

Sampling Implementation Plan Process Overview and Update

Process Improvements for Individual Permit Sampling Locations



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Sampling Implementation Plan (SIP) Process: Background

- Implemented per the draft language in EPA's March 2014 draft IP. This language was agreed upon by the Permittees and NMED-SWQB.
- Developed jointly by the Permittees and NMED-SWQB.
- Evaluates existing storm water and sediment data for each SMA/Site combination (453 total combinations) to
 1. Evaluate storm water monitoring list
 2. Evaluate storm water monitoring locations

Draft SIP Documentation for Review

- Per the IP, monitor runoff from regulated Sites made up of solid waste management units (SWMU) and areas of concern (AOC)
- Review Site histories to determine Site-related potential pollutants of concern
 - historical information
 - environmental investigation reports
 - soil and storm water sampling data
 - Compare soil/sediment potential pollutant of concern concentrations to background values to determine if the area has been potentially impacted by associated or proximal SWMUs/AOCs

Example of Documentation: Historical Memorandum

MEMORANDUM

ERM / GOLDER Los Alamos Project Team

To: EC Project File - SWMU 3-056(c)

From: Val Rhodes

Date: 29 May 1995

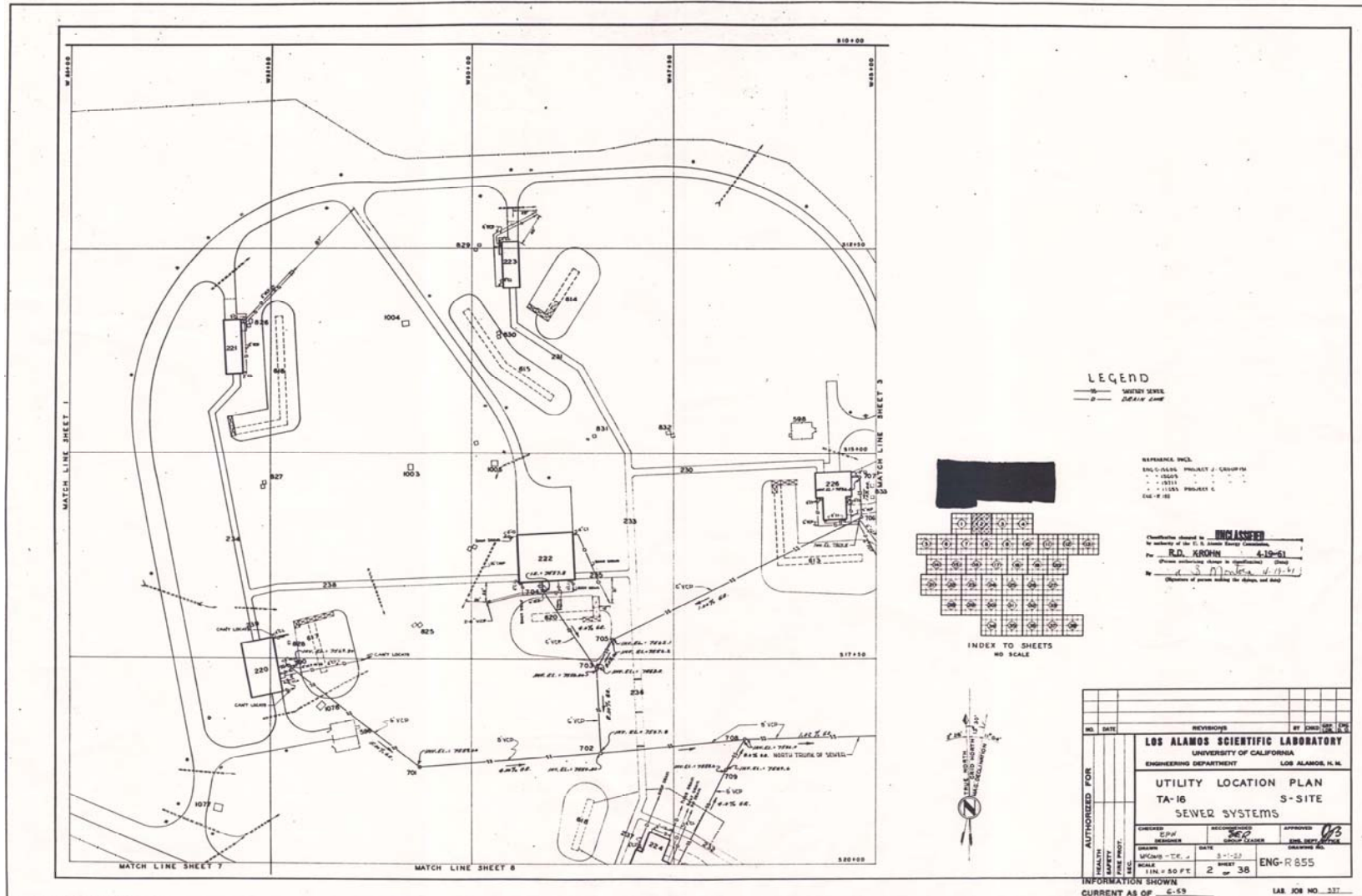
Regarding: OPERATING HISTORY OF STORAGE AREA SWMU 3-056(C)

This memo outlines the some of the operating history of storage area SWMU 3-056(c) through three interviews with JCI electrical equipment personnel at TA-3-223.

On 17 May 1995, Derek Faulk and I met with Jim Speight. Mr. Speight has worked at TA-3-223 for approximately 14 years (since 1981); he provided the following information:

- The storage area (SWMU 3-056(c)) was located near a corner of the north fence and was used to store small electrical equipment, new and used dielectric fluids, and waste solvent(s). The site was used from the late-1960s (when TA-3-223 was built) to sometime in 1992. Drums of dielectric fluids are currently stored on pallets within a containment building located northeast of TA-3-223. There are no records of documented spills of either dielectric fluids or solvents.

Example of Documentation: Engineering Drawings



Soil/Sediment Investigation Results Review

Middle Los Alamos Canyon Aggregate Area Phase II Investigation Report, Revision 1

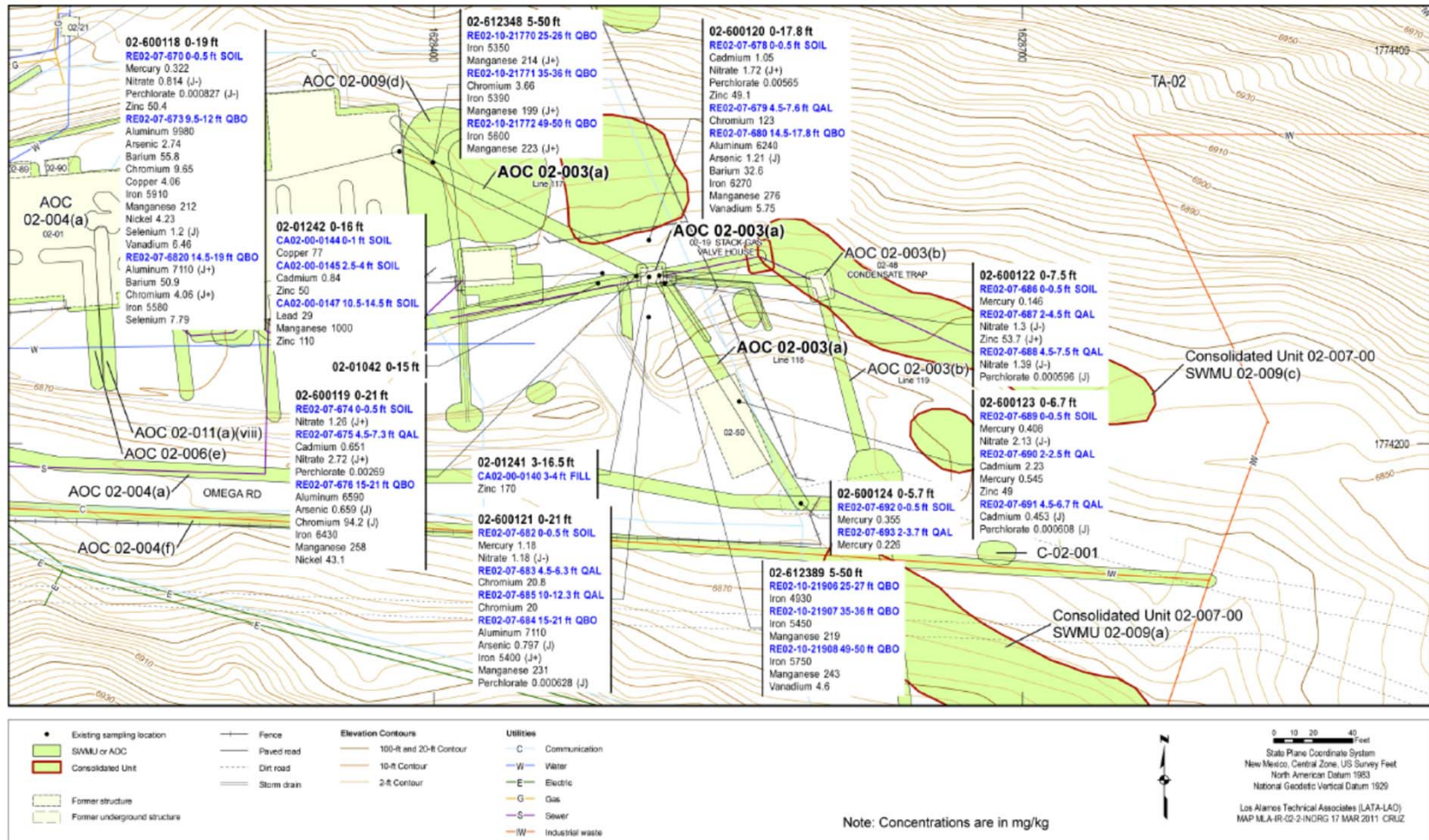


Figure 6.2-2 Inorganic chemicals detected or detected above BVs at AOC 02-003(a)

Revise Draft SIP Documentation Based on Comments

- Potential pollutants may need to be added to the sampling suite required by the IP.
 - For example, sites where high explosives were detonated in the past, based on historical documentation and/or soil data, will include analysis of high explosives in water sampling suite.

Investigation Report Documentation

Twomile Canyon Aggregate Area Investigation Work Plan, Revision 1

4.4.2 SWMU 22-014(a), Sump System

4.4.2.1 Description and History

SWMU 22-014(a) consists of an active HE sump system and associated inactive drainline and seepage pit. The sump system is located immediately south of building 22-0093 (Figure 4.4-5). The sump is constructed of concrete containing an inset aluminum tank and is approximately 4 ft deep × 9 ft long × 3 ft wide. The sump system has been operating since 1985 and receives rinse water from a washing facility for parts and clothing from explosives compacting operations in rooms C112 and C114 in building 22-0093 (LANL 1993, 007512). Before 1995, the sump discharged approximately 100 gal. of wastewater each week through a drainline to a seepage pit located 150 ft south of the sump in the upper part of Tributary B of Twomile Canyon. The seepage pit is 4 ft in diameter and 36 ft deep (LANL 1985, 109184).

Example: Modification of Sampling Suites 2M-SMA-1.43

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APPENDIX B SITE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

SMA Number	Site Number	Radioactivity	Cyanide	Metals	PCBs	High Explosive	Others
T-SMA-4	35-004(a)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
	35-009(a)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
	35-016(c)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
	35-016(d)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
T-SMA-5	35-004(a)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
	35-009(a)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
	35-016(a)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
	35-016(q)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
T-SMA-6.8	35-010(e)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
T-SMA-7	04-003(b)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
T-SMA-7.1	04-001	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
	04-002	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
2M-SMA-1	03-010(a)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
2M-SMA-1.42	06-001(a)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
2M-SMA-1.43	22-014(a)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			
	22-015(a)	Alpha & Ra	Cyanide	All			

Conduct SMA/Site Field Visit to Determine Best Monitoring Location

- Field visits can provide a perspective of the Site that is different from what is gained by examining documentation alone.
- For example, it may be determined that the sampler needs to be moved slightly to have the best chance of collecting a sample.



Field visits include LANS, NMED, and attendees may include EPA, NMED-DOE-OB, and DOE.

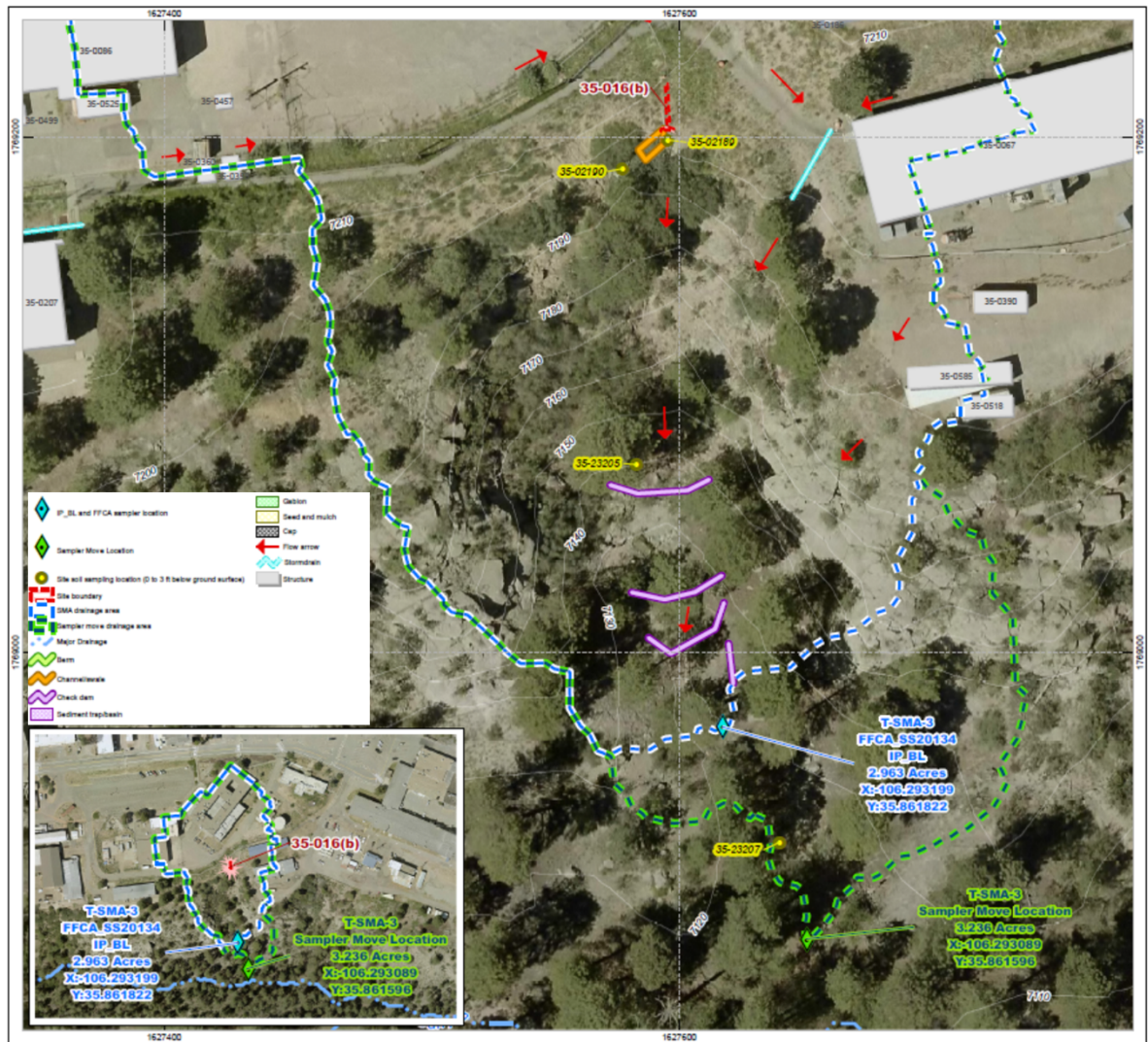
SMA Field Visit



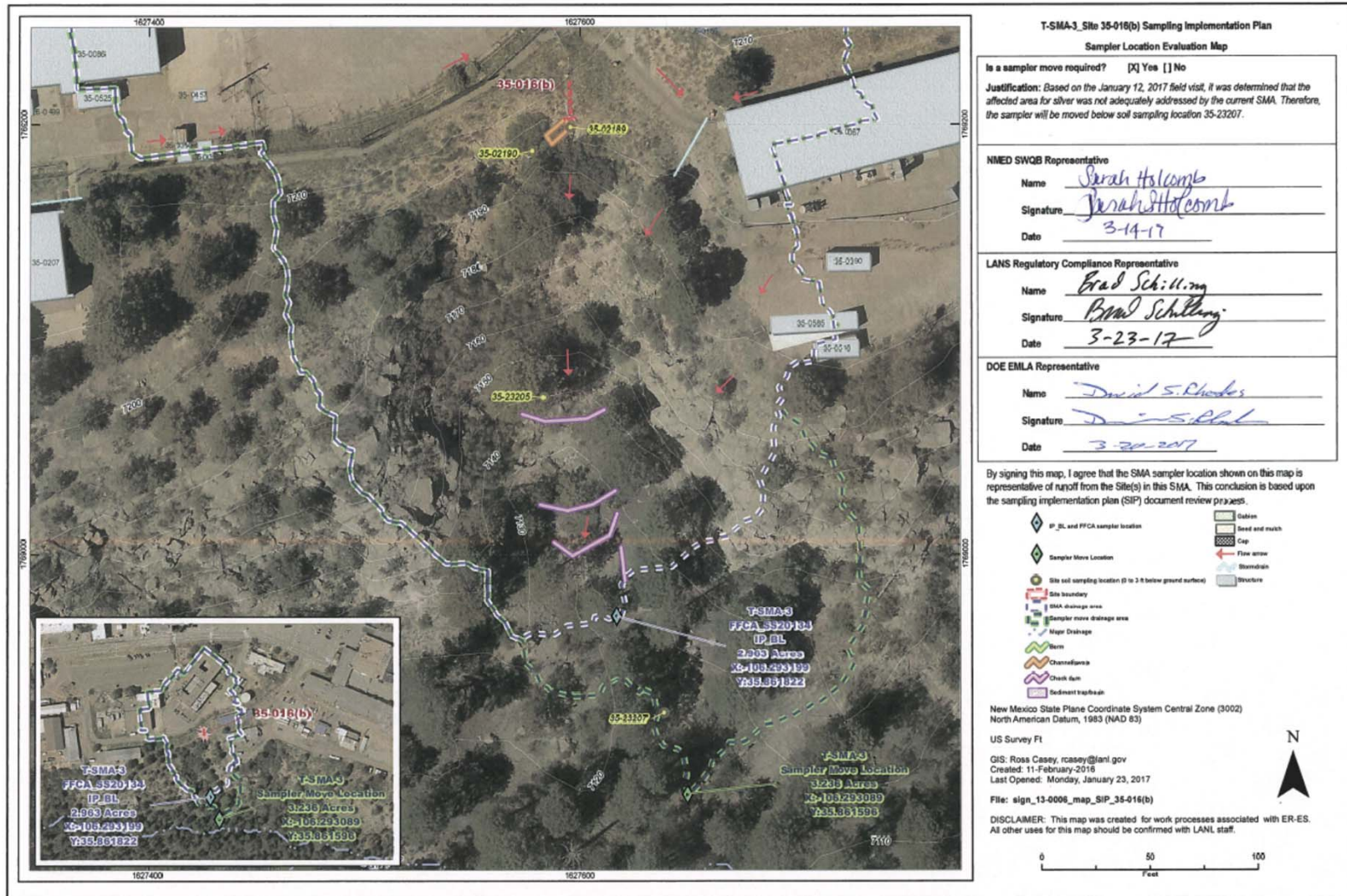
Conduct SMA/Site Field Visit to Determine Best Monitoring Location

- Examine Consent Order soil/sediment data at SWMUs/AOCs to evaluate the current monitoring location.
- Examine engineering drawings and physical evidence found during field visits to confirm efficacy of sampling location.

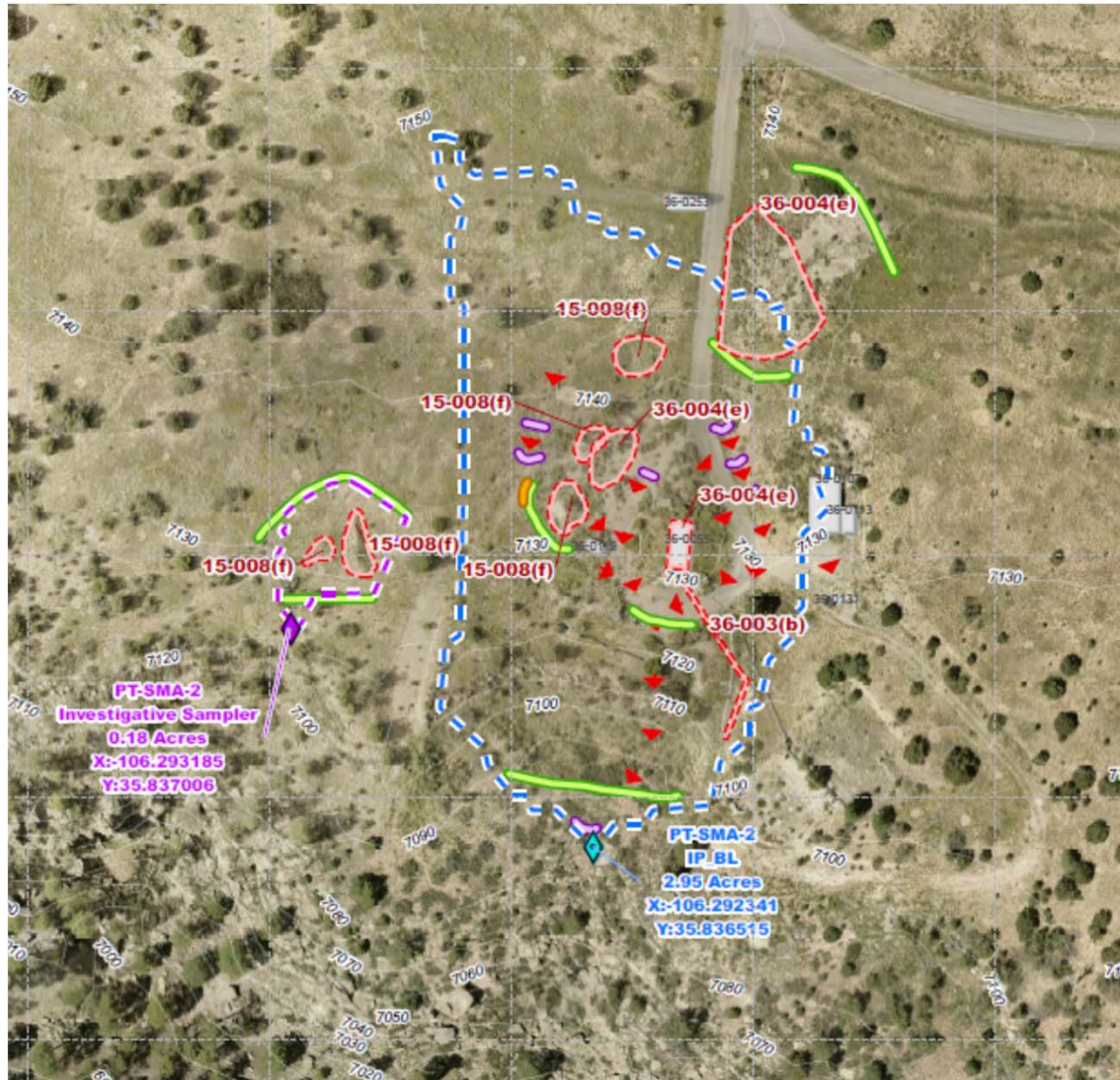
Continue Sampling at Current Location or Move Monitoring Location



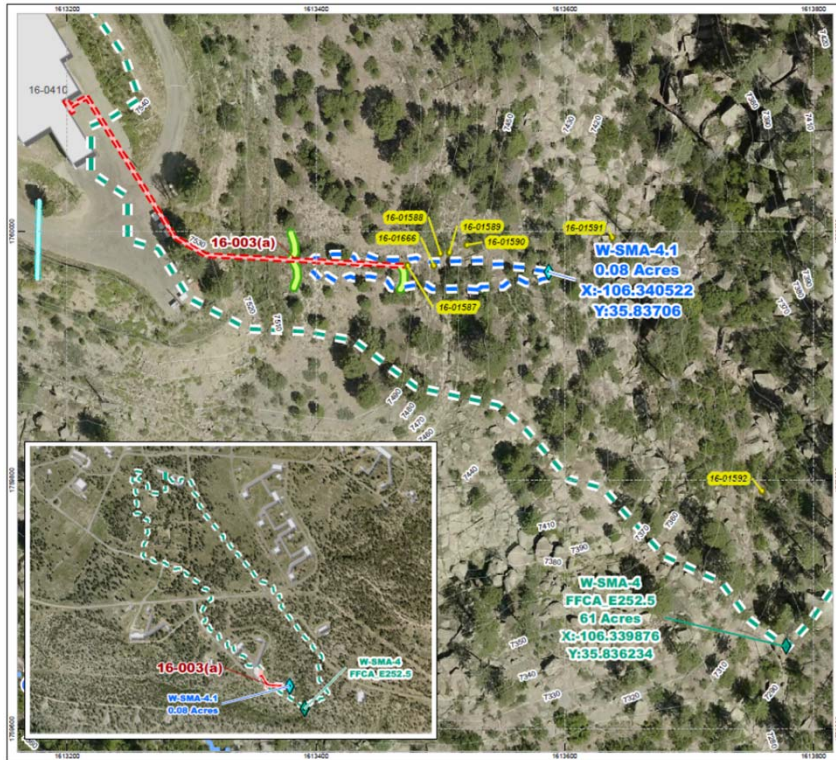
Maps signed by LANS, NMED, and DOE



Conduct Investigative Monitoring as Necessary



Example of Additional Controls



Soil data: Elevated above background concentrations of zinc at soil locations 16-01588, 16-01589, and 16-01590.

Current and Future Work

To date, LANL has completed 214 Site/SMA combination site visits.

As a result, we have:

- Over 85% of current monitoring locations have been determined to be representative of Site discharge.
- Moved 25 samplers: monitoring at new locations will begin this season.
- Installed 18 investigative samplers: monitoring at investigative locations will begin this season.
- Constructed additional controls at 4 Sites: additional controls are planned for another 4 or 5 Sites.
- Approximately 240 more SMA/ Site visits are planned, and field visits will continue until all SMA/ Site combinations have been reviewed.
- SIP documentation will be finalized and published after the new IP is issued.

- **Questions?**