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Mr. John E. Kieling, Chief Hazardous Waste Bureau New Mexico Environment Department 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1 Santa Fe, NM 87505-6303

Subject:Notification of Class 1 Permit Modification Facility Description Updates for the Technical
Area 63 Transuranic Waste Facility Container Storage Unit, Los Alamos National
Laboratory Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, EPA I.D. #NM0890010515 (NA/LA)

Dear Mr. Kieling:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the New Mexico Environment Department Hazardous Waste Bureau (NMED-HWB) of a Class 1 permit modification to the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (the Permit) for the Technical Area (TA)-63 Transuranic Waste Facility (TWF) container storage unit. The Permit was issued to the Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS), the Permittees, in November 2010.

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The Permittees have prepared this permit modification in accordance with Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) §270.42(a)(1). The changes made to the Permit as part of this modification all fall



under the conditions of Appendix I of 40 CFR §270.42 for Class 1 permit modifications. A full description of the permit modification, rationale for the classification types, the necessary permit revisions, and a signed certification page are included in Enclosure 1.

Three hard copies and one electronic copy of this submittal will be delivered to the NMED-HWB. The hardcopy submittal contains pages or sections where text has been changed rather than copies of full attachments of the Permit. The electronic copy will be provided to NMED-HWB including a reproduction of the hardcopy in portable document format (.pdf) and the word processing and figure files used to create this submittal.

Notification of this modification will be sent to the NMED-HWB-maintained LANL facility mailing list within ninety days of the transmittal of this permit modification request in accordance with 40 CFR 270.42(a)(1)(ii).

If you have comments or questions regarding this permit modification, please contact Karen E. Armijo, DOE, at (505) 665-7314 or Mark Haagenstad, LANS, at (505) 665-2014.

Sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE 1

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Permit Modification Notification

This document contains a notification for a Class 1 permit modification to the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (the Permit). The Permit was issued to the Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS), collectively described herein as "the Permittees," in November 2010 by the New Mexico Environment Department – Hazardous Waste Bureau (NMED-HWB). The Environmental Protection Agency Identification Number for LANL is NM0890010515. On December 20, 2013, the NMED-HWB approved the addition of the Technical Area (TA)-63 Transuranic Waste Facility (TWF) container storage unit to the Permit. In July 2014 and March 2016, the Permittees also submitted Class 1 Notifications of Permit Modification to revise the description of the facility in the Permit to include minor design and construction related changes to the project design that had been incorporated after 2013.

Construction of the facility began in August 2014 and has been completed. The permit revisions included in this submittal reflect additional revisions to the description of the facility in the Permit. These revisions involve minor description changes for the retention basin at the facility and revisions to the Permit figures for the TA-63 TWF to show three emergency gate locations, the addition of two structures outside the permitted storage unit and other updates. All the changes meet the criteria for Class 1 permit modifications as contained in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR §270.42, Appendix I, *Classification of Permit Modification*).

These changes specifically involve text revisions to the facility description in Permit Attachment A, *Unit Descriptions*, and revisions to Figures 55 in Permit Attachment N, *Figures*, and G-27.1 in Permit Attachment G.27, *Technical Area 63, Transuranic Waste Facility Closure Plan.* The text and figure modifications with supporting information are provided in Attachments 1 through 4 of this document. The modifications to the text of the Permit have been identified using redline and strikeout format. Table 1, *Summary of Changes to the Permit Associated with the Technical Area 63 TWF*, describes the following: 1) each location within the Permit where changes are required, 2) a brief description of the changes made at that location and 3) a summary of the justification for the change. A certification page is included in Attachment 5 in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR §270.11.

A. Retention Basin Freeboard

The discussion of the design capacity for the TA-63 TWF retention basin requires a text correction. The retention basin dimensions described in Permit Attachment A, *Unit Descriptions*, Section A.6.5, *Retention Basin*, were revised by the 2014 Permit modification (LANL, 2014) as the designed depth had been changed due to an alteration of the original slope of the retention basin floor. The total designed volume capacity of 137,450 gallons was not changed but the depth increase indicated a 1 foot freeboard rather than the 0.5 foot freeboard originally given in the discussion. The revised section contains a sentence that states: "The designed total retention basin volume also includes 1.0 ft. of freeboard, resulting in a total capacity of 137,450 gallons..." This revision did not address the 6 inch depth of the overflow curbing cut-out in the south west corner of the retention basin. Subtracting the depth of the

EPC-DO-17-196 LA-UR-17-22189 overflow cut-out corrects the freeboard height description to 0.5 feet and the sentence has now been altered to state that in this modification. This change does not affect the designed retention basin capacity. Attachment 1 of this document includes two figure drawings with the general plan of the retention basin and the construction detail showing the dimensions for the overflow. It also includes a photograph of the overflow curbing cutout and the text revision for Permit Section A.6.5.

Rationale for Class 1 Permit Modification

The Permittees are submitting this change to the NMED-HWB as a Class 1 permit modification notification in accordance with the conditions of 40 CFR §270.42, Appendix I, *Classification of Permit Modification*, Item A.1, for an informational change. The change is a simple correction of the unit description and does not alter the function or designed capacity of the retention basin.

B. Retention Basin Sealant

The TA-63 TWF retention basin description given in Permit Attachment A, *Unit Descriptions*, Section A.6.5, *Retention Basin*, includes a statement that an additive to the concrete mixture would be used to improve the concrete's water resistance. As included in the TA-63 TWF Construction Notice (LANL, 2017), the final product (Xypex) that was used for water-proofing the retention basin is better described as a penetrating sealant than a supplementary additive to the concrete. The sealant coats the concrete but also penetrates the walls and floor of the retention basin over a given time period. The previous sentence stated: "The concrete mixture used for construction of the retention basin is supplemented with an additive to improve the concrete's water resistance." The sentence has been altered to state that the concrete mixture is coated with a penetrating sealant for that purpose. Attachment 2 of this submittal includes the text change, a product information brochure, and a summary of the sealant application process.

Rationale for Class 1 Permit Modification

The Permittees are submitting this change to the NMED-HWB as a Class 1 permit modification notification in accordance with the conditions of 40 CFR §270.42, Appendix I, *Classification of Permit Modification*, Item A.3, for equipment upgrading or replacement with functionally equivalent components. The change in the retention basin's waterproofing component is limited to a product substitution for the same purpose and does not alter the presence or functionality of the requirement.

C. Addition of Emergency Personnel Gates to the Security Barrier System

Three emergency personnel exit gates (crash gates) are present in the security fence as constructed for the TA-63 TWF on the east and south sides. These gates are opened from the inside of the fence line for the purpose of aiding the exit of personnel in emergency situations. They are not routinely kept open for any other purpose and are a security feature of the fence because they cannot be opened from the outside. Figure 55, *Technical Area (TA) 63 Transuranic Waste Facility* and Permit Section A.6.7, *Security and Access Control*, are revised to include the gates in the facility description and provide their locations. Revision details are included in Attachment 3. Figure 55 has been modified to show the location of the three gates and a descriptive note has been added. A sentence has been added to Permit Section A.6.7 stating:

EPC-DO-17-196 LA-UR-17-22189 "Three emergency personnel one-way exit gates are also present in the fence." Attachment 3 also includes a facility construction figure with gate details previously submitted in the TA-63 TWF Construction Notice (LANL, 2017).

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D. Addition of Two Facility Structures

Permit Section A.6.6, Other Project Structures, Permit Figure 55, Technical Area (TA) 63 Transuranic Waste Facility, and Permit Figure G.27-1, Transuranic Waste Facility Soil Sampling Grid, have been revised to include descriptions and locations of two equipment structures associated with the TA-63 TWF. The two concrete structures are located north of TA-63-0144 (the Operations Support Building), are not within the permitted storage unit and are not used to manage hazardous waste containers. The structures are concrete enclosures for two seismic power cutoff systems. The seismic systems are control relays used to shut off power to the TA-63 TWF waste storage buildings and characterization trailers in the event of an earthquake to prevent potential electrical fires involving waste containers. A sentence has been added to Permit Section A.6.6 stating that two seismic power cutoff system enclosures are present north of the Operations Support Building. Figure 55 has been revised to provide the location of the concrete structures. Figure G.27-1 has been revised to show the location of the concrete structures and also to provide other changes updating the depiction of the surrounding area such as removed buildings, parking lots, and the facility vehicle barrier. Attachment 4 includes these revisions.

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Permit Section	Revision Description	40 CFR §270.42, Appendix I Item	Justification
Permit Attachment A, Unit Descriptions, Section A.6.5, Retention Basin	Retention basin freeboard description	A.1	The change in the free-board height is needed in the facility description to correct the previously modified description of the retention basin.
Permit Attachment A, Unit Descriptions, Section A.6.5, Retention Basin	Retention basin sealant	A.3	The change is needed in the facility description to provide additional information for a replacement with an equivalent product.
Permit Attachment A, Unit Descriptions, Section A.6.7, Security and Access Control and Figure 55, Technical Area (TA) 63 Transuranic Waste Facility	Addition of emergency personnel gates to the security barrier system	A.1	The change is needed in the facility description to provide information regarding the presence of the gates in the security barrier system.
Permit Figure 55, Technical Area (TA) 63 Transuranic Waste Facility	Addition of two facility structures	A.1	The change is needed in the facility description to add two non-waste management systems support structures associated with the facility.

Table 1. Summary of Changes to the Permit Associated with the TA-63 Transuranic Waste Facility

References

Los Alamos National Laboratory Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, issued by the New Mexico Environment Department, Hazardous Waste Bureau, November 30, 2010 and subsequent approved revisions.

LANL, 2014. Notification of Class 1 Permit Modification Updates Associated with the Technical Area 63 Transuranic Waste Facility Container Storage Unit of the Los Alamos National Laboratory Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, July 28, 2014, LAUR 14-25375. Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. (Incorporated into the Permit by the New Mexico Environment Department, August 15, 2014, HWB-LANL-14-050)

LANL, 2016. Class 1 Permit Modification Construction Updates for the Technical Area 63 Transuranic Waste Facility Container Storage Unit, Los Alamos National Laboratory Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, March 11, 2016, LAUR 16-21335. Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. (Incorporated into the Permit by the New Mexico Environment Department, September 28, 2016, HWB-LANL-16-017)

LANL, 2017. Technical Area 63 Transuranic Waste Facility Container Storage Unit Construction Notice, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, EPA ID #NM0890010515, EPC-DO-16-361, January 13, 2017, LA-UR-16-29607. Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Attachment 1 Retention Basin Freeboard

Permit Section A.6.5, *Retention Basin* Text Revision for Retention Basin Freeboard

existing trailers are proposed to be moved at the unit, a request for a Permit modification must be submitted in accordance with Permit Section 3.1(3).

A.6.5 Retention Basin

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The designed volume capacity for the retention basin includes the potential for a combination of both events. This includes run-off from a projected 25 year frequency and 2 hour duration precipitation event (1.94 inches of precipitation resulting in approximately 95,400 gallons (12,750 cubic ft.) from 1.82 acres). For a fire suppression event, an estimate of suppression water needed is calculated from NFPA 13 factors (380 gpm for 30 min. of sprinkler demand and 500 gpm for 30 min. fire hose stream allowance), for a total of approximately 26,400 gallons (3,530 cubic ft.). Volume from both events results in a total capacity of approximately 121,800 gallons (approximately 16,300 cubic ft.). The designed total retention basin volume also includes a minimum of 0.51 ft of freeboard, resulting in a total capacity of 137,450 gallons (18,375 cubic ft.). The dimensions of the basin are 125 ft by 42 ft by 5.5 ft deep. The retention basin is equipped with a manual release valve that may be used to discharge collected water that meets appropriate surface water discharge standards, as required by Permit Section 3.14.2. The concrete mixture used for construction of the retention basin is <u>coated with a penetrating</u> <u>sealantsupplemented with an additive</u> to improve the concrete's water resistance.

Routine inspections of the retention basin pursuant to Permit Section 2.6, *General Inspection Requirements* and subsequent repairs as required by Permit Section 2.6.2, *Repair of Equipment and Structures* are conducted to ensure that the integrity of the retention basin is maintained.

A.6.6 Other Project Structures

Other project structures are present at the TWF to provide support for the hazardous waste management activities at the unit. These structures are either located outside the boundary of the hazardous waste management unit or are not used to store or manage hazardous waste.

The Operations Support Building provides offices and services for operations personnel and management. Personnel are housed in the separate building to ensure that radiological exposures are as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) by increasing distance from the waste management activities. The Operations Support Building is approximately 75 ft by 80 ft. Operations and characterization personnel are housed in this building, although it will not be occupied continuously. However, it provides storage of waste container data and monitoring of key operational parameters (e.g., fire alarm systems, safety equipment status indicators, and communication systems including the public address system) and specific safety structure, system, and component status. The building is located outside the security control fence; windows provide visual observation of the control area.

TA-63 TWF Construction Drawings

DWG-102355-C55443-C-1017, Retention Basin Foundation Plan

DWG-102355-C55443-C-5000, *Miscellaneous Details* (See "Overflow Detail")



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TA-63 TWF Retention Basin Overflow Cutout Photograph



TA-63 Transuranic Waste Facility Retention Basin Curbing Outflow, Southwest Corner

Attachment 2

**Retention Basin Sealant** 

Permit Section A.6.5, *Retention Basin* Text Revision for Retention Basin Sealant

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## A.6.6 Other Project Structures

Other project structures are present at the TWF to provide support for the hazardous waste management activities at the unit. These structures are either located outside the boundary of the hazardous waste management unit or are not used to store or manage hazardous waste.

The Operations Support Building provides offices and services for operations personnel and management. Personnel are housed in the separate building to ensure that radiological exposures are as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) by increasing distance from the waste management activities. The Operations Support Building is approximately 75 ft by 80 ft. Operations and characterization personnel are housed in this building, although it will not be occupied continuously. However, it provides storage of waste container data and monitoring of key operational parameters (e.g., fire alarm systems, safety equipment status indicators, and communication systems including the public address system) and specific safety structure, system, and component status. The building is located outside the security control fence; windows provide visual observation of the control area.

**Xypex Application and Product Information** 

## **Xypex Application**

Xypex Concentrate is the product used to seal the concrete retention basin at the TA-63 Transuranic Waste Facility (TWF). It includes Portland cement and alkaline earth compounds in its product form before application. The Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for the product indicates that the material should not be allowed to enter water courses in that form. As stated in the SDS, the addition of cementitious products to water may cause a rise in the pH value and therefore may be toxic to aquatic life under certain circumstances.

However, the application of the Xypex and subsequent reaction with concrete modifies the original product. The alkaline and reactive chemicals in Xypex use water as a migrating medium to enter and travel down the capillaries of the concrete by diffusion. This process precipitates a chemical reaction between Xypex, moisture and the by-products of cement hydration, forming a new non-soluble crystalline structure. This structure fills the capillary tracts rendering the concrete waterproof and preventing any further mobilization of the product.

This process requires that the Xypex be applied with certain procedures. For concrete structures that hold liquids, Xypex should be cured for 3 days and allowed to set for 12 days before filling the structure with liquid as described in the manufacturer's product information included with this submittal. Reviewing the construction notes for the TWF project, the application of the Xypex was completed on September 11, 2015. The Xypex was permitted to cure until October 8, 2015 when water from flushing out piping systems at TWF was discharged into the pond. This cure time was in excess of the 12 day cure period. When cured, Xypex product applications are certified for use in potable water collection systems by NSF International to ANSI 61 standards for drinking water system components.



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Concrete Waterproofing

## Description

Xypex is a unique chemical treatment for the waterproofing, protection and repair of concrete. XYPEX CONCEN-TRATE is the most chemically active product within the Xypex Crystalline Waterproofing System. When mixed with water, this light grey powder is applied as a cementitious slurry coat to above-grade or below-grade concrete, either as a single coat or as the first of a two-coat application. It is also mixed in Dry-Pac form for sealing strips at construction joints, or for the repairing of cracks, faulty construction joints and honeycombs. Xypex prevents the penetration of water and other liquids from any direction by causing a catalytic reaction that produces a non-soluble crystalline formation within the pores and capillary tracts of concrete and cement-based materials.

## **Recommended for:**

- Reservoirs
- · Sewage and Water Treatment Plants
- Underground Vaults
- Secondary Containment Structures
- Foundations
- · Tunnels and Subway Systems
- Swimming Pools
- Parking Structures

## **Advantages**

- · Resists extreme hydrostatic pressure
- · Becomes an integral part of the substrate
- Can seal hairline cracks up to 0.4 mm
- · Allows concrete to breathe
- Highly resistant to aggressive chemicals
- Non-toxic
- Does not require a dry surface
- · Cannot puncture, tear or come apart at the seams
- No costly surface priming or leveling prior to application
- Does not require sealing, lapping and finishing of seams at corners, edges or between membranes
- · Can be applied to the positive or the negative side of the concrete surface
- · Does not require protection during backfilling or during placement of steel, wire mesh or other materials
- Less costly to apply than most other methods
- · Not subject to deterioration
- Permanent

## Packaging

Xypex Concentrate is available in 20 lb. (9.1 kg) pails, 60 lb. (27.2 kg) pails and 50 lb. (22.7 kg) bags.

### Storage

Xypex products must be stored dry at a minimum temperature of 45°F (7°C). Shelf life is one year when stored under proper conditions.

## Coverage

For normal surface conditions, the coverage rate for each Xypex coat is 6 to 7.2 sq. ft./lb. (1.25 - 1.5 lb./sq. yd. or 0.65 - 0.8 kg/m²).

## Test Data

#### PERMEABILITY

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) CRD C48-73, "Permeability of Concrete", Pacific Testing Labs, Seattle, USA

Two in. (51 mm) thick, 2000 psi (13.8 MPa) Xypex-treated concrete samples were pressure tested up to a 405 ft. (124 m) water head (175 psi/1.2 MPa), the limit of the testing apparatus. While untreated samples showed marked leakage, the Xypex-treated samples (as a result of the crystallization process) became totally sealed and exhibited no measurable leakage.

#### DIN 1048, "Water Impermeability of Concrete", Bautest – Corporation for Research & Testing of Building Materials, Augsburg, Germany

Twenty cm thick Xypex-treated concrete samples were pressure tested up to 7 bars (230 ft./70 m water head) for 24 hours to determine water impermeability. While the reference specimens measured water penetration up to a depth of 92 mm, Xypex-treated samples measured water penetration of zero to an average of 4 mm.

#### ÖNORM B 3303, "Water Impermeability of Concrete", Technologisches Gerwerbemuseum, Federal Higher Technical Education & Research Institute, Vienna, Austria

Xypex-treated concrete samples were pressure tested to a maximum 7 bars (230 ft./70 m water head) for 10 days. Test revealed that while 25 ml of water had penetrated the untreated concrete samples, zero ml had penetrated the Xypex-treated samples. Test specimens were then broken and showed water penetration to a depth of 15 mm on untreated samples but no measurable water penetration on the Xypex-treated samples.

#### CSN 1209/1321, "Impermeability and Resistance to Pressurized Water", Institute of Civil Engineering, Technology and Testing, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Xypex-treated and untreated concrete samples were exposed to 1.2 MPa of pressure to determine water permeability. Results showed the Xypex-treated samples provided effective protection against hydrostatic water pressure. Treated and untreated samples were also subjected to contact with silage juices and various petroleum products (e.g. diesel oil, transformer oil, gasoline) at 14 kPa for 28 days. The Xypex-treated samples significantly reduced the penetration of these solutions.

#### CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

#### ASTM C 267-77, "Chemical Resistance to Mortars", Pacific Testing Labs, Seattle, USA

Xypex-treated cylinders and untreated cylinders were exposed to hydrochloric acid, caustic soda, toluene, mineral oil, ethelyne glycol, pool chlorine and brake fluid and other chemicals. Results indicated that chemical exposure did not have any detrimental effects on the Xypex coating. Tests following chemical exposure measured an average 17% higher compressive strength in the Xypextreated specimens over the untreated control samples.

#### IWATE University Technical Report, "Resistance to Acid Attack", Tokyo, Japan

Xypex-treated mortar and untreated mortar were measured for acid resistance after exposure to a 5%  $H_2SO_4$  solution for 100 days. Xypex suppressed concrete erosion to 1/8 of the reference samples.

#### FREEZE/THAW DURABILITY

#### ASTM C 672, "Standard Test Method for Scaling Resistance of Concrete Surfaces Exposed to De-Icing Chemicals", Twin City Testing Lab, St. Paul, USA

Xypex-treated samples restricted chloride ion concentration to below the level necessary to promote electrolytic corrosion of reinforcing steel. Visual examination of untreated panels after 50 freeze/thaw cycles showed a marked increase in surface deterioration compared to Xypex-treated samples.

#### JIS A 6204, "Concrete Freeze/Thaw", Japan Testing Center for Construction Materials, Tokyo, Japan

The resonating frequency of both untreated and Xypextreated concrete samples were measured throughout 435 freeze/thaw cycles. At 204 cycles, the Xypex-treated samples showed 96% relative durability compared to 90% in the untreated samples. At 435 cycles, the Xypextreated samples measured 91% relative durability compared to 78% in the untreated reference samples.

#### POTABLE WATER EXPOSURE

#### NSF 61, "Drinking Water System Component-Health Effects", NSF International, Ann Arbor, USA

Exposure testing of potable water in contact with Xypextreated samples indicated no harmful effects.

#### **RADIATION RESISTANCE**

U.S.A. Standard No. N69, "Protective Coatings for the Nuclear Industry", Pacific Testing Labs, Seattle, USA

After exposure to 5.76 x 10⁴ rads of gamma radiation, the Xypex treatment revealed no ill effects or damages.

#### **Application Procedures**

1. **SURFACE PREPARATION** Concrete surfaces to be treated must be clean and free of laitance, dirt, film, paint, coating or other foreign matter. Surfaces must also have an open capillary system to provide "tooth and suction" for the Xypex treatment. If surface is too smooth (e.g. where steel forms are used) or covered with excess form oil or other foreign matter, the concrete should be lightly sandblasted, waterblasted, or etched with muriatic (HCL) acid.

2. **STRUCTURAL REPAIR** Rout out cracks, faulty construction joints and other structural defects to a depth of 1.5 in. (37 mm) and a width of 1 in. (25 mm). Apply a brush coat of Xypex Concentrate as described in steps 5 & 6 and allow to dry for 10 minutes. Fill cavity by tightly compressing Dry-Pac into the groove with pneumatic packing tool or with hammer and wood block. Dry-Pac is prepared by mixing six parts Xypex Concentrate powder with one part water to a dry, lumpy consistency.

#### NOTE:

i. Against a direct flow of water (leakage) or where there is excess moisture due to seepage, use Xypex Patch'n Plug then Xypex Dry-Pac followed by a brush coat of Xypex Concentrate. (Refer to Xypex Specifications and Applications Manual for full details.)

ii. For expansion joints or chronic moving cracks, flexible materials such as expansion joint sealants should be used.

3. WETTING CONCRETE Xypex requires a saturated substrate and a damp surface. Concrete surfaces must be thoroughly saturated with clean water prior to the application so as to aid the proper curing of the treatment and to ensure the growth of the crystalline formation

deep within the pores of the concrete. Remove excess surface water before the application. If concrete surface dries out before application, it must be re-wetted.

4. **MIXING FOR SLURRY COAT** Mix Xypex powder with clean water to a creamy consistency in the following proportions:

#### For Brush Application

1.25 - 1.5 lb./sq. yd. (0.65 - 0.8 kg/m²) 5 parts powder to 2 parts water

2.0 lb./sq. yd. (1.0 kg/m²)3 parts powder to 1 part water

#### **For Spray Application**

1.25 - 1.5 lb./sq. yd. (0.65 - 0.8 kg/m²)5 parts powder to 3 parts water (ratio may vary with equipment type)

Do not mix more Xypex material than can be applied in 20 minutes. Do not add water once mix starts to harden. Protect hands with rubber gloves.

5. **APPLYING XYPEX** Apply Xypex with a semi-stiff nylon bristle brush, push broom (for large horizontal surfaces) or specialized spray equipment. The coating must be uniformly applied and should be just under 1/16 in. (1.25 mm). When a second coat (Xypex Concentrate or Xypex Modified) is required, it should be applied after the first coat has reached an initial set but while it is still "green" (less than 48 hours). Light pre-watering between coats may be required due to drying. The Xypex treatment must not be applied under rainy conditions or when ambient temperature is below 40°F (4°C). For recommended equipment, contact Xypex Chemical Corporation or your nearest Xypex distributor.

6. **CURING** A misty fog spray of clean water must be used for curing the Xypex treatment. Curing should begin as soon as the Xypex has set to the point where it will not be damaged by a fine spray of water. Under normal conditions, it is sufficient to spray Xypex-treated surfaces three times per day for two to three days. In hot or arid climates, spraying may be required more frequently. During the curing period, the coating must be protected from rainfall, frost, wind, the puddling of water and temperatures below 36°F (2°C) for a period of not less than 48 hours after application. If plastic sheeting is used as protection, it must be raised off the Xypex to allow the coating to breathe. Xypex Gamma Cure may be used in lieu of water curing for certain applications (consult with Xypex Chemical Corporation or your nearest Xypex distributor).

**NOTE:** For concrete structures that hold liquids (e.g. reservoirs, swimming pools, tanks, etc.), Xypex should be cured for three days and allowed to set for 12 days before filling the structure with liquid.

### **Technical Services**

For more instructions, alternative application methods, or information concerning the compatibility of the Xypex treatment with other products or technologies, contact the Technical Services Department of Xypex Chemical Corporation or your local Xypex representative.

## Safe Handling Information

Xypex is alkaline. As a cementitious powder or mixture, Xypex may cause significant skin and eye irritation. Directions for treating these problems are clearly detailed on all Xypex pails and packaging. The Manufacturer also maintains comprehensive and up-to-date Material Safety Data Sheets on all its products. Each sheet contains health and safety information for the protection of workers and customers. The Manufacturer recommends you contact Xypex Chemical Corporation or your local Xypex representative to obtain copies of Material Safety Data Sheets prior to product storage or use.

#### Warranty

The Manufacturer warrants that the products manufactured by it shall be free from material defects and will be consistent with its normal high quality. Should any of the products be proven defective, the liability to the Manufacturer shall be limited to replacement of the product ex factory. The Manufacturer makes no warranty as to merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose and this warranty is in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied. The user shall determine the suitability of the product for his intended use and assume all risks and liability in connection therewith.



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## Attachment 3

**Facility Emergency Safety Gates** 

Permit Section A.6.7, *Security and Access Control* Text Revision

Vehicle access to the hazardous waste management unit is through a gated driveway located east of the concrete pad. Gates are kept closed and vehicle access to the controlled area within the unit fence line requires check-in at the Operations Support Building. Pedestrian access to the controlled area also requires check-in through the Operations Support Building.

A fire water supply tank and a utility building that houses two fire water pumps and instrumentation needed to ensure operation of the fire suppression system are located to the north of the Operations Support Building outside the controlled area fence. <u>Two seismic power cutoff</u> system enclosures are also present north of the building. A back-up power generator is located east of the Operations Support Building.

Regional aquifer monitoring well R-46 is located outside of the hazardous waste management unit north of the site.

An equipment storage shed used to store items such as metal pallets, containers used to overpack waste containers, and snow removal equipment is located on the west side of the TWF. There is no fire protection in this building. A separate building designated the Characterization Source and Matrix Management (CSMM) Building will house radioactive sealed sources for calibration of RTR and HENC sensors sources.

## A.6.7 Security and Access Control

The DOE restricts access to the entire Facility through a variety of methods. Guard stations control public access to Pajarito Road east and west of TA-63. Therefore, only properly identified LANS and DOE employees authorized to enter the facility or individuals under their escort have access to the TWF. The TWF is enclosed by a security barrier system with controlled access gates. This includes a continuous section of prefabricated steel vehicle barriers and an eight foot high chain link fence. Two vehicle access gates are integrated into the fence line. Controlled entry to the unit is provided by a system of access controls (badge readers and administrative controls are required prior to entrance) to ensure that only authorized personnel are granted access. Three emergency personnel one-way exit gates are also present in the fence. These access controls also ensure that all facility personnel can be identified and located in an emergency.

The TWF is patrolled by facility security personnel to prevent unauthorized entry. Warning signs stating "Danger – Unauthorized Personnel Keep Out," are posted on the perimeter fences and gates in accordance with Permit Section 2.5.2, *Warning Signs*. The text on the signs are bilingual (i.e., English and Spanish) and indicate "No Trespassing by Order of the United States Department of Energy." The signs are legible from a distance of 25 feet.

## A.6.8 Required Equipment

In accordance with Permit Attachment D, *Contingency Plan*, emergency equipment is located throughout the TWF and includes fire alarms, fire response systems, alarm systems, internal communications, spill kits, and decontamination equipment.

## Figure 55, Technical Area TA) 63 Transuranic Waste Facility

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Attachment 4 Additional Facility Structures

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Figure G.27-1, Transuranic Waste Facility Soil Sampling Grid

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<u>Attachment 5</u> Certification

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

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