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Tennessee Valley Authority
Material License No. 01-25284-01
Docket No. 030-33440

Subject: **By-Product Material License Renewal Application for Tennessee Valley Authority's Mixed Waste Facility**

- References:
1. Letter from NRC to TVA, "Notice of Expiration," dated January 6, 2010
 2. Letter from TVA to NRC, "By-Product Material License No. 01-25284-01 for TVA's Mixed Waste Facility – Decommissioning Statement of Intent – 10 CFR Part 30 (NRC Mail Control No. 137030)," dated June 6, 2008
 3. Letter from TVA to NRC, "By-Product Material License No. 01-25284-01 for TVA's Mixed Waste Facility – Certification of Financial Assurance for Decommissioning – Statement of Intent (NRC Mail Control No. 137030)," dated April 18, 2008

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) requests a license renewal to the subject by-product material license for the Mixed Waste Facility.

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TVA has reviewed and prepared this application for renewal in accordance with the alternative preparation process described in reference 1. TVA has reviewed the information concerning the radionuclides, chemical and/or physical forms of the radionuclides, quantities to possess, and uses for the radionuclides on the current license. One change was identified and is provided in Enclosure 1.

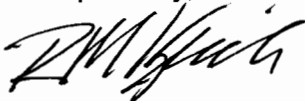
TVA has reviewed the documents submitted in the past to determine the information in them is up-to-date and accurately represents the management control program, facilities, equipment, personnel, radiation safety procedures, waste disposal procedures, location(s) of use, and other information pertinent to this program. The results of this review are provided in Enclosure 2. Enclosure 2 includes the documents which TVA considers to represent the current program and identifies documents which should be removed. These documents are identified by date.

Enclosure 3 contains changes identified in Enclosures 1 and 2 to be made to reflect the current program. Enclosure 3 contains a copy of the proposed changes keyed to NRC Form 313. A revision bar has been added and the requested change to the license has been bolded to highlight the proposed revision.

In addition to the documents reviewed in Enclosure 2, TVA's June 6, 2008 and April 18, 2008 letters to the NRC (reference 2 and 3) provide the financial assurance for this material license.

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 170.11 (a) (4), a renewal fee is not required. If you have any questions regarding this amendment request, please contact Kevin Casey at (423) 751-8523.

Respectfully,



R. M. Krich

Enclosures

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Enclosures:

1. Review of Information Concerning the Radionuclides, Chemical and/or Physical Forms for the Radionuclides, Quantities to Possess, and Uses for the Radionuclides on the Current Material License No. 01-25284-01
2. Review of Documents Related to Material License No. 01-25284-01 Renewal Application
3. TVA's Proposed License Renewal

cc (Enclosure):

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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

ENCLOSURE 1

**REVIEW OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RADIONUCLIDES,
CHEMICAL AND/OR PHYSICAL FORMS OF THE RADIONUCLIDES,
QUANTITIES TO POSSESS, AND USES FOR THE RADIONUCLIDES
ON THE CURRENT MATERIAL LICENSE NO. 01-25284-01**

Enclosure 1

TVA has reviewed the information concerning the radionuclides, chemical and/or physical forms of the radionuclides, quantities to possess, and uses for the radionuclides on the current license 01-25284-01, Amendment No. 7. One change was identified.

It was discovered on Amendment No. 7 to the license, Item 6.E was changed from "Plutonium 239" as documented on Amendment No. 6 to "Uranium 239." This change was not requested and appears to be an editorial error when the Amendment was submitted. As described in Enclosure 3, TVA requests Item 6.E be corrected to state "Plutonium 239."

During the submittal and review of TVA's request for the license Amendment No. 7, there was discussion with the NRC reviewer as to the definition of "transplutonics" as listed in License Condition 6.F. The term "transplutonics" covers anything that is removed from the reactor with a limit of 1 millicurie. This term was defined and documented in the November 19, 1999 letter listed in License Condition 18.E.

ENCLOSURE 2

**REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO
MATERIAL LICENSE NO. 01-25284-01 RENEWAL APPLICATION**

Enclosure 2

TVA has reviewed the documents submitted in the past to determine the information in them is up-to-date and accurately represents the management control program, facilities, equipment, personnel, radiation safety procedures, waste disposal procedures, location(s) of use, and other information pertinent to this program. The results of this review are provided below. This Enclosure provides the documents which TVA considers to represent the current program and identifies documents which should be removed. These documents are identified by date.

The following documents represent the current program with revisions as described:

1. **January 14, 1994** – no subject identified

This is the initial license application letter. License Application Items 6, "Purpose for Which Licensed Material Will be Used," and 11, "Waste Management," are current to the program.

Due to organization name change, License Application Item 2 (License Condition 1), the organization name is changed from "VP, Energy Research & Technology Application" to "VP, Environmental Science & Resources" as described in Enclosure 3.

A revised License Application Item 10, "Radiation Safety Program," is provided in Enclosure 3 of this license renewal application. This revision is provided to update the Radiation Safety Program due to the following:

- a. Revise the organization "Radiation Safety and (RS&C) to "Radiation Safety (RS);"
- b. Revised the emergency and routine telephone numbers; and,
- c. Revise the fire protection system as described in the January 24, 1997 letter description below.

2. **January 21, 1994** – no subject identified

The letter supplements the initial application letter and is current to the program.

3. **November 19, 1999** – "Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) – Power Service Center (PSC) – Hazardous Waste Storage Facility (HWSF) – Mixed Waste Storage – Material License No. 01-25284-01."

This letter requested a one-time only authorization to open the low-level radioactive waste shipping containers and to request the NRC to revise the license to separately list Pu-238.

This letter is only current for the portion that documents TVA's request to separately list the Pu-238 isotope on the license and defines the term "transplutonic" as described in Enclosure 1.

The remainder of the letter, including the enclosures, was to request a one-time only authorization to open the low-level radioactive waste shipping containers. There are currently no plans to open shipping containers under this license. TVA requests that the following License Conditions be revised as noted and described in Enclosure 3:

9.A –F. Delete “sorting” from the condition.

11.B. Delete the entire condition.

4. **February 22, 2010** – “Response to Deficiency Regarding License Amendment Request.”

This letter provides the current Radiation Safety Officer and represents the current program.

The following documents should be removed for the reason stated and are described in License Condition 18 in Enclosure 3 to be removed from the license:

1. **October 28, 1994** – “Change to Application to Nuclear Regulatory Commission Requesting New License Authorizing Proposed Mixed Waste Storage Facility at the Environmental Research Center.”

This letter requested a revision to License Application Item 9, “Facilities and Equipment” originally submitted in the January 14, 1994 application. The October 28, 1994 letter is no longer current as it was superseded by the January 24, 1997 amendment request.

2. **January 24, 1997** – “Request for Amendment to Radioactive Material License No. 01-25284-01.”

This letter requested an amendment to change the Radiation Safety Officer and to provide a revised License Application Item 9, “Facilities and Equipment.”

The current Radiation Safety Officer is described in the February 22, 2010 letter described above.

This license renewal application provides a revised Item 9, “Facilities and Equipment,” to document an update to the fire protection system as described in Enclosure 3. Hence, the description for Item 9 provided in the January 24, 1997 letter is no longer applicable. This revision is provided to update Item 9 due to the following:

- a. Due to obsolescence, the fire-suppression system was recently upgraded with a compatible system. The following sentence: “These fire-suppression systems are designed for classes A, B, and C fires and will be installed during construction according to NFPA Standard No. 17, “Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems;”” has been revised to read: “These fire-suppression systems are designed for classes A, B, and C fires and are installed according to NFPA Standard No. 17, “Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems.””

- b. Delete the sentence "The high expansion foam fire-suppression system described in Item 10 of the application will not be used" from the fire protection description paragraph; and,
 - c. Remove "rubber" from the glove description for personnel handling the containers.
3. **February 14, 2000** – "By-Product Material License No. 01-25284-01 – License Renewal."

This letter requested a revision to individuals responsible for Radiation Safety Program in License Condition 11.A. The current description is provided in the February 22, 2010 letter described above.

ENCLOSURE 3

TVA'S PROPOSED LICENSE RENEWAL

[Keyed to NRC Form 313]

NRC FORM 313
(3-2009)
10 CFR 30, 32, 33,
34, 35, 36, 39, and 40

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

APPROVED BY OMB: NO. 3150-0120

EXPIRES: 3/31/2012

APPLICATION FOR MATERIALS LICENSE

Estimated burden per response to comply with this mandatory collection request: 4.3 hours. Submittal of the application is necessary to determine that the applicant is qualified and that adequate procedures exist to protect the public health and safety. Send comments regarding burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by internet e-mail to infocollects.resource@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202, (3150-0120), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

INSTRUCTIONS: SEE THE APPROPRIATE LICENSE APPLICATION GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION. SEND TWO COPIES OF THE ENTIRE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE NRC OFFICE SPECIFIED BELOW.

APPLICATION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF EXEMPT PRODUCTS FILE APPLICATIONS WITH:

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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20555-0001

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LICENSING ASSISTANCE TEAM
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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, REGION I
475 ALLENDALE ROAD
KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406-1415

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ARLINGTON, TX 76011-4125

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1. THIS IS AN APPLICATION FOR (Check appropriate item)

- A. NEW LICENSE
- B. AMENDMENT TO LICENSE NUMBER
- C. RENEWAL OF LICENSE NUMBER **01-25284-01**

2. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Include ZIP code)

Tennessee Valley Authority
Vice President, Environmental Science & Resources
P.O. Box 1010
Muscle Shoals, AL 35662-1010

3. ADDRESS WHERE LICENSED MATERIAL WILL BE USED OR POSSESSED

TVA's Mixed Waste Facility
Reservation Road on TVA Reservation
Muscle Shoals, AL 35662-1010

4. NAME OF PERSON TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT THIS APPLICATION

Kevin E. Casey
TELEPHONE NUMBER

(423) 751-8523

SUBMIT ITEMS 5 THROUGH 11 ON 8-1/2 X 11" PAPER. THE TYPE AND SCOPE OF INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED IS DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE APPLICATION GUIDE.

5. RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

a. Element and mass number; b. chemical and/or physical form; and c. maximum amount which will be possessed at any one time.

6. PURPOSE(S) FOR WHICH LICENSED MATERIAL WILL BE USED.

7. INDIVIDUAL(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR RADIATION SAFETY PROGRAM AND THEIR TRAINING EXPERIENCE.

8. TRAINING FOR INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN OR FREQUENTING RESTRICTED AREAS.

9. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.

10. RADIATION SAFETY PROGRAM.

11. WASTE MANAGEMENT.

12. LICENSE FEES (See 10 CFR 170 and Section 170.31)

FEE CATEGORY AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

13. CERTIFICATION. (Must be completed by applicant) THE APPLICANT UNDERSTANDS THAT ALL STATEMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN THIS APPLICATION ARE BINDING UPON THE APPLICANT.

THE APPLICANT AND ANY OFFICIAL EXECUTING THIS CERTIFICATION ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT, NAMED IN ITEM 2, CERTIFY THAT THIS APPLICATION IS PREPARED IN CONFORMITY WITH TITLE 10, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PARTS 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, AND 40, AND THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

WARNING: 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1001 ACT OF JUNE 25, 1948 62 STAT. 749 MAKES IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO MAKE A WILLFULLY FALSE STATEMENT OR REPRESENTATION TO ANY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES AS TO ANY MATTER WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

CERTIFYING OFFICER - TYPED/PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
R.M. Krich, Vice President, Nuclear Licensing

SIGNATURE
R.M. Krich

DATE
3/30/10

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License Condition 1

License Application Item 2

Name and Mailing Address of Applicant

1. Tennessee Valley Authority
VP, Environmental Science and Resources

License Condition 6.E

License Application Item 5

Byproduct, source, and/or special nuclear material

- 6.E. **Plutonium 239**

License Application Item 9

Facilities and Equipment

The mixed wastes authorized by this license will be stored in modular buildings that are specifically designed and built to store hazardous materials. The buildings are designed and built by Safety Storage Inc., 3 Dunwoody Park #103, Atlanta, Georgia 30338, and are widely used throughout the world to store hazardous wastes. Similar or equal buildings made by other manufacturers may be substituted if necessary.

The Mixed Waste Storage Buildings (MWSBs) are Factory Mutual (FM) approved, relocatable hazardous materials storage units. They are prefabricated and transported to the site. They are Underwriters Laboratory (UL) classified and constructed from UL-approved materials. Each MWSB is constructed from 10 gauge, corrosion protected steel sheet welded to 10 gauge, corrosion protected, formed steel studs. The roof/ceiling is constructed of noncombustible, 12 gauge, corrosion protected sheet continuously welded to 10 gauge, corrosion protected, formed steel purlins on 30-inch centers. The roof is sloped for rain water runoff. No mechanical fasteners penetrate the exterior walls or roof. No lightweight exterior steel skins, plywood, or rubber membranes are used in the wall or roof construction.

The MWSBs are designed to comply with national and regional codes that reflect the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the Uniform Fire Code (UFC), the Standard Building and Fire Protection Codes, and the National Electrical Code (NEC).

Several models of MWSBs with capacities of from 5 to 45 55 gallon drums are available. Each of these MWSBs provides security, weather protection, fire safety, ventilation, and groundwater protection. The Tennessee Valley Authority may use several of these models to satisfy the requirements of this project.

Groundwater protection for the MWSBs is provided by integral, built-in sumps below the 55-gallon drums. They provide a volume of up to 30 percent of the cumulative volume of all of the drums. The sump is constructed of heavy gauge steel that is welded and corrosion protected. The sump is covered with a steel floor grating of rectangular design with cross bars welded at right angles to bearing bars. Metal sump covers will be corrosion protected. Nonmetallic sump covers may be used if needed. If a drum leaks and radioactive material is found in a sump, then the material will be placed in a drum, the leaking drum will be placed in an overpack, and the sump and grating will be decontaminated or disposed of properly.

Fire protection for each MWSB will be provided by built-in, dry chemical fire-suppression systems. These fire-suppression systems are designed for classes A, B, and C fires and are installed according to NFPA Standard No. 17, "Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems." The agent tanks and releasing device are housed inside a weather and tamper proof enclosure located on an exterior wall of each building. Fusible links will be installed inside the buildings for automatic system actuation and detection. The handles on the control heads as well as a remote pull station are provided for manual system activation. Once the system is initiated, a multipurpose ABC dry chemical extinguishing agent is expelled from the pressurized agent cylinders through an interior pre-engineered piping network and out the discharge nozzles for total flooding application. Simultaneously, an exterior UL-listed fire alarm sounds and the

system is also equipped with remote annunciation capability. The likelihood of an accidental fire will be minimized to the extent possible. Smoking in or near the MW SBs will be prohibited.

The buildings will be located behind the Powers Service Center complex near Wilson Dam. The security of the radioactive materials against unauthorized removal will be ensured by locking the fences and the MW SBs whenever personnel are not working at the site. The MW SBs will be located inside two chain-link fences that are normally locked except during periods of active work. The inner fence will contain only the MW SBs and a hazardous waste storage building. The area inside this inner fence will be dedicated to the mixed waste storage facilities and to the hazardous waste storage facility. These two facilities will share the same staff for nonradiological activities. The gate to the outer fence will be locked when work is not being conducted inside the fenced area; however, several work areas are located in the outer fenced area besides the two waste storage facilities.

The current office of the hazardous storage building will also serve for the mixed waste storage activity. A calibrated and operable frisker will be kept there for surveys of personnel working with the mixed waste containers. Each MW SB containing mixed waste will be a radiologically controlled area. The frisker will be temporarily located near the MW SBs when workers enter them. All workers handling the mixed waste containers will be required to use the frisker to survey themselves for contamination. Radiation Safety (RS) will survey the restricted areas for dose rate and contamination at least quarterly. A frisker will not be permanently located near or in an MW SB.

Protective clothing will also be stored in the hazardous waste storage building. An emergency shower located there may be used if a worker becomes contaminated with mixed wastes. Shower effluent will be captured to prevent unmonitored radioactive release to the environment. The shower runoff will be analyzed for contamination concentrations and disposed of in accordance with appropriate regulations.

The area where the MW SBs are to be located is seismically stable and has not experienced a major earthquake in recorded history. The nearest major earthquake occurred over 170 years ago in New Madrid, Missouri, about 150 miles from Muscle Shoals. Thus, it is highly unlikely that this facility will be damaged by an earthquake.

The area is well drained and is over 20 feet above the mean elevation of Wilson Lake and over 100 feet above the mean elevation of Pickwick Lake. The building will be above the elevation of Wilson Dam less than a mile away. Thus, flooding of the facility is extremely unlikely.

On the basis of calculations reported in the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (about 40 miles east of Muscle Shoals) final safety analysis report, the mean recurrence interval for a tornado at any given location in this area is 1 in 600 years. Thus, it is unlikely that this facility will be damaged by a tornado.

The drums in this facility will not be stacked higher than two drums. Placement and stacking of the drums will be done in such a manner as to ensure the stability of the drums and to prevent damage or deformation of the drums.

The dose rates from most drums of waste are expected to be less than 1 mrem/hour at distances of 1 meter. Drums of waste with the higher dose rates will be placed in the center of the storage area and shielded by drums of lower activity material to the extent practical. If necessary, portable shields of concrete blocks, lead, or other suitable material will be used to

reduce dose rates to acceptable levels. The area outside the MWSBs will be a controlled area. Doses to members of the public (such as truck drivers or workers not trained to enter the buildings) will meet a dose limit of 2 mrem/hour as specified in 10 CFR 20.1301. Workers will be instructed to minimize the time spent in higher dose rate areas, and dose rates in the storage area will be reduced to the extent practical. There is no office or other high-occupancy area near the MWSBs.

Attention will be given to the chemical compatibility of waste containers and their contents. Drums will be selected to not react with their contents. This selection will be made at the nuclear facilities where the drums are filled.

Attention will be paid to the chemical characteristics of the contents of different drums that are placed near each other. They will be sorted by hazard class. Containers of acids and flammable liquids will be placed in separated MWSBs.

If a 55-gallon container becomes damaged or shows signs of leaking or of serious deterioration, it will be placed in an overpack container without requiring that the container be opened. Both metal and polyethylene overpacks are available for optimum chemical compatibility with the drum contents to minimize possible degradation of the overpacks. Necessary equipment will be in place and readily available to place a drum in an overpack if necessary.

No area is expected to be radiologically or chemically contaminated. Therefore, under ordinary circumstances protective clothing will not be required. Personnel handling containers of radioactive materials will wear gloves. In the event of a spill or other emergency, additional protective clothing such as shoe covers, coveralls, and head covers will be required as determined by the responsible supervisor or by RS.

The ventilation system will be an explosion-proof, electro-mechanical system designed for maximum safety and regulatory compliance. The air exchange rate will exceed six changes per hour. It will automatically shut down in the event of a fire. The air intake will be located within twelve inches of the floor to minimize the accumulation on heavier-than-air hazardous vapors. The system exhaust will be located near the exterior roof-line to maximize hazardous vapor dispersion.

The waste will be packaged in a form ready for transport and disposal when it arrives at this facility. The contents of each drum will be clearly labeled in accordance with NRC regulations.

The mixed wastes presently held at TVA's nuclear facilities that may be shipped to this facility are class A radioactive wastes as defined by 10 CFR 61.55. They are classified as, but not limited to:

1. Solid, characteristic waste (based on lead content), paint stripper, paint chips, and paint chips mixed with rags.
2. Liquid, characteristic waste (based on lead content); waste oil.
3. Liquid, flammable (ignitable); waste paint, paint thinner, waste oil, flammable liquid, Varsol, oil/water mixture, diesel fuel, waste liquid, alcohol, and scintillation fluid in glass vials.
4. Liquid, corrosive; citric acid and phosphoric acid.

5. Liquid, listed waste, grease and spent halogenated degreasing solvent.

Some of the wastes described above may be shipped directly to an approved vendor for disposal instead of to this facility for storage. Some of the wastes described above may be reclassified based on future testing and may not be shipped to this facility.

License Application Item 10

Radiation Safety Program

The radiological safety expertise for this license will be supplied by TVA's **Radiation Safety (RS) group**. **RS** will provide radiation surveys for direct radiation and for contamination. Typical radiation monitoring instruments available to **RS** include the Bicon RSO-5, RSO-50, RSO-500; the Bicon Surveyor 50 usually equipped with a pancake probe; and the W. W. Johnson model RML-2 with a pancake probe. Other similar instruments may be substituted if desired. These instruments are repaired and calibrated by TVA's Environmental Radiological Monitoring and Instrumentation Staff (ERMI) located in the Western Area Radiological Laboratory on the TVA Reservation in Muscle Shoals using the same personnel, equipment, and procedures as for the repair and calibration of radiation survey instruments used in TVA's nuclear power plants. Commercial vendors with adequate abilities may be utilized in this repair and calibration if necessary.

These survey instruments are calibrated, operable, and can measure at least 1 through 200 millirems per hour. Instruments will be calibrated so that readings are ± 20 percent or fewer of the actual values over the range of the instrument. The date of the last calibration and the date the next calibration is due will be placed on each survey meter. Survey meters will be calibrated annually or more often and after each repair. Calibration records will be maintained for a minimum of three years after calibration.

All personnel dosimeters (TLDs) used under this license are the Panasonic model UD802 badges and model 702 and 710 readers. Equivalent equipment may be substituted in the future if necessary. This overall TLD system has been accredited by the National Volunteer Laboratory Accreditation Program. When routinely used, TLDs will be exchanged quarterly.

A frisker will be located at the exit of the restricted area, and workers will be required to survey themselves for radiological contamination prior to exiting. **RS** will survey the restricted area for dose rates and radiological contamination at least quarterly.

The restricted area is not expected to be a contaminated area. The radionuclides in the mixed waste are generally nonvolatile. Therefore, airborne radioactivity is not expected, and monitoring for airborne radioactivity will not be routinely conducted. In the event of an emergency, monitoring for airborne radioactivity may be conducted at the discretion of **RS**. As an ALARA measure, air samples will be collected at least quarterly to determine the routine concentrations of airborne radioactive materials.

Workers are not expected to have any intake of radioactive materials either from contamination or from airborne radioactive materials as a result of work conducted under this license. Therefore, a bioassay program will not be required for routine work. In the event of a radiological spill or other incident involving radiological contamination, **RS** may recommend a bioassay program, as required.

Leak testing and monitoring for contamination will be performed by members of **RS** using standard smear techniques. The smear shall be taken using an appropriate media and shall be taken from appropriate surfaces where contamination may be found, such as the sides and tops of storage drums, floors, walls, etc. Test sensitivity will permit detection of 0.005 μCi or less. Smears will be counted at ERMI using a low background gas proportional counter or by **RS** using a Ludlum model 2200 scalar rate meter with an appropriate detector.

Sample calculation:

$$A = C/EF$$

Where;

A = Activity on the smear (μCi)

C = Count rate (counts/minute)

E = Counter efficiency (counts/minute per disintegration/minute)

F = Conversion factor (2.22×10^6 disintegrations/minute per μCi)

Records of leak tests shall be maintained for inspection for a period of no less than three years.

All operations under this license shall follow NRC regulations and other applicable regulations of the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and any other necessary agencies. Doses to workers and the public, contamination, and releases to the environment shall follow ALARA principles.

RS shall be contacted in the event of an incident where radioactive material is unaccounted for or in the event of a fire at the mixed waste storage facility or if an incident occurs where a storage container is ruptured. In the event of such a radiological incident, the on-site responsible individual will immediately contact **RS** to begin mitigative actions.

The quantities of material authorized by this license will not exceed those listed in Schedule C of 10 CFR 30 for mixed fission products (1,000 curies); therefore, a detailed emergency plan is not required.

Emergency and routine telephone numbers for **RS** are:

- Secretary during work hours - (256) 386-3758

•	James Colagross	Home numbers: [REDACTED]	Work numbers: (256) 386-3019
	John Young	[REDACTED]	(256) 386-2304

- The on-site responsible person named in item 7 will also be notified.

The mixed waste storage facility is equipped with a **built-in dry chemical fire suppression system**. Further details on this fire suppression system are provided in Item 9. In the event that this fire suppression system is automatically triggered, the on-site responsible individual will contact **RS**.

Direct visual inspections of the containers in storage will be conducted at least quarterly.

License Condition 9.A

Authorized use

9. A – F. Possession (**delete “, sorting”**) and storage of mixed fission/activation products as low level mixed waste (40 CFR 261) from TVA facilities.

License Condition 11.B

Conditions

- 11.B. **delete 11.B in its entirety**

License Condition 18

Conditions

- 18.C. **delete reference**
- 18.D. **delete reference**
- 18.F. **delete reference**

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter/application dated

3/30/2020, and to inform you that the initial processing which includes an administrative review has been performed.

Review 01-25234-01
There were no administrative omissions. Your application was assigned to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review may identify additional omissions or require additional information.

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