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NOTE:  
SUPPLEMENTAL  
STANDARDS

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
ALBUQUERQUE OPERATIONS OFFICE  
CONTRACT NO. DE-AC04-83AL18796

# Radiological and Engineering Assessment

Vicinity Property No. CAN 501

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Remedial Actions  
Contractor  
for the  
Uranium Mill Tailings  
Remedial Actions  
Project



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ADDRESS: 27 Latimer Avenue  
N. Strabane, PA 15363

OWNER'S NAME: N. Strabane Twnshp.  
R.D. 1, Box 132, Rt. 519 South  
Canonsburg, PA 15317

OWNER'S ADDRESS: (IF DIFFERENT)

Mike Mansfield, Manager

TENANTS NAME: N/A

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
(if available)

TELEPHONE NUMBER (412) 745-8880  
(if available)

PROPERTY DATA:

Structures and utilities are shown on Drawing CA-501-016.

Property Use: Single Residence \_\_\_\_\_; Commercial \_\_\_\_\_; School \_\_\_\_\_  
Multiple Residence \_\_\_\_\_; Vacant Lot \_\_\_\_\_; Church \_\_\_\_\_; Open Land X

Age of structures: Less than 50 years old N/A ;  
Greater than 50 years old \_\_\_\_\_ (attach form \_\_\_\_\_).

Adjacent included/spillover vicinity properties:

North - V.P. #	<u>CA-214</u>
South - V.P. #	<u>N/A</u>
East - V.P. #	<u>N/A</u>
West - V.P. #	<u>N/A</u>

SUMMARY

Property CA-501 is the road in front of 27 Latimer Avenue. Remedial action was performed under the sidewalk of Vicinity Property CA-214. A total of 4.2 cubic yards of contaminated material was left on the street right of way. We recommend annotating the field records for the property and leaving the contaminated materials in place under Supplemental Standards, as outlined in 40 CFR 192.21 (c). The costs for performing the remedial action if Supplemental Standards are not applied can be found in Table 4.1.

RADIOLOGICAL DATA

Gamma Exposure Rate Survey

Survey Method

Outdoor and indoor gamma surveys were conducted in accordance with the RAC Procedure 011. These surveys were conducted over the entire area.

### Survey Results

Surface gamma readings on the property range from 16 to 18 micro R/hr (Table 3.1). This may be compared with the background for the Canonsburg site of 13 micro R/hr. The radiological survey data can be found in Appendix B.

### Borehole Survey

#### Survey Method

A gasoline-powered hand auger was used to drill 4-inch diameter holes in and around the regions identified as contaminated during the gamma survey. The holes were surveyed in compliance with the RAC UMTRA Procedure 010.

#### Survey Results

Contamination was not found in any of the four outdoor holes augered on the south side of the pavement. The location and depth of the contamination is described in Table 3.1.

### Radon/Radon Daughter Survey

No radon/radon daughter surveys were performed as there are no structures on the property.

### Soil Samples

Soil samples taken from the north side of the pavement after excavation on CA-214 indicated concentrations as high as 49.5 pCi/g (see Table 3.2).

### Estimated Extent of Contamination

The contamination exists under the paved surface of the road approximately to the center line. The estimated volume of contaminated material is 4.2 cubic yards, with about 10 cubic yards of clean material over it.

### Recommended Remedial Action

Because the cost of cleanup would be unreasonably high when compared to the benefits, and because the radioactive materials pose no present or future health hazard, we recommend that Supplemental Standards be implemented, as provided in 40 CFR 192.21 (c) and that the contaminated materials be left in place.

JUSTIFICATION CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION  
OF SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS

Application of Supplemental Standards (SS) is in accordance with 40 CFR 192.22, Subpart (x) (check appropriate Subpart):

- a) Risk injury to worker/public
- b) Environmental harm
- c) High cost relative to long-term benefits
- d) High cost of cleaning up building relative to benefits
- e) No known remedial action
- f) Radionuclides other than Ra-226 exist

Brief Condition Description and Justification:

For the contamination below the paved surface of Latimer Avenue, we are recommending that Supplemental Standards be applied under Criterion c of the NRC Guidelines for justifying the use of Supplemental Standards in 40 CFR, Part 192.21.

The volume of contaminated material is about 4.2 cubic yards. The depth of tailings is approximately 18 inches, varying between 12 and 24 inches, with some 10 cubic yards of clean fill and paving on top. The concentration of tailings is as high as 49.5 pCi/g with an estimated average of 30 pCi/g.

The cost of \$1,900 cannot be justified when compared to the low health benefits. Table 4.1 gives a breakdown of these costs. Radiation levels are very near background (average 17 micro R/hr in the area in question). No structures are present at this location nor is it likely that any will be constructed in the future. People will not be spending long periods of time in this area.

The owner, North Strabane Township, has been asked to comment on this recommendation. They wrote back in response to our request for their comments and asked for cost data and radioactivity readings. The North Strabane Township has no objection to Supplemental Standards being applied to the referenced property (see Appendix A).

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JUSTIFICATION CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION  
OF SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS - Cont'd.

Additional cost without application of Supplemental Standards = \$1,900  
(further breakdown provided in Table 4.1 of this REA).

Yes	No	If Supplemental Standards are Applied:
X		1. Open Land?
	X	2. Occupied Building?
N/A		3. If yes to No. 2, is contaminated area beneath or within 10 feet of a building?
	X	4. Anticipated change of land use within the next 5 years?
N/A		5. If yes to No. 4, then will land use produce health risk?
	X	6. Is contamination in a habitable area?
X		7. Have owners comments been solicited? (See Appendix A for a record of correspondence with the owner).

Estimated volume of contaminated material to remain = 4.2 (cy).

Contaminated area to remain = 200 (sy).

Range and average gamma for contaminated areas = 16 to 18 micro R/hr and 17 micro R/hr, respectively.

Range and average gamma concentration in soil in contaminated areas = 2.6 to 49.5 pCi/g and 30 pCi/g, respectively.

Table 3.1  
OUTDOOR BOREHOLE AND GAMMA SURVEY  
Property CA-501

BOREHOLE	LOCATION (x,y)	MICRO R/hr	CONTAMINATION DEPTH
A	(-17,-32)	16	--
B	(-17,23)	18	--
C	(-17,13)	17	--
D	(-17,4)	18	--

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Table 4.1  
SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS

Activity No.	Activity	Unit Price	Quantity	Estimated Cost
	Remove Existing Road Surface	3.90 SF	200 SF	780.00
	Excavation	10.20 CY	15 CY	153.00
	Backfill	23.15 CY	12 CY	278.00
	Aggregate Base Course	26.50 CY	3 CY	<u>80.00</u>
	SUBTOTAL			1,291.00
	5% Contingency (Subcontractor)			65.00
	20% Overhead and Profit			258.00
	SUBTOTAL			1,614.00
	15% Contingency			<u>242.00</u>
			TOTAL (Rounded)	1,900.00

Table 3.2  
SOIL SAMPLES  
Property CA-501

LOCATION	pCi/g
(x,y)	
(-15,-23)	2.6 ± 0.18
(-15,-10)	49.5 ± 3.41

APPENDIX A

RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE OWNER - CA-501



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August 8, 1986

Board of Supervisors  
Township of N. Strabane  
Road 1, Box 132  
Route 519 South  
Canonsburg, PA 15317

SUBJECT: Use of Supplemental Standards - CA-438 and CA-501

Dear Sirs:

The Radiological and Engineering Assessments (REA's) performed on the properties at 27 Latimer Avenue and 412 1/2 Chartiers Street in N. Strabane have revealed that minor quantities of radioactive materials are under the pavement in front of both houses (see drawings). Because of the severe economic impact involved in cleaning up this material, coupled with the very low public health hazard, we are leaving these radioactive materials in place. This action is authorized under Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 192.21 (c). Basically, these sections of the EPA standards, which are established for cleanup of uranium mill tailings, allow residual radioactive materials to remain in place when certain conditions are met. The criteria defining when remedial action will not take place (called Supplemental Standards) is as follows:

The estimated cost of remedial action is unreasonably high relative to the long-term benefits, and the residual radioactive materials do not themselves pose a clear present or future hazard to the public. We feel that the cost of adequately removing the contaminants and resurfacing Latimer Avenue would be unreasonably high relative to the low health hazard of the materials being left in place.

In compliance with the EPA regulations found in the Code of Federal Regulations 40 192.21 (c), we are soliciting your comments concerning this action.

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Board of Supervisors  
August 8, 1986  
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We are attaching a copy of the applicable sections of the Code of Federal Regulations for your convenience in responding to this action. We are also attaching copies of drawings showing the estimated extent of contamination for the properties. We request a response by September 8, 1986 and will interpret no response by that date as your concurrence.

If you have any questions concerning this situation, please call Robert Kurz of my staff at (505) 766-8244.

Sincerely,

MK-FERGUSON COMPANY



J. G. Oldham  
Project Director

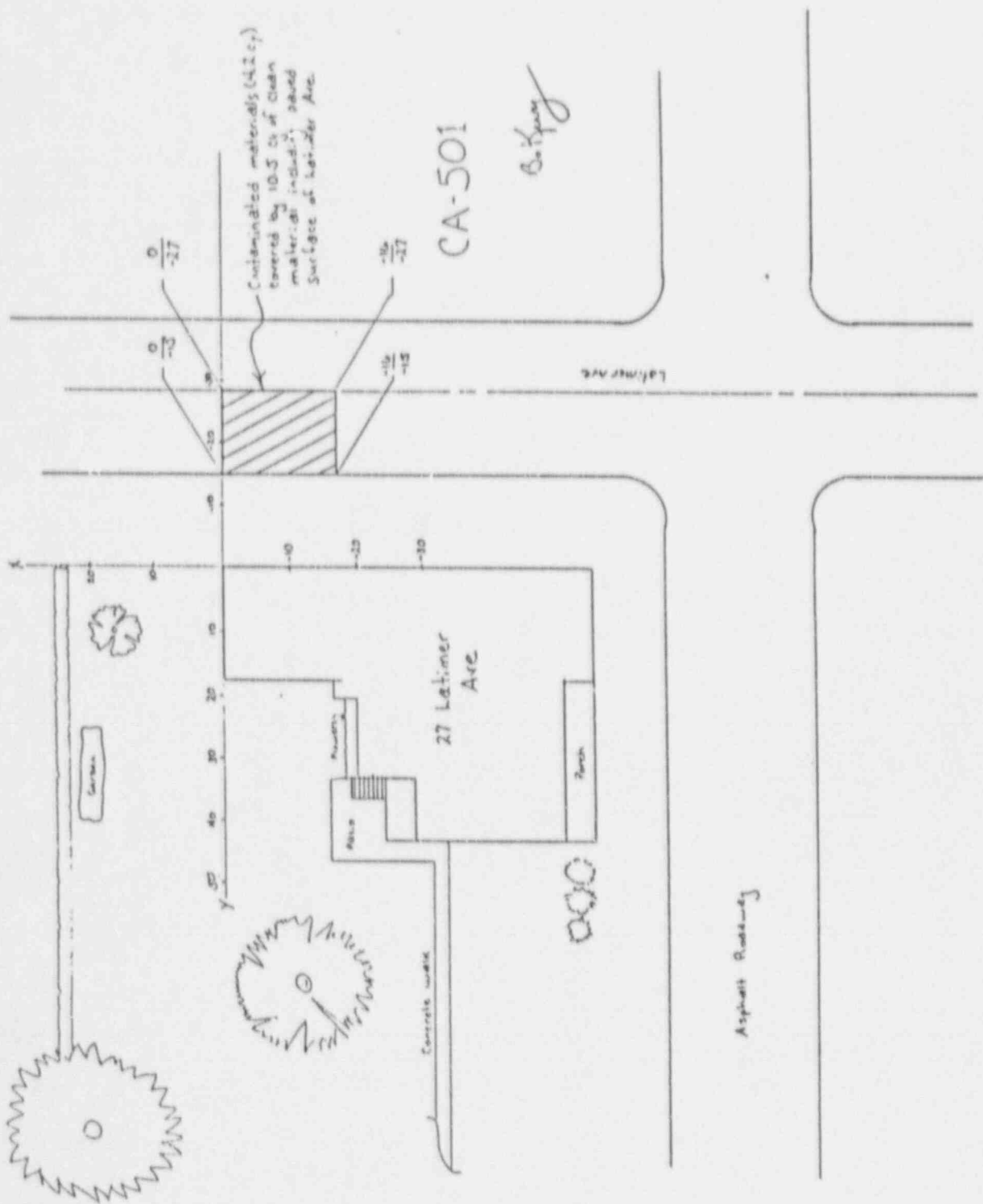
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**§ 192.21** Criteria for applying supplemental standards.

The implementing agencies may (and in the case of Subsection (f) shall) apply standards under § 192.22 in lieu of the standards of Subparts A

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**§ 192.22**

or B if they determine that any of the following circumstances exists:

(a) Remedial actions required to satisfy Subparts A or B would pose a clear and present risk of injury to workers or to members of the public, notwithstanding reasonable measures to avoid or reduce risk.

(b) Remedial actions to satisfy the cleanup standards for land, § 192.12(a), or the acquisition of minimum materials required for control to satisfy § 192.02(b), would, notwithstanding reasonable measures to limit damage, directly produce environmental harm that is clearly excessive compared to the health benefits to persons living on or near the site, now or in the future. A clear excess of environmental harm is harm that is long-term, manifest, and grossly disproportionate to health benefits that may reasonably be anticipated.

(c) The estimated cost of remedial action to satisfy § 192.12(a) at a "vicinity" site (described under Sec. 101(6)(B) of the Act) is unreasonably high relative to the long-term benefits and the residual radioactive materials do not pose a clear present or future hazard. The likelihood that buildings will be erected or that people will spend long periods of time at such a vicinity site should be considered in evaluating this hazard. Remedial action will generally not be necessary where residual radioactive materials have been placed semi-permanently in a location where site-specific factors limit their hazard and from which they are costly or difficult to remove, or where only minor quantities of residual radioactive materials are involved. Examples are residual radioactive materials under hard surface public roads and sidewalks, around public sewer lines, or in fence post foundations. Supplemental standards should not be applied at such sites, however, if individuals are likely to be exposed for long periods of time to radiation from such materials at levels above those that would prevail under § 192.12(a).

(d) The cost of a remedial action for cleanup of a building under § 192.12(b) is clearly unreasonably high relative to the benefits. Factors that should be included in this judgment are the anticipated period of occupancy, the incremental radiation level that would

be affected by the remedial action, the residual useful lifetime of the building, the potential for future construction at the site, and the applicability of less costly remedial methods than removal of residual radioactive materials.

(e) There is no known remedial action.

(f) Radionuclides other than radium-226 and its decay products are present in sufficient quantity and concentration to constitute a significant radiation hazard from residual radioactive materials.

**§ 192.22** Supplemental standards.

Federal agencies implementing Subparts A and B may in lieu thereof proceed pursuant to this section with respect to generic or individual situations meeting the eligibility requirements of § 192.21.

(a) When one or more of the criteria of § 192.21(a) through (e) applies, the implementing agencies shall select and perform remedial actions that come as close to meeting the otherwise applicable standard as is reasonable under the circumstances.

(b) When § 192.21(f) applies, remedial actions shall, in addition to satisfying the standards of Subparts A and B, reduce other residual radioactivity to levels that are as low as is reasonably achievable.

(c) The implementing agencies may make general determinations concerning remedial actions under this Section that will apply to all locations with specified characteristics, or they may make a determination for a specific location. When remedial actions are proposed under this Section for a specific location, the Department of Energy shall inform any private owners and occupants of the affected location and solicit their comments. The Department of Energy shall provide any such comments to the other implementing agencies. The Department of Energy shall also periodically inform the Environmental Protection Agency of both general and individual determinations under the provisions of this section.

**§ 192.23** Effective date.

Subparts A, B, and C shall be effective March 7, 1983.

# North Strabane Township

R.D. 1, Box 132, Route 519 South  
Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317

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Charlotte Courie, Supervisor  
Bruce Krane, Supervisor  
Joseph Chesnik, Road Superintendent

Mark S. Mansfield, Manager  
Dorothy Yarkosky, Ass't. Manager  
Joseph Ferrero, Engineer  
Albert Zangrilli, Solicitor

August 28, 1986

J. G. Oldham  
Project Director  
MK-Ferguson Company  
One Erieview Plaza  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Mr. Oldham:

At the direction of the North Strabane Township Board of Supervisors, I am requesting that MK-Ferguson Company provide actual radioactive reading and clean-up cost estimates for the two areas in Strabane (27 Latimer and 412 1/2 Chartiers St) which you have identified as having acceptable levels of radioactive material under the EPA Supplemental Standards CA-438 and CA-501.

We would appreciate your providing this information in simplified form.

Very Truly Yours,

*Mark S. Mansfield*  
(tw)

Mark S. Mansfield  
Manager

MSM/tw

cc Board of Supervisors  
Zoning Hearing Board  
Engineer  
Solicitor  
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September 23, 1986

Mark S. Mansfield, Manager  
North Strabane Township  
R.D. 1, Box 132, Route 519 South  
Canonsburg, PA 15317

SUBJECT: CA-438 and CA-501 - Cleanup Cost Estimates and Radioactive Readings

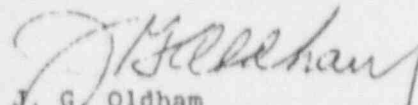
Dear Mr. Mansfield:

This letter is in response to your letter of August 28 requesting cost estimates and radioactivity levels for Properties CA-438 and CA-501. The radioactivity estimates are 17 pCi/g and 30 pCi/g for CA-438 and CA-501, respectively. These should be compared to the limits of 15 pCi/g, as stated in 40 CFR 192. The cost estimates for CA-438 and CA-501 are \$2,000 and \$1,900, respectively.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Mr. John Pepin of my staff at (505) 766-3076.

Sincerely,

MK-FERGUSON COMPANY

  
J. G. Oldham  
Project Director

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# RADIOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT (REA) Review Form



DOE Location No. CA-438 Rev. No. \_\_\_\_\_

<b>RAC</b>	PRIORITY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTINE <input type="checkbox"/> URGENT REQUESTED RESPONSE BY <u>12/18/86</u> DATE <u>12/4/86</u> COMMENTS: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Need DOE approval prior to Service 13 DRC</i></p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> _____ <u>12/4/86</u> _____                  VP MANAGER DATE CONT. ON ATTACHED SHEET NO. _____</p>
<b>TAC</b>	DATE RECEIVED _____ <input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMEND APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS NOTED BELOW <input type="checkbox"/> DO NOT RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS NOTED BELOW COMMENTS:  TAC _____ DATE _____ CONT. ON ATTACHED SHEET NO. _____
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<b>DOE-UMTRA</b>	DATE RECEIVED <u>12-9-86</u> <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED AS NOTED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED AS NOTED COMMENTS: <p><i>1) Prior to forwarding REA for application of supplemental standards to NRC, please contact Max Mansfield per telephone and receive verbal concurrence. Add this record of teleconference to finalize appendix A</i></p> <p><i>2) New 553 been approved for CAN501. The letter to the township requests 55's for both 501 and 438</i></p> <p><i>3) Plans have no property No. labels.</i></p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> _____ <u>1-21-87</u> _____                  DOE VP MANAGER DATE SHEET NO. 1 OF <u>1</u></p>



APPENDIX B  
RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY DATA



### BOREHOLE LOG

LOGGING CREW: Tim Alder  
Michael Robinson  
 INSTRUMENT ID NO. PM 0.52

SHEET \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE: 8-15-85 DK  
 PROPERTY ID: CA-214 501  
 AREA: South side of Larabee Ave.

- NOTES: 1. ALL HOLES ARE 4" DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.  
 2. RECORD UNUSUAL CONDITIONS, SUCH AS THE PRESENCE OF WATER IN BOREHOLES AND DEPTH, CASING TYPE AND THICKNESS IF USED, CONCRETE CORES AND THICKNESS, OBSTRUCTIONS, UTILITIES, ETC., IN THE REMARKS SECTION.

DEPTH	COUNTS/1MIN	DEPTH	COUNTS/1MIN	DEPTH	COUNTS/1MIN	DEPTH	COUNTS/1MIN
HOLE ID: <u>A</u>		HOLE ID: <u>B</u>		HOLE ID: <u>C</u>		HOLE ID: <u>D</u>	
TIME DRILLED: <u>1415</u>		TIME DRILLED: <u>1425</u>		TIME DRILLED: <u>1435</u>		TIME DRILLED: <u>1437</u>	
TIME LOGGED: <u>1420</u>		TIME LOGGED: <u>1430</u>		TIME LOGGED: <u>1435</u>		TIME LOGGED: <u>1437</u>	
SOIL TYPE: <u>Red clay</u>		SOIL TYPE: <u>Red clay</u>		SOIL TYPE: <u>Red clay</u>		SOIL TYPE: <u>Red clay</u>	
SURFACE	<u>1677</u>	SURFACE	<u>1974</u>	SURFACE	<u>1838</u>	SURFACE	<u>1787</u>
0"	<u>1787</u>	0"	<u>2003</u>	0"	<u>2084</u>	0"	<u>2079</u>
6"	<u>2127</u>	6"	<u>2376</u>	6"	<u>2367</u>	6"	<u>2251</u>
12"	<u>2383</u>	12"	<u>2572</u>	12"	<u>2485</u>	12"	<u>2426</u>
16"	<u>2367</u>	18"	<u>2587</u>	18"	<u>2426</u>	18"	<u>2326</u>
24"	<u>2286</u>	24"	<u>2372</u>	24"	<u>2241</u>	24"	<u>2271</u>
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54"		54"		54"		54"	
60"		60"		60"		60"	
66"		66"		66"		66"	
72"		72"		72"		72"	
78"		78"		78"		78"	
84"		84"		84"		84"	
90"	<u>12" inc</u>	90"	<u>13" inc</u>	90"	<u>11" inc</u>	90"	<u>12" inc</u>
96"		96"		96"		96"	

REMARKS: no surface readings were done with open probe  
Note: these readings were done across the street from CA-214  
for supplemental standards.

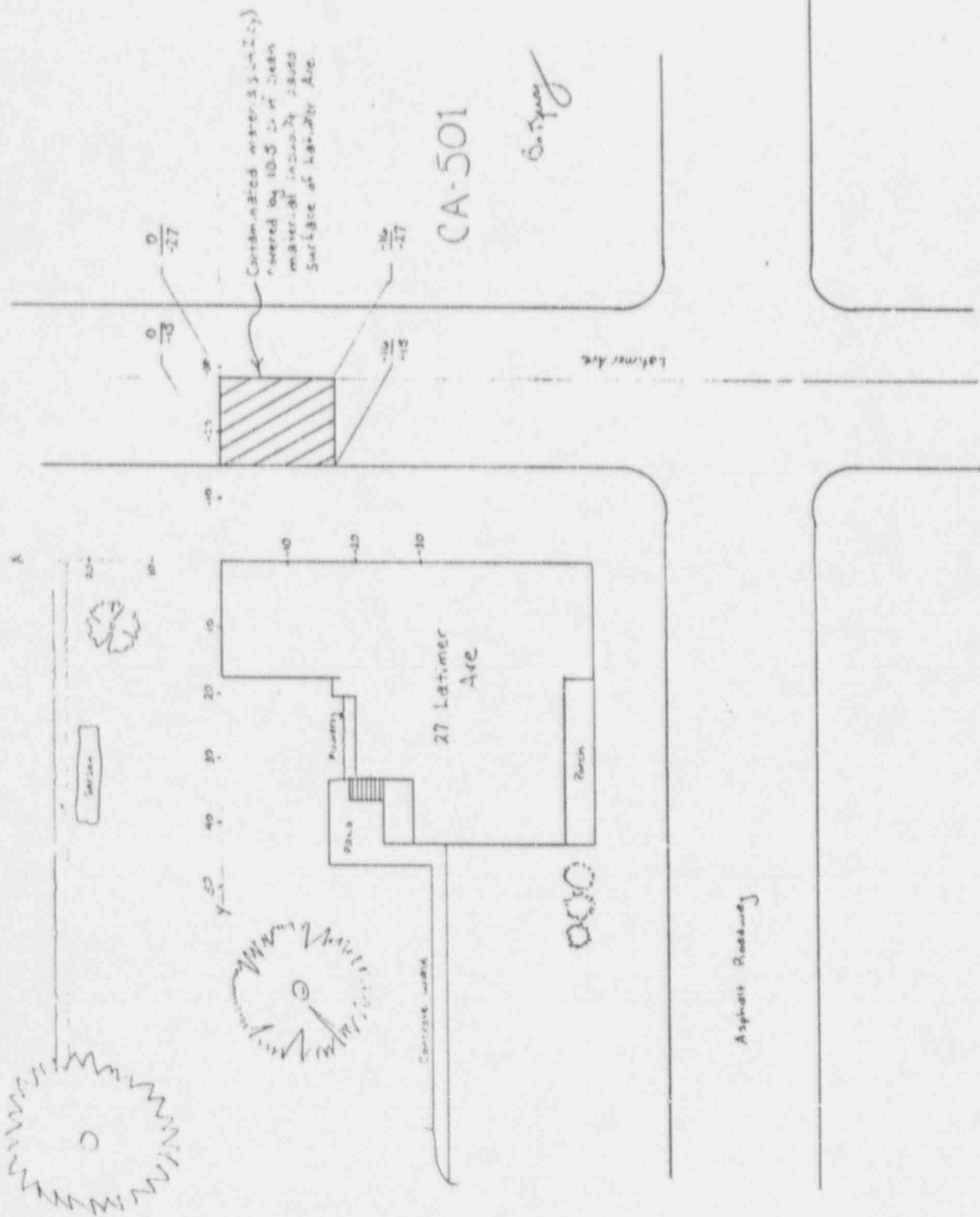
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OPPOSED CRUSTAL SYSTEM  
SAMPLE RECORD

USE BOTH COLUMNS

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OPERATOR'S INITIALS REQUIRED IN THESE BLOCKS

Sample ID Location	Date Sealed	Wt. Ht.	Pa Conc. P/Wg	Trans.	Sample ID Location	Date Sealed	Wt. Ht.	Pa Conc. P/Wg	Trans.
CA-214 A-1	8-12-85	551	1.4E3 2.6	VJB	CA-214 AREA-A 14#	8-13-85	507	50.02 1.0	VJB
CA-214 A-2	8-12-85	470	1.9E3 4.1		CA-214 AREA-A 15#		512	2.2E4 140.0	
CA-214 A-3		619	6.2E2 1.0		CA-214 AREA-A 16#		548	1.5E1 0.3	
CA-214 B-1		470	4.8E2 1.0		CA-214 AREA-A 18#	8-11-85	566	2.0E2 .4	
CA-214 B-2		472	5.0E2 1.1		CA-214 AREA-A 19#		530	1.0E2 .2	
CA-214 B-3		437	1.2E3 2.8		CA-214 AFFRIEX BACKFILL		674	1.0E3 1.5	
CA-214 AREA-A #4		395	3.9E3 9.9						
CA-214 AREA-A #5	8-13-85	527	2.6E4 49.5						
CA-214 AREA-A #6		551	6.0E2 1.1						
CA-214 AREA-A #7		593	3.6E2 .6						
CA-214 AREA-A #8		614	2.0E2 .33						
CA-214 AREA-D #12		550	2.0E2 .36						
CA-214 AREA-A #14		409	3.9E3 9.5						
CA-214 AREA-D #2		438	3.0E1 .1						
CA-214 AREA-A #10		461	1.2E2 2.6						
CA-214 AREA-A #11		560	1.2E2 .2						
CA-214 AREA-A #12		410	1.9E3 4.8						
CA-214 AREA-A #12		462	2.7E2 1.7						
CA-214 AREA-A #13		502	1.9E2 3.2						





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