2) or observed (during field operations; Section 2.1) in  
12 the characterized surface and mixed soils.

### 3.1.5 Exposure-Point Concentrations

13 Chemical exposure-point concentrations (EPCs) for surface soil (0-0.5 ft bgs) and  
14 mixed soil (0-10 ft bgs) were calculated using the approach described in the 2006 Draft  
15 Attachment 7 of the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a). Maximum detected  
16 concentrations of preliminary COPCs in the 0-10 ft bgs interval and EPCs for surface and  
17 mixed-soil intervals are shown in Table 3.2. The EPCs for dioxins (mammalian and  
18 avian), reported as 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (toxic equivalent [TEQ]), were  
19 derived by multiplying the 17 detected dioxin and furan concentrations (including half  
20 the MDLs for non-detects) in each soil sample by their World Health Organization  
21 toxicity equivalency factors (Van den Berg, et. al., 1998 [birds], Van der Berg, *et al.*,  
22 2006 [mammals]) and summing the adjusted concentrations (see Table E.1 in  
23 Appendix E for supporting calculations). For the human EPC, the summed adjusted  
24 concentration for each sample (i.e. the TEQ concentration) was then input into the  
25 ProUCL software and a UCL was generated based on the assigned distribution.

**TABLE 3.2**  
**SURFACE AND MIXED SOIL INTERVAL**  
**EXPOSURE-POINT CONCENTRATIONS**  
**SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

<b>Preliminary COPC<sup>a/</sup></b>	<b>Maximum Soil Concentration (mg/Kg)<sup>b/</sup></b>	<b>Surface Soil EPC (mg/Kg)<sup>c/</sup></b>	<b>Mixed Soil EPC (mg/Kg)<sup>c/</sup></b>
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>			
Acenaphthene	0.12	-- <sup>d/</sup>	0.12
Acenaphthylene	0.68	--	0.68
Acetone	9.0	--	9.0
Benzene	0.073	--	<b>0.054</b>
Ethylbenzene	0.031	--	0.031
2-Hexanone	0.062	--	0.062
Methyl Ethyl Ketone (2-Butanone)	1.2	--	1.2
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (4-Methyl-2-Pentanone)	0.063	--	0.063
2-Methylnaphthalene	0.29	--	0.29
Naphthalene	0.057	--	0.057
Phenanthrene	0.25	--	0.25
Styrene	0.023	--	0.023
Toluene	0.11	--	0.11
o-Xylene (1,2-Dimethylbenzene)	0.022	--	0.022
m,p-Xylene (Sum Of Isomers)	0.042	--	0.042
<b>Semivolatile Organic Compounds</b>			
Benzyl Alcohol	0.18	--	0.18
Dibenzofuran	0.045	--	0.045
Fluoranthene	0.097	--	0.097
Pyrene	0.16	--	0.16
<b>Dioxins and Furans</b>			
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin TEQ	0.00046 (0.00086) <sup>e/</sup>	0.0000061 (0.0000078)	<b>0.00039</b> (0.00086)
<b>Explosives</b>			
Nitroglycerin	0.44	--	0.44
<b>Inorganics</b>			
Antimony	1300	--	<b>470</b>
Arsenic	73	--	<b>16</b>
Barium	970	--	<b>340</b>
Beryllium	24,000	3.0	<b>13,000</b>
Boron	58	58	58
Cadmium	1.5	--	1.5
Chromium, Total	110	--	110
Copper	140	--	140
Lead	130	--	130
Mercury	5.8	--	5.8
Molybdenum	3.9	0.88	3.9
Silver	1.1	0.062	1.1
Zinc	2500	--	<b>1000</b>

<sup>a/</sup> COPC = chemical of potential concern. VOC classification was determined based on USEPA Region 9 (2004) criteria.

<sup>b/</sup> Maximum soil concentration refers to the maximum detected concentration from 0-10 ft bgs;

mg/Kg = milligrams per kilogram.

<sup>c/</sup> EPC = Exposure-point concentration; EPC is the maximum detected concentration for the soil interval except where bolded.

<sup>d/</sup> "--" = Not a preliminary COPC for this interval (Appendix D).

<sup>e/</sup> TEQs are for humans/mammals; values in parenthesis are TEQs for avian receptors.

**Bolded Values** = EPC is based on the upper confidence limit (UCL) for reasons discussed in Section 3.1.5.

### 3.1.6 Evaluation of Potential Groundwater Impacts

Compliance with UAC R315-101-3 (DSHW, 2001) (potential soil-to-groundwater impacts and the Principle of Non-Degradation) was determined by evaluating the potential for chemicals detected in characterized surface and subsurface soils to impact groundwater in the future. The potential for future soil-to-groundwater impacts is discussed in the following paragraphs.

Evaluation of soil-to-groundwater impacts due to radioactive soil contamination were not required since the characterized surface and subsurface soils at the site were screened for radioactivity and were determined to be similar to background levels. Therefore, since these soils have not been impacted by radioactive constituents there are no potential future threats to groundwater from radiation.

The potential for future impacts to groundwater underlying SWMU-11 was evaluated by comparing concentrations of site-related analytes in surface and subsurface soils (Appendix D) with generic and source-area-specific soil-to-groundwater screening levels (SSLs) calculated using USEPA (1996b) methodology. Generic and source-area-specific soil-to-groundwater SSLs were based on the following algorithm recommended by the USEPA (1996a):

$$\text{Soil-to-Groundwater SSL} = C_w \left[ K_d + \frac{(\theta_w + \theta_a H')}{\rho_b} \right]$$

where:

#### **Parameters**

*SSL* = Soil screening-level (mg/Kg)

*C<sub>w</sub>* = Target soil leachate concentration (mg/L) and

*C<sub>w</sub>* = PRG × DAF

where:

PRG = USEPA Region 9 (2004) Tap Water Preliminary Remediation Goal (mg/L)

DAF = Dilution attenuation factor (unitless)

*K<sub>d</sub>* = Soil-water partitioning coefficient (L/Kg) and

*K<sub>d</sub>* for organic constituents = *K<sub>oc</sub>* × *f<sub>oc</sub>*

where:

*K<sub>oc</sub>* = Soil organic carbon (OC)-water partitioning coefficient (L/Kg<sub>oc</sub>)

*f<sub>oc</sub>* = Fraction of organic carbon in the soil (Kg<sub>oc</sub>/Kg<sub>soil</sub>); site specific.

#### **Value**

Calculated

Calculated

Chemical-specific

Default of 20 or Source-area-specific

Chemical-specific

Chemical-specific

0.02 (2-percent)

1	$\rho_b$	= Dry soil bulk density (Kg/L)	1.5
2	$\theta_w$	= Water-filled soil porosity ( $L_{\text{water}}/L_{\text{soil}}$ )	0.3
3	$\theta_a$	= Air filled soil porosity ( $L_{\text{air}}/L_{\text{soil}}$ ) and	0.13
4		$\theta_a = n - \theta_w$	
5		where:	
6	n	= Derived soil porosity ( $L_{\text{porespace}}/L_{\text{soil}}$ )	0.43
7		and $n = 1 - (\rho_b/\rho_s)$	
8		and where:	
9	$\rho_s$	= Soil particle density (Kg/L)	2.65
10	$H'$	= Dimensionless Henry's law constant	Chemical-specific

11 Generic soil-to-groundwater SSLs were calculated based on USEPA (1996a)  
 12 recommended parameters, including a default dilution attenuation factor (DAF) of 20.  
 13 With the exception of a facility-specific  $f_{oc}$  of 2-percent (Shaw, 2003), soil-to-  
 14 groundwater SSLs were calculated using USEPA (1996a and 2002f) recommended input  
 15 assumptions, methodology and USEPA Region 9 (2004) Tap Water PRGs (Table D.11,  
 16 Appendix D). Potential future soil-to-groundwater impacts were evaluated further for  
 17 chemicals with maximum detected soil concentrations that exceeded generic soil-to-  
 18 groundwater SSLs by using source-area average concentrations and source-area-specific  
 19 DAFs. These DAFs are based on chemical-specific source area(s) and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile  
 20 DAFs shown in Appendix E, Figure 5 of the USEPA (1996b) Technical Support  
 21 Document. Supporting source-area-specific soil-to-groundwater SSL calculations are  
 22 provided in Appendix D, Table D.12.

23 PRGs are not available for TPH, nitrocellulose, or 2-hexanone which therefore  
 24 were not evaluated for potential future soil-to-groundwater impacts. This does not affect  
 25 the outcome of the soil-to-groundwater analysis because:

- 26 • Evaluation of non-specific results from mixtures such as TPH was not necessary  
 27 since potential future impacts were evaluated using specific organic chemical  
 28 results (e.g., VOCs and SVOCs).
- 29 • Nitrocellulose is considered nontoxic by USEPA (2004e; 2000f) and was  
 30 eliminated as a COPC (Appendix D). Furthermore, nitrocellulose is not likely to  
 31 migrate to groundwater since the primary transport mechanism is in the aqueous  
 32 phase through the vadose zone, and it is insoluble in water  
 33 ([www.ChemFinder.com](http://www.ChemFinder.com)).
- 34 • There is no evidence of vertical migration associated with any of the three  
 35 isolated 2-hexanone detections. This chemical was not detected in samples

1 collected beneath and/or adjacent to each of these detections (Section 2.2.3.2),  
2 indicating that migration of 2-hexanone has not occurred in the approximately 30  
3 to 50 years since active operations at this site (Section 1.2).

4 As shown in Table 3.3, benzene, antimony, arsenic, chromium (total),  
5 nitroglycerin, and 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ (human) were detected at  
6 maximum concentrations that exceeded corresponding generic soil-to-groundwater SSLs.  
7 Potential future soil-to-groundwater impacts for benzene, antimony, arsenic, chromium  
8 (total), nitroglycerin, and 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ (human) were  
9 evaluated further using source-area-specific DAFs and source area concentrations (Table  
10 3.4). Source area concentrations were calculated using analytical results from surface and  
11 subsurface soil samples collected from areas where potential anthropogenic releases may  
12 have occurred, substituting one-half the MDL for non-detects within those potential  
13 source areas. Multiple potential source areas were identified for benzene, chromium  
14 (total), and 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ, since isolated detections were  
15 spread out and separated by larger areas of non-detects. The following rationale was used  
16 for developing the source area sizes, source area concentrations, source-area-specific  
17 DAFs, and source-area-specific SSLs shown in Table 3.4 for benzene, antimony, arsenic,  
18 chromium (total), nitroglycerin, and 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ (human):

### **Benzene**

19 Five potential benzene source areas were identified at SWMU-11.

- 20 • Benzene was detected in the subsurface soil samples collected from both EP05  
21 and EP06 in TR-1. Therefore, a site specific source area of approximately 9800 ft<sup>2</sup>  
22 was calculated, which corresponds to the entire area of TR-1. An average  
23 concentration of 0.015 mg/Kg was used for the source area concentration of  
24 benzene in this feature.
- 25 • Benzene was detected in the subsurface soil samples collected from EP04  
26 excavated in TR-2. Since subsurface soil samples in TR-2 were only collected  
27 from EP04, a site specific source area of approximately 4800 ft<sup>2</sup> was calculated,  
28 which corresponds to the entire area of TR-2. An average concentration of 0.038  
29 mg/Kg was used for the source area concentration of benzene in this feature.
- 30 • Benzene was detected in only one sample in TR-3, the shallow (2-2.5 ft bgs)  
31 subsurface soil sample collected from EP03 excavated in the western half of TR-  
32 3. Benzene was not detected in the subsurface soil sample collected from EP02 in  
33 the eastern half of TR-3. Therefore, a site specific source area of approximately



1 2400 ft<sup>2</sup> was calculated, which corresponds to the area of the western half of TR-  
2 3. An average concentration of 0.017 mg/Kg was used for the source area  
3 concentration of benzene in this portion of TR-3.

- 4 • Benzene was detected in the subsurface soil samples collected from EP07  
5 excavated in the southern half of TR-4. Benzene was not detected in the  
6 subsurface soil samples collected from EP01 or HA01 in the northern half of TR-  
7 4. Therefore, a site specific source area of approximately 3300 ft<sup>2</sup> was calculated,  
8 which corresponds to the area of the southern half of TR-4. An average  
9 concentration of 0.0046 mg/Kg was used for the source area concentration of  
10 benzene in this portion of TR-4.
- 11 • Benzene was detected in the subsurface soil sample collected from EP15  
12 excavated in TR-6. Since no additional soil samples were collected from this  
13 feature, a site specific source area of approximately 1200 ft<sup>2</sup> was calculated,  
14 which corresponds to the entire area of TR-6. The 0.0012 mg/Kg benzene  
15 concentration in the EP15 subsurface soil sample was used for the source area  
16 concentration in TR-6, since only one soil sample was collected from this feature.

### Antimony

17 One potential antimony source area was identified at SWMU-11.

- 18 • Antimony was detected in excess of the range of background concentrations in  
19 only one sample at the site, the shallow (1.5-1.6 ft bgs) subsurface soil sample  
20 collected from EP06 excavated in the western half of TR-1. Antimony was not  
21 detected in excess of the background comparison value in SS003 or in subsurface  
22 soil samples collected from EP05 in the eastern half of TR-1. Therefore, a site  
23 specific source area of approximately 4900 ft<sup>2</sup> was calculated, which corresponds  
24 to the area of the western half of TR-1. An average concentration of 430 mg/Kg  
25 was used for the source area concentration of antimony in this portion of TR-1.

### Arsenic

26 One potential arsenic source area was identified at SWMU-11.

- 27 • Arsenic was detected in excess of the range of background concentrations in only  
28 one sample at the site, the shallow (1.5-1.6 ft bgs) subsurface soil sample  
29 collected from EP06 excavated in the western half of TR-1. Arsenic was not  
30 detected in excess of the background comparison value in SS003 or in subsurface  
31 soil samples collected from EP05 in the eastern half of TR-1. Therefore, a site  
32 specific source area of approximately 4900 ft<sup>2</sup> was calculated, which corresponds  
33 to the area of the western half of TR-1. An average concentration of 25 mg/Kg  
34 was used for the source area concentration of arsenic in this portion of TR-1.

### Chromium (Total)

35 Three potential chromium (total) source areas were identified at SWMU-11.

- 1 • Chromium (total) was detected in excess of the range of background  
2 concentrations in only one sample in TR-1, the shallow (1.5-1.6 ft bgs) subsurface  
3 soil sample collected from EP06 excavated in the western half of TR-1.  
4 Chromium (total) was not detected in excess of the background comparison value  
5 in SS003 or in subsurface soil samples collected from EP05 in the eastern half of  
6 TR-1. Therefore, a site specific source area of approximately 4900 ft<sup>2</sup> was  
7 calculated, which corresponds to the area of the western half of TR-1. An average  
8 concentration of 20 mg/Kg was used for the source area concentration of  
9 chromium (total) in this portion of TR-1.
- 10 • Chromium (total) was detected in excess of the range of background  
11 concentrations in only one sample in TR-2, the shallow (1.5-2 ft bgs) subsurface  
12 soil sample collected from EP04 excavated in this trench. Since subsurface soil  
13 samples were only collected from EP04 in TR-2, a site specific source area of  
14 approximately 4800 ft<sup>2</sup> was calculated, which corresponds to the entire area of  
15 TR-2. An average concentration of 38 mg/Kg was used for the source area  
16 concentration of chromium (total) in this feature.
- 17 • Chromium (total) was detected in excess of the range of background  
18 concentrations in only one sample in TR-3, the shallow (2 - 2.5 ft bgs) subsurface  
19 soil sample collected from EP03 excavated in the western half of TR-3.  
20 Chromium (total) was not detected in excess of the background comparison value  
21 in SS004 or in the subsurface soil sample collected from EP02 in the eastern half  
22 of TR-1. Therefore, a site specific source area of approximately 2400 ft<sup>2</sup> was  
23 calculated, which corresponds to the area of the western half of TR-3. An average  
24 concentration of 45 mg/Kg was used for the source area concentration of  
25 chromium (total) in this portion of TR-3.

### **Nitroglycerin**

26 One potential nitroglycerin source area was identified at SWMU-11.

- 27 • Nitroglycerin was detected in only one sample at the site, the shallow (1.5-1.6 ft  
28 bgs) subsurface soil sample collected from EP05, excavated in the eastern half of  
29 TR-1. Since nitroglycerin was not detected in subsurface soil samples collected  
30 from EP06 in the western half of TR-1, a site specific source area of  
31 approximately 4900 ft<sup>2</sup> was calculated, which corresponds to the area of the  
32 eastern half of TR-1. An average concentration of 0.27 mg/Kg was used for the  
33 source area concentration of nitroglycerin in this portion of TR-1.

### **2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ**

34 Five potential 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ source areas were  
35 identified at SWMU-11.

- 36 • 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ was detected in the subsurface soil  
37 samples collected from both EP05 and EP06 in TR-1. Therefore, a site specific

1 source area of approximately 9800 ft<sup>2</sup> was calculated, which corresponds to the  
2 entire area of TR-1. An average concentration of 1.2E-4 mg/Kg was used for the  
3 source area concentration of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ in this  
4 feature.

5 • 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ was detected in the subsurface soil  
6 samples collected from EP04 excavated in TR-2. Since subsurface soil samples in  
7 TR-2 were only collected from EP04, a site specific source area of approximately  
8 4800 ft<sup>2</sup> was calculated, which corresponds to the entire area of TR-2. An average  
9 concentration of 1.3E-6 mg/Kg was used for the source area concentration of  
10 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ in this feature.

11 • 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ was detected in the subsurface soil  
12 samples collected from EP03 excavated in the western half of TR-3. Analyses  
13 necessary to determine 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ were not  
14 performed on other soil samples collected from TR-3. Therefore, a site specific  
15 source area of approximately 4900 ft<sup>2</sup> was calculated, which corresponds to the  
16 entire area of TR-3. An average concentration of 8.4E-6 mg/Kg was used for the  
17 source area concentration of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ in this  
18 feature.

19 • 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ was detected in the subsurface soil  
20 samples collected from EP07 excavated in the southern half of TR-4 and in  
21 surface soil samples SS005 and SS006 collected in the northern and southern  
22 portions of TR-4. Therefore, a site specific source area of approximately 6700 ft<sup>2</sup>  
23 was calculated, which corresponds to the entire area of TR-4. An average  
24 concentration of 6.2E-7 mg/Kg was used for the source area concentration of  
25 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ in this feature.

26 • 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ was detected in the subsurface soil  
27 sample collected from EP15 excavated in TR-6. Since no additional soil samples  
28 were collected from this feature, a site specific source area of approximately 1200  
29 ft<sup>2</sup> was calculated, which corresponds to the entire area of TR-6. The 5.7E-7  
30 mg/Kg 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ concentration in the EP15  
31 subsurface soil sample was used for the source area concentration in TR-6, since  
32 only one soil sample was collected from this feature.

33 Chemical-specific SSLs (Table 3.4) were then calculated using USEPA (1996a)  
34 methodology and USEPA Region 9 (2004) Tap Water PRGs. An additional evaluation  
35 was conducted using the MCL (2004e) for antimony (6 µg/L), arsenic (10 µg/L), benzene  
36 (5 µg/L), and 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ (0.00003 µg/L).

37 All source area concentrations of chromium (total) and nitroglycerin were less  
38 than corresponding source-area-specific soil-to-groundwater SSLs (Table 3.4). Source  
39 area concentrations of benzene in TR-3, TR-4, and TR-6, and source area concentrations

**TABLE 3.3**  
**SCREENING FOR POTENTIAL SOIL-TO-GROUNDWATER IMPACTS**  
**SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

Analyte <sup>a/</sup>	Maximum Soil Concentration (mg/Kg) <sup>b/</sup>	Soil-to-GW SSL(mg/Kg) <sup>c/</sup>	Potential Soil-to-GW Impacts? <sup>d/</sup>
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>			
2-Methylnaphthalene	0.29	29	No
Acenaphthene	0.12	1000	No
Acenaphthylene <sup>e/</sup>	0.68	900	No
Acetone	9.0	23	No
Benzene	0.073	0.0099	<b>Yes</b>
Ethylbenzene	0.031	200	No
m,p-Xylene (Sum Of Isomers) <sup>e/</sup>	0.042	38	No
Methyl Ethyl Ketone (2-Butanone)	1.2	39	No
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (4-Methyl-2-Pentanone)	0.063	17	No
Naphthalene	0.057	5.0	No
o-Xylene (1,2-Dimethylbenzene) <sup>e/</sup>	0.022	31	No
Phenanthrene <sup>e/</sup>	0.25	15,000	No
Styrene	0.023	520	No
Toluene	0.11	56	No
<b>Semivolatile Organic Compounds</b>			
Benzyl Alcohol	0.18	110	No
Fluoranthene	0.097	62,000	No
Pyrene	0.16	7700	No
<b>Inorganics</b>			
Antimony <sup>e/</sup>	1300	13	<b>Yes</b>
Arsenic	73	0.028	<b>Yes</b>
Barium	970	2700	No
Beryllium	24,000	100,000 <sup>f/</sup>	No
Boron	58	470	No
Cadmium <sup>e/</sup>	1.5	1600	No
Chromium, Total <sup>e/</sup>	110	31	<b>Yes</b>
Copper	140	1000	No
Lead <sup>e/</sup>	130	400 <sup>g/</sup>	No
Mercury	5.8	44	No
Molybdenum	3.9	74	No
Silver	1.1	400	No
Zinc	2500	100,000 <sup>f/</sup>	No

**TABLE 3.3 (CONTINUED)**  
**SCREENING FOR POTENTIAL SOIL-TO-GROUNDWATER IMPACTS**  
**SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

Analyte <sup>a/</sup>	Maximum Soil Concentration (mg/Kg) <sup>b/</sup>	Soil-to-GW SSL(mg/Kg) <sup>c/</sup>	Potential Soil-to-GW Impacts? <sup>d/</sup>
<b>Explosives</b>			
Nitroglycerin	0.44	0.27	Yes
<b>Dioxins and Furans</b>			
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin (TEQ) <sup>h/</sup>	0.00046	0.000026	Yes
Dibenzofuran	0.045	55	No

<sup>a/</sup> Refer to Appendix D for a list of essential nutrients at the site. Essential nutrient soil-to-groundwater impacts were not evaluated because unacceptable impacts are not expected (USEPA, 1996a). PRGs are not available for TPH, nitrocellulose, or 2-hexanone which therefore were not evaluated for potential future soil-to-groundwater impacts.

<sup>b/</sup> mg/Kg = Milligrams per kilogram. Maximum concentrations from surface/subsurface soil samples are listed.

<sup>c/</sup> Soil-to-GW SSL = Soil-to-Groundwater Soil Screening Level based on USEPA (1996a) recommended default dilution attenuation factor (DAF) of 20. With the exception of a facility-specific  $f_{oc}$  of 0.02 (i.e., 2-percent), soil-to-groundwater SSLs were calculated using USEPA (1996a, 2002f) recommended input assumptions, methodology and USEPA Region 9 (2004) preliminary remediation goals (PRGs) (Appendix D).

<sup>d/</sup> Soil-to-groundwater impacts are not expected if maximum detected soil concentration is less than the Soil-to-GW SSL.

<sup>e/</sup> The toxicity data for these chemicals were not derived via traditional methods and are described in Section 3.4.

<sup>f/</sup> The value is a "ceiling limit" concentration because the risk-based value was greater than the USEPA Region 9 (2004) recommended ceiling limit of 100,000 mg/Kg.

<sup>g/</sup> A soil-to-groundwater SSL was not calculated for lead; a value of 400 mg/Kg is recommended by USEPA (1996b).

<sup>h/</sup> TEQ = Toxic Equivalent. Concentrations of the 17 detected dioxins and furans were converted to

<sup>i/</sup> 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TEQ) using the 2005 World Health Organization toxicity equivalency factors (Van den Berg, et. al., 2006; see Appendix E for supporting calculations).

**TABLE 3.4**  
**REFINED SCREENING FOR POTENTIAL SOIL-TO-GROUNDWATER IMPACTS**  
**SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

Analyte	Source Area Feature(s) <sup>a/</sup>	Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> ) of Feature <sup>b/</sup>	Source Area Specific DAF <sup>c/</sup>	Source Area Concentration (mg/Kg) <sup>d/</sup>	Source Area SSL <sup>e/</sup> (mg/Kg)	Potential Soil-to-Groundwater Impacts? <sup>f/</sup>
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>						
Benzene	TR-1	9800	26	0.015	0.013 (0.18) <sup>g/</sup>	Yes (No)
Benzene	TR-2	4800	60	0.038	0.030 (0.42) <sup>g/</sup>	Yes (No)
Benzene	Western Half of TR-3	2400	150	0.017	0.074	No
Benzene	Southern Half of TR-4	3300	97	0.0046	0.048	No
Benzene	TR-6	1200	410	0.0012	0.20	No
<b>Inorganics</b>						
Antimony <sup>h/</sup>	Western Half of TR-1	4900	58	430	38 (16) <sup>g/</sup>	Yes (Yes)
Arsenic	Western Half of TR-1	4900	58	25	0.082 (18) <sup>g/</sup>	Yes (Yes)
Chromium, Total <sup>h/</sup>	Western Half of TR-1	4900	58	20	91	No
Chromium, Total <sup>h/</sup>	TR-2	4800	60	38	93	No
Chromium, Total <sup>h/</sup>	Western Half of TR-3	2400	150	45	230	No
<b>Explosives</b>						
Nitroglycerin	Eastern Half of TR-1	4900	58	0.27	0.79	No
<b>Dioxins and Furans</b>						
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin TEQ <sup>i/</sup>	TR-1	9800	26	0.00012	0.000034 (0.0023) <sup>g/</sup>	Yes (No)
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin TEQ <sup>i/</sup>	TR-2	4800	60	0.0000013	0.000079	No
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin TEQ <sup>i/</sup>	TR-3	4900	58	0.0000084	0.000077	No
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin TEQ <sup>i/</sup>	TR-4	6700	40	0.00000062	0.000053	No
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin TEQ <sup>i/</sup>	TR-6	1200	410	0.00000057	0.00053	No

<sup>a/</sup> Feature with soil concentration in excess of generic Soil-to-GW SSL.

<sup>b/</sup> ft<sup>2</sup> = Square feet.

<sup>c/</sup> DAF = Dilution attenuation factor. DAFs estimated as described in the text.

<sup>d/</sup> mg/Kg = Milligrams per kilogram. Source area concentrations from surface and subsurface soil samples are listed.

<sup>e/</sup> Source Area SSL = Source Area Soil Screening Level based on source area specific DAF. With the exception of a facility-specific  $f_{oc}$  of 0.02 (i.e., 2-percent), source area SSLs were calculated using USEPA (1996a, 2002f) recommended input assumptions, methodology and chemical-specific PRG from USEPA Region 9 (2004) (Appendix D).

<sup>f/</sup> Soil-to-GW impacts are not expected if source area soil concentration was less than the source area SSL.

<sup>g/</sup> Source Area SSL in parentheses calculated using the USEPA MCL (2003j) for antimony (6 µg/L), arsenic (10 µg/L), benzene (5 µg/L), and 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin Toxicity Equivalence Quotient (TEQ) (0.00003 µg/L).

<sup>h/</sup> The toxicity data for these chemicals were not derived via traditional methods and are described in Section 3.4.

<sup>i/</sup> TEQ = Toxic Equivalent Quotient. Concentrations of the 17 detected dioxins and furans were converted to 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ using the 2005 World Health Organization toxicity equivalency factors (Van den Berg, *et al.*, 2006; see Appendix E for supporting calculations).

1 of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ in TR-2, TR-3, TR-4, and TR-6 were also  
2 less than corresponding source-area-specific soil-to-groundwater SSLs. However,  
3 average soil concentrations of antimony, arsenic, benzene, and 2,3,7,8-  
4 tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ in TR-1 were greater than corresponding source-area-  
5 specific soil-to-groundwater SSLs, as were source area concentrations of benzene in  
6 TR-2.

7 Soil-to-groundwater SSLs developed using USEPA (1996a) methodology  
8 incorporate the following conservative simplifying assumptions:

- 9 • Infinite source (i.e., steady-state concentrations maintained over the exposure  
10 period)
- 11 • Uniformly distributed contamination from the surface to the top of the water-  
12 bearing zone
- 13 • No contaminant attenuation (i.e., adsorption, biodegradation, or chemical  
14 degradation) in soil
- 15 • Instantaneous and linear equilibrium soil/water partitioning
- 16 • Unconfined, unconsolidated aquifer with homogeneous and isotropic hydrologic  
17 properties
- 18 • Drinking water receptor well 25 ft downgradient of the edge of the source and  
19 screened within the contaminant groundwater plume
- 20 • No contaminant attenuation in the groundwater

21 The above assumptions are overly conservative (i.e., not valid) at SWMU-11,  
22 particularly the assumptions of an infinite contaminant source, a uniform distribution of  
23 the contamination from ground surface to the top of the water-bearing zone, and a nearby  
24 drinking water receptor well.

25 Indications of an infinite contaminant source area were not observed during test  
26 pit excavations at TR-1, TR-2, or other site features (Appendix A). The heterogeneity of  
27 detected concentrations (Figure 2.3) also indicates that the presence of an infinite  
28 contaminant source area is unlikely.

29 There is no evidence of vertical migration of antimony or arsenic in subsurface  
30 soils. As shown on Figure 2.3, antimony and arsenic were only detected above the range  
31 of background concentrations in one isolated soil sample collected from the shallow (1.5-  
32 1.6 ft bgs) sample interval in EP06, located in the western half to TR-1. Antimony and

1 arsenic concentrations decreased significantly (over three and one orders of magnitude,  
2 respectively) to less than the background comparison level in the underlying (2.5-2.6 ft  
3 bgs) EP06 sample interval. Therefore, the elevated (with respect to background)  
4 antimony and arsenic concentrations in the shallow subsurface are not uniformly  
5 distributed from the surface to the top of the water-bearing zone, in contrast to the  
6 conservative simplifying assumptions in the USEPA (1996a) methodology.

7 Figure 2.3 also illustrates that benzene and 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin  
8 TEQ concentrations in TR-1 subsurface soil, as well as benzene in TR-2 subsurface soil  
9 decreased significantly with depth. TR-1 benzene detections in the deep (2.5-2.6 ft bgs)  
10 EP05 and EP06 subsurface soil samples and TR-2 benzene detections from the deep (4-  
11 4.5 ft bgs) EP04 subsurface soil samples ranged from non-detect to over an order of  
12 magnitude less than concentrations in the overlying shallower samples (1.5-1.6 ft bgs in  
13 TR-1, and 1.5-2 ft bgs in TR-2). TR-1 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ  
14 detections in the deep (2.5-2.6 ft bgs) EP05 and EP06 subsurface soil samples similarly  
15 ranged from nearly one to over three orders of magnitude less than concentrations in the  
16 overlying shallow (1.5-1.6 ft bgs) samples. Therefore, benzene and 2,3,7,8-  
17 tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ concentrations in the shallow subsurface are also not  
18 uniformly distributed from the surface to the top of the water-bearing zone, in contrast to  
19 the conservative simplifying assumptions in the USEPA (1996a) methodology.

20 There are no sources of potable groundwater in the region surrounding SWMU-11  
21 (Section 2.2.1). The closest water well is WW10, located approximately 4 miles  
22 northwest of SWMU-11, which is currently used for dust suppression only. This well is  
23 located cross-gradient of the estimated groundwater flow direction at SWMU-11, and  
24 recent DPG historical documents indicate that the well produces non-potable water  
25 (Woffinden, 2004). Therefore, in contrast to the conservative simplifying assumptions in  
26 the USEPA (1996a) methodology, there is no drinking water receptor well 25 ft  
27 downgradient of the edge of any potential source area at SWMU-11.

28 Benzene and 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ source area-specific soil-  
29 to-groundwater SSLs were calculated using the MCL to provide a more appropriate and  
30 useful comparison value. Significant future impacts to groundwater are not expected from  
31 the source area concentrations of benzene and 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ



1 based on a comparison with the source area-specific soil-to-groundwater SSL derived  
2 using the MCL (Table 3.4). Antimony and arsenic source area-specific soil-to-  
3 groundwater SSLs were also calculated using MCLs. The source area concentration of  
4 arsenic slightly exceeded (was less than two times) the corresponding source area-  
5 specific soil-to-groundwater SSL derived using the MCL (Table 3.4). The source area  
6 concentration of antimony also exceeded the corresponding MCL-based source area-  
7 specific soil-to-groundwater SSL, as anticipated since the MCL for antimony is less than  
8 the USEPA Region 9 (2004) Tap Water PRG (Table 3.4). However most importantly, as  
9 discussed above, antimony and arsenic were not detected above the background  
10 comparison value in samples collected from soil 1 ft below the isolated elevated  
11 antimony and arsenic concentrations (Figure 2.3), clearly demonstrating that  
12 concentrations are not uniformly distributed from the surface to the top of the water-  
13 bearing zone, in contrast to the conservative simplifying assumptions in the USEPA  
14 (1996a) methodology.

15 Antimony, arsenic, benzene, and 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin TEQ in  
16 TR-1 soils and benzene in TR-2 soils are likely not present at concentrations expected to  
17 impact groundwater significantly in the future, based on the conservative simplifying  
18 assumptions of the USEPA (1996a) methodology which do not apply to this site.

## 3.2 HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT

19 In accordance with USEPA (1989a) guidance, HRAs follow a four-step  
20 evaluation process that includes data collection and evaluation, exposure assessment,  
21 toxicity assessment, and risk characterization. The results of the HRA are presented in  
22 this section and supporting calculations are provided in Appendix E.

### 3.2.1 Data Collection and Evaluation

23 With the exception of the toxicity screening step, the results from the data  
24 collection and evaluation step described in the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons,  
25 2002a) have been discussed in Sections 2 and 3.1, respectively. The risk-based toxicity  
26 screening for preliminary COPCs detected in soil is described below.

27 Risk-based toxicity screening is typically one of the steps used to identify COPCs  
28 (Parsons, 2002a). This screening was not used to identify HRA soil COPCs, but instead

1 was used to estimate cancer risks and noncancer hazards for a hypothetical residential  
2 land-use scenario, and to determine if further risk calculations were necessary under an  
3 industrial land-use scenario. Screening-level risk/hazard estimates for a hypothetical  
4 resident potentially exposed to COPCs in soil were estimated using maximum detected  
5 concentrations in the mixed-soil interval (0-10 ft bgs) and USEPA Region 9 (2004)  
6 Residential Soil PRGs and guidance, as discussed in the Risk Assumptions Document  
7 (Parsons, 2002a). Residential screening-level cumulative cancer-risk (3E-04) and  
8 noncancer hazard index (HI) (200) estimates associated with potential exposures to  
9 COPCs in soils were above the DSHW (2001) NFA target risk (1E-06) and HI (1) values  
10 (Table 3.5). The maximum detected concentration of lead (130 mg/Kg) in the mixed soil  
11 interval was below the residential soil screening level of 400 mg/Kg recommended by  
12 USEPA (1994a). Because residential risks and hazards are above the target levels, further  
13 risk and hazard calculations (i.e., the subsequent quantitative exposure, toxicity, and risk  
14 characterization steps) are necessary for an industrial land-use scenario.

15 USEPA Region 9 (2004) Soil Residential PRGs incorporate all exposure  
16 pathways described in Figure 3.1 and required under UAC R315-101 (DSHW, 2001),  
17 except inhalation of chemicals volatilized from subsurface soil and ingestion of  
18 contaminated/potentially contaminated food (i.e., ingestion of homegrown produce).  
19 Inhalation of chemicals volatilized from subsurface media is discussed in Section 3.2.2.  
20 Ingestion of homegrown produce was not evaluated since NFA target levels were already  
21 exceeded.

22 In summary, further risk calculations were necessary under an industrial land-use  
23 scenario since screening-level soil cumulative risk and hazard estimates for the  
24 hypothetical resident were above DSHW (2001) NFA target levels. The *a priori*  
25 assumption that exposure to uncharacterized/unidentified buried wastes and  
26 uncharacterized subsurface soil by hypothetical intrusive workers and exposure to  
27 uncharacterized surface soil by hypothetical nonintrusive workers should be prevented  
28 given the presence of radioactive debris (Section 2; Appendix F) and/or the absence of  
29 direct sampling for chemical analysis will need to be addressed during a CMS  
30 (Section 4). In addition, further risk calculations from potential exposure to site-related  
31 radiation levels (i.e. site-specific DCGLs) were not necessary since characterized soils

**TABLE 3.5**  
**SOIL RISK SCREENING USING RESIDENTIAL PRGs<sup>a/</sup>**  
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Preliminary COPC <sup>b/</sup>	CAS # <sup>c/</sup>	Maximum Site Concentration (mg/Kg) <sup>d/</sup>	Residential PRG <sup>e/</sup> (mg/Kg)		Residential HQ <sup>f/</sup>	Residential Cancer Risk <sup>g/</sup>
			Noncancer	Cancer		
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>						
2-Hexanone	591-78-6	0.062	-- <sup>h/</sup>	--	--	--
2-Methylnaphthalene	91-57-6	0.29	1.8E+02	--	2E-03	--
Acenaphthene	83-32-9	0.12	3.7E+03	--	3E-05	--
Acenaphthylene <sup>i/</sup>	208-96-8	0.68	3.7E+03	--	2E-04	--
Acetone	67-64-1	9.0	1.4E+04	--	6E-04	--
Benzene	71-43-2	0.073	3.3E+01	6.4E-01	2E-03	1E-07
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	0.031	1.9E+03	--	2E-05	--
Methyl Ethyl Ketone (2-Butanone)	78-93-3	1.2	2.2E+04	--	5E-05	--
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (4-Methyl-2-Pentanone)	108-10-1	0.063	5.3E+03	--	1E-05	--
Naphthalene	91-20-3	0.057	5.6E+01	--	1E-03	--
Phenanthrene <sup>i/</sup>	85-01-8	0.25	2.2E+04	--	1E-05	--
Styrene	100-42-5	0.023	4.4E+03	--	5E-06	--
Toluene	108-88-3	0.11	6.6E+02	--	2E-04	--
m,p-Xylene (Sum Of Isomers) <sup>i/</sup>	1330-20-7	0.042	2.7E+02	--	2E-04	--
o-Xylene (1,2-Dimethylbenzene) <sup>i/</sup>	1330-20-7	0.022	2.7E+02	--	8E-05	--
<b>Semivolatile Organic Compounds</b>						
Benzyl Alcohol	100-51-6	0.18	1.8E+04	--	1E-05	--
Fluoranthene	206-44-0	0.097	2.3E+03	--	4E-05	--
Pyrene	129-00-0	0.16	2.3E+03	--	7E-05	--
<b>Inorganics</b>						
Antimony <sup>i/</sup>	7440-36-0	1300	3.1E+01	--	4E+01	--
Arsenic	7440-38-2	73	2.2E+01	3.9E-01	3E+00	2E-04

**TABLE 3.5 (CONTINUED)**  
**SOIL RISK SCREENING USING RESIDENTIAL PRGs<sup>a/</sup>**  
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Preliminary COPC <sup>b/</sup>	CAS # <sup>c/</sup>	Maximum Site Concentration (mg/Kg) <sup>d/</sup>	Residential PRG <sup>e/</sup> (mg/Kg)		Residential HQ <sup>f/</sup>	Residential Cancer Risk <sup>g/</sup>
			Noncancer	Cancer		
Barium	7440-39-3	970	5.4E+03	--	2E-01	--
Beryllium	7440-41-7	24,000	1.5E+02	1.1E+03	2E+02	2E-05
Boron	7440-42-8	58	1.6E+04	--	4E-03	--
Cadmium <sup>i/</sup>	7440-43-9	1.5	7.4E+01	1.4E+03	2E-02	1E-09
Chromium, Total <sup>i/</sup>	7440-47-3	110	1.6E+03	1.5E+03	7E-02	7E-08
Copper	7440-50-8	140	3.1E+03	--	5E-02	--
Lead <sup>i/</sup>	7439-92-1	130		4E+02	--	--
Mercury	7487-94-7	5.8	2.3E+01	--	3E-01	--
Molybdenum	7439-98-7	3.9	3.9E+02	--	1E-02	--
Silver	7440-22-4	1.1	3.9E+02	--	3E-03	--
Zinc	7440-66-6	2500	2.3E+04	--	1E-01	--
<b>Explosives</b>						
Nitroglycerin	55-63-0	0.44	--	3.5E+01	--	1E-08
<b>Dioxins and Furans</b>						
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin	1746-01-6	0.00046	--	3.9E-06	--	1E-04
Dibenzofuran	132-64-9	0.045	1.5E+02	--	3E-04	--
<b>Cumulative Hazard and Risk</b>					200	3E-04

a/ PRG = Preliminary remediation goal; USEPA Region 9 (2004).

b/ COPC = Chemical of potential concern.

c/ CAS = Chemical abstracts service number.

d/ mg/Kg = Milligram per kilogram. Maximum site concentrations are from the 0-10 ft bgs exposure interval.

e/ Noncancer and cancer PRGs are from the "Soils" spreadsheet in USEPA Region 9 (2004).

f/ HQ = Hazard Quotient;  $HQ = (THQ \times C_{max}/PRG)$ , where target hazard quotient (THQ) = 1 and  $C_{max}$  = Maximum site concentration. All values have been rounded to one significant figure (including cumulative hazard and risk estimates).

g/ Cancer Risk =  $(C_{max} \times TCR/PRG)$ , where target cancer risk (TCR) = 1E-6 and  $C_{max}$  = Maximum site concentration.

h/ "--" = USEPA Region 9 PRGs were not available for the indicated endpoint of toxicity.

i/ The toxicity data for these chemicals were not derived via traditional methods and are described in Section 3.4.

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1 were determined to be similar to background radiation levels and/or other lines of  
2 evidence show that these soils have not been impacted by radioactive contamination (see  
3 Appendix F). Therefore, TR-1 through TR-4, the CONEX container and the soils  
4 associated with TR-6 meet the criteria for free release and do not need to be considered in  
5 the CMS for residual radiation. However, although the soils at TR-6 meet the free release  
6 criteria for radiation the surface soils still remain uncharacterized for chemical constituents  
7 and are addressed in the CMS.

### 3.2.2 Exposure Assessment

8 Characterization of the exposure setting, identification of all potentially exposed  
9 commercial/industrial receptors and exposure pathways, and finalization of the CSM are  
10 discussed in Section 3.1. COPC-specific exposures in soil were estimated using the  
11 algorithms and exposure parameters described in the Risk Assumptions Document  
12 (Parsons, 2002a). Chemical-specific physical properties used in estimating exposure to  
13 soil COPCs are listed in Table 3.6. Exposure estimates associated with soil COPCs were  
14 combined with results from the toxicity assessment (Section 3.2.3) and are provided in  
15 Appendix E.

16 The algorithms and exposure parameters for estimating volatilization of  
17 subsurface soil COPCs into indoor air were not included in the Risk Assumptions  
18 Document (Parsons, 2002a), but are presented in the following subsection..

#### 3.2.2.1 Volatilization of COPCs from Subsurface Soil into Indoor Air

19 Indoor-air EPCs were estimated using a volatilization model. The Johnson and  
20 Ettinger model (USEPA, 2004f) is a one-dimensional analytical solution to passive  
21 diffusion and convective vapor-transport through the vadose zone, and consists of the  
22 following three components: 1) estimation of soil vapor concentrations at the subsurface  
23 source; 2) diffusion through the unsaturated zone; and 3) convective and diffusive  
24 transport into the building.

**TABLE 3.6**  
**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES FOR CHEMICALS OF POTENTIAL CONCERN**  
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COPC <sup>b/</sup>	CAS Number <sup>c/</sup>	H'	Parameter Value <sup>a/</sup>												
			Ref <sup>d/</sup>	D <sup>air</sup> (cm <sup>2</sup> /s) <sup>e/</sup>	Ref	D <sup>wat</sup> (cm <sup>2</sup> /s) <sup>e/</sup>	Ref	Koc (L/kg) <sup>e/</sup>	Ref	Kd (cm <sup>3</sup> /g) <sup>e/</sup>	Ref	OAF	Ref	DAF	Ref
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>															
2-Hexanone	591-78-6	0.00381	EPI	0.073	W9	0.0000087	W9	13.02	EPI	0.2604	CA	**f/	B	--g/	
2-Methylnaphthalene	91-57-6	0.0212	EPI	0.0522	W9	7.75E-06	W9	2976	EPI	59.52	CA	**	B	0.13	U
Acenaphthene	83-32-9	0.00636	SSL	0.0421	SSL	7.69E-06	SSL	7080	SSL	141.6	CA	**	U	0.13	U
Acenaphthylene <sup>h/</sup>	208-96-8	0.00744	EPI	0.0421	SSL	7.69E-06	SSL	6123	EPI	122.46	CA	**	U	0.13	U
Acetone	67-64-1	0.00159	SSL	0.124	SSL	0.0000114	SSL	0.575	SSL	0.0115	CA	**	B	--	
Benzene	71-43-2	0.228	SSL	0.088	SSL	0.0000098	SSL	58.9	SSL	1.178	CA	**	B	--	
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	0.32308	SSL	0.075	SSL	0.0000078	SSL	363	SSL	7.26	CA	**	B	--	
Methyl Ethyl Ketone (2- Butanone)	78-93-3	0.00233	EPI	0.0808	W9	0.0000098	W9	3.827	EPI	0.07654	CA	**	B	--	
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (4- Methyl-2-Pentanone)	108-10-1	0.00564	EPI	0.075	W9	0.0000078	W9	10.91	EPI	0.2182	CA	**	B	--	
Naphthalene	91-20-3	0.0198	SSL	0.059	SSL	0.0000075	SSL	2000	SSL	40	CA	**	U	0.13	U
Phenanthrene <sup>h/</sup>	85-01-8	0.00173	EPI	0.0375	W9	7.47E-06	W9	20830	EPI	416.6	CA	**	U	0.13	U
Styrene	100-42-5	0.113	SSL	0.071	SSL	0.000008	SSL	776	SSL	15.52	CA	**	U	--	
Toluene	108-88-3	0.272	SSL	0.087	SSL	0.0000086	SSL	182	SSL	3.64	CA	**	B	--	
m,p-Xylene (Sum Of Isomers) <sup>h/</sup>	1330-20-7	0.271	EPI	0.073	W9	9.23E-06	W9	443.1	EPI	8.862	CA	**	U	--	
o-Xylene (1,2- Dimethylbenzene) <sup>h/</sup>	1330-20-7	0.213	SSL	0.087	SSL	0.00001	SSL	363	SSL	7.26	CA	**	U	--	
<b>Semivolatile Organic Compounds</b>															
Benzyl Alcohol	100-51-6	0.0000138	EPI	0.0708	W9	8.97E-06	W9	15.7	EPI	0.314	CA	**	B	--	
Fluoranthene	206-44-0	0.00066	SSL	0.0302	SSL	6.35E-06	SSL	107000	SSL	2140	CA	**	U	0.13	U
Pyrene	129-00-0	0.000451	SSL	0.0272	SSL	7.24E-06	SSL	105000	SSL	2100	CA	**	U	0.13	U
<b>Inorganics</b>															
Antimony <sup>h/</sup>	7440-36-0	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	45	SSL	0.15	U	--	
Arsenic	7440-38-2	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	31	SSL	**	U	0.03	U
Barium	7440-39-3	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	52	SSL	0.07	U	--	
Beryllium	7440-41-7	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	100000	SSL	0.007	U	--	
Boron	7440-42-8	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	3	BAES	**	B	--	
Cadmium <sup>h/</sup>	7440-43-9	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	4300	SSL	0.025	U	0.001	U

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**TABLE 3.6 (CONTINUED)**  
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COPC <sup>b/</sup>	CAS Number <sup>c/</sup>	H'	Ref <sup>d/</sup>	D <sup>air</sup> (cm <sup>2</sup> /s) <sup>e/</sup>	Ref	D <sup>wat</sup> (cm <sup>2</sup> /s) <sup>e/</sup>	Ref	Koc (L/kg) <sup>e/</sup>	Ref	Parameter Value <sup>a/</sup>					
										Kd (cm <sup>3</sup> /g) <sup>e/</sup>		Ref	OAF	Ref	DAF
Chromium, Total <sup>h/</sup>	7440-47-3	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	14	SSL	0.013	U	--	
Copper	7440-50-8	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	35	BAES	0.3	B	--	
Lead <sup>h/</sup>	7439-92-1	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	900	BAES	0.15	B	--	
Mercury	7487-94-7	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	200	SSL	0.07	U	--	
Molybdenum	7439-98-7	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	20	BAES	0.38	B	--	
Silver	7440-22-4	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	110	SSL	0.04	U	--	
Zinc	7440-66-6	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	--	NU	530	SSL	0.2	B	--	
<b>Explosives</b>															
Nitroglycerin	55-63-0	1.04E-07	EPI	0.029	W9	7.76E-06	W9	130.8	EPI	2.616	CA	--	--	--	--
<b>Dioxins and Furans</b>															
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo- p-Dioxin	1746-01-6	0.00205	EPI	0.104	W9	0.0000056	W9	146300	EPI	2926	CA	**	U	0.03	U
Dibenzofuran	132-64-9	0.00871	EPI	0.0238	W9	0.000006	W9	11290	EPI	225.8	CA	--		0.1	U

<sup>a/</sup> Parameters defined as: H' = Henry's law constant (unitless); D<sup>air</sup> = Diffusivity in air; D<sup>wat</sup> = Diffusivity in water; Koc = Organic carbon partition coefficient; Kd = Soil-water partition coefficient; OAF = Oral absorption factor; DAF = Dermal absorption factor.

<sup>b/</sup> COPC = Chemical of potential concern.

<sup>c/</sup> CAS = Chemical abstracts service number.

<sup>d/</sup> Ref = References; SSL = USEPA (2002f, Inorganic K<sub>d</sub> values based on a site specific pH of 8.0); U = USEPA (2004c); B = Bast & Borges (1996); W9 = USEPA (2004d) Water9 software; EPI = USEPA EPI (2005) EPISuite software; CA = Calculated per USEPA (1996a) guidance; BAES = Baes *et al.* (1984); NU = Not used.

<sup>e/</sup> Units are defined as: cm<sup>2</sup>/s = Square centimeters per second; L/kg = Liters per kilogram; and cm<sup>3</sup>/g = Cubic centimeters per gram.

<sup>f/</sup> "\*\*\*" = Per USEPA (2004d) guidance, toxicity factors were not adjusted for chemicals with gastrointestinal absorption values greater than 50-percent.

<sup>g/</sup> "--" = Data unavailable.

<sup>h/</sup> The toxicity data for these chemicals were not derived via traditional methods and are described in Section 3.4.

### Soil Vapor Concentration at the Subsurface Source

1 The soil vapor concentration at the subsurface source is estimated based on the  
2 following equation (USEPA, 2004f):

$$C_{source} = \frac{H'_{ts} C_R \rho_b}{\theta_w + K_d \rho_b + H'_{ts} \theta_a}$$

3 where:

- 4  $C_{source}$  = Soil vapor concentration at the subsurface source (g/cm<sup>3</sup>-v);  
5  $H'_{TS}$  = Dimensionless Henry's Law constant at the system temperature;  
6  $C_R$  = Initial soil concentration (g/g);  
7  $\rho_b$  = Soil dry bulk density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>);  
8  $\theta_w$  = Soil water-filled porosity (cm<sup>3</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>);  
9  $K_d$  = Soil-water partition coefficient (cm<sup>3</sup>/g) (=  $K_{oc} * f_{oc}$ ), where:  
10  $K_{oc}$  = Soil organic carbon partition coefficient (cm<sup>3</sup>/g), and  
11  $f_{oc}$  = Soil organic carbon weight fraction (unitless);  
12  $\theta_a$  = Soil air-filled porosity (cm<sup>3</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>).

### Diffusion Through the Unsaturated Zone

13 Diffusion through the unsaturated (vadose) zone is estimated based on the  
14 following equation (USEPA, 2004f):

$$D_T^{eff} = D_a (\theta_a^{3.33} / n^2) + (D_w / H'_{TS}) (\theta_w^{3.33} / n^2)$$

15 where:

- 16  $D_T^{eff}$  = Total overall effective diffusion coefficient (cm<sup>2</sup>/s);  
17  $D_a$  = Diffusivity in air (cm<sup>2</sup>/s);  
18  $\theta_a$  = Soil air-filled porosity (cm<sup>3</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>);  
19  $n$  = Soil total porosity (cm<sup>3</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>);  
20  $D_w$  = Diffusivity in water (cm<sup>2</sup>/s);  
21  $\theta_w$  = Soil water-filled porosity (cm<sup>3</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>);  
22  $H'_{TS}$  = Dimensionless Henry's Law constant at the system temperature.

### Convective and Diffusive Transport

23 Under the assumption that mass transfer is steady state, the solution for the  
24 attenuation coefficient ( $\alpha$ ) is calculated as (USEPA, 2004f):



$$\alpha = \frac{\left( \frac{D_T^{eff} A_B}{Q_{building} L_T} \right) \times e^{\left( \frac{Q_{soil} L_{crack}}{D_{crack} A_{crack}} \right)}}{\left\{ e^{\left( \frac{Q_{soil} L_{crack}}{D_{crack} A_{crack}} \right)} + \left( \frac{D_T^{eff} A_B}{Q_{building} L_T} \right) + \left( \frac{D_T^{eff} A_B}{Q_{soil} L_T} \right) \times \left[ e^{\left( \frac{Q_{soil} L_{crack}}{D_{crack} A_{crack}} \right)} - 1 \right] \right\}}$$

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where:

3

 $\alpha$  = Steady-state attenuation coefficient (unitless);

4

 $D_T^{eff}$  = Total overall effective diffusion coefficient (cm<sup>2</sup>/s);

5

 $A_B$  = Area of the enclosed space below grade (cm<sup>2</sup>);

6

 $Q_{building}$  = Building ventilation rate (cm<sup>3</sup>/s);

7

 $L_T$  = Source-building separation (cm);

8

 $Q_{soil}$  = Volumetric flow rate of soil gas into the enclosed space (cm<sup>3</sup>/s);

9

 $L_{crack}$  = Enclosed space foundation or slab thickness (cm);

10

 $A_{crack}$  = Area of total cracks (cm<sup>2</sup>);

11

 $D_{crack}$  = Effective diffusion coefficient through the cracks (cm<sup>2</sup>/s) (assumed equivalent to  $D_T^{eff}$ ).

12

13

Indoor air concentrations ( $C_{building}$ ) of chemicals volatilized from the subsurface

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soil are calculated using the following equation (USEPA, 2003f):

$$C_{building} = \alpha \times C_{source}$$

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The electronic spreadsheets that are available for download from the USEPA

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website ([www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/risk/airmodel/johnson\\_ettinger.htm](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/risk/airmodel/johnson_ettinger.htm))

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incorporate the algorithms described above and were used to estimate indoor air

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concentrations and subsequent risks and hazards associated with inhalation of chemicals

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volatilized from subsurface soil into the indoor air. The spreadsheets that were used to

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calculate risks and hazards are provided in Appendix E.

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Default and site-specific parameters used in the above algorithms are provided in

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Table 3.7. A brief rationale for each parameter and the supporting reference citation are

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also provided (Table 3.7), and are explained in further detail below.

24

The shallow subsurface soil at SWMU-11 general consists of a thin (1-2 ft thick)

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layer of clay, underlain by well sorted sand that grades into coarser-grained sand and

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gravel to at least 15 ft bgs (see Section 2.2.1 of this document). According to the ternary

**TABLE 3.7**  
**PARAMETERS USED FOR MODELING VOLATILIZATION FROM SUBSURFACE SOIL INTO INDOOR AIR**  
**SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

Parameter		Typical Range	Value Used in Calculations	Rationale	Reference
Symbol	Description				
C <sub>s</sub>	Initial soil concentration (mg/Kg) <sup>a/</sup>	Chemical and site-specific	Various; see Table 3.3	Maximum detected soil concentration at SWMU-11	Table 3.2
T <sub>S</sub>	Average soil-groundwater temperature (°C) <sup>a/</sup>	2.8-25 (USEPA, 2004f)	11	Recommended Default Value for Northern Utah	USEPA, 2004f
L <sub>F</sub>	Depth below grade to bottom of enclosed space floor (cm) <sup>a/</sup>	15 or 200 (USEPA, 2004f)	15	Assuming future industrial buildings will not have basements.	USEPA, 2004f
L <sub>t</sub>	Depth below grade to top of contamination (cm)	ND <sup>b/</sup>	Chemical-specific	Sampling depth where VOCs were detected	USEPA, 2004f
L <sub>b</sub>	Depth below grade to bottom of contamination (cm)	ND	0, 122, and 183	Default if value is unknown	USEPA, 2004f
SCS Soil Type	Soil Conservation Service Soil Type	ND	Sand <sup>c/</sup>	Default based on site-specific clay, sand, and silt content <sup>c/</sup>	Section 2.2.1
ρ <sub>b</sub>	Soil dry bulk density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>a/</sup>	1.66 (USEPA, 1996a)	1.5	USEPA Recommended Default Value	USEPA, 2004f
θ <sub>T</sub>	Soil total porosity (unitless)	0.35-0.55 (Conner, <i>et al.</i> , 1996)	0.375	Default value (calculated per USEPA, 1996a)	USEPA, 2004f
θ <sub>ws</sub>	Soil water-filled porosity (cm <sup>3</sup> -water/cm <sup>3</sup> -soil) <sup>a/</sup>	0.13-0.52 (Conner, <i>et al.</i> , 1996)	0.054	Default value	USEPA, 2004f
f <sub>oc</sub>	Soil organic carbon fraction (unitless)	ND	0.02	Organic matter content in soil at DPG	Shaw, 2003
L <sub>crack</sub>	Enclosed space floor thickness (cm)	ND	10	USEPA Recommended Default value	USEPA, 2004f
ΔP	Soil-building pressure differential (g/cm-s <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>a/</sup>	ND	40	USEPA Recommended Default value	USEPA, 2004f
L <sub>B</sub>	Enclosed space floor length (cm)	ND	1000	USEPA Recommended Default value	USEPA, 2004f
W <sub>B</sub>	Enclosed space floor width (cm)	ND	1000	USEPA Recommended Default value	USEPA, 2004f
H <sub>B</sub>	Enclosed space height (cm)	ND	244	USEPA Recommended Default value	USEPA, 2004f
W <sub>B</sub>	Floor-wall seam crack width (cm)	ND	0.1	USEPA Recommended Default value	USEPA, 2004f
ER	Indoor air exchange rate (1/hr) <sup>a/</sup>	0.5-0.83 (ASTM, 1995)	0.83	Indoor exchange rate for an industrial building	ASTM, 1995

<sup>a/</sup> Parameter units are defined as follows: mg/Kg = milligrams per kilogram; °C = degrees Celsius; cm = centimeter; g/cm<sup>3</sup> = grams per cubic centimeter; cm<sup>3</sup>-water/cm<sup>3</sup>-soil = cubic centimeters of water per cubic centimeter of soil; g/cm-s<sup>2</sup> = grams per centimeter per square second; 1/h = inverse hour.

<sup>b/</sup> ND = Not determined.

<sup>c/</sup> Subsurface soil above and within the contamination zone at SWMU-11 consists of predominantly sand with some clay (Section 2.2.1), therefore, the USDA soil type "sand" was specified for the model.

1 diagrams in USEPA (2000d) and Conner et al. (1997), this corresponds to the United  
2 States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Soil Conservation Service (SCS) “sand”. The  
3 SCS soil classification is used by USEPA (2000d); therefore, a “sand” soil type was  
4 specified for the model.

5 USEPA (2004f) default values for sand soil type were selected for total soil  
6 porosity, volumetric air content, and volumetric water content in vadose zone soils.  
7 Physical properties for COPCs used to estimate soil exposures are shown in Appendix E.  
8 Exposure estimates associated with soil COPCs were combined with results from the  
9 toxicity assessment (Section 3.2.3) and are provided in Appendix E.

### 3.2.3 Toxicity Assessment

10 In order to evaluate the risks/hazards associated with potential exposure to  
11 COPCs, the types of health effects that may result from exposure to each COPC and the  
12 quantitative relationship between the amount of exposure and the extent of potential  
13 effects must be identified. Toxicity factors (Table 3.8) were identified using the hierarchy  
14 of sources recommended by USEPA (USEPA, 2003i).

### 3.2.4 Risk Characterization

15 Site-specific cancer risks and non-cancer hazards were estimated for all industrial  
16 receptors, exposure pathways, and COPCs per the methods described in previous sections  
17 and in the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a). The pathway-specific and  
18 cumulative risks/hazards are summarized in Table 3.9 for each receptor. All COPCs  
19 conservatively were assumed to act on the same target organ when calculating the  
20 cumulative non-cancer hazard (HI).

21 The estimated HIs (0.0004 to 0.3) and cancer risks (8E-11 to 2E-05) for  
22 nonintrusive and indoor worker receptors were less than the DSHW (2001) target HI of  
23 one and the risk level of 1E-04 that require corrective action under actual/potential land-  
24 use scenarios (Table 3.9). The cumulative cancer risk (1E-06) for outdoor intrusive  
25 workers was also below the DSHW (2001) target risk level of 1E-04, but the estimated  
26 HI (6) was slightly above the target HI of one. The cumulative risk and hazard estimates  
27 for outdoor industrial receptors did not include inhalation of VOCs volatilized from  
28 subsurface soil. However, significant cumulative risks and hazards are not expected since

**TABLE 3.8**  
**TOXICITY DATA FOR CHEMICALS OF POTENTIAL CONCERN**  
**SWMU - 11**  
**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

COPC <sup>b/</sup>	CAS Number <sup>c/</sup>	RfDo (mg/kg-d) <sup>d/</sup>	Parameter Value <sup>a/</sup>			RfC (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>f/</sup>	Ref	URF (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>-1f/</sup>	Ref
			Ref <sup>e/</sup>	CSFo (mg/kg-d) <sup>-1</sup>	Ref				
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>									
2-Hexanone	591-78-6	--g/		--		--		--	
2-Methylnaphthalene	91-57-6	0.004	I	--		3	I	--	
Acenaphthene	83-32-9	0.06	I	--		--		--	
Acenaphthylene <sup>h/</sup>	208-96-8	0.06	I	--		--		--	
Acetone	67-64-1	0.9	I	--		--		--	
Benzene	71-43-2	0.004	I	0.055	I	30	I	0.0000078	I
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	0.1	I	--		1000	I	--	
Methyl Ethyl Ketone (2-Butanone)	78-93-3	0.6	I	--		5000	I	--	
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (4-Methyl-2-Pentanone)	108-10-1	0.08	H	--		3000	I	--	
Naphthalene	91-20-3	0.02	I	--		3	I	--	
Phenanthrene <sup>h/</sup>	85-01-8	0.3	I	--		--		--	
Styrene	100-42-5	0.2	I	--		1015	I	--	
Toluene	108-88-3	0.08	I	--		5000	I	--	
m,p-Xylene (Sum Of Isomers) <sup>h/</sup>	1330-20-7	0.2	I	--		100	I	--	
o-Xylene (1,2-Dimethylbenzene) <sup>h/</sup>	1330-20-7	0.2	I	--		100	I	--	
<b>Semivolatile Organic Compounds</b>									
Benzyl Alcohol	100-51-6	0.3	H	--		--		--	
Fluoranthene	206-44-0	0.04	I	--		--		--	
Pyrene	129-00-0	0.03	I	--		--		--	
<b>Inorganics</b>									
Antimony <sup>h/</sup>	7440-36-0	0.0004	I	--		--		--	
Arsenic	7440-38-2	0.0003	I	1.5	I	--		0.0043	I
Barium	7440-39-3	0.2	I	--		0.49	H	--	
Beryllium	7440-41-7	0.002	I	--		0.02	I	0.0024	I
Boron	7440-42-8	0.2	I	--		19.95	H	--	
Cadmium <sup>h/</sup>	7440-43-9	0.001	I	--		--		0.0018	I

**TABLE 3.8 (CONTINUED)**  
**TOXICITY DATA FOR CHEMICALS OF POTENTIAL CONCERN**  
**SWMU - 11**  
**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

COPC <sup>b/</sup>	CAS Number <sup>c/</sup>	RfDo (mg/kg-d) <sup>d/</sup>	Parameter Value <sup>a/</sup>		Ref	RfC (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>f/</sup>	Ref	URF (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>-1f/</sup>	Ref
			Ref <sup>e/</sup>	CSFo (mg/kg-d) <sup>-1</sup>					
Chromium, Total <sup>h/</sup>	7440-47-3	0.021	I	--		0.7	I	0.00171	I
Copper	7440-50-8	0.04	H	--		--		--	
Lead <sup>h/</sup>	7439-92-1	--		--		--		--	
Mercury	7487-94-7	0.0003	I	--		--		--	
Molybdenum	7439-98-7	0.005	I	--		--		--	
Silver	7440-22-4	0.005	I	--		--		--	
Zinc	7440-66-6	0.3	I	--		--		--	
<b>Explosives</b>									
Nitroglycerin	55-63-0	--	--	0.014	E	--		--	
<b>Dioxins and Furans</b>									
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin	1746-01-6	--		150000	H	--		42.9	H
Dibenzofuran	132-64-9	0.002	E	--		--		--	

<sup>a/</sup> Parameters defined as: CSFo = Oral cancer slope factor; RfDo = Oral reference dose; URF = Unit risk factor; RfC = Reference concentration.

<sup>b/</sup> COPC = Chemical of potential concern.

<sup>c/</sup> CAS = Chemical abstracts service number.

<sup>d/</sup> mg/Kg-d = Milligram per kilogram per day.

<sup>e/</sup> Ref = References; I = USEPA (2006a), Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS); H = USEPA (1997) Health Effects Assessment Summary Tables (HEAST); E = USEPA National Center for Environmental Assessment per USEPA Region 9 (2004).

<sup>f/</sup> µg/m<sup>3</sup> = Micrograms per cubic meter.

<sup>g/</sup> "--" = Data unavailable.

<sup>h/</sup> The toxicity data for these chemicals were not derived via traditional methods and are described in Section 3.4.

**TABLE 3.9  
SUMMARY OF CANCER RISKS AND NONCANCER HAZARDS  
SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

<b>Receptor/Exposure Route</b>	<b>Route-Specific Cancer Risk</b>	<b>Route-Specific Hazard Index</b>	<b>Chemicals with Hazard Quotient &gt; 1</b>	<b>Chemical- Specific Hazard Quotient</b>	<b>Percent of Total</b>
<b><u>Nonintrusive Worker</u></b>					
Incidental Ingestion	--	2E-03			
Dermal Contact	--	--			
Inhalation of Volatiles/Particulates	4E-10	8E-06			
<b><i>Cumulative Risk/Hazard</i></b>	<b>4E-10</b>	<b>2E-03</b>			
<b><u>Nonintrusive Remote Site Worker</u></b>					
Incidental Ingestion	--	4E-04			
Dermal Contact	--	--			
Inhalation of Volatiles/Particulates	8E-11	5E-06			
<b><i>Cumulative Risk/Hazard</i></b>	<b>8E-11</b>	<b>4E-04</b>			
<b><u>Intrusive Worker</u></b>					
Incidental Ingestion	9E-07	6	Beryllium	5	83%
Dermal Contact	8E-08	4E-03			
Inhalation of Volatiles/Particulates	7E-08	9E-02			
<b><i>Cumulative Risk/Hazard</i></b>	<b>1E-06</b>	<b>6</b>			
<b><u>Indoor Worker</u></b>					
Inhalation of VOCs Volatilized from Subsurface Soil	2E-05	0.3			
<b><i>Cumulative Risk/Hazard</i></b>	<b>2E-05</b>	<b>0.3</b>			

1 exposure and subsequent risks and hazards for an outdoor worker would be less than that  
2 of an indoor worker. In addition, industrial receptor estimates did not incorporate  
3 potential hazards from lead exposure, although the maximum detected concentration of  
4 lead (130 mg/Kg) is well below the industrial soil screening range of 700-1500 mg/Kg  
5 (USEPA, 1996c). Therefore, adverse health effects to any potential human receptor are  
6 not expected from exposure to lead in soils at the site. However, cross-media cumulative  
7 impacts to a nonintrusive worker from inhalation of COPCs potentially volatilized from  
8 uncharacterized subsurface soils at TR-5 into outdoor (or indoor) air could not be  
9 quantified (Section 3.2.1) and in the absence of other data: 1) are assumed *a priori* to be  
10 unacceptable; and 2) will need to be addressed in the CMS Work Plan (Section 4).

11 In conclusion, the *a priori* assumption that exposure to uncharacterized or  
12 unidentified wastes and uncharacterized surface and/or subsurface soils in TR-5 and  
13 TR-6 (including exposure to COPCs via potential emission/reentrainment and/or  
14 volatilization from uncharacterized surface [TR-5 and TR-6] and subsurface [TR-5] soils)  
15 should be prevented given the materials that may be present will need to be addressed  
16 during the CMS (Section 4). Screening-level risk and hazard estimates for the  
17 hypothetical resident potentially exposed to soil (Table 3.5) exceeded UAC R315-101  
18 (DSHW, 2001) target cumulative cancer risk and noncancer HI levels. Potential risks and  
19 hazards were conservatively evaluated further assuming an industrial land-use scenario.  
20 Cumulative noncancer HIs and cancer risks for nonintrusive and indoor industrial  
21 workers potentially exposed to soil COPCs in soils were less than the DSHW (2001)  
22 target HI of one and risk level of 1E-04 (Table 3.9). Cumulative cancer risk to intrusive  
23 workers was also below the DSHW industrial target level. However, the cumulative HI  
24 for intrusive workers (6) was slightly greater than the DSHW (2001) target HI of one that  
25 requires corrective action; this HI is predominantly attributable to the concentration of  
26 beryllium in the soil. Therefore, beryllium is considered a soil industrial preliminary  
27 COC and will be addressed in the corrective measures discussed in Section 4.

28 The beryllium site-wide industrial HQ of six corresponding to an EPC of  
29 13,000 mg/Kg is near the target level HI of one. The burn layer associated with TR-1  
30 through TR-3 account for the majority (if not all) of the hazards associated with  
31 beryllium at the site. The maximum concentration detected at TR-4 (230 mg/Kg) is

1 several orders of magnitude below the site-wide EPC of 13,000 mg/Kg. The  
2 concentrations at TR-4 would produce an HQ well below the target level and is therefore  
3 not expected to pose unacceptable risk to industrial receptors. Since the beryllium  
4 concentrations at TR-4 do not pose a threat to human health or the environment, remedial  
5 strategies associated with beryllium do not need to include TR-4.

6 Field survey measurements and soil sample results from trenches TR-1 through  
7 TR-4 and the CONEX container indicate that no adverse health effects are expected from  
8 exposure to radiation. However, TR-5 contains uncharacterized waste that has levels of  
9 radioactivity that could potentially cause adverse health effects to human receptors and is  
10 addressed in the CMS. The nature (chemical and radiological) of the waste in TR-6 has  
11 not been determined and the risk associated with exposure to this waste is assumed *a*  
12 *priori* to be unacceptable and is addressed in the CMS (Section 4).

13 The uncertainties associated with the HRA are discussed in Section 3.4.

### 3.3 ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

14 The objective of this ERA was to evaluate potential risks to ecological receptors  
15 that may be exposed to site-related chemicals in surface- and mixed-interval soil in the  
16 waste-pile areas of SWMU-11. This objective was accomplished by: 1) formulating the  
17 CSM and identifying assessment endpoints; 2) analyzing ecological receptor exposures  
18 to, and the toxicity of, soil contaminants detected at the site; and 3) characterizing the  
19 potential hazards to ecological receptors.

20 The approach for conducting site-specific ERAs at DPG is described in the Risk  
21 Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a and 2002b). The analysis and risk  
22 characterization results from each site-specific ERA will support a risk-management  
23 decision regarding the need for a more detailed evaluation through the next level of ERA  
24 or implementation of corrective measures (if required).

25 The site-specific ERA for SWMU-11 was conducted in two sequential assessment  
26 tiers. Tier 1 serves as a screening-level assessment that uses site-specific data and  
27 conservative exposure assumptions to identify preliminary COPCs that pose an  
28 acceptable exposure situation and do not pose a hazard. Preliminary COPCs that do not  
29 pose a hazard in the Tier 1 evaluation are eliminated from further assessment.



1 Preliminary COPCs that “fail” the Tier 1 evaluation (that is, indicate a potentially  
2 unacceptable hazard to a receptor) are retained as “final COPCs” and are evaluated  
3 further in the Tier 2 Assessment. The Tier 2 assessment provides a more-refined analysis  
4 of potential effects on ecological receptor populations by incorporating additional site-  
5 specific information and more-realistic exposure assumptions. The Tier 1 and Tier 2  
6 assessments are organized according to the following key elements of an ERA, which are  
7 adapted from USEPA (1997b and 1998) guidance: problem formulation, analysis, and  
8 risk characterization. The problem-formulation step is combined for the Tier 1 and Tier 2  
9 assessments, while the analysis and risk characterization steps are evaluated separately.

### 3.3.1 Problem Formulation

10 The ERA problem formulation step included developing a CSM and defining the  
11 assessment endpoints, ecological receptors, and contaminants to be evaluated at the site.  
12 A site-specific CSM that identifies site-specific contaminant sources, affected media,  
13 representative receptors (i.e., assessment endpoints), and exposure pathways is presented  
14 on Figure 3.1. The assessment endpoints and representative receptors for use in all DPG  
15 ERAs were originally defined in the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a); for  
16 SWMU-specific ERAs, the representative receptors include the deer mouse and horned  
17 lark populations, and the terrestrial plant community.

18 The Risk Assumptions Document and Addenda (Parsons, 2002a and 2002b)  
19 indicate the terrestrial-plant community will be evaluated qualitatively, and quantitatively  
20 *if* applicable toxicological benchmarks are available. There are available effect-  
21 concentrations for plants (Efroymson et al., 1997), but these have high uncertainty  
22 associated with their relevance to the plant community observed at SWMU-11 or  
23 throughout DPG. The majority of phytotoxicity studies used to derive the screening-  
24 benchmarks are based on root or shoot lengths, root or shoot weights, harvestable  
25 biomass, or other productivity-related indices relevant to agricultural crops (e.g.,  
26 soybean, barley, radish, lettuce, wheat, rye, etc.). Indeed, effect-concentrations for  
27 antimony, chromium, selenium, vanadium, and zinc are below the background  
28 comparison values for the DPG. Efroymson et al. (1997; page 1-2) comment “...if a  
29 benchmark is exceeded by background soil concentrations, it is generally safe to assume  
30 that the benchmark is a poor measure of risk to the plant community at the site.” While

1 there are some benchmarks that are greater than the background comparison values, the  
2 relevance of a set of benchmarks derived from primarily agricultural crops is tenuous (at  
3 best). The productivity-related responses of agricultural crops grown in agricultural or  
4 greenhouse settings cannot be directly related to the high-desert conditions experienced  
5 by the plants growing on and near SWMU-11. The abiotic conditions (e.g., moisture  
6 regime, temperature, irradiance, climate, and site-specific soil conditions), the ecological  
7 characteristics of the DPG vegetative communities (i.e., how the communities respond to  
8 and interact with their high-desert environment), and the species-specific characteristics  
9 of the specific plants growing at SWMU-11 (e.g., nutrient requirements, tolerance, and  
10 adaptability to soil conditions) are far too different from the collective conditions used in  
11 the studies for the benchmark derivation to give the benchmarks relevance to site-specific  
12 vegetation. Despite the uncertainty associated with these toxicological benchmarks, the  
13 terrestrial-plant community will be evaluated quantitatively in the Tier 1 analysis. The  
14 Tier 1 Risk Description will also include a qualitative consideration of the uncertainty in  
15 conjunction with other available lines of evidence for characterizing hazard to plants.

16 The preliminary COPCs identified for evaluation at SWMU-11 are listed in Table  
17 3.1. The representative wildlife receptors (see Section 3.1) and preliminary COPCs  
18 identified for SWMU-11 are quantitatively evaluated through the following Tier 1—and  
19 if warranted, Tier 2—analysis and risk characterization steps.

### 3.3.2 Tier 1 ERA Analysis and Risk Characterization

20 The Tier 1 ecological risk analysis and risk characterization are presented in this  
21 section. The analysis step includes an assessment of the potential pathways for exposures  
22 of receptors to preliminary COPCs and the potential toxicity of these preliminary COPCs  
23 to receptors. The risk characterization step presents risk estimates and describes the risk  
24 results. Supporting tables for wildlife receptors are provided in Appendix E  
25 (Tables ERA.1 through ERA.12).

#### 3.3.2.1 Tier 1 Analysis

##### Tier 1 Exposure Assessment

26 As discussed in Section 2, soil samples were collected from multiple locations at  
27 SWMU-11. For the purposes of the Tier 1 (screening-level) ERA, direct exposure

1 pathways from these soil locations were assumed to be complete for all representative  
2 species identified for the site (i.e., deer mouse, horned lark, and the plant community  
3 [Section 3.1]). Therefore, exposures to maximum detected concentrations of preliminary  
4 COPCs in the mixed-soil interval (0-10 ft bgs) from the characterized portion of the site  
5 (see Table 3.1) were evaluated in the Tier 1 ERA.

6 Tier 1 exposure doses for each wildlife receptor and preliminary COPC were  
7 calculated using the Tier 1 algorithms and species-specific body weights, dietary  
8 composition, and food-ingestion rates presented in the Risk Assumptions Document  
9 (Parsons, 2002a). The following conservative exposure assumptions were used in  
10 estimating Tier 1 exposure doses for wildlife:

- 11 • One hundred-percent of the receptor's diet was assumed to contain the maximum  
12 concentration of each preliminary COPC detected in mixed soil (0-10 ft bgs).
- 13 • The minimum reported adult body weights and maximum total dietary intake  
14 rates for the terrestrial wildlife receptor species evaluated were used to maximize  
15 estimated intakes.
- 16 • The receptor foraging ranges were assumed to be equal to the size of the affected  
17 area of the SWMU (i.e., the area use factor [AUF] was equal to 1.0), ensuring  
18 100-percent of the predicted exposure is from the affected area of the SWMU.
- 19 • The bioavailability of preliminary COPCs in soil is assumed to be 100-percent.

20 Tier 1 exposure doses are presented in the risk characterization section  
21 (Section 3.3.2.2), where they are also used in the estimation of potential ecological risk.

### **Tier 1 Effects Assessment**

22 Chemical- and receptor-specific toxicity information was compiled from the  
23 literature and other sources in order to characterize the potential adverse (i.e., toxic)  
24 ecological effects of preliminary COPCs on the wildlife receptors (refer to Appendix E  
25 for literature citations). No-observed-adverse-effect-level (NOAEL)-based toxicity  
26 reference values (TRVs) were derived for use as measures of effect (Parsons, 2002a) and  
27 are indicative of a dose at or below which an individual contaminant is unlikely to cause  
28 adverse ecological effects (USEPA, 1997b). The purpose of using NOAEL-based TRVs  
29 is to indicate (by comparison with an estimated exposure dose) those receptor and  
30 exposure-pathway combinations that should be evaluated further. However, estimated  
31 exposure doses greater than NOAEL-based TRVs *do not* indicate that adverse effect

1 would be expected, because such TRVs are, by definition, “no-effect” levels. Receptor-  
2 specific NOAEL-based TRVs for the preliminary COPCs were derived for deer mice and  
3 horned larks (Appendix E, Tables ERA.1 and ERA.2).

4 For the plant-community receptor, there are limited data available with regards to  
5 established toxicity benchmarks for plant receptors. Available phytotoxicity benchmarks  
6 were derived for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Efroymson et al., 1997) and the Los  
7 Alamos National Laboratory (LANL, 2004), and are used herein. In addition, USEPA has  
8 provided an approach to developing soil-screening benchmarks (USEPA, 2005f) and has  
9 published soil plant screening levels for some chemicals (2005a,b,c,d,e), but only the  
10 published values (USEPA, 2005a,b,c,d,e) are used herein. Soil benchmarks for plants are  
11 provided in Table 3.10.

### 3.3.2.2 Tier 1 Risk Characterization

12 Risk characterization includes processes of risk estimation and risk description.  
13 The risk estimation process is the derivation of mathematical indices of the potential for  
14 ecological hazard(s); the risk description highlights the significant results of the Tier 1  
15 risk estimation for wildlife receptors and provides the qualitative evaluation of the  
16 terrestrial-plant community as a representative receptor.

#### Tier 1 Risk Estimation

17 The Tier 1 risk-estimation step involved comparing the screening-level exposure  
18 doses (or concentrations) to the NOAEL-based TRVs (or soil-screening concentrations)  
19 in ratios referred to as screening-level hazard quotients (SLHQs). These values represent  
20 conservative indicators of the potential that adverse effects on the assessment endpoints  
21 could result from the estimated exposures to those receptors (USEPA, 1998).

22 Per USEPA (1997a), an SLHQ of one is considered to be the indicator threshold  
23 at or below which the contaminant alone is unlikely to cause adverse ecological effects.  
24 Exposure pathways for which the preliminary COPC and receptor combination have an  
25 SLHQ value less than or equal to one do not indicate a potential for adverse ecological  
26 effects, and are eliminated from further evaluation. Therefore, preliminary COPCs with  
27 SLHQs greater than one were retained, as “final COPCs,” for further evaluation in Tier 2.  
28 The combinations of chemical- and receptor-specific screening-level exposure doses and

1 TRVs used to calculate Tier 1 SLHQs, along with the resulting Tier 1 SLHQs, are  
 2 presented in detail for the wildlife receptors in Appendix E, Tables ERA.3 and ERA.4.

**TABLE 3.10**  
**EFFECTS-CHARACTERIZATION BENCHMARKS FOR PLANTS**  
**SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

Preliminary COPC <sup>a/</sup>	Soil-Screening Concentrations (mg/Kg soil dry weight) <sup>a/</sup>	
	Efroymsen et al., 1997	Other Sources
<b>Volatile Organics</b>		
Styrene	<b>300</b>	
Toluene	<b>200</b>	
<b>Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)</b>		
Acenaphthene	<b>20</b>	
<b>Inorganics</b>		
Antimony	<b>5</b>	
Arsenic	10	<b>18</b> (USEPA, 2005b)
Barium	<b>500</b>	
Beryllium	<b>10</b>	
Boron	<b>0.5</b>	
Cadmium	4	<b>32</b> (USEPA, 2005c)
Chromium (Total)	<b>1</b>	
Copper	<b>100</b>	
Lead	50	<b>120</b> (USEPA, 2005e)
Mercury	<b>0.3</b>	
Molybdenum	<b>2</b>	
Silver	<b>2</b>	
Zinc	<b>50</b>	190 (USEPA, 2000b)
<b>All other preliminary COPCs</b>	--	--

<sup>a/</sup> COPC = Chemical of potential concern; mg COPC/Kg soil dry weight = Milligram COPC per kilogram soil dry weight.

Bold values indicate the selected benchmark value.

3 Available soil benchmarks, background concentrations, exposure concentrations,  
 4 and SLHQs for the plant-community receptor are presented in Table 3.11.

5 For plants, site-related exposure concentrations exceeded available background  
 6 concentrations (which is a defining characteristic of preliminary COPCs) and the  
 7 available effect-concentrations (Table 3.11).

**TABLE 3.11**  
**EFFECT, BACKGROUND, AND EXPOSURE CONCENTRATIONS, AND**  
**SCREENING-LEVEL HAZARD QUOTIENTS FOR THE PLANT COMMUNITY**  
**SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

COPC <sup>a/</sup>	Effect Concentration <sup>a/</sup> (mg COPC / Kg soil dry weight)	Background Comparison Value <sup>b/</sup> (mg /Kg)	Exposure Concentration <sup>c/</sup> (mg/Kg)	Screening- Level Hazard Quotient <sup>d/</sup>
<b>Volatile Organics</b>				
Styrene	300	Not applicable	0.023	8E-05
Toluene	200	Not applicable	0.11	6E-04
<b>Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)</b>				
Acenaphthene	20	Not applicable	0.12	6E-03
<b>Inorganics</b>				
Antimony	5	10	1300	<b>3E+02</b>
Arsenic	18	13	73	<b>4E+00</b>
Barium	500	470	970	<b>2E+00</b>
Beryllium	10	1.1	24000	<b>2E+03</b>
Boron	0.5	Not available	58	<b>1E+02</b>
Cadmium	32	0.8	1.5	5E-02
Chromium (Total)	1	17	110	<b>1E+02</b>
Copper	100	20	140	1E+00
Lead	120	22	130	1E+00
Mercury	0.3	0.2	5.8	<b>2E+01</b>
Molybdenum	2	Not available	3.9	<b>2E+00</b>
Silver	2	Not available	1.1	6E-01
Zinc	50	67	2500	<b>5E+01</b>

<sup>a/</sup> Taken from Table 3.1; only COPCs with phytotoxicity benchmarks are displayed.

<sup>b/</sup> Refer to Appendix D.

<sup>c/</sup> Taken from Table 3.1.

<sup>d/</sup> Screening-level hazard quotients (SLHQs) were calculated as the ratio of the exposure concentration to the effect concentration.

A **bold** value indicates an SLHQ value greater than one.

### Tier 1 Risk Description

1           The results of the Tier 1 risk estimation for wildlife receptors are summarized in  
2 Table 3.12. As shown in Table 3.12, several preliminary COPCs identified at SWMU-11  
3 (e.g., 2,3,7,8-TCDD bird and mammal TEQs, antimony, arsenic, barium, beryllium, and  
4 boron) have SLHQs greater than one for one or more receptors, and were retained as final  
5 COPCs for evaluation in the Tier 2 assessment. Based on the SLHQs, not all retained  
6 chemicals are considered final COPCs for all receptors.

TABLE 3.12

**SUMMARY OF TIER 1 SCREENING-LEVEL HAZARD QUOTIENTS FOR  
WILDLIFE RECEPTORS  
SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

Preliminary COPC <sup>b/</sup>	SLHQs for Representative Ecological Receptors <sup>a/</sup>	
	Deer Mouse	Horned Lark
<b>Volatile Organics</b>		
Acetone	1E-01	4E-02
Benzene	5E-04	No TRV
Ethylbenzene	1E-04	No TRV
2-Hexanone	6E-05	6E-03
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	3E-04	No TRV
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone	1E-04	No TRV
Styrene	5E-05	No TRV
Toluene	2E-04	No TRV
o-Xylene	5E-05	7E-04
m,p-Xylenes	9E-05	1E-03
<b>Semivolatile Organics</b>		
Benzyl alcohol	7E-04	2E-01
Dibenzofuran	No TRV	No TRV
<b>Explosives</b>		
Nitroglycerin	6E-02	No TRV
<b>Dioxins and Furans</b>		
2,3,7,8-TCDD TEC (birds)	No TRV	<b>4E+01</b>
2,3,7,8-TCDD TEC (mammals)	<b>2E+02</b>	No TRV
<b>Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)</b>		
Acenaphthene	8E-04	7E-04
Acenaphthylene	4E-03	4E-03
Fluoranthene	3E-04	6E-04
2-Methylnaphthalene	8E-04	2E-03
Naphthalene	3E-04	3E-04
Phenanthrene	1E-02	1E-03
Pyrene	8E-04	1E-03
<b>Inorganics</b>		
Antimony	<b>2E+03</b>	No TRV
Arsenic	<b>4E+00</b>	<b>5E+01</b>
Barium	<b>8E+00</b>	<b>5E+01</b>
Beryllium	<b>3E+02</b>	No TRV
Boron	8E-01	1E+00
Cadmium	2E-01	7E-01
Chromium (Total)	3E-02	<b>7E+01</b>
Copper	7E-01	<b>6E+00</b>
Lead	<b>6E+00</b>	<b>8E+01</b>
Mercury	2E-01	<b>1E+01</b>

TABLE 3.12 (CONTINUED)

**SUMMARY OF TIER 1 SCREENING-LEVEL HAZARD QUOTIENTS FOR  
WILDLIFE RECEPTORS  
SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

Preliminary COPC <sup>b/</sup>	SLHQs for Representative Ecological Receptors <sup>a/</sup>	
	Deer Mouse	Horned Lark
Molybdenum	<b>3E+00</b>	4E-01
Silver	9E-03	1E-01
Zinc	<b>6E+00</b>	<b>5E+00</b>

<sup>a/</sup> Screening-level hazard quotients (SLHQs) were calculated as the ratio of the Tier 1 exposure dose to the Tier 1 toxicity reference value. A bold value indicates an SLHQ greater than one; the associated compound will be retained as a receptor-specific final COPC in the Tier 2 ERA.

<sup>b/</sup> Preliminary COPC = Preliminary chemical of potential concern (Section 3.3.2.1).

1 For the terrestrial-plant community, potential site-related analytes (the  
2 preliminary COPCs) are by definition either: 1) indicative of the presence of  
3 anthropogenic organic compounds; or 2) indicative of inorganics at concentrations which  
4 exceeded available background concentrations. There are available toxicological data for  
5 evaluating site-related concentrations, but the toxicity data have a very high level of  
6 uncertainty; the quantitative results (screening-level hazard quotients, SLHQs) are  
7 presented in Table 3.11. Several of the SLHQs are greater than one, indicating some  
8 exposure concentrations exceed effect concentrations for (primarily) agricultural crops.

9 Based on the visual observations made and a review of the available site-specific  
10 data collected during the RFI, past waste-disposal activities have had an impact on plant  
11 growth and survival at the site. However, because of slow re-colonization of disturbed  
12 areas by native plants in arid environments, the physical disruption of the plant ecology  
13 caused by excavation, backfilling, and vehicle movement (i.e., by physical stressors) has  
14 resulted in decreased plant cover in localized spots at the site relative to surrounding  
15 undisturbed areas. Although backfill trenches TR-5 and TR-6 (for example) and some  
16 other areas have less vegetative cover, the surrounding landscape (in areas where  
17 physical disruption is not evident) also exhibits a patchy landform, with small open areas  
18 devoid of vegetation that, in the absence of any stained soil or other visual clues, appear  
19 identical to on-site nonvegetated areas. Qualitatively, the available information is  
20 insufficient to distinguish among ecological succession, physical disruption, chemical



1 presence, or ecological variability as potential influences on the terrestrial-plant  
2 community at SWMU-11.

3 Vegetation at SWMU-11, although identified as a representative receptor, is not  
4 expected to be a target of environmental-management objectives, and is unlikely to be a  
5 driver for the CMS. That is, this site does support vegetation that can play an ecological  
6 role in primary productivity and serve as food or cover habitat for animals. However, the  
7 vegetation at this site is not unique, nor does the setting provide an important vegetation  
8 resource relative to the expanse of the surrounding landscape. Therefore, vegetation will  
9 not be considered further as a representative receptor, but *will be retained* as a critical  
10 food-web component for the Tier 2 evaluation of wildlife receptors.

### 3.3.2.3 Tier 1 Conclusions: Final COPCs

11 Based on SLHQs less than or equal to one, or other lines of evidence, the  
12 following combinations of preliminary COPC and receptors are eliminated from further  
13 consideration:

- 14 • All preliminary COPCs (plants).
- 15 • Acetone, benzene, ethylbenzene, 2-hexanone, methyl ethyl ketone, methyl  
16 isobutyl ketone, styrene, toluene, o-xylene, m,p-xylenes, benzyl alcohol,  
17 dibenzofuran, nitroglycerin, acenaphthene, acenaphthylene, fluoranthene,  
18 2-methylnaphthalene, naphthalene, phenanthrene, pyrene, boron, cadmium,  
19 chromium (total), copper, mercury, and silver (deer mouse).
- 20 • Acetone, benzene, ethylbenzene, 2-hexanone, methyl ethyl ketone, methyl  
21 isobutyl ketone, styrene, toluene, o-xylene, m,p-xylenes, benzyl alcohol,  
22 dibenzofuran, nitroglycerin, acenaphthene, acenaphthylene, fluoranthene,  
23 2-methylnaphthalene, naphthalene, phenanthrene, pyrene, antimony, beryllium,  
24 boron, cadmium, molybdenum, and silver (horned lark).

25 The lack of effect benchmarks for plants, as well as the applicability of available  
26 benchmarks for conditions at DPG, will be addressed in the uncertainty section. The lack  
27 of TRVs for horned larks exposed to VOCs will also be discussed in Section 3.4.

28 Based on SLHQs greater than one, the following combinations of preliminary  
29 COPCs and receptors were retained for further evaluation in Tier 2 as the receptor-  
30 specific final COPCs:

- 31 • 2,3,7,8-TCDD TEQ, antimony, arsenic, barium, beryllium, lead, molybdenum,  
32 and zinc (deer mice); and

- 1       • 2,3,7,8-TCDD TEQ, arsenic, barium, chromium (total), copper, lead, mercury,  
2       and zinc (horned larks).

### 3.3.3 Tier 2 ERA Analysis and Risk Characterization

3       The Tier 2 analysis and Tier 2 risk characterization of the SWMU-11 ERA are  
4       presented in this section. Tier 2 provides a more-refined analysis of potential effects on  
5       receptor populations from exposure to the final COPCs in soil by incorporating additional  
6       site-specific information, more-realistic exposure assumptions for the selected receptors,  
7       and effect-based TRVs for evaluating potential adverse effects in *populations* of  
8       receptors. Only those receptor-specific preliminary COPCs retained after the Tier 1 ERA  
9       (i.e., the final COPCs; chemicals with bolded values in Table 3.12) were evaluated in the  
10      Tier 2 assessment.

#### 3.3.3.1 Tier 2 Analysis

##### Tier 2 Exposure Assessment

11      Potentially complete exposure pathways were identified in the site-specific CSM  
12      (Section 3.1.1). Using the EPCs for the surface-soil and mixed-soil exposure intervals  
13      (Table 3.1), each of these potential ecological exposure pathways was quantitatively  
14      evaluated in the Tier 2 ERA.

15      Tier 2 exposure doses for each terrestrial wildlife receptor and final COPC were  
16      calculated using the Tier 2 algorithms and species-specific body weights, dietary  
17      composition (including incidental soil ingestion), and food-ingestion rates detailed in the  
18      Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a). The Tier 2 exposure assumptions for  
19      terrestrial wildlife receptors included the use of average food ingestion rates and adult  
20      body weights. The receptors also were assigned site-specific AUFs, calculated as the ratio  
21      of the 3.4-acre affected area to each receptor's average foraging range.

22      Additional computations were made in the Tier 2 exposure-dose estimates to  
23      account for accumulation of final COPCs through the trophic levels utilized by the  
24      wildlife receptors (Parsons, 2002a). Tier 2 bioaccumulation factors were used to estimate  
25      exposure-point concentrations in representative food items (plants and invertebrates) for  
26      the receptors, as presented in Appendix E, Tables ERA.5 and ERA.6. The results of the  
27      Tier 2 exposure-dose calculations for wildlife receptors are presented in Appendix E,

1 Tables ERA.7 and ERA.8, and were used in the risk characterization section to estimate  
2 potential ecological hazards.

### **Tier 2 Effects Assessment**

3 The Tier 2 effects assessment for wildlife involved compiling available chemical-  
4 and receptor-specific toxicity information and deriving lowest-observed-adverse-effect-  
5 level (LOAEL)-based TRVs to supplement the NOAEL-based TRVs derived for Tier 1.  
6 LOAEL-based TRVs (that is, *effect*-based TRVs) are necessary for making inferences  
7 about the potential occurrence of adverse ecological effects; hazard quotients (HQs)  
8 derived using NOAEL-based TRVs cannot be used to indicate effect, because such TRVs  
9 are, by definition, “no-effect” levels. LOAEL-based TRVs calculated for deer mice and  
10 horned larks for all final COPCs are presented in Appendix E, Tables ERA.9 and  
11 ERA.10.

#### **3.3.3.2 Tier 2 Risk Characterization**

12 Tier 2 risk characterization includes processes of risk estimation (using NOAEL-  
13 and LOAEL-based TRVs) and risk description. The risk estimation process is the  
14 derivation of mathematical indices (HQs and HIs); the risk description integrates the risk  
15 estimate values with other lines of evidence to provide context to the overall risk-  
16 assessment results.

#### **Tier 2 Risk Estimation**

17 The Tier 2 risk-estimation step involved comparing the Tier 2 exposure dose with  
18 NOAEL- and LOAEL-based TRVs to develop NOAEL- and LOAEL-based HQs. The  
19 chemical- and receptor-specific exposure doses and NOAEL- and LOAEL-based TRVs  
20 used to calculate Tier 2 HQs, along with the resulting Tier 2 NOAEL- and LOAEL-based  
21 HQs, are presented in Appendix E, Tables ERA.11 and ERA.12. These results are  
22 summarized in Table 3.13.

TABLE 3.13

HAZARD QUOTIENTS AND HAZARD INDICES FOR WILDLIFE RECEPTORS  
SWMU-11

Preliminary COPC <sup>a/</sup>	Deer Mice		Horned Larks	
	NOAEL HQ <sup>b/</sup>	LOAEL HQ <sup>b/</sup>	NOAEL HQ	LOAEL HQ
<b>Dioxins and Furans</b>				
2,3,7,8-TCDD TEQ (birds)	Not a receptor-specific COPC		7E-02	7E-03
2,3,7,8-TCDD TEQ (mammals)	2E-01	2E-02	Not a receptor-specific COPC	
<b>Inorganics</b>				
Antimony	<b>3E+01</b>	<b>5E+00</b>	Not a receptor-specific COPC	
Arsenic	7E-03	2E-03	7E-02	2E-02
Barium	8E-02	5E-02	4E-01	1E-01
Beryllium	3E-01	6E-02	Not a receptor-specific COPC	
Chromium (Total)	Not a receptor-specific COPC		9E-02	2E-02
Copper	Not a receptor-specific COPC		9E-02	7E-02
Lead	4E-02	4E-03	4E-01	4E-02
Mercury	Not a receptor-specific COPC		3E-01	1E-01
Molybdenum	2E-01	5E-02	Not a receptor-specific COPC	
Zinc	1E-01	3E-02	7E-02	1E-02
LOAEL HI <sub>Reproduction</sub> <sup>c/</sup>	--	8E-02	--	2E-01

<sup>a/</sup> Final COPC = Chemical of potential concern for the Tier 2 assessment.

<sup>b/</sup> HQ = Hazard quotient; NOAEL = no-observed-adverse-effect level; LOAEL = lowest-observed-adverse-effect level. A bold value indicates an HQ greater than one.

<sup>c/</sup> HI = Hazard index; a sum of the HQs for receptor-specific COPCs that elicit adverse reproductive effects: deer mice: 2,3,7,8-TCDD TEQ, lead, and molybdenum; and horned larks: 2,3,7,8-TCDD TEQ, chromium (total), lead, mercury, and zinc.

1 In the absence of special-status species as receptors, the focus of ecological risk  
2 assessment is on populations of receptor species. Adverse reproductive effects potentially  
3 caused by exposures to COPCs have, in the absence of overt acute toxicity, an obvious  
4 potential for affecting receptor populations over time. For those final COPCs that have  
5 reproduction-related endpoints, the effect-based (i.e., LOAEL-based) HQs can be  
6 summed to generate an HI for reproductive effects (HI<sub>Reproduction</sub>) as a potential indicator  
7 of cumulative effects (Parsons, 2002a,b). NOAEL-based HQs should not be summed to  
8 generate HIs, as a summation of HQs based on no-effect doses is a summation that does  
9 not result in a biologically meaningful index. Based on the specifications of toxicological  
10 endpoints (see Appendix E, Tables ERA.9 and ERA.10), the HI<sub>Reproduction</sub> for the deer  
11 mouse population is based on the summation of HQs for 2,3,7,8-TCDD TEQ (mammal),  
12 lead, and molybdenum, while the HI<sub>Reproduction</sub> for the horned lark population is based on

1 the summation of HQs for 2,3,7,8-TCDD TEQ (bird), chromium (total), lead, mercury,  
2 and zinc. HIs ensure that the potential for additive effects to a common endpoint from the  
3 final COPCs were addressed. HQs and HIs are summarized in Table 3.13.

### **Tier 2 Risk Description**

4 The risk description step involves summarizing and interpreting Tier 2 risk  
5 estimates in context with other available lines of evidence. Parallel to the logic used in  
6 Tier 1 risk characterization, a Tier 2 NOAEL-based HQ of one is an indicator threshold at  
7 or below which the contaminant is unlikely to cause adverse ecological effects. Exposure  
8 pathways for which the final COPC and receptor combination have a Tier 2 NOAEL-  
9 based HQ value less than or equal to one do not indicate a site-specific potential for  
10 adverse ecological effects and are eliminated from further evaluation. A Tier 2 NOAEL-  
11 based HQ that is greater than one indicates that the estimated site-specific exposure  
12 exceeds a no-effect dose. Tier 2 NOAEL-based HQs are greater than one for estimated  
13 exposures of the deer mouse population to antimony. Therefore, antimony is the only  
14 final COPCs that should be evaluated further to characterize the likelihood of adverse  
15 effects in ecological receptors using effect-based TRVs.

16 Effect (LOAEL)-based HQs or HIs better indicate the potential for adverse effects  
17 on receptors because of the reliance on effect-based toxicological data. In addition, the  
18 consideration of Tier 2 LOAEL-based HQs is appropriate for SWMU-11 because the  
19 representative receptors are not endangered or threatened, and LOAELs better reflect  
20 potential population-level (rather than individual-organism) responses (USEPA Region 8,  
21 1997). Final COPCs with a LOAEL-based HQ greater than one are then considered in  
22 light of other lines of evidence (e.g., see Parsons, 2002a and 2002b) to provide a more-  
23 detailed context in which to interpret the risk estimates. The lines of evidence are used to  
24 supplement the quantitative results to determine if there are any preliminary COCs at a  
25 given site. COCs then become the focus of the CMS (Section 4).

26 The first line of evidence for risk description involves interpretation of the value  
27 of the HQs or HIs. As discussed in the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a),  
28 Menzie et al. (1993) early in the historical development of formalized processes for ERA  
29 recommended the following guidelines for interpreting HQs or HIs:

- 1 • Adverse effects (to populations of receptors) are not expected for HQ or HI values  
2 less than one.
- 3 • A low potential for adverse effects may be indicated by HQ or HI values between  
4 one and 10.
- 5 • A significant potential for adverse effects on ecological receptors and biological  
6 communities may be indicated by HQ or HI values greater than 10, particularly if  
7 they exceed a value of 100.

8       These initial categorizations were an approach for interpreting the mathematical  
9 results developed in quantitative ERAs. However, quantitative ERAs often produce HQs  
10 with mathematical values greatly exceeding one (see, for example, Tannenbaum et al.,  
11 2003), but such a mathematical result does not necessarily indicate that adverse effects  
12 would be expected or would occur (see, for example, Tannenbaum, 2003). An HQ is a  
13 derived value that integrates a host of assumptions about exposures and toxicity; if any of  
14 those assumptions do not completely apply to the site-specific conditions, then the  
15 mathematical HQ might not reflect a realistic likelihood of adverse effects to the  
16 assessment endpoint. In addition, there may be other site-specific ecological conditions  
17 (i.e., lines of evidence) which further support conclusions about the likely presence, or  
18 absence, of chemical hazards to ecological receptors. In fact, the norm (not the exception)  
19 may be that healthy, sustained populations of a variety of avian and mammalian wildlife  
20 are present at areas with a long history of contamination and with no documented  
21 “population-level” effects, despite various HQs “greater than one” (e.g., Tannenbaum,  
22 2003). Nevertheless, the derivation of HQ values can be a tool useful during risk-  
23 management decision-making processes, provided their interpretation is placed in an  
24 ecological context.

25       Nearly all the LOAEL-based Tier 2 HQs and both  $HI_{\text{Reproduction}}$  values are less than  
26 one for estimated exposures of populations of deer mice or horned larks to final COPCs.  
27 The only LOAEL-based Tier 2 HQ exceedance of one is for exposure of deer mice to  
28 antimony. However, the likely hazard would be under the threshold value based the  
29 distribution of antimony in soil. Antimony was detected in ten of thirty samples; however,  
30 all but one of the detected concentrations were well below the background comparison  
31 value (10 mg/Kg-dry weight of antimony in soil). Antimony was measured at  
32 1300 mg/Kg at location EP06, the remaining nine detected concentrations ranged from

1 0.058 to 1.3 mg/Kg. The area represented by EP06, where the single elevated antimony  
2 concentration in soil is located, is 161 ft<sup>2</sup> (approximately 0.004 acre). This area is  
3 approximately two orders of magnitude less than the average foraging area of a single  
4 deer mouse (0.3 acre). The likelihood that any individual deer mouse would forage  
5 exclusively in this small parcel is unlikely; furthermore, the likelihood that a population  
6 of deer mice would forage in the area of elevated antimony in soil enough to have  
7 appreciable exposure is even less likely. The relatively low HQ for antimony exposures  
8 to deer mice, in addition to these lines of evidence, demonstrate that antimony in soil is  
9 not likely to impact populations of deer mice at SWMU-11. Therefore, antimony is  
10 eliminated as an ecological COC.

11 In conclusion, concentrations of inorganic final COPCs (including antimony) are  
12 not expected to pose unacceptable hazards to small mammal and bird populations that  
13 may utilize SWMU-11 during some of their foraging activities. Remedial strategies,  
14 therefore, do not need to further consider characterized soils to ensure protection of  
15 ecological resources. It is assumed *a priori* that unacceptable hazards from potential  
16 exposures of ecological receptors to the uncharacterized surface soil, subsurface soil, and  
17 buried waste in TR-5 and unidentified buried waste and uncharacterized surface soil in  
18 TR-6 (including exposures to radiological wastes) are present. Prevention of exposures to  
19 these uncharacterized and unidentified materials in TR-5 and TR-6 by ecological  
20 receptors will need to be addressed in the CMS. Radiological risks to ecological receptors  
21 from potential exposures to soils in the remainder of the site are not expected based on  
22 estimated exposures less than the USDOE (2002) screening level of 1 mGy/d  
23 (36.5 mrem/yr) for terrestrial animals (Appendix F).

### 3.4 UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE HRA AND ERA

24 All risk assessments involve the use of assumptions, professional judgment, and  
25 imperfect data to varying degrees, which results in uncertainty in the final estimates of  
26 hazard and risk. The overall uncertainties associated with the DPG HRAs and ERAs are  
27 evaluated qualitatively in the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons, 2002a). Site-  
28 specific uncertainties associated with the SWMU-11 HRA and ERA are reviewed in this  
29 subsection:

## Site Characterization

- 1 • The soil sampling data may not fully represent the distribution of contamination  
2 in the evaluated site exposure area, which could result in underestimation or  
3 overestimation of potential risks and hazards from identified chemicals in the  
4 affected media. Six surface soil samples and 30 mixed-interval soil samples were  
5 collected from the receptor exposure areas at this site. The use of maximum  
6 detected concentrations of most preliminary COPCs as the EPCs in the HRA and  
7 ERA results in conservative exposure estimates for the range of concentrations  
8 observed. Therefore, it is unlikely that the potential for deleterious levels of  
9 contaminants is underestimated for the site conditions represented by the data, and  
10 exposure is more likely to have been overestimated through the use of maximum  
11 concentrations.
- 12 • CWA compounds were not detected at this site and they were not included in the  
13 method detection sensitivity table in Appendix C. Although the Dugway  
14 laboratory MDLs are higher than the calculated residential PRGs for CWA (U.S.  
15 Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine [CHPPM], 1999).  
16 Section 2b of Appendix A of Module IV of the Dugway Part B Permit recognizes  
17 that the detection limit for CWA compounds is technology driven. The MDLs  
18 provided by the DPG laboratory at the time of the RFI Phase II Work Plan  
19 development were reviewed and approved as being the lowest levels that could be  
20 reliably achieved. This referenced portion of the Permit further states that Soil  
21 Protection Standard for "agent free concentration levels" for CWAs are the  
22 MDLs. In addition, CWA compounds are rapidly decomposed by hydrolysis,  
23 forming much less toxic ABPs. It is reasonable to expect that residual low  
24 concentration levels of CWA (concentrations between USACHPPM calculated  
25 PRGs and the MDLs) in soils would be identified by the detection of associated  
26 ABPs. ABPs were analyzed for and were not detected above their detection level,  
27 indicating that it is unlikely that CWAs are present at the site.
- 28 • Uncharacterized or unidentified buried wastes are present in TR-5 and TR-6,  
29 uncharacterized surface soil is present in both these site features, and  
30 uncharacterized subsurface soil is present in TR-5. The magnitude of the potential  
31 risks or hazards that these uncharacterized and unidentified materials may pose is  
32 unknown. Risks and hazards from inhalation of VOCs volatilized into outdoor air  
33 from uncharacterized subsurface soils could not be quantified, but in the absence  
34 of other data, are assumed to be unacceptable for TR-5. Similarly, potential risks  
35 from the reentrainment/emission of particulates from uncharacterized surface soils  
36 could also not be quantified, but is assumed to be unacceptable for TR-5 and TR-  
37 6 in the absence of other data.
- 38 • Quantitative ERA for populations of receptors at SWMU-11 is ecologically  
39 conservative. SWMU-11 contains a relatively small affected area (3.4 acres) and  
40 is unlikely to support substantial numbers of individual wildlife receptors (based



1 on foraging ranges of 0.3 acre for a deer mouse and 4 acres for a horned lark;  
2 Parsons, 2002a). In addition, habitat quality is assumed to be uniformly suitable  
3 across the SWMU and in essence, equivalent to the habitat quality of the  
4 surrounding unaffected areas. In general likelihood, the disturbed conditions  
5 present at SWMU-11 reduce the habitat quality of the affected area.

### Exposure Characterization

- 6 • The Tier 1 and Tier 2 exposure estimates in the ERA incorporate an assumption  
7 of 100-percent bioavailability of the COPC in the ingested medium. For Tier 1,  
8 this is a justifiably conservative (protective) assumption, but for Tier 2, this would  
9 result in an over-estimation of exposure (erring on the side of protection of  
10 ecological resources). Actual absorbed doses are expected to be less than these  
11 estimated exposure concentrations.
- 12 • Inhalation exposures of the wildlife receptors to VOCs were not estimated. In  
13 general, inhalation exposures are usually insignificant contributors to the overall  
14 chemical intake by surface-dwelling wildlife (with the majority coming from  
15 ingestion-related exposures). As the horned lark is a surface-inhabiting bird, any  
16 VOCs emanating from the surface soil would dilute significantly in the air above  
17 the SWMU; the deer mouse will den in burrows, but in the absence of a  
18 significant source of VOC contaminants, it is thought that inhalation exposures  
19 are relatively minor compared to ingestion exposures.

### Toxicity Data

- 20 • Supplemental toxicity criteria (e.g., criteria that have been evaluated by USEPA,  
21 but that are not codified as “final” values in the Integrated Risk Information  
22 System [IRIS]) were used in the HRA for chemicals lacking USEPA IRIS toxicity  
23 criteria. Because the toxicity criteria have not been formally accepted by USEPA,  
24 there is uncertainty associated with these values, and therefore, with the risks  
25 calculated using these supplemental values. It is thought, however, that the  
26 quantitative use of supplemental values results in less overall uncertainty than  
27 does the complete absence of data in support of a qualitative evaluation.
- 28 • Surrogate and/or chemical-specific data were used to derive toxicity values for the  
29 analytes listed below. The toxicity data were not derived via traditional methods  
30 and may therefore introduce a limited amount of uncertainty. However, the  
31 quantitative use of “non-traditional” toxicity data results in less overall  
32 uncertainty than does the complete absence of data in support of a qualitative  
33 evaluation:
  - 34 ♦ The PRG for acenaphthylene is based on the PRG for acenaphthene from the  
35 "soils" spreadsheet in USEPA Region 9 (2004). Residential Soil and Tap  
36 Water PRGs were not available for acenaphthylene because toxicity data are  
37 not available.

- 1           ♦ The antimony oral RfD listed on Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)  
2           has high uncertainty (USEPA, 2004a). Confidence in the study chosen to  
3           obtain the oral RfD is rated as low because, "only one species was used, only  
4           one dose level was used, no NOEL was determined, and gross pathology and  
5           histopathology were not well described" (USEPA, 2004a). Per USEPA  
6           (2004a), "Confidence in the data is low due to lack of adequate oral exposure  
7           investigations, resulting in low confidence of the oral RfD."
- 8           ♦ The Residential noncancer PRG for cadmium was based on the assumption  
9           that a child exposed for six years is the most sensitive receptor. Studies  
10          indicate that chronic exposure to cadmium has the potential to result in renal  
11          tubular dysfunction (USEPA, 2004a). However, this effect is only observed  
12          after cadmium accumulates to a critical concentration of 200 µg/g in the  
13          kidney cortex (ATSDR, 1999a; Lauwerys, et al., 1993). Attainment of this  
14          critical level is a function of both the duration and intensity of exposure. It is  
15          highly unlikely that renal tubular dysfunction would occur after only 6 years  
16          of childhood exposure. Accordingly, a Residential PRG based on a 6-year  
17          exposure period is overly conservative (i.e., screening level risk estimates  
18          were overestimated).
- 19          ♦ Total chromium is assumed to consist of CrVI:CrIII at a ratio of 1:6 (USEPA  
20          Region 9, 2004). PRGs for chromium (total) are based on unadjusted toxicity  
21          data from USEPA (2004a) and USEPA Region 9 (2004) methods (Parsons,  
22          2002b).
- 23          ♦ The Residential Soil PRG for lead was based on a pharmacokinetic model  
24          designed to predict blood lead levels for children between six months and 12  
25          years of age. For more information on lead models used to estimate  
26          Residential and Industrial PRGs, refer to  
27          <http://www.epa.gov/oerrpage/superfund/programs/lead/>.
- 28          ♦ The PRG and toxicity data for phenanthrene are based on the PRG and  
29          toxicity data for anthracene from the "soils" spreadsheet in USEPA Region 9  
30          (2004). USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential Soil and Tap Water PRGs were  
31          not available for phenanthrene because toxicity data are not available.
- 32          ♦ The PRGs for xylenes (total) (USEPA Region 9, 2004) were used for m,p-  
33          xylenes. Residential Soil and Tap Water PRGs were not available for m,p-  
34          xylenes because toxicity data are not available.
- 35          ♦ The PRG for xylenes (total) were used for o-xylene. Residential Soil and Tap  
36          Water PRGs were not available for o-xylene because toxicity data are not  
37          available.
- 38          • Available phytotoxicity benchmarks for the exposures of plants to COPCs have a  
39          very high degree of uncertainty associated with them, as they are based  
40          predominantly on productivity-related endpoints in agricultural species from non-

1 arid environments. Therefore, potential ecological effects in terrestrial vegetation  
2 resulting from the presence of COPCs in the soil at SWMU-11 can be evaluated  
3 quantitatively, but the comparisons lack value for interpretation. Although  
4 vegetation conditions at the site exhibit evidence of physical disruption, there are  
5 no visually-apparent indications that the plant community on-site differs  
6 substantively from adjacent off-site habitat. However, as there were relatively few  
7 preliminary COPCs and vegetation is not expected to serve as a key component  
8 for environmental-management decisions, this uncertainty is not expected to  
9 affect remedial decision-making. Vegetation was evaluated as an important  
10 component of food-web exposures for wildlife receptors.

- 11 • Phytotoxicity benchmarks for the exposures of plants to some organic constituents  
12 were not available, and potential ecological effects in terrestrial vegetation  
13 resulting from the presence of organic contaminants in the soil at SWMU-11  
14 could not be evaluated. However, because vegetation is unlikely to serve as a key  
15 component for risk-management decisions, this uncertainty is not expected to  
16 affect remedial decision-making.
- 17 • Tier 1 toxicity values from chemical surrogates were used for some of the PAH  
18 TRVs for both deer mice and for horned larks. However, the use of quantitative  
19 data from chemical surrogates is thought to result in less overall uncertainty in  
20 ecological-risk characterization than would the absence of any quantitative value.
- 21 • There are no data for deriving TRVs for several of the preliminary COPCs, most  
22 notably lacking are toxicological data for avian receptors. The lack of a TRV  
23 generally leads to an underestimation of potential risk. For deer mice, one  
24 preliminary COPC lacks a TRV, while there are TRVs for the other 33  
25 preliminary COPCs; for horned larks, there are 24 preliminary COPCs with TRVs  
26 and 10 preliminary COPCs that lack TRVs. Volatile organics constitute the  
27 chemical group with the fewest avian TRVs (only four of 10 preliminary COPCs).  
28 In general, inhalation would be expected to be the major route of exposure to  
29 volatile compounds, but inhalation is generally an insignificant contributor to the  
30 overall chemical intake by surface-dwelling wildlife (with the majority coming  
31 from ingestion-related exposures). As horned larks are surface-inhabiting birds,  
32 any VOCs emanating from the surface soil would dilute significantly in the air  
33 above the SWMU, although soil ingestion could occur. In the absence of a  
34 significant apparent source of VOC contaminants, it is thought that exposures are  
35 relatively minor, although the lack of TRVs (for VOCs and other preliminary  
36 COPCs) does result in an underestimate of potential hazard.

### **Risk Characterization**

- 37 • Cumulative risk and hazard estimates for outdoor industrial receptors at did not  
38 include inhalation of VOCs volatilized from subsurface media. This presents  
39 limited uncertainty because significant cumulative risks and hazards are not

- 1 expected, since exposure and subsequent risks and hazards for an outdoor worker  
2 would be less than that of an indoor worker.
- 3 • The HQ (or HI) method carries intrinsic uncertainties, some shared between ERA  
4 and HRA, and others unique to ERA. Limitations of the method (Tannenbaum et  
5 al., 2003) include:
    - 6 ♦ HQs (and HIs) are not measures of a potential hazard to ecological or human  
7 health, but only indicate if estimated exposure exceeds a particular  
8 toxicological value.
    - 9 ♦ HQs (and HIs) generally lack population-level relevance, with HRA being  
10 directed towards a hypothetical individual in a sensitive sub-population, while  
11 ERA toxicity data are commonly based on responses of individuals in test  
12 populations despite populations of ecological receptors being the focus of  
13 assessment-endpoint specifications for ERAs (in the absence of special-status  
14 species).
    - 15 ♦ HQ (and HI) values in HRA and ERA seemingly indicate a linear relationship  
16 (e.g., an HQ=100 appears to be 100-fold worse than an HQ=1), whereas the  
17 underlying toxicological relationships may not be linear.
    - 18 ♦ Conservatism, assumptions, and uncertainties combine to produce HQs in  
19 ERAs that can be markedly greater than one for inorganic chemicals in soil  
20 present at naturally occurring “background” concentrations, independent of  
21 any contamination.
    - 22 ♦ Conservatism, assumptions, and uncertainties (particularly the use of  
23 “uncertainty factors” in deriving proxy values for no-effect TRVs) can  
24 combine to produce highly elevated HQ values that reflect toxicologically  
25 implausible conditions (e.g., extant conditions could be interpreted to be  
26 acutely lethal with respect to chemical concentrations, yet habitat is present  
27 and occupied by organisms) (see also Tannenbaum, 2003).
  - 28 • Although naturally occurring and ubiquitous anthropogenic sources of PAHs may  
29 have contributed to detectable site concentrations, background levels of PAHs  
30 were not established at DPG. Per the Risk Assumptions Document (Parsons,  
31 2002a), all organics detected at this SWMU were retained as COPCs for analysis  
32 in the risk assessment (Section 3). This likely resulted in overestimating risks and  
33 hazards from exposure to PAHs. However, this presents a limited uncertainty  
34 since PAHs did not contribute significantly to cumulative risk and hazard  
35 estimates.
  - 36 • Inhalation toxicity data (RfC and URF) were not available for acetone,  
37 acenaphthene, acenaphthylene, and phenanthrene. Therefore, cumulative risks and  
38 hazards for inhalation of VOCs volatilized from subsurface soil did not include  
39 risk and hazard estimates for these four COPCs. Acetone, a common laboratory  
40 contaminant, was detected in 13 out of 29 soil samples close to the MDL.

1 Phenanthrene, acenaphylene, and acenaphthylene, SVOCs by Method SW8270C,  
2 and only considered VOCs based on USEPA Region 9 (2004) criteria; were  
3 detected in 4, 1, and 1 of 29 soil samples, respectively. Therefore, the uncertainty  
4 contributed by lack of these toxicity data is limited.

- 5 • Some combinations of chemicals may induce toxic effects in the same target  
6 organ(s) or on the same biological functions. Tier 2 HQs for all relevant COPCs  
7 were summed to generate reproductive-endpoint HIs to ensure the potential  
8 additive effects among these chemicals were addressed. Based on the HI results,  
9 and other lines of evidence, adverse effects on small mammal and songbird  
10 populations from exposure to combinations of chemicals in soils at SWMU-11 are  
11 unlikely.

### 3.5 CONCLUSIONS OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT

12 One of the steps of a Phase II RFI includes an evaluation of the risks associated  
13 with potential hazardous waste releases at a site. Direct sampling of the contents of TR-5  
14 (including surface and subsurface soil) could not be conducted due to the presence of  
15 uncharacterized waste containing radioactive debris (Section 2.1); therefore, a risk  
16 assessment per UAC R315-101 (DSHW, 2001) was not completed for the potential  
17 buried wastes within TR-5, for surface or subsurface soil at this site feature, or for surface  
18 soil in TR-6, which was also uncharacterized. Additionally, the waste uncovered at TR-6  
19 was unable to be identified. Potential risks and hazards associated with these  
20 uncharacterized and unidentified soils and waste are assumed *a priori* to be unacceptable  
21 based on the types of materials that may be present. Therefore, potential exposure to the  
22 uncharacterized and unidentified materials in TR-5 and TR-6 by all human receptors  
23 (including exposure to COPCs via potential emission/reentrainment and/or volatilization  
24 from uncharacterized surface [TR-5 and TR-6] and subsurface [TR-5] soils) and  
25 burrowing ecological receptors should be prevented. The potential presence of  
26 radioactive and/or unidentified debris and uncharacterized soils (Section 2) and the *a*  
27 *priori* assumption that potential risks and hazards associated with these materials are  
28 unacceptable will be addressed in the CMS Work Plan (Section 4).

29 Accounting for the *a priori* assumption that exposure to  
30 uncharacterized/unidentified wastes and/or uncharacterized soils at TR-5 and TR-6  
31 should be avoided, the objectives of the HRA and ERA were to:

- 32 • Assess potential risks and hazards from exposure to contaminants in soils.

- 1 • Support development of either an NFA decision (if no unacceptable risks or  
2 hazards are identified), or of cleanup goals and remedial alternatives under a CMS  
3 task (if unacceptable risks or hazards are identified).

4 The first objective was met through tiered processes beginning with generic  
5 protective assumptions and progressing to the incorporation of increasingly site-specific  
6 data, realistic exposure scenarios, and refined assumptions about toxicity values. The  
7 results of the HRA performed per UAC R315-101 (DSHW, 2001) indicate that the site  
8 currently does not qualify for NFA under UAC R315-101 (DSHW, 2001) based on  
9 hypothetical residential land use. Soil-to-groundwater analysis indicates that future  
10 impacts to groundwater from COPCs in soil are not expected. However, there is one  
11 industrial soil COC (beryllium) that needs to be evaluated in the CMS. Cross-media  
12 cumulative risks and hazards from inhalation of COPCs volatilized from subsurface soil  
13 at SWMU-11 are not expected since the predicted risks and hazards associated with  
14 inhalation of subsurface soil VOCs volatilized into indoor air were an order of magnitude  
15 below the DSHW (2001) industrial target risk level of 1E-04 and HI of one. Based on a  
16 comparison of radiological data to background levels, generic NUREG-1757 Volume 2  
17 soil screening levels, and other lines of evidence presented in Appendix F, trenches TR-1  
18 through TR-4, the CONEX container and the soils within TR-6 meet the free release  
19 criteria for radiation at the site. The uncharacterized waste in TR-5 and the unidentified  
20 waste in TR-6 are assumed *a priori* to pose unacceptable risk from exposure to potential  
21 radioactive sources to human and ecological receptors and will be evaluated in the CMS.  
22 There are no preliminary COCs identified as potential hazards for populations of  
23 ecological receptors. Remedial or mitigation strategies to address risks and hazards  
24 associated with potential exposure to uncharacterized/unidentified soils and materials in  
25 TR-5 and TR-6 at SWMU-11 will be evaluated in the CMS (Section 4).

## SECTION 4.0

### CORRECTIVE MEASURES STUDY WORK PLAN

#### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

1           Module IV-Corrective Action for SWMUs in the DPG RCRA Part B Permit  
2 requires investigation, and if necessary, corrective action at SWMUs (US Army, 2001a).  
3 A CMS will be conducted at SWMU-11 in accordance with the corrective action module  
4 of the Part B Permit due to: 1) the presence of beryllium in TR-1 through TR-3 at  
5 concentrations exceeding industrial-level risk estimates for potential intrusive site worker  
6 exposure to mixed-interval soil; and 2) uncharacterized or unidentified waste and soils in  
7 TR-5 and TR-6 which are assumed to pose *a priori* unacceptable risk to hypothetical  
8 intrusive and nonintrusive site workers and ecological receptors (including burrowing  
9 ecological receptors). SWMU-11 is a landfill formerly used for the disposal of  
10 radioactive waste, and uncharacterized and unidentified radioactive material is present in  
11 TR-5 and TR-6, respectively. Therefore to obtain closure in accordance with NRC  
12 requirements, the CMS for this site must demonstrate that the dose limits as defined in  
13 Code of Federal Regulations Title 10, Chapter 20 (10 CFR 20), and applicable state of  
14 Utah guidance (Rule R313-15) are met (Appendix F, Section F.2.2). The purpose of this  
15 CMS is to identify, evaluate, and select alternatives for corrective action to:

##### TR-1 through TR-3

- Address potential exposure to the beryllium industrial COC in TR-1 through TR-3.

##### TR-5 and TR-6

- Address potential exposure to uncharacterized or unidentified waste and soils in TR-5 and TR-6.
- Address potential exposure from reentrainment of particulates from uncharacterized surface soil in TR-5 and TR-6, and volatilization from uncharacterized subsurface soil in TR-5.
- Demonstrate that the dose limits as defined in Code of Federal Regulations Title 10, Chapter 20 (10 CFR 20), and applicable state of Utah guidance (Rule R313-15) are met for the radioactive material in TR-5 and TR-6.

1 The Army's objective in conducting this CMS is to protect human health and the  
2 environment during continued military use.

3 Corrective action at SWMU-11 will be conducted under actual land-use  
4 conditions (i.e., industrial scenario) in accordance with UAC R315-101, Cleanup Action  
5 and Risk-Based Closure Standards (DSHW, 2001). Future residential land use and  
6 building on the site is not expected, and land use will likely be restricted to activities  
7 consistent with an industrial closure as defined in UAC R315-101 (DSHW, 2001) due to:  
8 1) the active status of the DPG installation; 2) the remote location; and 3) the base  
9 Summary Development Plan (AGEISS and HBA, 2000), which summarizes future  
10 property development at DPG.

#### 4.1.1 Purpose and Scope of Work Plan

11 This work plan is the first step of the USEPA (1989c) CMS process of  
12 identifying, screening, selecting, and developing alternative(s) for containment,  
13 treatment, removal, and/or other remedial actions based on the site-specific objectives  
14 established for corrective action. Specifically this work plan includes: 1) a review of the  
15 site characterization results (Section 2) and risk assessment (Section 3) in order to  
16 develop corrective action objectives (CAOs); 2) the identification and screening of  
17 individual process option components of corrective measures technologies with respect to  
18 effectiveness, implementability, safety hazard, and cost criteria (USEPA, 1988a and  
19 1997c); and 3) based on the results of the screening step, the selection of remedial  
20 alternatives, which include the corrective actions necessary to ensure the safety of  
21 potential human receptors (and potential ecological receptors in the case of TR-5 and  
22 TR-6), and meet regulatory requirements.

#### 4.1.2 CMS Report

23 A detailed analysis of the corrective action remedial alternatives proposed in this  
24 work plan will be conducted in the CMS Report using USEPA (1988a, 1989c, and 1997c)  
25 guidance. The report will include a cost estimate consisting of both capital and operation  
26 and maintenance (O&M) costs, and a detailed evaluation of each remedial alternative  
27 with respect to the following criteria established by the permit:

- 28 1. Technical – The alternatives will be evaluated based on performance, reliability,  
29 implementability, and safety.



- 1           A. Performance includes the effectiveness and useful life of the remedy. Any  
2           specific waste or site characteristics that could impede effectiveness will be  
3           considered. Each corrective measures alternative shall be evaluated in terms  
4           of the projected service lives of its component technologies.
- 5           B. Reliability measures the risk and effect of failure, and includes O&M  
6           requirements and their demonstrated effectiveness under similar conditions.  
7           Technologies requiring complex and frequent O&M should be regarded as  
8           less reliable than technologies requiring occasional or basic O&M.  
9           Demonstrated technologies are considered more reliable.
- 10          C. Implementability includes relative ease of installation (constructability) and  
11          the time required to achieve a given level of response. Constructability may  
12          include factors such as equipment availability, special permit requirements,  
13          location of existing facilities, and costs.
- 14          D. Safety considerations include threat to workers, nearby communities, and the  
15          environment during implementation.
- 16          2. Environmental – The environmental assessment will focus on facility conditions  
17          and the exposure pathways addressed by each alternative. The assessment will  
18          include the short- and long-term effects of corrective measures, effects on  
19          environmentally sensitive areas, and an analysis of measures to mitigate any  
20          adverse effects.
- 21          3. Human Health – Each alternative will be evaluated to determine the extent to  
22          which it mitigates short- and long-term potential exposure to any residual  
23          contamination and protects human health, both during and after implementation  
24          of the corrective measure.
- 25          4. Institutional – Each alternative will be evaluated to assess its compliance with  
26          federal and state regulations and standards.

## 4.2 REVIEW OF SITE CHARACTERIZATION

27           DPG has completed an RFI at SWMU-11, during which geophysical and  
28           radiological surveying was completed, and surface and subsurface soil samples were  
29           collected. The site has been identified as a former radioactive waste landfill.

30           Soil samples were collected for chemical analysis from five of the six burial  
31           features identified at the site (TR-1 through TR-4, and TR-6). Radiological field  
32           measurements collected after surficial soil was removed from TR-5 exceeded the stop

1 work limit; therefore, direct soil sampling and intrusive activities could not be conducted  
2 at this trench. Shallow bedrock precluded drilling angle borings to sample subsurface soil  
3 beneath the waste in TR-5. As such, in addition to the uncharacterized waste at TR-5, the  
4 overlying surface soil and underlying subsurface soil are also uncharacterized in the  
5 absence of samples collected for chemical analysis. A worst-case soil sample was  
6 collected for chemical analysis from TR-6 at 10 ft bgs; however, no surface soil samples  
7 were collected from this trench. Surface soil at TR-6 is therefore also uncharacterized in  
8 the absence of samples collected for chemical analysis. TR-6 contains various types of  
9 debris including small metal tubes which have low levels of radioactivity consistent with  
10 Cs-137, but which remain unidentified in the absence of conclusive radiological analyses.  
11 Although the waste in TR-6 was visually inspected and screened during test pit  
12 excavation, this material could not be fully identified. MS03, the representative sample of  
13 a metal tube, was not sent off-site for laboratory analysis due to uncertainties regarding  
14 the use of this item and the associated hazards. Since analytical results are not available  
15 to conclusively identify the metal tubes, the waste in TR-6 is classified as unidentified.

16 Surface soil samples were collected from worst-case locations in TR-1 through  
17 TR-4. None of the chemicals detected in surface soil at concentrations above (or without)  
18 background comparison values were also detected in excess of corresponding USEPA  
19 Region 9 (2004) Residential Soil PRGs. Therefore, surface soil at SWMU-11 has been  
20 adequately characterized, and additional sampling is not required (Section 2.2.3.1).

21 Subsurface soil samples were collected from worst-case locations in TR-1 through  
22 TR-4, TR-6, and adjacent soil borings SB01-SB04. Select inorganics greater than (or  
23 without) background comparison values and/or select dioxins/furans detected in  
24 subsurface soil samples from TR-1 through TR-4 and TR-6 also exceeded corresponding  
25 USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential Soil PRGs. TPH, nitrocellulose, and 2-hexanone  
26 were also detected in subsurface soil; however, background comparison values or  
27 USEPA Region 9 (2004) Residential Soil PRGs are not available for these chemicals.  
28 Except where noted above, subsurface soil at SWMU-11 has been adequately  
29 characterized, and additional sampling is not required based on numerous lines of  
30 evidence (Section 2.2.3.2).

1           The radiological survey conducted at SWMU-11 targeted areas with the greatest  
2 potential for residual radioactive contamination (Appendix F), and the results indicated  
3 that there were three areas of elevated radiation based on a comparison with background  
4 and/or screening values. Two of these areas were associated with wastes that were  
5 present in TR-2 and TR-6; however, soils surrounding these materials did not exceed  
6 background radiation levels. The radioactive material in TR-2 was removed during  
7 sampling, and no additional radioactive material above background was observed in this  
8 feature. TR-6 contains various types of debris including small metal tubes which have  
9 low levels of radioactivity consistent with Cs-137 based on screening data, but which  
10 remain unidentified in the absence of conclusive radiological analyses. Therefore, the  
11 hazards associated with the tubes and other wastes at TR-6 have not been thoroughly  
12 assessed. The third area of elevated radiation was designated TR-5, and contained the  
13 relatively highest radiation levels measured during the survey. These levels exceeded stop  
14 work limits beneath surficial soils, preventing direct soil sampling and intrusive activities  
15 at this trench.

16           The results of the HRA performed per UAC R315-101 (DSHW, 2001) indicate  
17 that the site currently does not qualify for NFA based on hypothetical residential land  
18 use. Industrial-level risk estimates of exposures of potential intrusive site workers to  
19 mixed-interval soil identified beryllium as a COC in TR-1 through TR-3. The burn layer  
20 associated with TR-1 through TR-3 accounts for the majority (if not all) of the hazards  
21 associated with beryllium at the site. The maximum beryllium concentration detected at  
22 TR-4 is not expected to pose unacceptable risk to human health or the environment;  
23 therefore, remedial strategies associated with beryllium do not need to include TR-4  
24 (Section 3.2.4).

25           The results of the ERA indicate that there are no preliminary COCs identified as  
26 potential hazards for populations of ecological receptors. Chemicals detected in  
27 characterized surface and subsurface soils are not expected to impact groundwater  
28 significantly in the future based on the results of the soil-to-groundwater analysis and  
29 various lines of evidence presented in Section 3.1.6.

30           The potential hazards to human and ecological receptors associated with the  
31 uncharacterized surface soil, subsurface soil, and waste in TR-5, and the unidentified

1 waste and uncharacterized surface soil in TR-6 are assumed to be *a priori* unacceptable.  
2 All other areas of SWMU-11 are considered to be adequately characterized with respect  
3 to radiological and/or chemical constituents, and further investigation is not required.

### 4.3 CORRECTIVE ACTION OBJECTIVES

4 Two CAOs were developed for SWMU-11. The first CAO was developed to  
5 address beryllium, identified as an industrial COC in the mixed-interval soil in TR-1  
6 through TR-3. The second CAO was developed to address the uncharacterized surface  
7 soil, subsurface soil, and waste in TR-5, and the unidentified waste and uncharacterized  
8 surface soil in TR-6.

9 Industrial quantitative protection or media cleanup standards were not established  
10 for the uncharacterized surface soil, subsurface soil, and waste in TR-5, and the  
11 unidentified waste and uncharacterized surface soil in TR-6, because the risks associated  
12 with these materials are unknown. Any quantitative standards that may be required  
13 associated with remedial options to address the beryllium industrial COC will be  
14 developed in the CMS Report. The qualitative CAOs are as follows:

- 15 1. Prevent exposure to the industrial COC: Specific goals include preventing intrusive  
16 site worker exposure to the beryllium industrial COC in TR-1 through TR-3.
- 17 2. Prevent exposure to the uncharacterized and unidentified material and satisfy NRC  
18 closure requirements for radioactive material: Specific goals include: 1) preventing  
19 intrusive and nonintrusive site workers and ecological receptors (including  
20 burrowing ecological receptors) from accidental contact with the uncharacterized  
21 surface soil, subsurface soil, and waste in TR-5, and the unidentified waste and  
22 uncharacterized surface soil in TR-6; 2) physically minimizing or eliminating the  
23 potential risks associated with inhalation of VOCs volatilized from uncharacterized  
24 TR-5 subsurface soils, and reentrainment of particulates from uncharacterized TR-5  
25 and TR-6 surface soils; and 3) demonstrating that the dose limits as defined in Code  
26 of Federal Regulations Title 10, Chapter 20 (10 CFR 20), and applicable state of  
27 Utah guidance (Rule R313-15) are met for the radioactive material in TR-5 and  
28 TR-6.

### 4.4 SCREENING OF CORRECTIVE MEASURES TECHNOLOGIES

29 Based on site information and the CAOs presented in the previous sections, a  
30 range of response actions and associated technologies was identified to provide potential  
31 remedies or components of remedial alternatives for SWMU-11. Potential corrective

1 measures considered in the screening process were evaluated with respect to the  
2 following factors:

- 3 • Effectiveness in satisfying the CAOs
- 4 • Technical implementability
- 5 • Safety hazard potential
- 6 • Cost

7 Technologies are presented and screened according to the site, contamination, and  
8 waste characteristics and the technology limitations criteria. A separate screening  
9 evaluation is presented for each CAO, since the CAOs address different hazards in  
10 geographically distinct areas of the site. Corrective measures alternatives are also  
11 identified separately for each CAO (Section 4.5).

#### 4.4.1 Screening of Corrective Measures Technologies for the Industrial COC

12 Based on the screening information presented in Table 4.1, the following  
13 corrective measures technologies were evaluated for the CAO to prevent intrusive site  
14 worker exposure to the beryllium industrial COC in TR-1 through TR-3.

##### No Action

15 1. Natural Degradation: Dependent on the types of contaminants present and the  
16 physical environment within which they occur.

17 Effectiveness - Low. The beryllium in TR-1 through TR-3 will not be  
18 degraded naturally.

19 Implementability - High. No action is required.

20 Safety Hazard - None.

21 Costs - None.

22 Reject - The No Action alternative was rejected since it does not satisfy the CAO.

##### Institutional Control

23 2. Access Restrictions - Fencing and Placards: Used to limit access and exposure.

**TABLE 4.1  
EVALUATION OF PROCESS OPTIONS FOR BERYLLIUM INDUSTRIAL COC AT SWMU-11**

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

<b>Corrective Measure Technology</b>	<b>Technology Type</b>	<b>Process Option</b>	<b>Effectiveness</b>	<b>Implementability</b>	<b>Safety Hazard</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Retain/Reject</b>
No Action	Natural Degradation	Not Applicable	Low	High	None	None	Not effective. Does not satisfy CAO.	Reject
Institutional Control	Access Restrictions	Fencing and Placards	Moderate	High	Low	Low	Limits access. Low costs.	Retain
		Land Use Restrictions	Moderate	High	None	Low	Restricts access. Effective in combination with other process options.	Retain
Containment	Capping	Native Soil Cover	Moderate to High	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Limits access. Safety concerns.	Retain
		Geosynthetics and Soil Cover	Moderate to High	Low to Moderate	Moderate	Moderate to High	Also limits access. Higher costs. Safety concerns.	Retain
Buried Waste Removal	Excavation	Man-Operated Excavator	High	Moderate	Moderate to High	Moderate to High	Effective in eliminating COC. Significant safety concerns.	Retain
Disposal	Off-Site Disposal	Trucking	High	High	Low	Moderate	Limited based on types of hazardous wastes encountered.	Retain
	On-Site Disposal	Trucking	High	High	Low	Low	Limited based on types of non-hazardous wastes encountered.	Retain

1                    Effectiveness - Moderate. The potential risk associated with the beryllium  
2                    industrial COC requires access limitations. Fencing would limit access  
3                    to human receptors.

4                    Implementability - High. Fencing would not limit military activities at  
5                    DPG.

6                    Safety Hazard - Low.

7                    Costs - Low.

8                    Retain - This option was retained for further consideration due to effectiveness in  
9                    reducing exposure to the beryllium industrial COC. This option alone does not  
10                    completely satisfy the CAO, and would require land use restrictions.

11                    3. Access Restrictions - Land Use Restrictions: Administrative measures to restrict  
12                    activities that may be performed on the property, including installation of water  
13                    supply wells. The Army is developing a site-wide land-use tracking program to  
14                    identify future land use and restricted land use. This site and any identified  
15                    restrictions would be tracked in the Army's database through this program.

16                    Effectiveness - Moderate. This option does not physically protect intrusive  
17                    site workers from being exposed to the beryllium industrial COC, but  
18                    rather provides administrative action to restrict these activities.

19                    Implementability - High. Requires only administrative action.

20                    Safety Hazard - None.

21                    Costs - Low.

22                    Retain - This option was retained for further consideration in conjunction with  
23                    other process options. This option alone does not satisfy the CAO.

## Containment

24                    4. Capping - Native Soil: Using native soil evaporative cover to prevent direct  
25                    exposure to the beryllium industrial COC.

26                    Effectiveness - Moderate to High. A native soil cover combined with other  
27                    institutional controls (placards and/or fencing) will reduce the  
28                    likelihood of exposure to the beryllium industrial COC.

1                    Implementability - Moderate. This option is implementable, and required  
2                    equipment is readily available.

3                    Safety Hazard - Moderate. Installation of a native soil cover can be  
4                    performed safely with the proper precautions and engineering controls.

5                    Costs - Moderate. Soil cover material is available from DPG.

6                    Retain - This option was retained for further consideration due to effectiveness in  
7                    reducing exposure to the beryllium industrial COC. This option alone does not  
8                    completely satisfy the CAO, and would require institutional controls.

9                    5. Capping - Geosynthetics and Soil Cover: Using geosynthetics and an engineered  
10                    soil cover to prevent direct exposure to the beryllium industrial COC.

11                    Effectiveness - Moderate to High. Geosynthetics and engineered soil cover  
12                    combined with other institutional controls (placards and/or fencing)  
13                    will reduce the likelihood of direct exposure to the beryllium industrial  
14                    COC.

15                    Implementability - Low to Moderate. This option is implementable, but  
16                    would require placement of a native soil grading layer prior to installing  
17                    geosynthetics components to prevent rupture or tearing of materials.

18                    Safety Hazard - Moderate. Installation of a geosynthetics and engineered  
19                    soil cover can be performed safely with the proper precautions and  
20                    engineering controls.

21                    Costs - Moderate to High. Soil cover material is available from DPG, but  
22                    geosynthetics materials would have to be imported.

23                    Retain - This option was retained for further consideration due to effectiveness in  
24                    reducing exposure to the beryllium industrial COC. This option alone does not  
25                    completely satisfy the CAO, and would require institutional controls.

### **Buried Waste Removal**

26                    6. Waste Removal: Removal and proper disposal of waste (i.e., the burn layer)  
27                    present in TR-1 through TR-3 will remove the potential for exposure to the  
28                    beryllium industrial COC. Excavation of waste would be followed by confirmation  
29                    sampling and backfilling. Waste disposal is addressed in a separate option.



1            Effectiveness - High. Excavation, backfilling, and confirmation sampling  
2            followed by proper the waste disposal is an effective option to  
3            permanently remove the burn layer in TR-1 through TR-3 which  
4            accounts for the majority (if not all) of the hazards associated with the  
5            beryllium COC at the site.

6            Implementability - Moderate. Removal of waste in TR-1 through TR-3 is  
7            implementable, and required equipment is readily available.

8            Safety Hazard - Moderate to High. Removal of waste in TR-1 through  
9            TR-3 can be performed safely with the proper precautions and  
10            engineering controls.

11            Costs - Moderate to High. Disposal and labor costs would be incurred.

12            Retain - This option was retained for further consideration in conjunction with the  
13            disposal process options due to high effectiveness in satisfying the CAO.

## Disposal

14            The following disposal options are to be considered in conjunction with the buried  
15            waste removal option:

16            7. Off-site Land Disposal: Disposing of hazardous waste at a regulated landfill.

17            8. On-site Land Disposal: Disposing of non-hazardous materials at the DPG landfill.

18            Effectiveness (for Options 7 and 8) - High. Proper on-site and off-site  
19            disposal following excavation, collection, and segregation of buried  
20            waste will effectively eliminate risks posed by the beryllium industrial  
21            COC.

22            Implementability (for Options 7 and 8) - High. Off-site disposal of  
23            hazardous waste and on-site disposal of non-hazardous materials is  
24            readily implementable.

25            Safety Hazard (for Options 7 and 8) - Low. Off-site disposal of hazardous  
26            waste and on-site disposal of non-hazardous materials can be conducted  
27            with minimal safety concerns.

1                    Costs (for Options 7 and 8) - Low to Moderate. Off-site disposal per unit  
2                    cost would be relatively higher (moderate) relative to on-site disposal  
3                    (low).

4                    Retain - The on-site and off-site disposal options were retained for further  
5                    consideration in conjunction with the buried waste removal option.

#### 4.4.2        **Screening of Corrective Measures Technologies for the Uncharacterized and Unidentified Materials**

6                    Based on the screening information presented in Table 4.2, the following  
7                    corrective measures technologies were evaluated for the CAO to prevent intrusive and  
8                    nonintrusive site workers and ecological receptors (including burrowing ecological  
9                    receptors) from accidental contact with the uncharacterized surface soil, subsurface soil,  
10                   and waste in TR-5, and the unidentified waste and uncharacterized surface soil in TR-6.

#### **No Action**

11                   1. Natural Degradation: Dependent on the types of contaminants present and the  
12                   physical environment within which they occur.

13                          Effectiveness - Low. The identified radionuclides (i.e., Sr-90 and Cs-137)  
14                          each have a radioactive half-life of around 30 years, so each will decay  
15                          to negligible levels in approximately 300 years. However, additional  
16                          longer-lived radionuclides may be present but not identified. In  
17                          addition, the uncharacterized and unidentified materials present will not  
18                          be degraded naturally.

19                          Implementability - High. No action is required.

20                          Safety Hazard - None.

21                          Costs - None.

22                          Reject - The No Action alternative was rejected since it does not satisfy the CAO.

#### **Institutional Control**

23                   9. Access Restrictions - Fencing and Placards: Used to limit access and exposure.  
24                          Prior to installation of any fencing and placards, additional review of site history  
25                          and available historical documents (including licensing) would be necessary to

1 obtain more information regarding the types and amounts of radioactive waste  
2 potentially present within the restricted area.

3 Effectiveness - Moderate. The potential risk associated with the  
4 uncharacterized and unidentified materials, including the radioactive  
5 material, requires access limitations. Fencing would limit access to  
6 these materials by human receptors and minimize potential exposure to  
7 and subsequent risks from inhalation of VOCs volatilized from  
8 uncharacterized TR-5 subsurface soils, and reentrainment of  
9 particulates from uncharacterized TR-5 and TR-6 surface soils. Fencing  
10 would also limit access to some ecological receptors; however, other  
11 ecological receptors could potentially still access the waste.

12 Implementability - High. Fencing would not limit military activities at  
13 DPG.

14 Safety Hazard - Low.

15 Costs - Low.

16 Retain - This option was retained for further consideration in conjunction with  
17 other process options. This option alone does not satisfy the CAO.

18 10. Access Restrictions - Land Use Restrictions: Administrative measures to restrict  
19 activities that may be performed on the property, including installation of water  
20 supply wells. The Army is developing a site-wide land-use tracking program to  
21 identify future land use and restricted land use. This site and any identified  
22 restrictions would be tracked in the Army's database through this program.

23 Effectiveness - Moderate. This option does not physically protect human  
24 receptors from being exposed to the uncharacterized and unidentified  
25 materials (including the radioactive material), nor does this option  
26 prevent exposure to and subsequent risks from inhalation of VOCs  
27 volatilized from uncharacterized TR-5 subsurface soils, and re-  
28 entrainment of particulates from uncharacterized TR-5 and TR-6  
29 surface soils. Rather, this option provides administrative action to  
30 restrict these activities. This option would also not physically protect  
31 ecological receptors from being exposed to these materials.

**TABLE 4.2  
EVALUATION OF PROCESS OPTIONS FOR UNCHARACTERIZED AND UNIDENTIFIED MATERIALS AT SWMU-11  
DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, UTAH**

<b>Corrective Measure Technology</b>	<b>Technology Type</b>	<b>Process Option</b>	<b>Effectiveness</b>	<b>Implementability</b>	<b>Safety Hazard</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Retain/Reject</b>
No Action	Natural Degradation	Not Applicable	Low	High	None	None	Not effective for all materials. Does not satisfy CAO.	Reject
Institutional Control	Access Restrictions	Fencing and Placards	Moderate	High	Low	Low	Limits access. Low Costs. Effective in combination with other process options. Would require historical records review prior to implementation.	Retain
		Land Use Restrictions	Moderate	High	None	Low	Restricts access. Effective in combination with other process options.	Retain
Containment	Capping	Native Soil Cover	Moderate to High	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Limits access. Safety concerns. Would require historical records review prior to implementation.	Retain
		Geosynthetics and Soil Cover	Moderate to High	Low to Moderate	Moderate	Moderate to High	Also limits access. Higher costs. Safety concerns. Would require historical records review prior to implementation.	Retain
Removal of Uncharacterized and Unidentified Waste	Excavation	Man-Operated Excavator	High	Moderate	Moderate to High	Moderate to High	Effective in eliminating hazards. Significant safety concerns. Would require historical records review prior to implementation.	Retain
Disposal	Off-Site Disposal	Trucking	High	High	Moderate	High	Limited based on types of hazardous wastes encountered. Would require disposal of radioactive materials.	Retain
	On-Site Disposal	Trucking	High	High	Low	Low	Limited based on types of non-hazardous wastes encountered.	Retain

1                    Implementability - High. Requires only administrative action.

2                    Safety Hazard - None.

3                    Costs - Low.

4                    Retain - This option was retained for further consideration in conjunction with  
5                    other process options. This option alone does not satisfy the CAO.

## Containment

6                    11. Capping - Native Soil: Using native soil evaporative cover to prevent exposure  
7                    to the uncharacterized and unidentified materials; prevent potential exposure to  
8                    and subsequent risks from inhalation of VOCs volatilized from uncharacterized  
9                    TR-5 subsurface soils, and reentrainment of particulates from uncharacterized  
10                    TR-5 and TR-6 surface soils; and meet radiological dose limits. Prior to any cap  
11                    installation, additional review of site history and available historical documents  
12                    (including licensing) would be necessary to obtain more information regarding  
13                    the types and amounts of radioactive waste in the uncharacterized and  
14                    unidentified materials that would be capped. Following any cap installation,  
15                    confirmation radiological surveys and/or sampling would also be required to  
16                    demonstrate compliance with the appropriate dose limits.

17                    Effectiveness - Moderate to High. A native soil cover combined with other  
18                    institutional controls (placards and/or fencing) will reduce the  
19                    likelihood of exposure to the uncharacterized and unidentified materials  
20                    and potential exposure to and subsequent risks from inhalation of  
21                    VOCs volatilized from uncharacterized TR-5 subsurface soils, and  
22                    reentrainment of particulates from uncharacterized TR-5 and TR-6  
23                    surface soils. A native soil cover would also be an effective barrier to  
24                    prevent direct exposure to radioactive material remaining in TR-5 and  
25                    TR-6.

26                    Implementability - Moderate. This option is implementable, but may  
27                    require special equipment and procedures due to the safety concerns  
28                    related to radiation levels potentially present.

29                    Safety Hazard - Moderate. Elevated radiation levels are potentially  
30                    present, and a risk evaluation would be required to determine the  
31                    potential exposure of construction workers.

1            Costs - Moderate. Soil cover material is available from DPG. Additional  
2            costs are expected to alleviate safety concerns and conduct  
3            confirmation radiological surveys and/or sampling.

4            Retain - This option was retained for further consideration due to effectiveness in  
5            reducing exposure. This option alone does not completely satisfy the CAO, and  
6            would require institutional controls.

7            12. Capping - Geosynthetics and Soil Cover: Using geosynthetics and an  
8            engineered soil cover to prevent exposure to the uncharacterized and  
9            unidentified materials; prevent potential exposure to and subsequent risks from  
10           inhalation of VOCs volatilized from uncharacterized TR-5 subsurface soils, and  
11           re-entrainment of particulates from uncharacterized TR-5 and TR-6 surface  
12           soils; and meet radiological dose limits. Prior to any cap installation, additional  
13           review of site history and available historical documents (including licensing)  
14           would be necessary to obtain more information regarding the types and amounts  
15           of radioactive waste in the uncharacterized and unidentified materials that  
16           would be capped. Following any cap installation, confirmation radiological  
17           surveys, and/or sampling would also be required to demonstrate compliance  
18           with the appropriate dose limits.

19           Effectiveness - Moderate to High. Geosynthetics and engineered soil cover  
20           combined with other institutional controls (placards and/or fencing)  
21           will reduce the likelihood of direct exposure to the uncharacterized and  
22           unidentified materials and potential exposure to and subsequent risks  
23           from inhalation of VOCs volatilized from uncharacterized TR-5  
24           subsurface soils, and re-entrainment of particulates from  
25           uncharacterized TR-5 and TR-6 surface soils. A geosynthetics and  
26           engineered soil cover would also be an effective barrier to prevent  
27           direct exposure to radioactive material remaining at TR-5 and TR-6.

28           Implementability - Low to Moderate. This option is implementable, but  
29           may require special equipment and procedures due to the safety  
30           concerns related to radiation levels potentially present.

31           Safety Hazard - Moderate. Elevated radiation levels are potentially  
32           present, and a risk evaluation would be required to determine the  
33           potential exposure of construction workers.

1            Costs - Moderate to High. Soil cover material is available from DPG, but  
2            geosynthetics materials would have to be imported. Additional costs are  
3            expected to alleviate safety concerns and conduct confirmation  
4            radiological surveys and/or sampling.

5            Retain - This option was retained for further consideration due to effectiveness in  
6            reducing exposure. This option alone does not completely satisfy the CAO, and  
7            would require institutional controls.

### **Removal of Uncharacterized and Unidentified Materials**

8            13. Removal: Removal and proper disposal of the uncharacterized surface soil,  
9            subsurface soil, and waste in TR-5, and the unidentified waste and  
10            uncharacterized surface soil in TR-6 will remove the potential for exposure to  
11            these materials (including potential exposure to and subsequent risks from  
12            inhalation of VOCs volatilized from uncharacterized TR-5 subsurface soils, and  
13            reentrainment of particulates from uncharacterized TR-5 and TR-6 surface  
14            soils). Removal and proper disposal of these materials would also eliminate  
15            radioactive material in TR-5 and TR-6, and meet radiological dose limits. Waste  
16            disposal is addressed in a separate option. Prior to any removal, additional  
17            review of site history and available historical documents (including licensing)  
18            would be necessary to obtain more information regarding the types and amounts  
19            of radioactive waste in the uncharacterized and unidentified materials that  
20            would be removed. Excavation of waste would be followed by confirmation  
21            sampling (including required confirmation radiological surveys and/or sampling  
22            to demonstrate compliance with the appropriate dose limits) and backfilling.

23            Effectiveness - High. Excavation, backfilling, and confirmation sampling  
24            followed by proper disposal of excavated materials is an effective  
25            option to permanently remove the uncharacterized and/or unidentified  
26            waste and soil (including radioactive material).

27            Implementability - Moderate. Removal of these materials is  
28            implementable, but may require special equipment and procedures due  
29            to the safety concerns related to radiation levels potentially present.

30            Safety Hazard - Moderate to High. Elevated radiation levels are  
31            potentially present, and a risk evaluation would be required to  
32            determine the potential exposure of construction workers.

1            Costs - Moderate to High. Disposal and labor costs would be incurred.  
2            Additional costs are expected to alleviate safety concerns and conduct  
3            confirmation sampling (including confirmation radiological surveys  
4            and/or sampling).

5            Retain - This option was retained for further consideration in conjunction with the  
6            disposal process options due to high effectiveness in satisfying the CAO.

## Disposal

7            The following disposal options are to be considered in conjunction with the  
8            removal option:

- 9            14. Off-site Land Disposal: Disposing of hazardous waste at a regulated landfill.  
10           15. On-site Land Disposal: Disposing of non-hazardous materials at the DPG  
11           landfill.

12           Effectiveness (for Options 7 and 8) - High. Proper on-site and off-site  
13           disposal following excavation, collection, and segregation of  
14           uncharacterized and/or unidentified soil and waste (including  
15           radioactive material) will effectively eliminate risks these pose.

16           Implementability (for Options 7 and 8) - High. Off-site disposal of  
17           hazardous waste and on-site disposal of non-hazardous materials is  
18           readily implementable.

19           Safety Hazard (for Options 7 and 8) - Low to Moderate. On-site disposal  
20           of non-hazardous materials can be conducted with minimal safety  
21           concerns (low). Off-site disposal of hazardous waste may require  
22           additional safety precautions if radiation hazards are identified  
23           (moderate).

24           Costs (for Options 7 and 8) - Low to High. Off-site disposal per unit cost  
25           would be relatively higher (high) relative to on-site disposal (low).

26           Retain - The on-site and off-site disposal options were retained for further  
27           consideration in conjunction with the removal option.



## 4.5 IDENTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE MEASURES ALTERNATIVES

1 Technologies identified and retained in the screening evaluation have been  
2 combined into remedial alternatives for corrective measures at this site.

### 4.5.1 Corrective Measures Alternatives for the Industrial COC

3 The nature of contamination, site characteristics, and limitations associated with  
4 technologies presented in Section 4.4.1 were considered in the development of the three  
5 remedial alternatives (Remedial Options 1, 2, and 3) presented below.

#### 4.5.1.1 Remedial Option 1: Site Controls

- 6 • Site controls including site documentation, access restrictions, fencing, placards,  
7 and land-use restrictions to prohibit residential use of the site

#### 4.5.1.2 Remedial Option 2: Landfill Cover

- 8 • Site controls including site documentation, access restrictions, fencing, placards,  
9 and land-use restrictions to prohibit residential use of the site  
10 • Installation of an evaporative cover, a protective native soil layer, and vegetation

#### 4.5.1.3 Remedial Option 3: Removal of Buried Waste

- 11 • Excavation of existing cover and removal of buried waste materials  
12 • Segregation of excavated material  
13 • Sampling and characterization of excavated material  
14 • Transportation of hazardous waste to regulated off-site landfill or incinerator  
15 • Transportation of non-hazardous waste to DPG landfill  
16 • Confirmation sampling  
17 • Backfilling of excavations with clean soils

### 4.5.2 Corrective Measures Alternatives for the Uncharacterized and Unidentified Materials

18 The nature of contamination, site characteristics, and limitations associated with  
19 technologies presented in Section 4.4.2 were considered in the development of the three  
20 remedial alternatives (Remedial Options 1, 2, and 3) presented below.

#### 4.5.2.1 Remedial Option 1: Site Controls

- 1 • Additional review of site history and available historical documents (including  
2 licensing) to obtain more information regarding the types and amounts of  
3 radioactive waste in the uncharacterized and unidentified materials
- 4 • Site controls including site documentation, access restrictions, fencing, placards,  
5 and land-use restrictions to prohibit residential use of the site

#### 4.5.2.2 Remedial Option 2: Landfill Cover

- 6 • Additional review of site history and available historical documents (including  
7 licensing) to obtain more information regarding the types and amounts of  
8 radioactive waste in the uncharacterized and unidentified materials
- 9 • Site controls including site documentation, access restrictions, fencing, placards,  
10 and land-use restrictions to prohibit residential use of the site
- 11 • Installation of an evaporative cover, a protective native soil layer, and vegetation
- 12 • Confirmation radiological surveys and/or sampling to demonstrate compliance  
13 with the appropriate dose limits

#### 4.5.2.3.1 Remedial Option 3: Removal of Uncharacterized and Unidentified Materials

- 14 • Additional review of site history and available historical documents (including  
15 licensing) to obtain more information regarding the types and amounts of  
16 radioactive waste in the uncharacterized and unidentified materials
- 17 • Excavation and removal of uncharacterized and unidentified materials
- 18 • Segregation of excavated material
- 19 • Sampling and characterization of excavated material
- 20 • Transportation of hazardous waste to regulated off-site landfill or incinerator
- 21 • Transportation of non-hazardous waste to DPG landfill
- 22 • Confirmation sampling (including confirmation radiological surveys and/or  
23 sampling to demonstrate compliance with the appropriate dose limits)
- 24 • Backfilling of excavations with clean soils

25 The remedial alternatives proposed for corrective action at SWMU-11 will be  
26 evaluated in detail in the CMS Report, which will also include a cost estimate consisting  
27 of both the capital and O&M costs and development of the proposed corrective action for  
28 this site.

## SECTION 5.0

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